

POWs Still Held

At the urging of anguished relatives, we've spent years investigating whether American prisoners are still alive in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. We're now prepared to announce our conclusion:

We are convinced that some Americans on the missing-in-action list have actually been held in bondage by their communist captors for more than a decade.

The latest top-secret reports identify one group of about two dozen who are believed to be doing "technical work" for the Vietnamese—repairing helicopters and other military hardware left behind by U.S. forces.

"Actually, there are more likely a hundred POWs still living there," said a key source in the Defense Intelligence Agency. He based this estimate on satellite photos, communications intercepts and human reports. "The evidence," he said, "is overwhelming."

This evidence may be forced into open court by a class-action lawsuit, which has been filed by a former prisoner-of-war and a Special Forces sergeant. They charge that federal officials have violated U.S. law by not aggressively seeking the release or rescue of live POWs still being held in Southeast Asia.

A tale of intrigue and betrayal rivaling the movie "Rambo" could unfold in a federal court in Fayetteville, N.C., the "company town" of the Green Berets.

Affidavits filed in the suit claim U.S. officials deliberately ignored or discredited reports of live POW sightings. One affidavit, by a Medal of Honor winner, even suggests that the Army tried to arrange the death or capture of the two plaintiffs in the suit.

A much-decorated former POW, retired Maj. Mark A. Smith, swears that while he was serving with the Special Forces in Korea he got information for the DIA from 1981 to 1984 proving that there were POWs in Southeast Asia. The information was gathered "by talking with agents in the Thai military, the Lao resistance, the Pathet Lao, the free Vietnamese, gun smugglers, gold smugglers, drug smugglers and anyone who could provide information."

Smith said he cross-checked reports of about 50 agents, most of whom had no knowledge of each other but who corroborated the others' testimony.

Sgt. Melvin C. McIntire, still on active duty, served in Korea with Smith and also made trips to Southeast Asia to gather information on POWs. "I learned of approximately 200 living Americans in Laos who were prisoners-of-war," McIntire's affidavit said. When he, too, reported on the POWs who could have been brought out in May 1984, he "was sent back to the United States six months early." He was later told that his and Smith's intelligence reports had been destroyed.

The Medal of Honor winner, Lt. Col. Robert Lewis Howard, now with the Special Forces in Germany, swore that he was told of live POW sightings in January 1984, in Thailand, when he "participated in a training exercise which I now believe was designed and intended to discredit the intelligence-gathering activity" of the Korea-based Special Forces unit.

"Since the general civilization of mankind, I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations."

James Madison, 1788

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Harlee's barbs prick hides of award-winning officials

By Carl Langley

South Carolina Bureau

AIKEN — John T. Harlee Jr. figures there's nothing better than a few burrs placed under the hides of state politicians to get their attention — and perhaps force them to change their ways.

Harlee is a certified public accountant, a part-time high school mathematics teacher and a full-time political gadfly who has distinguished wit and originality when it comes to unleashing verbal harpoons at elected and appointed officials.

From his base of operations in Florence, the Libertarian Party spokesman keeps a sharp watch on state government and is quick to seize an opportunity to poke fun at the so-called political establishment.

Harlee's forte is singling out state officeholders, bureaucrats, local governments and agencies for awards of dubious distinction that border on the hilarious and ridiculous, promoting applause from fellow Libertarians and setting some officials to steaming.

"Oh yes, very much," said Harlee when asked if he really believed his approach was benefiting the voters, taxpayers and the Libertarian Party, of which he has been a member for more than a decade.

Harlee is the main creator of a series of outrageous annual awards given to those whom the Libertari-

ans claim are hiding their incompetence in a maze of laws and regulations that are tightening the screws on the average citizen and suffocating the independence guaranteed under the Constitution.

The citations usually are drawn from past misadventures in state and local government, which Harlee finds through historical archives or political notables who fell to disgrace through conviction, impeachment or similar legal embarrassments.

Harlee said he does this to portray more graphically the targets of the Libertarians' barbs and to assure that "proper credit" is given to the official or officials singled out for "praise."

He said the selection method is not done idly, but is carefully crafted and based on appropriate research.

Some recent honorees and their awards presented by Harlee and others on his selection panel include:

The City of Florence: The John Jenrette Worst Suburb Design "for proposing a sewer service to a suburb that would not be built in the direction of the city's waste plant, but, by mistake, went in an opposite direction." Jenrette, a former congressman, attorney and real estate developer, was convicted of accepting bribes in the Abscam scandal.

State Superintendent of Educa-

IRS could use lesson on rising inflation

Perhaps you or astute readers can explain how and why the IRS compares apples and oranges (i.e., old and new dollars).

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tion Charlie Williams: The J.K. Jillson Award for "running a state agency that is 90 days behind schedule handling its mail, builds windowless classrooms and operates a school system with the worst SAT scores in the nation." Jillson was a 19th century school superintendent publicly embarrassed for lying, according to Libertarian researchers.

House Speaker Robert Sheheen: The James Glen Half-Cracked Award "for encouraging passage of a tax reform bill that would install seven new taxes, including one that would force traveling salesmen to file tax returns in every county and city they visited for business." Glen was described as "an odd colonial-era governor."

Comptroller General Earle Morris: The States Rights Gist Award "for declaring that more than 100 South Carolina public officials sent to federal jails were elected or appointed Democrats, not hired help, for running again as a Democrat in a party he said had all the crooked officials in it." States Rights Gist was a Confederate general killed in a Civil War battle.

Harlee described the citations as "half serious, half fun" and said citizens fed up with local politicians should consider setting up their own awards.

"We have plenty of candidates, and you can get enough local ones for awards," he said.

One of Harlee's favorites is the annual award the party gives for the state legislator "introducing the worst piece of legislation." He said the "easy winner" in the 1986 General Assembly session was Sheheen for bringing up the local option tax measure designed to provide increased revenues for local governments.

Harlee said the legislator insisted he was doing the right thing by having state taxpayers pay for a plaque at the national shrine in San Antonio, Tex., "but we knew better."

Last year, a Richland County lawmaker earned an award for proposing legislation that would have the state take over the job of financing and running primary elections for Democrats and Republicans.

"We will be watching," he warned.

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Marginal Works of Art

WASHINGTON—The end of the government's budget year, at midnight Monday, will be rung out with a "Happy Fiscal New Year" cultural event: the unveiling of 35 sculptures inspired by bureaucracy.

The artist is James H. Boren, the founder and president of the International Association of Professional Bureaucrats, a group dedicated to the principle of "dynamic inaction." Its slogan: "When in doubt, mumble."

