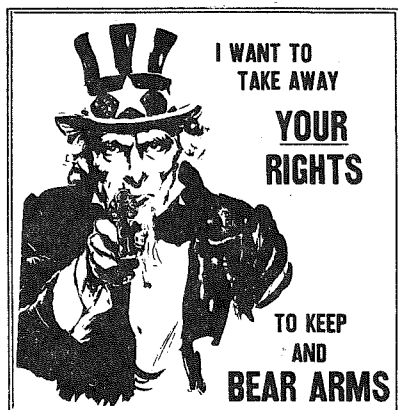


Direct Hit

It is the Stark truth and not wide of the mark that one day in May a ship was hit in a Persian Gulf melee. Now the captain must take responsibility. Thirty-seven dead because one man went to the head, or so they said. Maybe that's where our leaders hide as the deficit hits the ship of state, leaving only the riders to pay.

Susan Packie



## insane asylum

For once I agree with one of your editorials, that downtown Florence does not need a four-story parking garage.

Instead, it could open a four new parking areas within a block of the white elephant building known as the City-County Complex: at the former Sears lot, the old McLeod Hospital, and the two former fuel facilities just across the railroad tracks. If Trailways and Greyhound merge, occupying on the South Irby Street bus station, that would leave a fifth one (the Colt Street bus station) they could buy.

Likewise, if they are overgrowing the Complex, it would be simple to move some offices out, as there are plenty of nearby vacant offices.

It seems that, with the cruelty of the Spanish Inquisition, there are far too many ideas to waste far too much money, extorted from the suffering taxpayer.

Let me tell you what we really need: we need an insane asylum. Far too often crazy things are done by federal, state or local government persons, and they need a nice padded facility where they can go and, hopefully, regain contact with reality.

Furthermore, there is plenty of vacant downtown building space to accommodate.

John T. Harlee, Florence

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## Quotable Quote

The Department of Education estimates that 2 million more illiterates appear in society each year, including high school dropouts, unlettered pass-along graduates and immigrants. The last group constitutes fully one-third of nonreaders.

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## Now, where did we put that other \$136 billion?

**MISSING:** \$136 billion in U.S. currency — 88 percent of the total supposedly in circulation. Anyone with information on its whereabouts, please contact the Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D.C.

While central bank officials haven't placed that ad, they could. A new study has come to a startling conclusion: A lot of U.S. greenbacks can't be accounted for.

In a comprehensive look at personal money-handling habits, Fed economists concluded that individuals over age 18 are holding

\$18 billion in U.S. coins and cash — about \$100 per person.

But that comes to only 12 percent of the \$153.9 billion of cash considered to be in circulation. Where is the rest of the money?

"I wish we knew where it was," Paul A. Spindt, a Fed economist and one of the authors of the new study, said. "This survey whets our appetite for more information."

Economists do make certain guesses. Part of it is in the cash drawers of legitimate businesses, with another small fraction held by people under age 18. Neither group

was included in the survey.

But Spindt said he doubted if the amount held by youngsters and businesses would total more than 15 percent, still leaving nearly three-fourths of U.S. currency unaccounted for.

One explanation is that part of the missing money is being used in the "underground" economy, populated by drug dealers and others intent on evading income taxes by dealing on a cash-only basis.

However, this explanation would account for only a portion of the funds since even ill-gotten gains normally flow back into general circulation at some point.

Fed economists speculated that a big part of the missing currency has gone overseas and is being used by foreigners who would rather deal in the stable U.S. currency than in their own currencies.

While Fed economists made no estimate of how much money has gone overseas, other studies have speculated that as much as one-third to two-thirds of U.S. currency eventually winds up in foreign hands.

### MOCKINGBIRD MENACES MAILMEN

**A** LONG ONE residential block in Houston, Tex., mail delivery had to be suspended in May 1985 because of mockingbird attacks.

The mockingbird, known for swooping attacks on people and animals who get too close to her nest, does not bother residents of the neighborhood but seems to pick out mail carriers. One resident, Gertrude Heafner, told United Press International that mail carriers there have been pestered for several years but the birds have never stopped the mail before.

Mailman Earl Scurlock insists that the bird is a serious problem.

"I was off all of April and everybody who had this route complained about it while I was gone," he said.

Jose Armendariz, who has been remodeling a home in the neighborhood, said that several times he has watched the squawking, swooping bird follow mail carriers down the street.

The suspension of mail delivery was expected to last only until the angry mockingbird had raised her young.

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— Mark Twain

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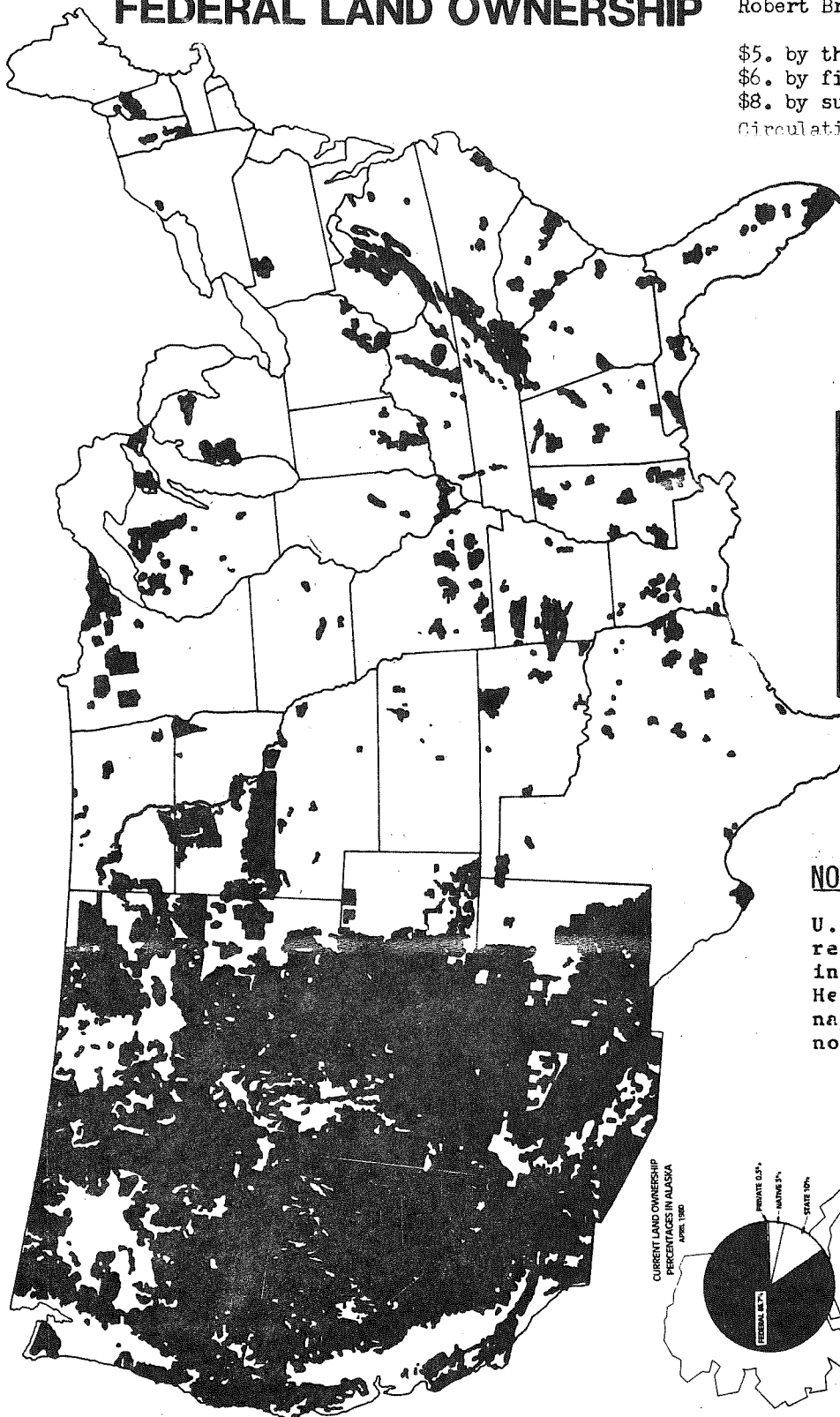
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Anne Morrow Lindberg

