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Candidate needs spelling course

COLUMBIA — Education as an issue in the race for governor in South Carolina has reached the point where one campaign is grading the papers of the other.

Warren Tompkins, campaign manager for Republican nominee Carroll Campbell, issued a media advisory Friday he said journalists might find amusing.

Attached was a copy of a letter signed by Lt. Gov. Mike Daniel, the Democratic nominee, in



DANIEL

viting faculty and staff members of area colleges and universities to a reception at the candidate's headquarters.

"I am living proof of how a college education can open new opportunities," the letter said.

The letter had eight typographical or spelling mistakes underlined by the

Republicans.

"This letter sent out by Mr. Daniel puts an entirely new light on the issue of education," Tompkins said. "The misspelled words indicate that perhaps the Daniel campaign should endorse a compulsory spelling course for Democratic candidates for governor."

Bob Coble, Daniel's campaign manager, joked that the letter, prepared by a volunteer, simply reinforces his candidate's top priority — the need to improve education.

Johnston portrait planned

A project is under way to commission a portrait of the late U.S. Sen. Olin D. Johnston to hang in the State House.

Lt. Gov. Mike Daniel is heading a 14-member committee to oversee the project.

"We don't have a portrait of Olin Johnston in the State House, and he certainly deserves that honor," Daniel said. "He was our only governor to serve two non-consecutive terms in the state's history. He then went on to become a U.S. senator."

PAUL JACOB WON

Last year at this time Paul Jacob was in a federal prison at Seagoville, Texas. This year Jacob has been selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America for 1986 "in recognition of professional achievement, superior leadership ability and exceptional service to the community" by Outstanding Young Men Of America, a private group.

Jacob, who was imprisoned for resistance to the Selective Service registration and the draft, is a member of the Libertarian National Committee (from Region 18/19) and is the president of Volunteers for America, an educational pro-volunteer/anti-draft group.

"The people who are truly outstanding in America are the many people who are out standing up for the freedom of all individuals and the peace and prosperity that freedom brings," commented Paul. "In that spirit, I'm happy and proud to be selected and share this award with activists in resistance movements, with libertarians and with all those who seek political liberty."

In a letter to Jacob announcing his selection, Doug Blankenship, the Chairman of O.Y.M.A.'s Board of Advisors and past president of the U.S. Jaycees, wrote, "A man of your character is truly an asset to his family, as well as to his community, state and nation."

Outstanding Young Men of America is a private group located at P.O. Box 300, Montgomery, Alabama, 36101.

BUT THERE'S MORE! A LT. GOVERNOR WHO DOESN'T KNOW S. C. HISTORY!

Any educated South Carolinian should have heard of John Rutledge, our first freedom governor, who served 2 non-consecutive terms in the American Revolution, 1776-78 & 1779-82, as SIM told the S C media. And he wasn't the first.

Before that there were 3 colonial governors who put in non-consecutive terms: Joseph West, 1671-72, 1674-82, & 1684-85; Joseph Blake, 1694-95 & 1696-1700, and William Bull (Jr.), 1760-61, 1764-66, 1769-71, & 1773-75.

There were also Gv. in the federal period who were non-consecutive governors: Charles Pinckney, 1789-92, 1796-98, & 1806-08, and John Drayton, 1800-02 & 1808-10, as well as William Moultrie, 1785-87 and 1792-94.

No, Olin Johnston was the 8th, not 1st.

Study: seat belts can be danger

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rear-seat passengers involved in head-on automobile crashes may have a better chance of avoiding death or serious injury if they do not buckle up their lap belts, a new federal safety study says.

But another federal agency later disputed that conclusion and urged all auto passengers to continue to use seatbelts.

The National Transportation Safety Board released a new auto-safety report yesterday that said lap seat belts may cause more deaths or seri-

ous injuries than they prevent for rear-seat passengers in head-on smash-ups.

"In frontal collisions, persons using lap-only belts may not be adequately protected against injury and may sustain additional injuries induced by the lap belt itself," the report said. "Lap belts may induce injury, ranging in severity from minor to fatal."

As a result of the new study, the board said it is "unable to state with confidence whether passenger vehicle occupants should be advised to use

rear seat lap belts or not."