The "marginal works of art" to be displayed include "Tax Reform," a motorized construction, with an eagle on top and flags and loops all over. "When you flip the switch," Mr. Boren says, "loopholes move back and forth; some go in circles, and others move from one part of the tax law to another." The flags wave, he says, "because a tax bill must be seen as patriotic."

'Fiscal Clunkalities'

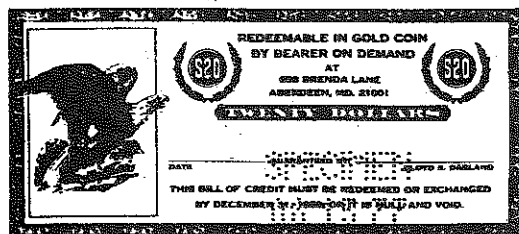
Then there is "Air Force," which is shaped like an airplane and has wings that flap when a crank is turned. Its engine is a coffee pot "powered by decaffeinated coffee beans." The sculpture, Mr. Boren says, is a tribute to "corporate and government collaboration in fiscal clunkalities" in defense procurement.

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The Money Maker

By Irving Wallace,
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Amy Wallace



This \$20 bill is good as gold to Lloyd Darland

"The Committee" features arrows pointing in opposite directions. This, of course, illustrates the idea that "nothing is impossible until it is sent to a committee."

Pondering is in fact one of the bases of Mr. Boren's organization, a spoof group he founded in 1968 after working as a State Department official and a congressional aide. Its avowed goal, he says, is to cut red tape—"lengthwise." Its emblem is a scrawny bird tangled in red tape, initialed memos and phrases on gobbledygook. Occasionally, the group awards an "Order of the Bird" for excesses in bureaucracy, but nobody, it seems, ever wants to accept the potbellied statuette.

Bells and Yo-Yos

The piece de resistance of Mr. Boren's exhibit will be "The Congress," a 52-inch-high motorized sculpture with two towers, tiny clowns, waving flags, bells and yo-yos. There also is a hand that comes forward with its palm up. The work, Mr. Boren says, depicts how the leaders in Congress "must overcome the posturing flag wavers, the shuffling clowns, the itchy palms, the back scratchers, the loophole artists, the yo-yos and the clanging sounds of the ever-present dingalings."

He notes that the Congress sculpture runs at two speeds: "Routine, or slow motion," and "image-oriented high speed." But, he adds, "regardless of the speed, productivity is at a constant and minimal rate."

— Wall Street Journal

Ever think of printing your own currency—redeemable in anything. That difference has and backing it with gold—to beat inflation? made his money a hot property in some circles. Lloyd Darland has done just that. Fed up with the dwindling value of the dollar, Darland, of Bel Air, Md., has his own customized currency printed in New York. He makes only \$20 certificates, and at present each is worth \$875 in conventional U.S. currency, or what Darland calls "green stamps."

"My currency is a better storer of value than a federal reserve note," he says. When he sells a certificate, he uses the cash to buy the gold to back it. Darland's dollars, he is quick to note, are "redeemable in gold coin by bearer on demand"; U.S. currency is not

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Local tax bill would hit citizens again

Up before the state House is a new local tax bill, H.2368, which could impose a local sales tax, a local income tax or job tax, a local motor vehicle license tax, a local coin-operated device tax, and a local admissions tax.

This sounds like a lot of taxes, and a lot of money to come out of our pockets. It also means a lot more complication in filling out tax returns of all sorts. It would hurt a lot of businesses and cause a lot of prices to be raised, and jobs to be laid off; it would scare new industries away from South Carolina, and drive many here now out. The local occupation tax can be imposed on those who work in more than one place, too. We would have a vote on sales tax that is a farce; even if 99 percent of the voters vote "no," the town and

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By JIM WRIGHT
Dallas Morning News

Consider this problem: You are one of the high priests of a strange religious cult built on the premise that all those of the true faith can walk on water. However, seven decades after the cult's founding, there's one small difficulty.

Neither your priests nor your followers ever have managed to actually walk on water. You make a good theoretical case for how water-walking would be proof of a state of grace, your rhetoric sounds very logical on dry land, and you've gotten a lot of people into the congregation. But when any of you try to get out there offshore and practice what you preach, you sink like a stone or an infidel.

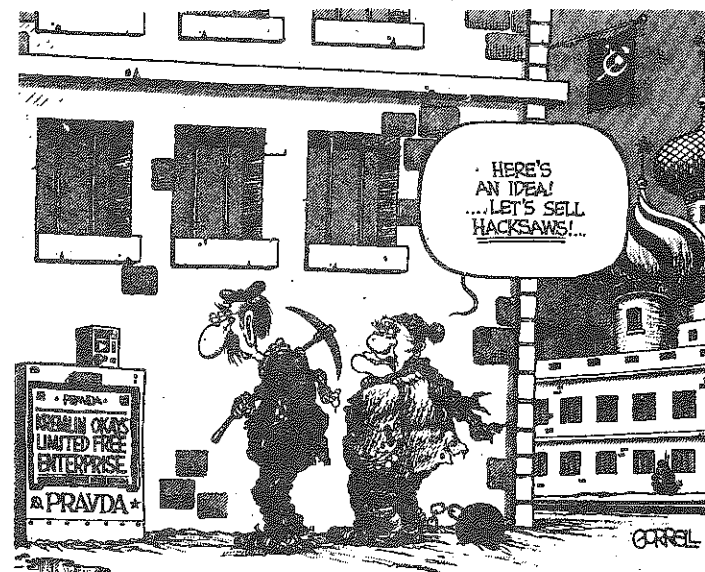
The problem is, can you think up some good, believable excuses for this state of affairs? If you can, there is a high-level job waiting for you in Moscow with the State Committee for Labor and Social Affairs. The head of the committee, Ivan Gladky, has a persuasion problem very similar to the above.

A few weeks ago, the Supreme Soviet—which the Soviets claim to be a parliament—passed a law that outlines rules for "individual labor" for profit. What that term refers to is a practice we would call "moonlighting" or maybe "free-lancing"—doing some work on the side, in addition to our regular job, in order to earn a little extra money.

There's even more of that going on in the Soviet paradise than here. Millions of Soviet citizens are doing after-hours work as taxi drivers, tailors, cobblers, electricians, carpenters, mechanics, peddlers, you-name-it, even though most of this activity is strictly illegal. And they are performing this labor, not to build socialism, not to meet the goals of the five-year plan, not to achieve the norms set for their collective, but for some selfish, ideologically inappropriate reason. Such as, "Baby needs a new pair of shoes."

This, in itself, is a towering embarrassment for the home office of Marxism. Under Marxism-Leninism, the means of production are owned by The People (with the state holding the papers, but only temporarily, of course). If things were going by the book, the New Soviet Man, now that he owns the business, should be motivated to work tirelessly not for narrow self-interest, but for the greater good, for society, for the large national goals.