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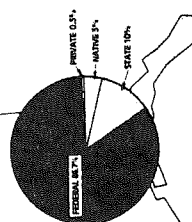
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# Middle Class Must Not Fail Or All Is Lost

TAYLOR CALDWELL

With the rise of the Industrial Civilization in the world, about two hundred years ago, there also arose a social body which we know as the middle class. Before that, most of the world suffered under a feudal system in which the people were truly slaves of their governments in all things. There was no strong buffer between them and their despotic rulers, no assurance of freedom to pursue commerce and to live decently, to keep the fruits of their labor and hold the paying of tribute at a minimum. The middle class made the dream of liberty a possibility, set limits on the government, fought for its constitutions, removed much of governmental privilege and tyranny, demanded that rulers obey the just laws as closely as the people, and enforced a general civic morality.

Sound leaders looked to the experience of Rome, the first to encourage a middle class, noting that Rome had been a strong and prosperous Republic, with much public virtue, a large degree of freedom for every citizen, and a constitution (the Twelve Tables of Law) on which our own is based. After the fall of Rome, governments had everywhere destroyed the middle class, returned to despotism, and entered the Dark Ages. It had been centuries since a rising middle class, looking to the experience of Rome, resolved to keep government at a minimum and to force respect for the people and eschew tribute except for such absolute necessities as armed forces, street protection, and the guarantee of the authority of contracts in commerce.

Those who for centuries had ruled their nations, from father to son, in total despotism, realized that they were threatened. Were they not by birth and money entitled to rule a nation of docile slaves? Did the people not understand that they were truly inferior dogs who needed a strong hand to rule them, and should they not be meek before their government? Were not the people too stupid to understand why the elite needed to extort tribute for their own use?

Little wonder that the elite hated the middle class which challenged them in the name of God-given liberty and little wonder that this hatred grew deeper as the middle class became stronger and imposed restrictions through which all the people including the most humble had the right to rule their own lives and keep the greater part of what they earned for themselves.

Clearly, if the elite were to rule again, the middle class had to be destroyed. It had to be destroyed so despotism and the system of tribute could be returned, and the grandeur and honor and immense riches for the elite. . . assuring their monopoly rule of all the world. For you see the elite of all nations, then as now, were not divided. They were one international class, and worked together and protected each other. But the middle class laughed and said "we will bind you with the chains of our Constitution, which you must obey also, lest we depose you, for we are now powerful and we are human beings and we wish to be free from your old despotism."

The elite did not give up. While it profited from the In-

dustrial Revolution which under liberty of enterprise freed the people from the feudal and despotic systems, and which gave new birth to the middle class, it also hated the threat to its own authority. It did not wish to destroy the Industrial Revolution; it wished to use it for its exclusive purposes. In the early Nineteenth Century, this elite looked for a way, once and for all, to regain its power and extort tribute from the people and to destroy the burgeoning middle class which stood in its way and to subdue the populaces again to their proper role as slaves of government by the elite.

Through the "League of Just Men," elitist conspirators sought a fanatic to cloak the point of their purpose in slogans and cant. The man they hired was Karl Marx. Certainly Marx was no worker; he had never soiled his hands with labor. He hated the middle class, which he contemptuously called the bourgeoisie, for he considered himself superior in mentality and breeding to what he called "the gross merchants of commerce and exploitation." He did not attack the waiting despots, no indeed. They were of one mind with him. Rather he proposed in his books and pamphlets the return to government of the total power to exact tribute from the people in order that the government might better direct every phase of the people's lives, as he asserted, "for their own welfare." "The elite in turn, would control the governments.

Marx began to accuse the middle class of heinous crimes and aroused the workers against their benefactors. He labored to create envy and malice among the workers—all aimed at the entrepreneurial middle class which had raised them from serfdom, restored their human dignity, and given them liberty for the first time in nearly two thousand years.

Karl Marx was made to order by the self-styled elite. They financed the propagation of his sedition all over Europe and in America. They bled France and Germany with it. They financed sedition in Russia. And the plan began to succeed. By 1910 the Scandinavian countries had already fallen to the Socialism of Karl Marx. Only three nations stood between the elite and their ambitions, the British Empire, Czarist Russia and the United States of America. To a lesser extent, Germany also stood in their way, though Bismarck had greatly succeeded in introducing Socialism there, too. The saving hope was that Germany had a great middle class which the Kaiser honored and supported.

Much is now made of supposed Czarist tyranny. But the fact is that the Czar of Russia had already granted his people a greater measure of freedom. A Constitution had been established and a Parliamentary system. Russia, too, was well on her way to nourishing and encouraging a middle class.

The elitists were anxious to promote the Marxist notion of demanding tribute from the people, for only through forced tribute could freedom be destroyed and the people reduced again to forced labor for the benefit of the elite. Only this could the middle class be eliminated. So, we have Karl Marx's infamous notion: "To each according to his needs, from each according to his ability." That is the foundation for slavery and tribute. Marx and the elite had a juicy bait for the workers, who were deluded to envy and hate the middle

class which had freed them. If the riches were taken away from the middle class, then the workers would become equals. He called this redistribution of wealth. Not wealth from the elite, with their vast fortunes in every country of the world—inherited fortunes which would not be taxed as income—but wealth from the strong middle class, which would be robbed in the name of the people. Only earned income would be vulnerable to seizure.