The report warned against such lap belt-induced injuries as a ruptured spleen, bowels or blood vessels, damaged kidneys or other abdominal and spinal injuries.

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The Fascist Factor

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A number of recent public comments on unrelated topics, by several different kinds of people, have pointed up a problem which isn't usually recognized as one.

There was the high school student who thought his principal was acting dictatorially in banning long hair from the school. There was the librarian who objected to a decision by her superiors not to stock a particular book. There was the anti-war demonstrator who objected to police procedures used in counter-acting the attempts by anti-war forces to shut down the traffic routes into Washington, D.C. One thing all these people have in common is, obviously, that they opposed something that someone in authority was doing. But that's not the only thing. They also shared the way they chose to characterize what was being done. In each case, they used the word "Fascist", "Brown Shirt", or "Hitler", or compared their situation specifically with the kind of things which happened in Nazi Germany. Now, first of all, that was usually a silly comparison; some people will think the actions the authorities took in each case to be justified, some not, but no one who knows anything about the Third Reich thinks the actions were reminiscent of that regime. However, the foolishness of the comparison is not my main worry.

My worry is this: In choosing to make their point of objection to action by the authorities, why did all these people (and many other examples could have been cited) decide to focus on Nazi Germany, rather than any one of the communist states which now exist? Why should they choose the Nazis rather than the communists as the point-of-comparison?

Before answering that, let's take care of those people who might ask, "What's the difference?" The difference is this: On the one hand, a person can choose as his obnoxious reference-point a form of dictatorship which currently holds one third of the human race in slavery, which is continually expanding its area of control, and which is currently a threat to all those portions of the planet not yet within its control. The other choice is a form of dictatorship which currently holds no one in slavery, which of course is not expanding (since it has no base from which to expand) and which, naturally, is no threat to the freer portions of the world (For those who would suggest that regimes like South Africa are fascist in character: They do show some of the characteristics, but not enough to make them fascist. If you called them fascist, you would have to call all the far leftist dictatorships in the world, from Peru to Algeria, communist. In both cases, the countries involved are part of the way to

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fascism or communism, but not all the way). In terms of the inherent evil of the two kinds of systems, there is no choice; or rather, the choice is between cancer and the plague, between one monstrosity and another equal one. But in terms of the current danger to the free countries, to what we correctly refer to as our "way of life," the difference is as between night and day. In choosing a dictatorship with which to compare whatever it is you don't like, you're also saying something about that which you compare it (the tyrannical form of government). So why is it so generally the case that people choose to use a form of tyranny which is currently no threat to anything, instead of one which is a real danger.

The answer is simply the nature of the people who control the opinion-germination organs of American society: the news media and the educational system. The domination of liberal ideologues over these organs is of course complete, so they naturally propagate the peculiar weakness which most liberal intellectuals show toward communism. This weakness, this blind spot, this inability to oppose communism as effectively as fascism, derives from several sources, among them these: communism's thorough regulation of the economy, which is so attractive to everyone on the left; communism's theoretical emphasis upon equality, which is also a compelling attraction for leftists; its propagation of internationalism, rather than nationalism--it's hard to keep one's card in the leftists' union without being an internationalist; its official policy of nonracism and nondiscrimination (The fact that actual policy is quite different doesn't get through to most liberals); communism's super-welfare state, in which everyone gets some minimum levels of whatever the state thinks he should get (This is the counterpart of super-regulation of the economy, which involves the ownership of the major and intermediate means of production and the tightest control over the trivial ones; one looks at how production is handled, the other at how individuals are treated--super-welfarism and super-regulation are almost

always present together, though not necessarily to the same degree); and communism's propaganda advocating world peace and disarmament (This is an instance in which Marxist-Leninist behavior has differed so radically from its pronouncements that most liberals have by now seen at least part of the light and don't see the somnolent states as naturally peaceful.)