Trouble is, in real life, almost nobody does. True, the local workers may put in their required time down at the Red October Tractor Factory, but absenteeism, drunkenness on the job, slovenly work and other such industrial sins make the labor force very unproductive and inefficient. Soviet workers, whether they are farmers or seamstresses, save their best licks for their moonlighting jobs, where extra effort pays off.



But embarrassing as that reality is to the Soviet government, even more embarrassing is the now-acknowledged fact that the Soviet economy cannot function without this after-hours "individual labor." In other words, the new "individual labor" law is an unspoken recognition that communism, basically, just does not work. After nearly seven decades, the giant socialist state has to depend on millions of tiny mom-and-pop businesses run for the benefit of the operators themselves.

The new law is Gladky's idea, an attempt to make the best of a bad situation, to provide a shroud of official respectability for this un-Marxist but necessary moonlighting work.

It's easy to see why the best work comes from the moonlighters. If the state factory turns out shoddy tractors that fall apart, the slobs who goof off, leave parts out, or drive screws with a hammer instead of a screwdriver rarely suffer personally. But if Ilya from around the corner does a rotten job of fixing the Voronovs' lamp on his day off, the Voronovs are not only going to look to some other moonlighting electrician next time, they are going to bad-mouth Ilya's work all over the neighborhood.

Since the new law came out, though, Comrade Gladky has been working overtime to convince Western journalists and presumably the Soviets themselves that this now-legal "individual labor" is not at all like private enterprise, which he says will not be revived "in any form."

For one thing, he says, government regulation of the moonlighting activities will ensure that they are done for the "social interest." Plenty of new taxes will be squeezed out of the moonlighters to bankroll the common good and, of course, there will be plenty of mindless rules and newly generated forms for the bureaucrats to inflict on everybody. Given all that government help, the moonlighting will fit right into the Marxist grand design, Gladky says.

Robots

In a society of free men, each acting on his own responsibility, honesty is the best policy. But as we move further from the individualist position into compulsory associations, unions, districts, counties, nations, and states, we tend to lose touch with that essentially personal quality—honesty. Honesty may be described as a force governing dealings between individuals. When the transactions are between masses, they tend to become less honest; when between nations, there is, indeed, little pretense of honesty about them. That simple circumstance arises not from evil intent but from the very nature of man's conduct.

All this concerns a philosophy; a point of view from which to start. And if only individualism could get these foundations well laid in the minds of the people, we could then proceed with our voluntary social services and other humanitarian plans for the comfort of the less fortunate minority. As it is—without these foundations—charity, good feeling, desire to help, sympathy, and many other virtues have been brushed aside. And in their place there has been set up the mean, unworthy, degrading, and destructive notion of rights for robots, which is mankind under complete government planning.

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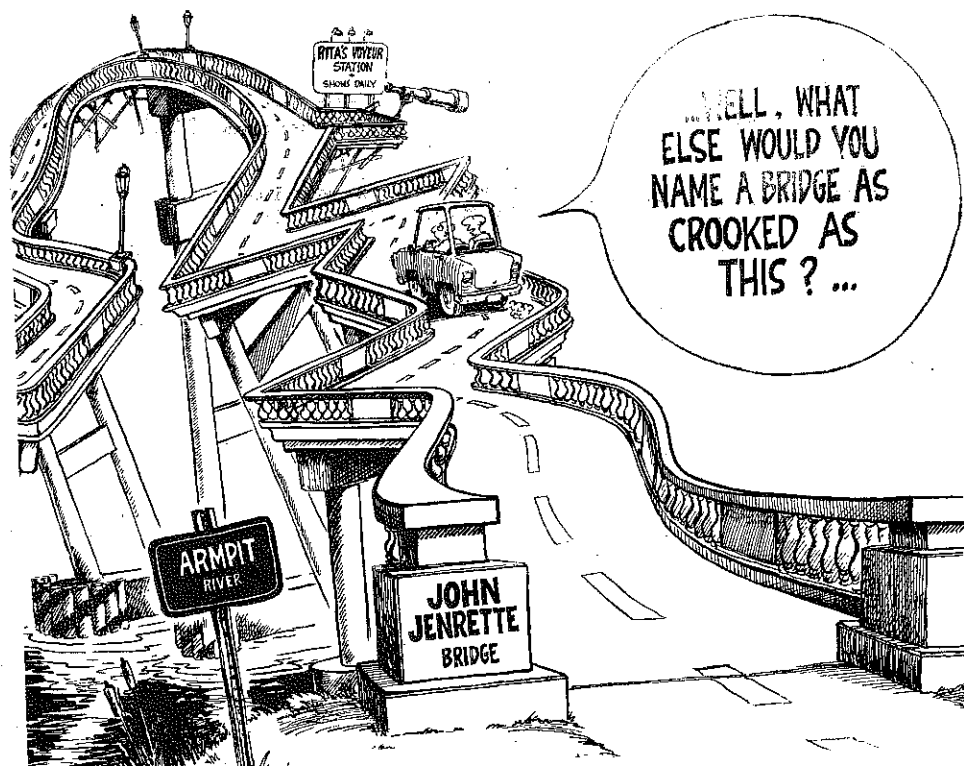
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First, most legislative districts are now drawn to protect incumbents and produce so-called safe districts, in which the minority party has virtually no chance to win an election. Second, incumbent members of Congress and legislators have accumulated - and, often enough, voted themselves - political and financial advantages sufficient to overwhelm almost any challenger.

Some observers have suggested, only half in jest, that the resulting system would do justice to the sham elections of the Soviet Union or the elaborately rigged balloting that keeps Mexico's Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) forever victorious.

SAN DIEGO UNION; Nov. 16, 1986

YUPPIE CAB-DRIVERS OR ELSE!

Recently, the Boston Police Department told the cab drivers to conform with a dress code or face citations and possibly the loss of their license.

SAN DIEGO TRIBUNE; June 6, 1986

ILLINOIS TOWN SEPARATES A MAN AND HIS DUCK

Sandwich, Illinois has forbidden Bob Pitcher from keeping his pet duck (forbidden by Section 518, Chapter 5 of the city code). However, the ordinance specifically allows horses and pigeons.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE; Dec. 26, 1984

KEEP OPINIONS ABOUT IRS TO YOURSELF

Giving IRS a 'piece of your mind' can cost \$500. Over 5,000 taxpayers who wanted to get digs in at the Internal Revenue Service by writing notes on their tax returns have been fined \$500 or more by IRS officials. For instance, a Montana woman was fined \$500 for adding "Signed involuntarily under penalty of statutory punishment" to her return.