But in the way of all this happiness for the conspiring international elite and the slavery of the people, stood the United States, the British Empire, and Czarist Russia. They would have to be destroyed. Britain had only a small income tax, used for the armed forces, for roads, for the maintenance of law and order, and for the payment of a tiny body of bureaucrats who did the paperwork. The nonsense of Karl Marx had made little popular headway in Britain in Russia or in America. The United States, for instance had no income tax at all.

Over and over in America, the elite tried to establish their federal income tax, but they did not succeed. The people were too vigilant, too jealous of their freedom, too proud, too respectful of themselves. They embraced the ancient proverb, "To work is to pray," and they guarded the fruits of their labors. No, America had no graduated income tax to drain the capital of the hard-working middle class, and so she became strong and rich and powerful, the envy of nations which exacted tribute and forced labor from their people. Attempts were made to exact such tribute from Americans during the Civil War and the war with Spain, but each time the Supreme Court declared that our Constitution prohibited it. As late as 1902 the graduated income tax was again declared unconstitutional, and the Chief Justice observed: "It is a method to enslave our people, and deprive them of their liberty and right to the fruit of their labors."

The conspiratorial elite fumed. How best, now, to institute their system of tribute and slavery? The solution was war. During wartime governments were better able to tax the people, harnessing their patriotism to maintain enlarged armed services.

And so the elite began to prepare America for war, and conspirators of the French and German and Russian and English elite worked with them—for the destruction of their own nationals and the elimination, once and for all of the defiant middle class. Again the American elite, under the advice of their brother conspirators in other nations, proposed an Amendment to the American Constitution, the Sixteenth Amendment—a graduated income tax, just as Karl Marx had proposed. To support this the elite were very busy, through their henchmen, the Socialists and the Populists, and through their secret Communists, in arousing the envy of the workers against the middle class. They told the workers that they would never be taxed, "only the rich" and even then the highest rate would be only two or three percent. And the taxes would go to "our exploited workers"

through all sorts of governmental benefits. The unthinking, the envious and the stupid and the malicious, thought this was wonderful. They supported the Sixteenth Amendment, the federal income tax, and it was passed into law in 1913.

Now the stage was set for war, the attack on the British empire, Czarist Russia and the German empire. The major thrust of the effort to destroy freedom of the whole world, and reduce it to total control by the elite, had begun.

The rest is sad contemporary history. Few in America heeded what Thomas Jefferson had said long ago, that when we are taxed on our earned incomes, in our food and our drink, in our coming and going in our property, we would face the return of slavery and the reestablishment of an all-powerful and despotic elite. So it is that we of the middle class are being destroyed in an ever-increasing power and despotism of a central government controlled by a conspiratorial elite, and everlasting wars to subdue us and drive us to our knees.

Do not believe for an instant that the world's conspiring elite in every nation have so much as a serious quarrel among them. They have just one object: control through tribute. Your slavery through tribute, and mine. And they use wars for their purposes just as they use the inequities, harassments, bullying, capriciousness and extortion of their graduated income tax. The system of taxation with which they have yoked us is really forced tribute from the hardworking and especially from the middle class who are slowly being eliminated. The conspirators know that the spiralling payment of tribute will lead to our serfdom and the black night of slavery.

Behind this attack are the self-styled elite, secure in their own power and riches. Most of them have huge fortunes which are tax-exempt. But every man and woman of us—we of the middle class—are taxed in our food and drink, in our property, in our incomes, in our comings and goings. The harder we work the more tribute we have to pay, for the elite are determined that never again will the middle class challenge them and never again will we be able to save money and so rise to power and never again will we protest the slavery they have planned for us.

But many of us still dare to protest and will continue to do so while God gives us breath. To be effective we know we must direct our attacks on the real criminals, the wealthy and powerful and secret elite of all the world—the conspirators laboring night and day to enslave us. Even our own government is now their victim. For it is the conspiratorial elite who choose our rulers, nominate them and remove them by assassination or smear. I have fought these enemies of liberty in every book I have written. But too few have listened to me, as too few have listened to others who have warned of these conspirators. The hour is late. Americans must soon listen and act. . . or endure the black night of slavery that is worse than death.

A man can believe in a considerable deal of rubbish, and yet go about his daily work in a rational and cheerful manner.

Norman Douglas

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THE IMPORTANCE OF PRINCIPLE

By Lloyd Licher

I define principle as a fundamental belief in the rightness of a concept that, if adhered to and applied in most areas of human conduct, leads to noncontradictory belief and behavior, and provides intangible benefits and satisfaction to the adherent. (The dictionary definition of principle is: a comprehensive and fundamental law, doctrine, or assumption; a rule or code of conduct; habitual devotion to right principles; a primary source; an underlying faculty or endowment.)

Principle is a human concept, arrived at over centuries as man has tried to evolve from barbarism to a more civilized form. (There is still a lot of barbarism, even in our most advanced civilizations.)

Three examples of principles are as follows:

1. A proper code of conduct calls for the total respect of other peoples' property, in all circumstances. It is wrong to steal. (Property should have a noncontradictory definition.)
2. All human relationships should be voluntary, i.e., any form of coercion, by force or fraud, is wrong. Hence man should strive to eliminate all nonvoluntary systems from his societal structure.
3. The Golden Rule (in its negative sense): Do not do unto others as you would not have them do unto you. Perhaps a more general statement of the respect-for-property principle.

As man has developed from primitive times and learned more about how best to get along with one another, that cooperation is more mutually beneficial than predation, among other things, he has found it useful to develop mental concepts about human relationships. These are usually intangible in nature, not things that can be perceived by any of the five senses, yet very real in the sense that many people have an awareness of them, whether or not they choose to act in a way that takes them into consideration. Experience has shown that the more intelligent men think of and develop more advanced concepts than the less intelligent, and in that way might be considered the mutants of the species who help it to evolve faster than it might otherwise. Some of the concepts are of a more fundamental nature than others and pertain to codes of human conduct that warrant their being named principles. Belief in, and adherence to, a principle leads to noncontradictory belief and behavior in that area of conduct. A principle is so basic that it can be used to evaluate a variety of situations with which one may be confronted from time to time, and determine a course of action that is consistent and noncontradictory with previous actions. For a thinking person with a concern for his mental health and peace of mind, these are the conditions that bring intangible rewards and satisfaction unmatched by the baser pleasures of life.