All of these beguiling attractions within the communist system help ensure that most liberal intellectuals will never oppose communism with anywhere near the strength they can summon against fascism. This weakness is dangerous for all kinds of obvious reasons, but the ones I'm concerned with here is this: Because they see much that is desirable in the marxist system, and because (due largely to its association with racism) they find fascism so abhorrent (in spite of the fact that fascism in its essentials is only trivially different from communism), the liberals who control our media and our educational system are busily indoctrinating all of us to beware of a dead system and ideology which threatened us once, instead of pressing for an awareness of and alarm over a system which is very much alive and well, and which threatens us as much as the other ever did. Their error is not in anything evil they say about the fascists; it's impossible to overstate the terrorist and degenerate nature of those regimes. The error is in spending all one's time talking about a mythical threat and ignoring a deadly one.

This predisposition shows itself in the amazing choice of what dictatorial system to use as your point of obnoxious-reference, as clearly as it shows anywhere. The examples noted earlier were people on the street expressing their opinions; at a more dangerous level, the same phenomenon shows itself when Hollywood churns out dozens of anti-Nazi movies for every anti-Communist one. Book publishing shows about the same kind of margin.

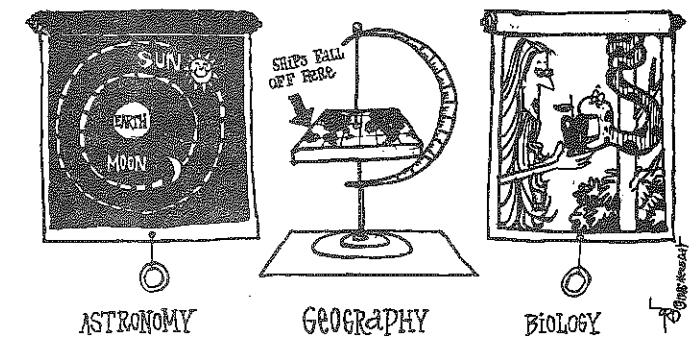
A society's health in general will be determined in large measure by its ideas (but not entirely, of course; such factors as the natural-resource base and geographic vulnerability can be powerful). In particular, a society's very existence depends upon how clearly it recognizes the real threats to it, and how firmly it refuses to be diverted into wild-goose chases against non-existent ones--to the detriment of the fight against the real ones. All those people mumbling about Nazis as the communists continue to enslave people at about their usual people-per-hour rate is not exactly a good societal health.

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Censorship in schools increasing, survey says

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A Pulitzer Prize-winning novel and a Shakespeare play were only two of the literary works to become ropes in this year's ideological tug-of-war between classroom censorship and freedom in learning, a survey says.

"The Color Purple," Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, was taken off the shelf at Ferguson High School in Newport News, Va. The movie version of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" also was attacked in a number of places because it allegedly promotes teen suicide and drug use.

Other challenged material included Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn," John Knowles' "A Separate Peace," Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World," J.D. Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye," Stephen King's "Cujo" and Shakespeare's "Macbeth."

All told, there were 130 attempts to censor library and public school books and teaching curricula last year, said People for the American Way in its annual survey of school and library censorship.

The 250,000-member constitutional liberties group said yesterday the number of incidents in its 1985-86 monitoring period were up 35 percent

from the previous year.

"This year's censorship picture is a portrait of educators under siege," said Anthony Podesta, president of the group.

"In the middle of a drug epidemic that reaches farther and farther down into our schools, educators are being pressured by the censors to end drug education programs," he said. "In the face of a crisis of teen pregnancy, censors are pushing to eliminate sex education."

According to the survey, "Attacks on the Freedom to Learn," the 130 incidents occurred in 44 states and were nearly equally divided among every region of the country, urban and rural.

Many more incidents now are initiated by organized groups rather than individuals, the study said, adding that "far right groups" were responsible for 43 percent of the efforts to censor books, films or curricula.

The report said English and literature classes were the prime targets for censors, followed by the science curriculum and courses dealing with personal responsibility, such as sex and health education and drug-and-alcohol abuse and prevention.