SAN DIEGO UNION; June 4, 1984

ROUGH AND READY FOR REBELLION

The boldest tax rebellion in California history was not Proposition 13. In 1850, the 3000 settlers in a California boomtown protested the tax on gold by seceding from the state and proclaiming themselves The Great Republic of Rough and Ready.

PARADE; Sept 26, 1982

THE WASHINGTON POST

Hill Nullifies Changes In Draft Exemptions

Maneuver Protects Conscientious Objectors

By Howard Kurtz
Washington Post Staff Writer

Congress has shot down an attempt by the Selective Service System to change the way that conscientious objectors and others seeking exemptions would be treated in a military draft.

In another of those policy-making paragraphs tucked away in the continuing budget resolution, Congress took the unusual step of declaring the agency's four-month-old regulations "null and void."

The language, added by Rep. Edward P. Boland (D-Mass.), chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee that oversees Selective Service, said the new rules "compromise fundamental rights of conscience and impose unjustifiable hardship on men seeking exemptions, deferments and alternative service.... The Selective Service did not act in good faith either when first publishing these amendments for public comment or in responding to those comments."

The skirmishing has resembled a Pentagon war game, since the rules do not affect the current system of draft registration, but would take effect in wartime or if the country returns to a draft. Still, the congressional veto was hailed by such groups as the National Interreligious Service Board for Conscientious Objectors.

Selective Service spokesman Lew Brodsky said the agency is moving quickly to delete the new rules from its publications.

"Frankly, the nullification came as a surprise to us," Brodsky said. "We've admitted that we should

have devoted more time to explain the purpose of those changes to Congress and the public. We're going to take a very close and hard look at the ones that are controversial."

The rules made men who receive exemptions and deferments first in line to be drafted, until age 35, if the circumstances that prompted their exemptions change. Their special status extended nine years beyond the draft eligibility of other young men.

Another change barred conscientious objectors from performing alternative service exclusively with people of the same religion. Brodsky said the agency thought that church and other groups offering alternative service "should be able to accommodate people of any religious persuasion," but that critics viewed the policy as discriminatory.

The rules also required conscientious objectors to undergo a military examination before applying for an exemption, a process that some objectors said would violate their beliefs. Brodsky said the change would reduce the need for time-consuming hearings because many men fail the physical exam and cannot serve.

While weighing revised rules, Selective Service officials are waiting to see whether President Reagan renominates William A. Clinkscates Jr. to head the agency.

Clinkscates' nomination died in the Senate after several Democratic senators questioned his record at the General Services Administration and his private fund-raising activities.

The acting director is Wilfred E. Ebel.

"A conservative is a fellow who is standing athwart the tragedies of history yelling 'Stop!'"

— William F. Buckley, Jr.

It is a poor sort of man who is content to be spoon-fed knowledge that has been filtered through the canon of religious or political belief, and it is a poor sort of man who will permit others to dictate what he may or may not learn.

Louis L'Amour,
The Walking Drum

A fascinating anecdote. A "New York Times" Moscow reporter, Serge Schmemmann, tells how a prominent Russian writer recently produced a tattered old Bible and with a practiced hand turned to the Apocalypse (Revelation 8: 10 and 11). "Listen," he said, "this is incredible." And then he quoted the Scripture about a star called wormwood falling from heaven and burning and causing the waters to become wormwood; and many men died because these waters were made bitter.

Mr. Schmemmann writes: "In a dictionary, he showed the Ukrainian word for wormwood, a bitter wild herb used as a tonic in rural Russia. And this word was: chernobyl. The writer, an atheist, was hardly alone in pointing out the apocalyptic reference to the star called chernobyl. With the uncanny speed common to rumor in the Soviet Union, the discovery had spread across the Soviet land, contributing to the swelling body of lore that has shaped the public consciousness of the disaster at the Chernobyl atomic power plant in the Ukraine."

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WASHINGTON—The in-house telephone assistance program operated by the Internal Revenue Service for the benefit of its own employees provided incorrect answers to internal queries nearly 40 percent of the time, reports a study by the General Accounting Office.

According to "Washington Tax Wire," published by the accounting firm Lavenol & Horwath, the GAO study of the 1986 tax filing season found that 83 percent of the answers by the IRS hot line were technically "correct," in the sense that they did not pass along completely

... "Anyone who would kick a dog must be a revenue officer... and anyone who kicks a dead dog has management potential" ...

Professional Woman

In February this year women were found to hold the majority of professional jobs in the United States. America now has more female than male psychologists, statisticians, editors and reporters. They have also made advances in medicine, law and engineering. But it is in the high status (and paying) jobs that men remain in the majority - for now. (Daily Telegraph 20.3.86)

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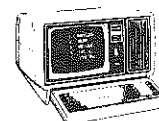
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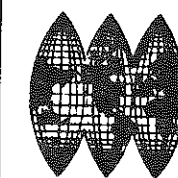
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House dress code skirts the issue

I now must wear a tie in the lower chamber of the State House because some half-naked beauty queens were invited to parade around in front of my legislators. I did not invite them.

I think some clarifications of the new law are needed. Do children have to be properly attired? Does Don Johnson have to wear a tie with his famous T-shirt if he agrees to present the Verner Awards? Is my party bow tie with the flashing lights preferable to my \$90 turtleneck sweater?

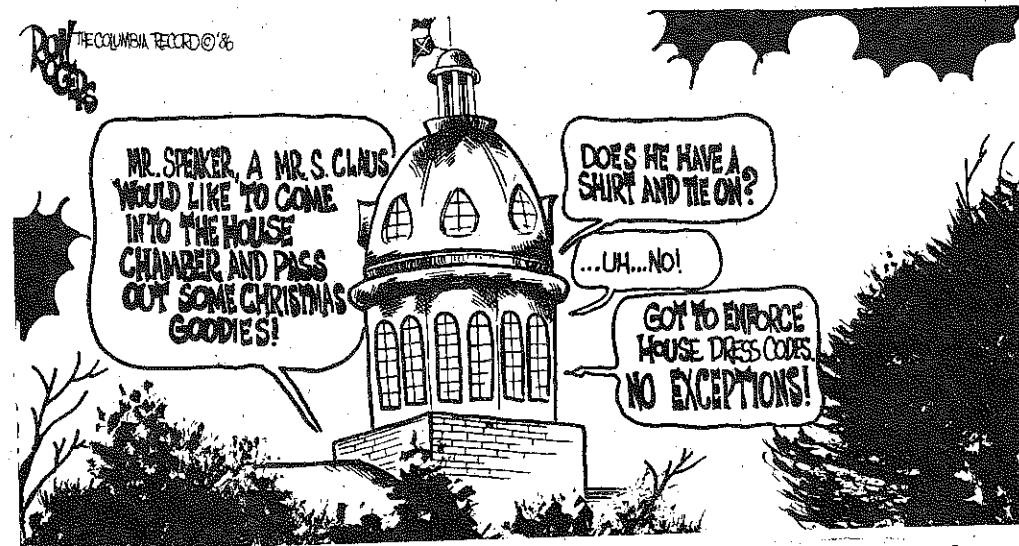
Does a policewoman have to wear a skirt? What if a legislator spills one of those Bloody Marys we have been reading so much about? Does the janitor who cleans it up have to wear a tie? What about an electrician repairing a lamp? Of course not, you say. These people are working! Well, what are the TV camera people doing, earning a merit badge?