It should be realized that principles are not universally accepted nor adhered to, as much as they might deserve to be. Other people have been taught and/or come to believe differently, so it may be difficult at times to apply the principles in which one believes, in all situations. This is especially true in the area of political government, where personal power over other peoples' lives seems to be the motivation for participation in the process, whether or not admitted to by the participants. They appear to act on the basis that they know what is best for the people, and using the political process provides them with a practical method for implementing their beliefs. The whole structure is based on the denial of the principle of voluntarism in all human relations, and instead uses coercion to take from most people a portion of their property and then using it for what the agents of political government deem best. Many areas of human activity have been almost totally pre-empted by political government, so it is especially difficult for a principled person to live his life entirely by voluntarism. There are some alternatives available, and it would behoove a voluntarist to seek them out, whenever possible. In any event, a person believing in voluntarist principles might best try to avoid condoning or cooperating with any coercive activity. This might simply be implemented by voicing opposition to any act of coercion whenever it is perceived and one is not in a position to prevent it, such as protesting the payment of taxes, or calling attention to the nature of the coercive act being implemented by various agents of political government. If one does not live by the principles he espouses then people who hear of them or know of his

(over)

*The Orange County Register*, reports irate citizens of Communist China are attacking tax collectors with bricks and knives. More than 300 people in Nanking waved sticks and threw stones to chase away 22 state collectors. Three attempts have been made to blow up tax offices. A gang stormed a Shanxi province tax office, seriously injuring employees with iron bars, knives and bricks.

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A delinquent taxpayer promptly paid his bill in person at City Hall in La Marque, Tex., after receiving a notice by mail that he owed one cent. Allen De Vasier, a retired refinery worker, wondered why the city didn't call him about the overdue tax instead of spending 22 cents to mail the notice.

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***Government savings plan might cut taxes***

I would like to see some discussion on a governmental tax revenue savings plan.

In order to stabilize this country into an unlimited future, 1 percent tax revenues should be placed in interest-bearing savings accounts with various commercial banks.

Interest accrued from this money could be used to pay governmental debts, and fund various programs.

At some point, interest payments would be great enough to fund all programs. This would mean taxes would no longer be the second surest thing a person would encounter in life.

An added benefit would be the large capital base created by government saving our money. We would see if economic theory is correct concerning capital base size relating to economic growth and development.

DAVID T. STAPLES

***Mandatory seat belts an abuse of freedom***

It breaks my heart to know that there are those in our state who would attempt to take our freedom away from us by passing a mandatory seat belt law.

Our freedom came at a very high price — at the expense of the blood of our forefathers.

Our forefathers who fought so bravely for our freedom, I believe, would turn over in their graves at the thought of being controlled by the state.

If Sen. John Land and other legislators really want to save peoples' lives, why don't they focus their attention on fighting abortion, which is murder, and let the drivers decide whether to wear seat belts.

Let's keep South Carolina the land of the free!

JOHNNY GARDNER

## Retired general doesn't know much about Constitution

Several months ago, retired Army Gen. William Westmoreland's picture was on the cover of Parade magazine. The gist of the article inside was that the dream of the "founding fathers" was being fulfilled. He referred to our far-flung military outposts — and ignored the enormous costs. Now he has come to Wyoming and repeated much the same "patriotic" line — about a national disgrace which we may never live down, if only because he is trying to elevate it (Vietnam) into something noble.

First, even if we accept Westmoreland's term of "founding fathers" for those who met in secret to frame the Constitution in 1787 (11 years after the establishment of the United States of America, the United States Army and adoption of the U.S. flag) that instrument specifically provided that only Congress has the right and power to declare war (meaning to commit Americans to battle fire).

The thinking behind that provision was that it would be treason for an executive branch, acting as commander, to commit Americans to foreign battle fields to kill and be killed without a declaration of war and for no purpose other than that it could declare it "in the national interest." That provision would also assure that any Congressman who caused Americans to kill or be killed would answer to those back home.

No provision in the Philadelphia Document (as presented for ratification) was more important. For, what good was a Bill of Rights (which would be added later) if in the name of "duty to country," all rights could be made a mockery and the worst of wrongs commanded as a duty?

I couldn't agree more. It is time that Vietnam be "evaluated now with less emotion and cooler heads."

Item: Outside of a national mobilization in wartime, every dollar that Westmoreland receives as a defender is taken under false pretenses if he is not defending Jane Fonda's right of speech as provided by the Bill of Rights.

Item: No general is worth his pay or deserves his assignment if he is blind to the nature of the enemy and the purpose of the conflict. Westmoreland was apparently blind to both. Did he realize that the same government which paid him was also providing aid and comfort to Hanoi? (Between 1962 and 1969, the "government" that ordered his men into enemy fire provided more than \$100 million in aid to North Vietnam.) If that aid was justified, the war could not be! Fonda was an irritant only to those hiding cancer.

Was Westmoreland so caught up with the nobility of men dying for country that it didn't matter what the reason? Look. If the standing domino represents the free, upright and productive individual entitled

inconsistency will not be likely to give them much credence, much less adopt them for themselves. Thus, if one professes to believe in the rightness of voluntarism and the wrongness of coercion he would be most effective in propagating that view by removing himself completely from the political spectrum of activity and conduct his life on a pinnacle of principle set apart from that spectrum, seeking alternatives to the coercive aspects of society, or providing them himself.

If a person of principle would try to leave the world a better place in which to live than he found it upon discovering the importance of principle, then he should attempt to get other people to emulate him in this regard. The only non-coercive ways to do this are by persuasion and example. Both require consistency in thought and action in order to be effective. Self-examination of one's beliefs, with the object of altering them where necessary to eliminate contradictory and inconsistent thoughts, is required. This usually means starting with a bedrock foundation of principles upon which the rest of one's mind can be arranged with integrity, knowing it can withstand and intelligently respond to challenges from those who have not had the inclination to purge their own minds of myth, tradition, dogma, or the establishment line handed out in tax-supported public schools.

A point of caution, however. One cannot ever expect to be in a position of knowing it all, so keeping your ideological window open to new ideas and evidence is called for, being ever willing to test one's principles and basic beliefs against whatever is offered up in the world of ideas. As time passes and life's experiences corroborate one's principles, more and more comfort can be taken from them, with the likelihood of their being successfully challenged diminishing as the years go by. If you would have them survive you, speak of them whenever appropriate, and transmit them to whatever offspring you beget. Whatever immortality we may earn is surely in this realm, the principles of life as we came to know them, carried on in the beliefs of others who survive us. Man can aspire to no higher purpose than to leave such a legacy, his contribution to the betterment of the human race.

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### ZONE-ZIPPING

by Robert Brakeman

In places, the Border Country doubles itself. It becomes not just the borderland between two states, but also the twilight area between two time zones. One of those double-duty regions is the High Plains strip of land, running for several hundred miles, which divides Texas and New Mexico. Much of it runs through the Llano Estacado (the Staked Plains), and all of it is in country where Chamber of Commerce slogans about the big sky and the endless skies and the wide horizons don't sound preposterous — (yes, even the C of C sometimes....). The sky around here is such a bulky object that, as you can easily understand, there's not much room for anything else — or at least not very many kinds of other things. Floundering across the landscape are some buttes and some mesas and a few arroyos — and a few towns on each side of the border, tiny towns which give you no Throngs of humans but plenty of quiet beauty.