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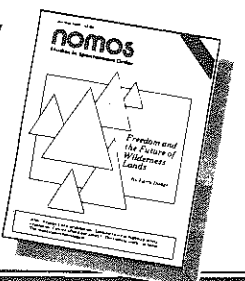
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Ethical Foundations for Libertarianism: Against Free Market Fetishism

By Daniel Liechty

A civil society of free and independent individuals interacting in community on the basis of informed consent. This vision of a well-functioning society echoes through the most diverse of political philosophies since at least the 18th century. It was present in the Jeffersonian elements of this nation's founding documents no less than in the future utopia which flowed from the pen of the young Karl Marx. It has been variously designated as Emersonian, true democracy, anarchism and libertarianism. The New England town meeting, the Pennsylvania experiment, Cromwell's New Model Army, the American frontier and Thoreau sitting contentedly in a jail cell for tax refusal, among many others, have been taken as its models. It is a morally defensible political vision, a vision which continues to powerfully remind us that a tyranny of the majority is unworthy of the name Democracy.

Those who have taken this ideal vision seriously have most often been extremely suspicious of the centralized State. And rightly so. Centralized power, if not by its "nature" then certainly in fact, is self-perpetuating, usurping and intolerant of meaningful expressions of dissent. As such the centralized State reserves for itself and the elite it favors those characteristics which this vision assumes is the inheritance of all individuals. We must conclude that it is a mistake to assume that closer approximation of this vision can be achieved through the power apparatus of the centralized State. What short term and limited gains might be expected by use of these means is eventually negated by the fact that the State, not individuals, is ultimately made more powerful by this process. Serious adherence to this vision as a guiding philosophy is, therefore, qualitatively beyond the labels of liberal or conservative as they are presently used in political discussion.

Like all visions of possible societal arrangements which sit on the mental horizon, guiding and influencing decisions in the present, it is subject to deformation by the means chosen to achieve closer approximation of the vision. If the price we must pay is the violent subjugation of an existing class or race, what becomes of the vision itself? There is simply no quick fix for incorporating this vision into an existing society without distorting the vision itself. It maintains its integrity as a guiding force only so long as each of its diverse elements are pursued in concert.

It is a vision of civil society. This means that it must have the participation of all citizens, excluding none. It cannot be the domain of an elite who are free to pursue their interests at the expense of a class of slaves. It cannot be enjoyed by one race at the expense of another. And while it indeed assumes a high level of civic morality, it cannot demand unified religious or philosophical ideology as the rationale for that morality. In short, it is by its very nature a pluralist vision.

It is a society of free and independent individuals. It therefore demands opposition to those forces in actually existing society which feed on creating the "mass human being," robbing is of all but the illusion of our freedom, independence and individuality. In existing society, an equality in these areas can never be assumed. There are those who are more free, more independent and more able to express individuality than others. And because of this, these people face the inevitable temptation to seek self-interest at the expense of those less free, less independent and less able to express individuality. This ideal vision places increased responsibility on the strong to refuse naked self-interest in favor of empowerment of the weak. If this responsibility is not taken seriously, the espousal of this ideal simply becomes a veneer under which to perpetuate existing inequalities. Empowerment of the weak, enabling those who lack in relative degrees such qualities, to become increasingly free, independent and able to express individuality must always remain the immediate imperative for individual and corporate decision making.

This is a vision of individuals interacting in community. It is not an atomistic view of society. It is a vision in which individual independence is the basis for recognition of communal interdependence. At the same time there is struggle to negate a tribal or herd mentality, it is also recognized that none is a law unto himself. The actions of each individual affect others in relative degrees. In those areas where actions most directly affect others, care must be taken to limit pursuit of personal interests at the expense of the community. Human

What's an orgy? Group wants kids to know

What is an orgy? It is something that parents should talk to their pre-teenaged children about, according to Planned Parenthood of Maryland, which has just kicked off a new advertising campaign featuring provocative questions such as this.

According to *The New York Times*, the family-planning agency will place its ads on billboards, buses, and in newspapers in Baltimore to encourage sex education in the home. To stimulate discussion, the group will distribute brochures during the next two months with questions about sex that children ages 9-12 frequently ask, along with multiple-choice answers. The answer choices to the question "What's an orgy?" are: three or more people having sex, a Japanese import, or one of the seven dwarfs.

"THE BROCHURES are used as icebreakers to relax people through humor," said Miriam Tillman, a Planned Parenthood spokeswoman.