Letters

I am forming a group to fight this law. Members of the Special Taskforce to Undermine Principles In Decorum (STUPID) will enter the chamber with ties on, sit down, then break the law by removing their ties and refusing to leave. We are waiting for a free lawyer who is willing to take our case all the way to the Supreme Court.

Please legislators, don't be so concerned about people looking dignified. Be concerned about acting dignified.

RALPH H. WALDROP
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Reading may hold the key to driving in many states

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. (UPI) — The toughest part of learning to drive in many states may well be reading the driver's manual to get a learner's permit, the author of a new national survey says.

"Many of these manuals use legalistic language, long sentences, complicated sentence structures and words often beyond a person's normal speaking ability," said John Savage, a Boston College educa-

tion professor who surveyed the driver's manuals issued in 42 states to study for the written test for a learner's permit.

Savage said in the New England Reading Association Journal that college level reading skills were required to understand manuals in 16 states while high school level skills were needed in 20.

High school and junior high school level skills were required by six others.

Tax problem help

The South Carolina Tax Commission has established a new program to help taxpayers with their taxes.

IRS SHORT OF TRAINING FUNDS — It is reported that federal budget cuts have made it virtually impossible for the Internal Revenue Service to hire, train and retain sufficient numbers of qualified employees.

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Devil's advocate seeks legal relief

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.

A lawyer has asked that Satan be dismissed as a defendant in a federal lawsuit, contending that the devil doesn't do enough business in Arkansas.

John Wesley Hall Jr., the devil's advocate, asked U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. last week to drop Satan as a defendant in a lawsuit filed by Ralph P. Forbes of London, Ark.

Forbes, an unsuccessful candidate for the U.S. Senate, filed the lawsuit on the day before Halloween, seeking to bar public schools from observing the rites of Satan on the holiday.

Forbes filed the lawsuit on behalf of himself, Jesus Christ and minor children. The defendants named were Satan, some units of government, the Russellville School District and a state education official.

In seeking the dismissal, Hall contended that there is no proof that Satan transacted business, owned property or committed any torts in Arkansas.

He also argued that Satan should be dismissed from the suit because it alleges a controversy between Jesus Christ and Satan that cannot be litigated in federal court under provisions of the First Amendment.

Halloween is not a holiday for Satan, Hall argued, saying the day was derived from a new year's festival and has become a traditional event in the United States without ties to religion.

In Christian theology, Satan is the great enemy of man and good.

AN ENGLISHMAN'S CASTLE...

A MOTORIST pursued into his home by police seeking a breath test was entitled to privacy the House of Lords ruled yesterday.

Five Law Lords said the driver, retired police chief John Beardmore, was right to regard three policemen who came to

his house after an accident as trespassers.

And they upheld the principle that "an Englishman's home is his castle."

Bedroom

Mr Beardmore, of Little Aston Road, Aldridge, Walsall, West Midlands,

was still serving as a chief inspector when his car was in a night-time collision.

He went home, but nearly two hours later police arrived and asked him repeatedly to take a breath test, the Lords heard.

Mr Beardmore, 54, re-

fused, and told them to leave, but they came into his bedroom and arrested him.

Local magistrates later dismissed charges against him of failing to take the test.

The Law Lords threw out a High Court decision overruling them.

Court bans long legs of the law

WOMEN lawyers have been ticked off for showing too much leg and wearing low-cut tops—by a woman JP.

A PRIVATE EYE'S "undercover" mission ended with a strip-tease in a police cell.

And the red-faced detective gave a woman police officer a public eyeful as he was made to strip down to his leopard-skin undies.

Private detective James Moran, 26, claims he was taunted and humiliated after being stopped late at night for a minor motoring offence.

He says policemen laughed and called him Shoestring, Rockford and Colombo after he produced his private investigator's card.

Probed

His papers were read and scattered over the charge-room floor.

Then, he claims, he was hit on the head and dragged by his hair into a cell and forced to strip in front of a woman officer.

Later he was allowed to go and told to produce his car insurance within five days.

Now his allegations are to be probed by Greater Manchester Police as he seeks an apology.

Testotaller Mr. Moran,

Anfield, Liverpool, was stopped in Salford for having a light out on his car. Then he was breath-tested.

The test was negative, but he says he was bundled into a Black Maria and taken to a police station to prove he owned the car.

There, he says, he was beaten on the head and roughed up as officers stood by and laughed.

Mr. Moran said: "They gave me a terrible time. There were five bobbies involved and I can name names and numbers."

A leading Liverpool lawyer who will take up his case said: "We shall be vigorously taking the

police to task over this disgusting incident.

"My client has an exemplary record and will pursue this action until he receives a satisfactory answer."

A police spokesman said: "We shall conduct a full investigation as soon as we hear from his lawyer."

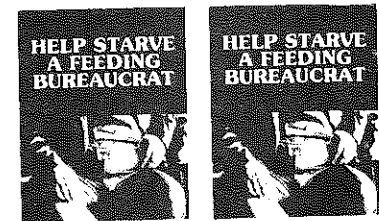
pay taxes

AN MP is asking neighbours to spy on widows and young mums who have live-in lovers.

Right-wing Tory Mr. John Carlisle also wants people to "grass" on spongers who collect the dole while working.

He is calling for an army of behind-the-curtain snoopers to back up the Government.

"They're criminals and I see nothing wrong in asking neighbours and acquaintances to bring them to justice," Mr. Carlisle said yesterday. But his "Shop thy neighbour" campaign was slammed last night by the Claimants' Union. Spokesman Joe Kenyon said: "It's a Gestapo recipe."



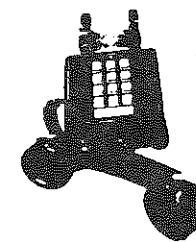
"Full employment will do more for mental health than all the psychotherapy we have been trained so well to do for years. What is inescapable to me is that if we really want to do something about mental illness, we must have some kind of wrenching change. We have to remove the distinction between the powerful and the powerless. We have to do something about income distribution, and we have to make it possible for anyone who wants to work to work. And if that means a revolution, well, so be it, because it comes out of the evidence we have."