A car, on a certain day of a year whose number doesn't matter, was zipping its way through thin border country. The line it was traveling gave it a taste of both states, and also of the Mountain and Central time zones — for dividing those two was this border's other function. Its course could be described as northly — but only as by those who care nothing for accuracy — for in fact it was going northeast, then northwest, then northeast again, then again northwest, crossing and recrossing the border as it moved vaguely north along the stateline. Where the car went its driver went too lest that this way/that way description makes him sound like

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## ZONE-ZPPING, CONTINUED

he was drinking his way along the stateline/zoneline, I will do his reputation the favor of explaining what he was up to. He was a delivery man. Although I fell rude in not being able to tell you just what he was delivering, to do so would be to give Certain People entirely too much of a hint about who was involved in this happening — and would therefore entirely give them too much help in making trouble for those good-guy participants who're still in the area. So, just fill in your own delivery-particle.

You must allow me to make up for my rudeness by telling you certain other things about the driver of this zone-zipping car. He had just started the job. He had gotten it only provisionally — with the proviso being that if he were to make as much as one delivery late, he'd be fired (and if that happened in the first month, he'd not even be paid for his time worked, for his first paycheck would be held back for that long); his employers had told him that because it was a time-sensitive article he was delivering, one which had to hit each person at a certain time or it was no good at all. This make-deliveries-on-time-at-all-costs requirement was one trickier than one might have thought (after all, all delivery people have schedules to keep), because there was that little time-zone problem — as one drove back and forth across the line, one had to keep setting and resetting one's watch so that your time matched the time of the person expecting delivery. If one forgot to do that — just once — one would arrive to make a delivery exactly an hour early or precisely an hour late (if you knew the nature of the product, you would understand why early was just as bad as late). In view of that special zone-problem, and considering the fact that this deliverer was in a vehicle which wasn't much when it was new and which was now pushing ancient, "challenging" might be a fair adjective to apply to the task ahead of him.

He didn't mind those two parts of the challenge, but several other potential other problem causers bothered him a bit more: the roads in this region were less than thrilling (I'll resist the temptation to take a gratuitous — and entirely accurate — shot at politicians-as-a-class, based on the incompetence of those who ran the highway bureaucracies in those parts), the weather had recently been on the down side of terrible, and much of his driving had to be done at night — an unfavorable time for him. Still, he'd signed up knowing about all of that, so he must've had more than a touch of a suspicion that he could do it. At first, it surely seemed that he could; he'd had several successful runs before the one described in this true Tale, and they'd gone perfectly. As things gradually became habitual, it seemed certain that each run would grow steadily more likely to be successful than the last. At least, that's the way it would have seemed to someone who had no hint of the way this run was going to go ....

He was not a suspicious man. For the benefit of anyone who doubted that, he kindly proved it, by his actions on this run. When a tire went suddenly flat, he calmly changed it, then burned rubber to make up for his lost time — and didn't worry about how the flat had come to be. When later in the trip

he had another flat, the lack of a spare didn't faze him; he bought a tire and hurried on — and wondered not at all about his bad luck. When a traffic accident held him at a no-alternative-way intersection for half-an-hour, he didn't wonder at its origin; he just waited it out (with starting the engine and gunning it a few times his only sign of impatience) — and then set land speed records in regaining the time he'd lost. When a truck out on the highway (2 lanes) kept impeding his progress by moving ever-so-slowly in front of him, he just passed and thought nothing of it — and when it then passed him and slowed down again in front of him, he just passed again as soon as he could — and thought nothing of it. When that woman in that town asked for directions to some impossibly distant place and then just wouldn't release him 'til he'd explained things 7 times, he stuck with his dual-headed program of (A) gunning it to get back on schedule and (B) not worrying about it. And when he parked during one of his stops and two other cars bookended him so tightly that he couldn't get out, the legend of the border country says that he was ever so calm as he called the police and a wrecker to get himself released — and that he thought nothing about Strange Coincidences as he roared on to the next stop.

His nonsuspicious nature, however, had its limits; he was not endlessly trusting and gullible, and he reached those "limits" late in the first day of his two-day run. He began to go, "HMMM...." to himself when a cop who stopped him for speeding (of course he was guilty) seemed to be consciously trying to keep him talking forever out on that highway after giving him the ticket — and his suspicions came fully to life when someone tampered with the clock in his vehicle when he'd left it to get something to eat. After that, he hardly ever left that vehicle, he refused to talk to anyone where he could avoid it, and he broke the speed limit all the time to give himself a cushion-of-time to thwart whoever was doing this to him. But was anyone doing anything to him? The world is full of paranoia, and those problems could have come about without any coordinated plan being in effect.

But of course they didn't. Certain People had wanted them to happen, and the wanting had led to the making. It is good that I began this Tale by apologizing for denying you interesting information, for that put me in the mood for what I must do now: since the details of exactly how all those inconveniences were caused would be wonderfully useful to wonderfully rotten people, we'll have to omit those details here. You must, as before, allow me to make up for my rudeness by telling you something else of interest: this man, this deliverer, was a criminal. Oh, not in the eyes of "law enforcement" people. But in an age when those people commit incomparably more crimes than they prevent or punish, that is not surprising. In whose eyes, then? In the vision of those who comprehend what is a crime (an assault upon the person or property of another) and what is not (absolutely everything else). This deliverer was a bummy kind of drifter (many drifters have nothing bum-like about them — and I hope I'm not saying that entirely because I used to be one), a man who'd had any number of vocations, but only one avocation: he loved to turn people in to the government. Now, saying that about him says nothing worth knowing, for the important question remains unanswered—

## ZONE-ZAPPING, continued

ed: what were the people he turned in doing? If they were committing true crimes (acts of assault against the person or property of others), he would deserve a gold medal flecked with silver; but if they were merely using their own minds or bodies or resources in nonaggressive ways, but ways which happened to violate various words-on-paper, then he was — as all unindoctrinated folk realize — a criminal, since it is a crime for the government to assault people for such entirely legitimate actions\*; the person who does the informing which gets the feds to drawing their guns is criminally culpable as well.

He was a drug fetishist — not the kind who loved to use drugs, but the kind who was ecstatic when he could attack those who did. Suggesting he was a man with a fetish was just the right way to phrase it — for there was something very odd about his feelings, in a couple of ways. One was that the people he hated most were those who used the mildest drugs, those down in the marijuana realm; a second was that he seemed to care nothing about dealers — his targets-of-choice were invariably just li'l ol' tiny-amount, privacy-of-their-own-home users; and a third was that drug abusers didn't interest him (people who committed crimes or killed themselves or whatever while high) — only just plain users, people who included drugs as part of their lives without obvious harmful consequences, appealed to him. There seemed to be a single reason for all these oddities: he was violently (pathologically?) opposed to the youth culture (a cliché, but a useful one) to hair and rock music and pot and quasi-casual sex and loafing and all that other good stuff that makes life worth living (humor, humor); his hatred for the people he perceived as being part of the culture could only be expressed in one way, for they were only breaking one law, most of them. He'd put together quite a record of putting (innocent) people away. Too good, for Certain People eventually heard about it, and decided that if anyone needed putting away it was him — or at the very, very least, in case getting him locked up proved to be impossible, he needed some massive inconveniences.