The campaign is part of a growing national effort to combat teenage pregnancy. The agency decided to concentrate its work in Baltimore because 25% of all births there are to teenage mothers. According to the U.S. Center for Health Statistics, that is the highest rate for a major American city.

AMERICAN MEDICAL NEWS

Not all candidates will take part in debate

When watching the debates between Daniel and Campbell, viewers should remember that they are being denied the opportunity to hear all of the candidates. Bill Griffin, the Libertarian candidate for Governor, offers a real alternative to the tax-and-spend policies of the Democrats and Republicans, but WIS-TV and the League of Women Voters apparently don't believe that the voters should make an informed decision about which of the candidates makes the most sense.

There's really little difference between the Democrats and Republicans. Neither party really wants to cut taxes and government spending. Neither party wants to stop government meddling in our lives. Neither party wants to trust the people to use their own judgment to solve their own problems.

Daniel and Campbell are fighting to claim support for the Education Improvement Act, but Bill Griffin realizes that this law has done nothing, but create more paperwork for teachers. The EIA has not improved education, and it will not improve education in the future. Only a decentralized voucher system will allow local schools to solve their educational problems.

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being maximize individuality only as labor and the fruits of that labor are shared in community. Again, this places special responsibility on those who are strong to curtail naked self-interest for the long term good of the community.

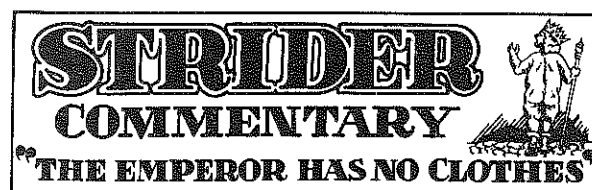
This is a vision of society formed on the basis of informed consent. This implies at least two things very directly for those who hold to this ideal. First of all, it demands an unswerving commitment never to purposely mislead or disinform others in the pursuit of self-interest. Informed consent cannot occur on the basis of disinformation, whether that be in the form of actual false statements or the selective withholding of information. There must be a firm commitment to full disclosure as an ethical absolute. Secondly, it demands the wide dissemination of education in the human sciences. Only this kind of education allows people to realize when they are being duped and empowers the individual to understand the techniques employed to make him or her respond to demagoguery as part of the herd. Only this kind of education builds the confidence needed for the individual to further question the conclusions of the "experts," a characteristic which this ideal vision assumes in all individuals.

As was seen, this vision is a complex of important elements. There is a marked tendency to seek the quick fix, the one simple method to gain closer approximation of the ideal vision. But the vision will become deformed unless such fetishizing tendencies are resisted. Of late there has been much energy expended on extolling the "free market" as such a quick fix. Seek ye first a market free of restraints and all these things shall be added unto you! That good people have taken up the banner of the free market in the name of libertarianism is quite understandable. After all, the free flow of goods and services and the encouragement of the spirit of enterprise is indeed an important element which would be incorporated into the kind of society which closely corresponds to this ideal vision. Since von Hayek, many attracted to this vision of society have taken up economics as a special field of study. Furthermore, there are attractive private sources for funding and prestigious think tanks to promote free market research.

I raise a word of warning. Attention should not be focused too narrowly on free markets, as if that is the sine qua non of libertarianism as a philosophy. Like all institutions, the free market system cannot be supported morally insofar as it perpetuates present inequalities. That is to say that the free market in our existing society can only function as a means toward a better approximation of this ideal vision if the powerful, those to whom at present the fruits of that system accrue, take voluntarily as a primary ethic the empowerment of those who presently share only limitedly in the fruits of that system. And that means concretely executing policies of redistribution of wealth, decentralization of corporate structures and support of programs on the local level to increase educational opportunities through major grants to public and private institutions.

We have great reasons for suspicion when those crying for free markets and "less government" when the discussion centers on welfare programs are the first to line up at the trough for fat federal defense and construction contracts. We have the right to expect those people who espouse adherence to this ideal vision to take seriously the ethical demands which this vision assumes. Taking these ethical demands seriously would radically change the way people do business, from channeling profits into programs to empower the weak to an approach to advertising which seeks informed consent rather than conditioned reflex purchasing.