--Matthew P. Dumont, M.D.,
Boston Community Church
30 September 1979

AFTER the 1983 invasion of Grenada, which involved less than 7,000 troops, the U.S. Army awarded 8,612 medals.

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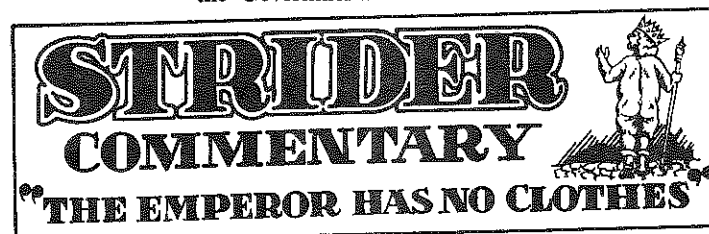
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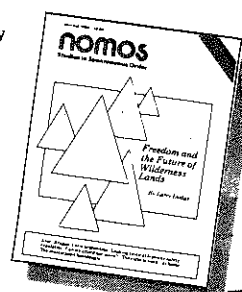
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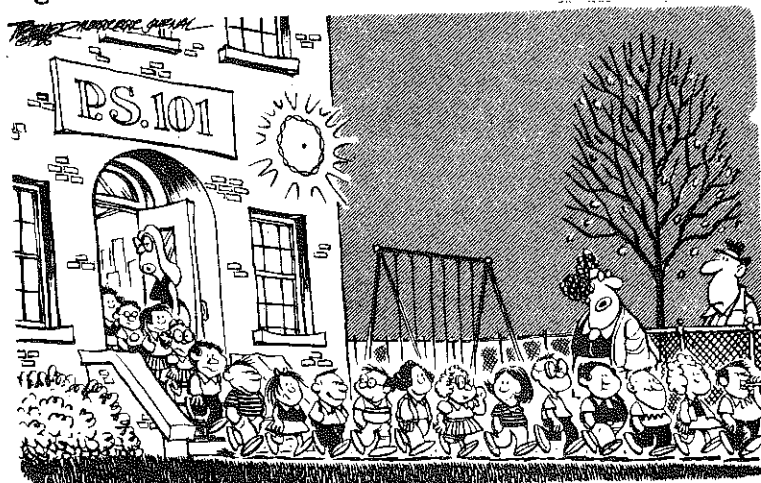
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A JUDGE was at the centre of a storm of fury yesterday after freeing a rapist.

For Judge Bertrand Richards said the 17-year-old victim was partly to blame for the attack... for hitch-hiking at night.

"I am not saying she should not be protected by the law," said the judge, who will be 69 next month, "but she was guilty of a great deal of contributory negligence."

He fined 33-year-old father-of-two John Allen £2,000 after Allen changed his plea to guilty and admitted the rape at Ipswich Crown Court, Suffolk.

The judge said it was the first time he had fined a man for rape.

But the sentence brought howls of protest from women's rights organisations.

POSTERS put up by a charity which helps women get legal abortions have been outlawed by Department of Health officials.

They have ordered 150 of the advertisements to be taken down from underground station walls in London.

Last night the Pregnancy Advisory Service, which issued them, said they were "dumbfounded" by the decision.

The posters read: "Abortion help? We care. Phone us now."

PAS spokeswoman Helene Grahame said: "They were approved by the Department three years ago and have been used by us ever since."

'Drunk cop beat up two

in nick'

A POLICE inspector assaulted two prisoners after he had been on a pub crawl, a court heard yesterday.

Inspector William Cunningham, who was in charge of a city's main police station, hit one prisoner and slapped another "in a fit" of drunken bullying, it was said.

Prosecutor Christopher Smith told Oxford Crown Court that Inspector Cunningham, 46, had been drinking in a Conservative Club

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A POLICE dog put the bite on teenager Chris Bayliss... for being a copy cat.

Chris let out a gentle "miaow" as he left a late-night disco and the canine cop snapped into action.

It sank its teeth into the arm of 17-year-old Chris who was taken to hospital for treatment.

Then the cat-calling youngster was arrested... for using threatening words and behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace.

Chris, of Wichamford, Worcs, was fined £50 with £8 costs by magistrates at Evesham, yesterday—and ordered to keep the peace.

Police sergeant Michael Scammell told the court he ordered Chris and six friends to move on.

But as he walked off Chris could not resist a Percy Edwards - type "miaow" at the growling police dog.

The dog bit so deep that its teeth went through the boy's leather jacket.

Teeth

Chris, a trainee painter and decorator, pleaded guilty, but said: "I was only joking."

And after the case he said: "It was not even a good impression of a cat."

"I have tried it on my own pet dog Fred and it doesn't work at all."

He added: "I could hear the dog growling at our heels. So on the spur of the moment I just let out a miaow."

"I am nothing like Percy Edwards really but the dog just came at me."

"Now I've learned my lesson, I will not do anything like that in front of a police dog again."

before reporting for duty at St. Aldates police station in Oxford.

Denial

Later he went on a tour of licensed premises in the city consuming more drink.

When he returned to the station, Cunningham hit one prisoner a number of times and slapped another, said Mr. Smith.

Constable Susan Woods saw the assaults and decided to speak out about her boss.

Cunningham denies assault and causing bodily harm.

The trial continues today.

A HEALTH chief got into a flap yesterday over a policeman's method of dealing with unwelcome bats.

Three of the creatures found their way into John and Sandra Taylor's council flat in Sheffield and started to zoom silently around.

The terrified couple called in a passing bobby—and he waved his truncheon at the bats to drive them out.

But Roger Hart, the city's principal environmental health officer, slammed the baton-wielding PC.

He said: "It's a ridiculous way to deal with bats."

"We have violence and vandalism on the streets and here is a policeman drawing his truncheon against harmless bats."

MORE than 9,000 sexy books are to be read by a town's magistrates.

And yesterday they adjourned a case for five months to give them time to digest the contents.

Police seized the books in a raid on a Scunthorpe bookseller last October.

It took seven policemen three weeks to catalogue the titles, the court heard.

John Spavin, proprietor of the Glendevon Bookshop at Ashby was opposing an application for the books to be forfeited.

"My client refuses to concede that any of these books are obscene," said Mr. Andrew Arnold, defending.