Technically, all the delays he had suffered on the first day of his run constituted inconveniences — but they weren't the big one, the inconvenience which would make life worth living for the Certain People. The big one was of course making him lose his job by delaying him enough to make him late for a delivery — but there was more to it than that: he didn't get along with his boss at all, and he'd already told some coworkers that if the S.O.B. fired him, he was going to bust up the place as he left. Thus it seemed that making him be late for a delivery would also be making him commit a little property destruction certain to get him jailed (in addition to going behind bars where he'd put so many other people, he'd also presumably have to pay for the damage he did — but if for any reason he didn't — the Certain People would).

It seemed, as the High Plains sun went Low, that none of this would happen, that he'd continue to make his deliveries on the second day with the same time-consistency as on the first — that would have been the logical guess in any case, but it seemed especially likely in view of the fact that he'd now been

put on his guard and would be doubly/triply careful both to give himself a time-cushion and to avoid obstructions at all costs. When the new day hit the High Plains that's the way things started off. He was off and running (OK, driving) right on schedule, and he made enough speed that he arrived at his first delivery-spot a few minutes early. That wasn't surprising, but it was a bit odd when he was cursed out and told that he was one hour late. He had been ever so careful to keep setting and resetting his watch each time he crossed the time-zone line, and he was sure there was no way he could be an hour late. If Certain People had been present, they would have been ever so pleased to explain to him what had happened. He'd been made the victim of their hole card, what they counted on to foul him up if all their delaying tactics failed (as they had). Maybe calling it "their hole card" isn't quite accurate, for they hadn't created it, they just took advantage of it. "It" was the half nature-produced, half human-produced wonder known as — Daylight Savings Time. The second day was the last Sunday in April, and at 2 A.M. all clocks had gone ahead one hour — at least all clocks owned by people who happened to remember that it was a special day and who happened to remember whether it was an hour forward or an hour back .... As Certain People had hoped would be the case, the deliverer was so preoccupied with just making the deliveries and with the time-zone problem and with the overt attempts to slow him down that he joined the majority of the population who always forget and get up an hour late one Sunday each year (and an hour early another one, in the Fall)\*\*. Was he fired and did he bust up the place and was he jailed and fined impressively? If you can ask questions like that, you must have missed the smiles on the faces of his victims when they heard how this legend of the High Plains ended....

\*The philosophical support for this view of what is legitimate governmental activity and what isn't will have to be sought in my elsewhere-writings; but even without it, isn't there an overpowering logic to it?

\*\* Listening to the radio might have reminded him about the time change — but in common with many other employers, his didn't allow radios in their work vehicles (even if they had, it seems awfully likely his would've ceased to function).

## Manual claiming all whites racist probed

NEW YORK (AP) — The distribution of an affirmative action training manual that labels all white Americans as racist is being investigated by officials of a state agency that handles workmen's compensation cases, a spokeswoman said. The 38-page manual for State Insurance Fund workers says, in part, that "only whites can be racists since whites dominate and control the institutions that create and enforce American cultural norms and values. ... All white individuals in our society are racist because they receive benefits distributed by a white, racist society through its institutions." The manual, which was recalled April 24, was apparently handed out by its author, Carolyn Pitts, without a management person reading it, said spokeswoman Maria Van Hoy. ■

## Town & Country Sells Out

University of Iowa students who were notified that the UI may discipline them for a protest against CIA recruiters on campus this spring should not be surprised...

"Civil disobedience is an honorable way to call attention to injustice and to seek redress. But an important requirement of civil disobedience is the willingness to pay the appropriate penalties.

"That requirement has been ignored too often in recent years. Increasingly, young protesters express outrage when asked to take the consequences of their actions.

"We hope the UI students in the latest brouhaha will accept the appropriate penalties and move on."

— Iowa City Press-Citizen, 5-18-87

# Pete du Pont works to stay to the right of other GOP hopefuls

By Donald L. Rheem

Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

Washington

While most of the Republican presidential candidates are butting heads in the middle of the political playing field, one of them seems quite content to stay well out on the right end in his drive for the White House goal posts. Pierre (Pete) du Pont IV is following a very conservative game plan.

Here is a glimpse of his political agenda:

**The Nicaraguan contras.** Du Pont favors lots of aid, even from private sources.

**Agriculture.** He wants to return farming to a free-market system and phase-out farm subsidies over a five-year period.

**AIDS.** The disease should not be treated as a civil rights issue, but rather as a health issue. It must be contained with education and an emphasis on testing.

**Drugs.** He advocates mandatory drug testing for all high school students. Those with dependency problems get help, those that refuse to be tested lose their driver's license for a year.

**Welfare reform.** All able-bodied welfare recipients would be required to work for 90 percent of minimum wage. Du Pont's motto - "No work, no check."

**Retirement benefits.** Employees could elect to put their social security contributions into an individual retirement account in exchange for a reduction in their social security benefits.

**Education and retraining.** The government would guarantee loans to students and displaced workers seek-

ing new skills.

**Star wars.** He supports research and deployment.

At a time when Democratic candidates are expounding on the evils of the trade and budget deficits, du Pont offers a contrary view.

"How could the trade deficit and the debtor-nation status of America be so depressing," he asked last week in a lunch with reporters, "while... we have created 13 million net new jobs? That's 20 times as many as the Japanese and three-to-four times as many as the Germans. Our unemployment rate is dropping, our inflation rate has gone through the floor."

Pete du Pont knows his ideas make him look like the libertarian candidate of the Republican Party. He enjoys the distinction, saying that "the fellows left out on the left flank are George Bush, Bob Dole, and Jack Kemp," whom he calls "three peas in a pod."

MY WORD! He's a libertarian?

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## A Day Early and \$12,000 Short?

Pay Raise Foes Argue House Erred on Timing, Cast Valid Veto

By Judith Havemann  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Can House members count? The National Taxpayers Union and consumer activist Ralph Nader said in court yesterday that, in effect, the lawmakers should have used all their fingers and toes in when to vote on a member's

effect unless both houses of Congress disapprove within 30 days of receiving it.

The president's recommendation was sent to Capitol Hill on Jan. 5. Congress voted to dis raises 31 days later, or ate to stop the raises, voted.

However, Rep. C. (N.H.), one of the 100th Congress first time on Jan. House of 1 before no Cong resident mad is," he said have start ny calend

"on the 3rd of January unless they shall by law appoint a different day."