Those who with the best intentions have taken up the banner of free markets have a parallel obligation to challenge the chief beneficiaries of the present system to live up to the ethical demands assumed in this ideal vision of society. Otherwise they participate in allowing this ideal vision, in good Stalinist fashion, to be coopted as an ideological smokescreen in the service of promoting its opposite.



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Perhaps it was their best intention to make it that way — uncomprehensible and confusing, because by the time we receive our bills, it would be too late for us, as it becomes the law thereof. And "bingo," they then just haul up the huge net, and we will be the gasping and dying fish to be killed. And our properties could face foreclosures and "poof," they could even evaporate!

Don't forget, we employ those tax people!

YEH HUAI-TEH

Schools need more than just money

The week before elections here at home, two school officials sent out untold copies of a sentimental letter in support of another school official running for local office.

The sentiment must have helped elect him, surely not the 15 grammatical and punctuation errors in the one-page letter.

Such doesn't speak very well for the Educational Improvement Act, does it? And considering the party (sic) concerned, I doubt that the grand jury will be asked to call me in to name names.

Ah, Martha Julia, thou shouldst be teaching at this hour! It ain't just money our public schools need. (Martha Julia is Martha Julia Graham, one of the chiefest excellent grammarians who taught me at old Columbia High.)

IRENE L. NEUFFER



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PROMISING POLITICIANS

"They will all promise every man, woman and child in the country whatever he, she or it wants. They'll all be roving the land looking for chances to make the rich poor, to remedy the irremediable, to succor the insuccorable, to unscramble the unscrambleable, to dephlogisticate the unde-phlogisticable. They will all be curing warts by saying words over them, and paying off the national debt with money that no one will have to earn...In brief, they will divest themselves of their character as sensible, candid and truthful men and become simply candidates for office, bent only on collaring votes. They will all know...that votes are collared under democracy, not by talking sense but by talking nonsense...Most of them, before the uproar is over, will actually convince themselves."

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Letter from the Big Woods

Dear Uncle Sam:

Now you knows already we hillfolk aint no good at readin writin, cause you sent my Pa a printed letter. He never come home. I'm writin to you cause my Pa said you was a good ole man and know where things are or where to find them. The deducted boys hereabouts are in bad shape in the head, the gals come down with welfarr and left for the lowlands and the old folk are sore troubled. What I want to get for them is some pure liberty. They tell me that with liberty, a feller can get him a gal and keep her happy in her own home...and dancin down the path to meet him a comin home to hisn. They tole me over at Silbam Springs that if I was lookin for liberty I'd need to go to school to larn what it looks like. I knowed they don't know what it looks like theihselves cause their facial futures didn't light up like Pa's did when he talked to Ma afore he went off to war. And Ma told me later that Pa said liberty is like a warm breeze in the springtime...you can't see it but you can see what grows from it. He said if a man aint got a good gal to love and a home he bilt hisself and plenty of good cookin and lotsa laughin and singing, somebody has took away the liberty. I guess that's why his face would light up, Ma said, cause he wasn't always goin to town for store bought medicines and doctors and sech like. I talked to a preacher who quit the Baptists cause they told him to stop preachin bout liberty. He told me bout some people gettin a bad batch of liberty. I think they got it from the Seezers or the Kisers. He said it runnt the people it didn't kill. This preacher said the Baptists now spend all of their time beggin for gold to spend and sayin nice things about sheriffs who peep around barns tryin to catch folks with their pants down so they can rob them. He was a good preacher and said God is love and wouldn't mind 'tall folks using the quipment he gave em. He also figgered if God growed corncobs for pipes and tobacccy to go in them, he knowed what he was doin bettern any medicine show preacherman. And, consarn it, that good man hit the stop square on and drove it home. Varmints has took over. Now you probly have some edgicated folk where you are...but would you check to see if most of em air not city slickers. Somebody is spreadin a bad batch of liberty. Us hillfolk are mighty concern. But, afore we git our guns to go lookin for the polecats who stole our winmin, we'll wait for your anser. You was an old man when Pa went off to fight for you--cause you said it was important. But mayhaps you are too feeble to watch all the hallways where the good things that go into liberty are kept. If we don't hear soon, we'll understand--and come and do some cleanin and make room for the good things again. We can't live this way.