Our Man in Washington

by John Lofton

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This month, some news. In fact, a scoop. Because in the coming weeks and months you may not be seeing the following information reported on our three television networks or in the news columns of The New York Times or The Washington Post. And what I am alluding to here are the shocking revelations contained in a new book by David Garrow titled "Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference" (William Morrow and Co., 1986). Mr. Garrow is an associate professor of political science at the City College of New York. His 800-page book is based on more than 700 interviews with King's closest surviving associates, his access to King's personal papers and his reading of tens of thousands of FBI documents detailing the activities of King and scores of his most intimate friends.

In a nutshell, what Mr. Garrow's book demonstrates is that King was one of the most grossly immoral hypocrites in American history. Here are some of the things we learn about this man who was, supposedly, a Christian:

— While in college at Morehouse, King and a friend were called "the wreckers" because, as King explained it, "we wreck girls. We wreck up all the women." In college in Boston, King was, according to friends, a person who "would scout all of the schools to find the best looking black girls. He just loved to party." His wife Coretta is quoted as admitting that her husband-to-be "had quite a line" which consisted of "smoothness" and "jive."

— When King was a young minister, one of the most widely-read national black papers, the "Pittsburgh Courier," warned that a "prominent minister in the Deep South, a man who has been making the headlines recently in his fight for civil rights, had better watch his step." The reason: Detectives hired by white segregationists were hoping "to create a scandal by catching the preacher in a hotel room with a woman other than his wife, during one of his visits to a Northern city." Author Garrow says that though most of King's friends and civil rights colleagues knew nothing of his "uninhibited lifestyle" during his theology school days, no one could mistake that this news item referred to King.

— In the mid-1960s, at the King home in their mail box, Mrs. King found a tape and an anonymous note denouncing her husband for being, among other things, an ungodly fraud. As author Garrow tells it: "King and his aides had little doubt about the origin of the package: J. Edgar Hoover's FBI. The material on the tape — dirty jokes and bawdy remarks King had made a year earlier at Washington's Willard Hotel, plus sounds of people engaging in sex — had obviously been acquired by bugging King's hotel rooms."

Laughing off questions about this tape, Mrs. King said it was just a lot of "mumbo-jumbo." But on another occasion she said that if she had ever had any suspicions about her husband's faithfulness she wouldn't have mentioned them to him because "I just wouldn't have burdened him with anything so trivial." She says this would have jeopardized the "high-

level relationship" they had. Says Garrow: "Unfortunately, Martin King, as a small number of close friends knew, had certain compelling needs that could not be satisfied within a 'high-level relationship.'"

Garrow says that as many movement activists became aware of King's "various sexual involvements" he was warned about them by James Farmer, head of the Congress of Racial Equality, and another friend, Wiley Branton. To which King replied: "I'm away from home 25 to 27 days a month. F_____s a form of anxiety reduction."

— Concerning what he calls King's "compulsory sexual athleticism," Garrow says there were three particular relationships that flowered to the status of something more than occasional one-night stands, and for almost two years King grew closer and closer to one of these women. He writes: "That relationship, rather than his marriage, increasingly became the emotional centerpiece of his life, but it did not eliminate the incidental couplings that were a commonplace of King's travels." Quoting the socialist activist and author Michael Harrington as saying that "everybody was out getting laid" during the civil rights movement, Garrow notes that King's opportunities however were "virtually limitless." He writes: "King's closest friends accepted and indeed respected his attitude toward women." One longtime family friend of King's says: "He loved beautiful women. The girls he 'dated' were just like models... the girls were tall 'stallions,' all usually were very fair, never dark. He was really a Casanova... but (with) a quiet dignity. He would give the girls respect."

Another King friend, Bernard Lee, put things more bluntly. He says King was "absolutely a male chauvinist" who made his wife stay home with the kids "while he'd be out there in the streets." Another person who watched King closely, Dorothy Cotton, says King "had a lot to learn and lot of growing to do" concerning women's rights. And in what has to be one of the great under-statements of the century, Garrow observes that King's adultery "stood at great distance from his professed beliefs about sexuality, and the contradictions created painful and at times overwhelming guilt." He quotes King as having said in his sermons that "sex is basically sacred when properly used and... therefore sex must never be used in the loose sense that is often abused in the modern world."

— Some of King's associates were, however, shocked at King's lack of concern about sexual immorality. Garrow reports that William Rutherford was "jolted" as he was drawn into the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's milieu. Rutherford says: "I was really rather surprised and shocked at what I saw... SCLC was a very raunchy exercise." His first shock, it is said, stemmed from reports of an Atlanta group party that "had featured both a hired prostitute as well as the unsuccessful ravishing of a 17-year-old SCLC secretary." Rutherford says that when he raised this subject at an executive staff session, "the meeting cracked up in laughter..." King is reported to have been among those laughing, a further reflection of what Rutherford says was the SCLC's "very relaxed attitude toward sex" and the "genuine ribald humor" that predominated.

Rutherford says of King: "All of his intimates were aware of one very inhibiting fact that none of us has been able to deal with — that was King's sexuality,

and you cannot deal with a saint with clay feet." He says there were "a number of instances, quite aside from the sort of formal liaisons... other instances where he was really interested in women, period... he was vain... he had lusts, ...some of which he was able to exhaust."

Rutherford says: "There was this absolutely duplicitous role or posture King had to stand — when he represented black America, he had to stand up like the man of iron, the man of perfection, which he certainly wasn't..." And in a footnote, another King colleague describes him as a man who "was eager to learn systems of thought about God which he could connect with to rationalize and fill out his own inclinations, inclinations shaped by his own experience."

Needless to say, because Scriptures predict such a result, King's failure to practice what he preached caused him great anguish. The Bible tells us that God will not be mocked, that whatsoever a man sows that also shall he reap. And, God's Holy Word tells us that to be carnally minded is death because such carnal mindedness is enmity against God. Thus, King's double-mindedness caused him to be guilt-ridden, depressed and obsessed with the specter of his own death. In the late 1960s, during one mass meeting at the Bethel Baptist Church, King, as he put it, "began to feel a personal sense of guilt for all the violence that was happening" and he declared: "If anyone should be killed, let it be me."

Indeed, there were times when King — who once described Gandhi as "the greatest Christian of the modern world" even though he never embraced Christianity — seemed guilty about everything. On one occasion, according to his wife Coretta, King didn't want to own a home because he "felt it was inconsistent with his own philosophy" which was opposed to America's celebration of private property. Says Mrs. King: "Martin always had a revulsion for the idea of owning a fine house in an exclusive neighborhood."

Garrow quotes one King associate as saying King "believed that Marx had analyzed the economic side of capitalism right." And Garrow says that, while in college, King "was fascinated by G.W.F. Hegel's dialectical method of thesis, anti-thesis and synthesis." He says King's attraction to the Hegelian dialectical method was reflected in his own writings.