Critics of the pay raise contend that Democratic House leaders deliberately scheduled a tardy vote on the pay issue to allow members to it but receive a raises for

HASTINGS KEITH  
Guest columnist

Pay raise is locomotive for a long gravy train

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress, particularly potential candidates for the presidency, should think fore voting

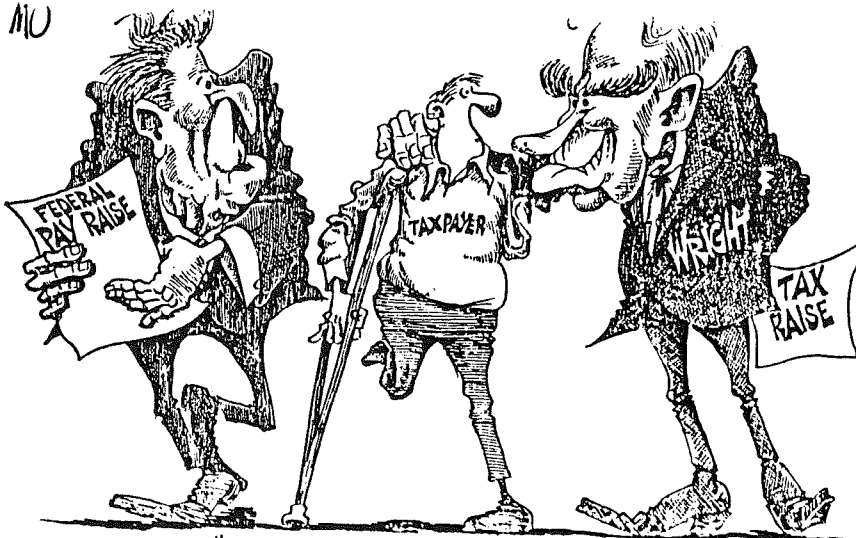
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FACE  
Fairness demands a vote on pay raises

Our representatives and senators in Congress are paid \$77,400 a year for the work they do in the nation's capital and back home.

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"IT'S ONLY FAIR TO GIVE YOU A RAISE, TOO!"

## Pay Hikes a 'People's Issue'

Mel Thomson

the majority of appointees have been drawn from top executives in industry.

given the hog-troth greed of many congressmen, it does not include the Presidential pay in-

Nothing in Washington could be a more important people's issue than the proposed increase in the salaries of congressmen and senators.

### Efforts to beat tax man helped spur market dip

I asked the Internal Revenue Service for Publ. 920, *Explanation of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 for Individuals*, and find this book on TRA '86 helpful; it also has clues as to some factors in the October market crash. I do not blame TRA '86 for the violence of this fiscal storm; human panic, mainly, did this.

One factor was that the end of 1987 was in sight. Shrewd traders analyzed their tax situation and found pressures to sell before year's end to take gains or losses or a combination of the two.

The federal capital gains rate for 1987 is capped at 28 percent; effective next year, this rate is increased by the 5 percent surtax on income "above certain levels." So, the 28 percent rate might mandate "sell."

One holding stock that has declined may also help himself by selling. The loss will offset any capital gains and up to about \$3,000 of other income, dollar for dollar; any excess "may be carried over and used in later years. Excess long-term capital losses no longer have to be reduced by 50 percent." So it may well pay to "take a tax loss" in 1987.

Each investor must study his own fiscal position, and not be stampeded by others who have their own objectives. This would help prevent these great "false-alarm" panics

### G.S. KESTER Jr. IRS PROBLEMS HOPELESS

ALASKA (FREEDOM FLYER) -- As of November 27, 1985, 1.9 million tax returns remained unprocessed according to the Anchorage Daily News.

Senator John Heinz, (R-Pa) said that the General Accounting Office reported that the IR Service Centers are "unprepared, poorly staffed and incompetently managed."

The picture drawn is of a quirky, error-prone, even hopeless high-tech sweatshop.

# Poetry-- & Prose

POETRY, n. The form of literature written in rhythmical or metrical language; opposed to prose. ... verse; rhyme. ...

Let me introduce you all to poetry, as there is so little of it being put out these days. There is a lot that falsely claims to be poetry. It is not. Some is prose. Some is not even that good.

Prose is written in ordinary words, even in very special cases in incomplete sentences. "I ate." is a prose statement, with a subject and a verb. There are even special cases of even less complete sentences, as questions or exclamations, like "Help!" This is prose. It is not poetry, although it could be a part of a poem if the rest of the requirements occur, such as an answer to the cry, "Help!", preferably in the nature of "Hold the rope for I am coming!"

Now SLM publishes little poetry as it is not a poetry zine. Further, the poetry sent back has little to do with its quality, but its subject - I can use satire on the nature of politics more than anything!

Now we go back to the 2 qualifications of being poetry: Rhythmical poetry is that with rhythm, as music of any quality must have - a flow of rising and falling sounds, as in long and short syllables (as Latin Poets) or accented and unaccented syllables.

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This is the forest primeval.

So, if it has rhythm, it is poetry. If not, we go to the other requirement: Metrical. This means a regular pattern of the number and pattern of feet (syllables, not the kind of stinkers one finds). There are a number of metrical patterns; the most common in English verse of any quality is short, LONG, short, LONG....

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The lake lay blue below the hill.

Verse means a line of poetry, set up in the arrangement of a stanza. Of course, a poem can be of only 1 stanza, and as few as 2 lines. The shortest being something like the comic:

Adam  
had 'em.

The reference is to fleas.

Free verse has nothing to do with libertarianism, it just means without rhyme. Rhyme is words whose end sound matches, like bad, sad, mad, had, cad, pad.... There are whole dictionary collectors, and there are a few words in English with no rhyme: orange, silver.

This is what is real poetry. The "stuff" in poetry zines these days is usually not even doggerell. Doggerell means that it has rhyme, but not meter or any rhythm. It is sometimes writ as comedy, so I'll try:

The poetry magazine is full of sap.  
Clap! Clap! Clap! Clap! Clap! Clap!

I decline to use a more obscene rhyme.

I HAVE BEEN REASSURED! TUTU IS NOT JUST A NAZI!

My catty remark about Bishop Tutu's quote - ask the Liberty Report when & where they got it - even as I know his anti-Jewish feelings, like many bishops of various churches, are not from Nazi beliefs.

No, indeed, the desire of Tutu's plan to persecute the white Jews comes from the views of Stalin, who also hated Jews excessively, and tried to rid the USSR Communist Party of them at the top, leaving only 1 in the cabinet (whose sister was said to be his friend, & whose son Svetlana loved & married). Not all of Lenin's cabinet had been Jewish like Trotsky & so many others. Some like Stalin (Georgian) and the Polish founder of the Secret police were non-Russian; one was even a Russ. non-Jew, beside Lenin.

Rest assured, Tutu is only an anti-Jew Commie.