And speaking of his writings, King, according to Garrow, seems to have stolen other people's writings on at least one occasion we know about. Reporting on a lengthy unpublished study by Professor Ira Zepp, Garrow says that it shows that when King wrote his book "Stride Toward Freedom," he used long passages from other books by Paul Ramsey and Anders Nygren, yet "made no acknowledgement of, or reference to," these authors.

No wonder King was guilt-ridden and depressed. At one point in the late 1960s, dispirited by the violence spreading across America, his wife recalls that "he got very depressed" and was in "a state of depression" that "was greater than I had ever seen before." At this time King said: "People expect me to have answers and I don't have any answers. I don't feel like speaking to people. I don't have anything to tell them." After he missed one flight to a speaking engagement, he said: "I

know why I missed my flight; I really don't want to go. I get tired of going and not having any answers."

During one five day retreat, King, according to the folk singer Joan Baez, said he was sick of everything and just wanted to be a preacher. He said he wanted to leave everything. "And he had a couple of whiskies in him," says Baez.

Garrow quotes King's friend Andrew Young as saying of King: "In the later years he was given to a kind of depression that he had not had earlier. He talked about death all the time... He couldn't relax, he couldn't sleep... Even when we were away on trips, he'd want to talk all night long... And just physically, I was afraid... He was spiritually exhausted." A longtime Birmingham friend of King's said that in his last year or so King "had a death wish... I had a feeling he didn't know which way to turn."

Garrow says that King's closest associates thought that much of King's despondency stemmed from profound physical exhaustion, but underlying it was a deeper spiritual depression. Garrow notes that part of King's problem was that he had very, very few close friends with whom he could let down his guard, completely relax and do what he liked to do — such things as drink, or "bend his elbow a little bit," as one friend put it.

In a recent news story which you may have seen, the Associated Press reported that among the 1.5 million documents just made public by the National Archives was a 1969 memo by then aide to president Nixon, Pat Buchanan, in which Buchanan advised the president not to visit Mrs. King on the first anniversary of her husband's assassination. Why? Because, said the far-sighted Buchanan, King was "one of the most divisive men in contemporary history" and such a visit "would outrage many, many people who believe Dr. King was a fraud and a demagogue, and perhaps worse." Buchanan said that it did not seem to be in the interests of national unity for the president to lend his prestige to the idea that King was a modern saint.

Well, indeed, Martin Luther King was not a saint, to put it charitably. And thanks to the scholarship of David Garrow, we now know that he was "perhaps worse" than even Buchanan imagined. But to think that this man is honored with a national holiday, and for as much as a week at a time he is honored as a saint in thousands of our public schools. What a disgrace!

But like I say, I guarantee you that you won't see anything in our national press about the real King. No way. But can you imagine what kind of coverage a book would receive if it made similar revelations about a white, conservative Christian leader like the Rev. Pat Robertson or the Rev. Jerry Falwell or the Rev. Jimmy Swaggart? Why, if such a book were written about these men, it would be one of the publishing sensations of the century!

Yes, there most certainly is a liberal, left-wing bias in our national media. And never has this bias been more apparent than in the reports which greeted David Garrow's excellent book.

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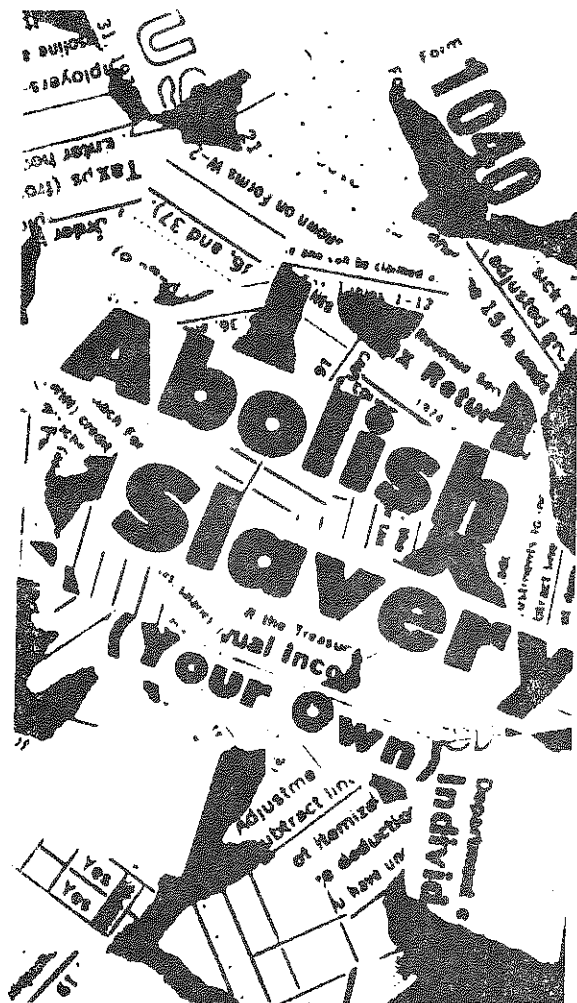
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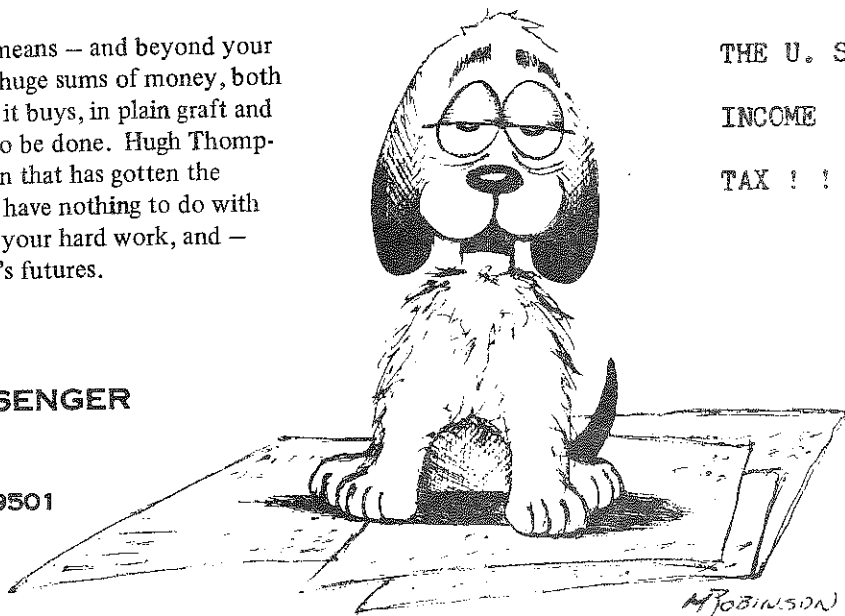
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