IMMIGRATION SERVICE LACKS IRS' AURA OF FEAR' TO EFFECT VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE-NEWS ITEM

So what sort of trash gets into zines as "Po Etry"?

I will not inflict this on you. It does not rhyme to start with, which usually means they are not able even to write doggerell. It does not scan - it has no pattern.

Now, to be even prose, it has to be real sentences. Often it is only sentence fragments. This is because many are unable to speak in a whole sentence. They talk almost at the level of the non-English speaker, "No Tickee, No Laundlee." You get phrases, often, but not realistic real thoughts. Fragments. Not just fragments of sentences, but fragments of thought; fragments of mind.

Do they use drugs?

Do they maybe need to use some drugs?

Now I will explain to you the problem. The U. S. has not had a great, or very good, poet in years. Marianne Moore of Brooklyn was probably the last.

So, why do the Po Ets write such trash and claim it is poetry? Sometimes it is good enough to be prose. And most of them are against real poetry, because they think it is too old-fashioned. (This is the same way so many govt. agencies are against any kind of freedom.)

But the real reason comes from the public so-called schools. You see they do not teach poetry any more. In fact they do not teach reading right. So the Po Ets know only a few hundred words, and few of them rhyme with any of the other words they know. This is how they keep away from doggerell, at least.

But it keeps them also away from the beauties of the English language, as they don't know any rarer or better words.

They do not know how to scan verse, oh no! - and they write about the things that interest them. I will not bore you with that - see soap operas on TV.

Look, instead, for the few good ones - the ones who can write real poetry, than can scan.

Rejoice!

-jh

Oh, yes. There's a term for these poetry "chap-books" put out in high cost for too few pages, let alone the lack of good poems. It's called schlick schlock.

IT HIT THE FAN. The U.S. Army recently was embarrassed during tests of its new air-defense gun, the Sergeant York. The computerized weapon is designed to zero in on the whirling blades of helicopters. The model tested ignored all of the targets presented to it. But the space-age weapon "knew its stuff" nevertheless. It zeroed in on the whirling blades of an exhaust fan in a nearby latrine. Has the Pentagon killed the Sergeant York program? Hardly. A total of \$4.2 billion has been budgeted for the latrine-killer.



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**Oct. 23, 1987**

**Dear John,**

I pray this note, to thank you for your offer to help, finds you and yours well and happy. I'm sorry I've been so slow in answering, but I delayed answering in the hope I could give everyone a lot of positive information. Unfortunately the necessary outside organizational help to get A.P.P.E.A.L. (appeal) functionally established hasn't been received.

I will keep you informed as things develop. To answer the most asked questions:

All incoming mail, except clearly legal, is read.

All phone calls, except approved legal calls, are recorded and inmates can only call out collect, except emergency or legal calls made by staff for an inmate.

Only soft cover books, magazines, newsletters, and money may be mailed by individuals. Hard cover books must be mailed by the publisher or a book store.

All necessities are provided and inmates with funds in their accounts can buy from the "Club Fed Company Store". (Commissary, see enclosed) once a week. We can keep up to, but no more than, 60 stamps and \$10.00 in coins.

Coins can be used for vending machines, laundry and photo copying at 15¢ per copy.

There are many ways to pass the time and each of us must do our own time in our own way. Some like to write 5 to 10 page letters, others spend most of their time in phone lines and many play a lot of cards and other games.

Prison life, particularly in camps, is far less demanding than boot camp or even on base or ship life in military service.

In my opinion:

We'll never get the public to take a stand for Justice with Truth and Logic. Yet until we get the public to take some positive actions, the entrenched BureauRats will not mend their tyrannical ways.

Most of the public seems to live in Apathy or Complacency and in Fear of government in general and of IRS in particular.

People in such a condition can only be moved emotionally, which is exactly how government controls them.

Think about all the negative sayings the people parrot to describe "Patriots". Where do you think those sayings came from?

Maybe we should start using what works!

I heard a story years ago that I'd like you to think about as an example of how powerful an emotional response can be.

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Note: Armen Condo is in federal prison for matters on which he does not agree with the I. R. S.

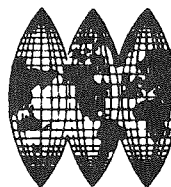
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Condo Letter, cont.

'Around 100 years ago, so the story goes, they started canning tuna on the West Coast, but because it was all "White" tuna no one would buy it. Everyone, at that time, felt tuna had to be "Pink" to be good tuna.

Finally the canners asked an agency to "Educate" the public about "White" tuna. The agency said, "We can not "Educate" the public, but we can sell "White" tuna."

With an 8 word slogan, they not only sold "White" tuna, they almost bankrupt the "Pink" tuna canners.

Guess what those 8 words were?

The slogan was completely True.

Appeal needs at least one slogan with that kind of power and so does your group.

Our slogans must be True and move the public in mass.

The slogans should also cause every Bureaucrat to jump to our side to lead the house cleaning that is long over due.

Yours truly for God & Country

Armen

Guaranteed not to turn "Pink" in the can!

## The U.S. Government Subverts The Constitution

"The current PR campaign for the U.S. Constitution is phoney," says Ron Paul, candidate for the Libertarian Party nomination for President of the United States.

"This superficial celebration, which covers up the government's total disregard for what the document says, is a mockery," said the former four-term Republican Congressman from Texas.

"Just a few of the present unconstitutional infringements on our rights are:

- the Federal Reserve System, which depreciates the paycheck and savings account of every American to benefit the bankers and the politicians;

- the IRS which forces us to bare our souls and then turn over a third to a half of our income to be wasted by the politicians;

- alleged anti-drug laws which result in street crime, federal attacks on financial privacy, and the unconstitutional confiscation of personal property;

- military intervention into the internal affairs of other nations;

- an imperial presidency which operates above the law;

- a corrupt federal judiciary which fails to uphold our rights;

- attacks on our right to freely leave and enter the U.S. without being searched;

- and infringements on our ability to peacefully trade with people in other countries without tariff taxes.

"It is impossible to imagine Thomas Jefferson filling out a 1040 form, George Washington sending troops to Vietnam or Nicaragua, James Madison defending fiat paper money and the Federal Reserve System, or Benjamin Franklin condoning deficit spending and transfer payments.

"Rather than heralding the Constitution as a historic document, shouldn't we demand adherence to it?"

"At the voting booth Americans supposedly have two choices. But thanks to the Republicrat monopoly, neither major party respects our Constitution. That is why I am running for President of the United States on the Libertarian Party ticket. I want to see the Constitution celebrated and observed every day, not just every two hundred years."

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A NATION can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and he carries his banners openly. But the traitor moves among those within the gate freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very hall of government itself. For the traitor appears not traitor—he speaks in the accents familiar to his victims, and he wears their face and their garments, and he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation—he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of a city—he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to be feared.

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