Now I'm gonna ask my friend Doyle Henry to print this up and he said he'd ask lotsa neighbors to make some copies so as we can be sure the letter gets through and past those city slickers. Grandma allus said "Haste makes waste" and we don't want to act hasty.

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Phone box 'bug' riddle

By IAN RAMSAY

A PHONE-BUGGING storm has been uncovered—in a tiny Welsh village.

Two men were seen placing a device behind the information panel in a public callbox. Their car number was taken. But when it was checked through registration records it was revealed that the identity of the owners had been "blocked" on Home Office orders.

Device

Now Home Secretary William Whitelaw is being pressed for a full investigation.

Plaid Cymru MP for Caernarvon, Dafydd Wigley, said last night: "The whole thing is extremely weird."

"This is not a case of tapping one particular phone. It is the bugging of a large number of

calls made by different people. "If I don't get a satisfactory reply from the Home Secretary, I will raise the matter in an adjournment debate."

The bug — a small walkie-talkie device — was placed in a call box at Talyarn, near Caernarvon, Mr Wigley said.

He said a householder at Talyarn saw two men in the phone box near his home.

"They were pretending to make a call, but they were fiddling about with something."

He asked them what they were doing and they muttered something about being Post Office engineers who had come to see to the box.

"Then the householder's wife noticed the men placing some object behind the panel, after which they left the box."

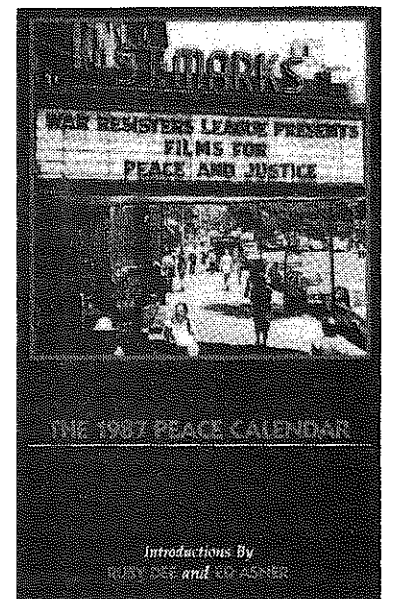
"The couple went to the box, felt behind the panel and retrieved a miniature walkie-talkie with an aerial."

Mr. Wigley added: "They took the device home to their house and a couple of minutes later, the 'engineers' screeched up to the door in their car."

"They demanded that the device be returned to them and the couple handed it over. The men said they were Post Office engineers doing tests."

A spokesman for North Wales police said they had no knowledge of the incident.

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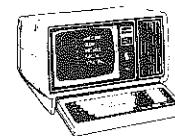
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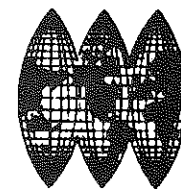
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The rally enthusiasts were belting along a country road, when two constables with radar guns leapt out . . . and booked eleven of them for speeding . . .

The astonished drivers pressed on with their 140-mile route across the North Yorkshire moors.

But the policemen, who had carefully studied the course, cut across country to get 40 miles ahead.

And four hours later they nabbed some of the speeders AGAIN.

The eleven, who were among 90 drivers in a rally organised by Pendle and District Motor Club, reached the end of the road at Skipton magistrates' court, Yorks, yesterday.

Two were banned and nine were fined after they admitted speeding at up to 83 mph in a 60 mph zone.

But a police spokesman said: "We vet rally routes for safety reasons and we used radar because local residents complained of drivers speeding on overnight events."

"Their complaints were proved true." And the RAC said: "Speeding competitors are breaking our rules, as well as breaking the law."

"They could face disciplinary proceedings."

CHILD MOLESTERS TO GET TREATMENT

TAMPA - One hundred "child molesters" from four Florida counties will receive special outpatient treatment through a program at the University of South Florida that may be in conflict with state law, officials say.

The program is an experiment that breaks with traditional psychotherapy by requiring the pedophiles to fantasize about their perversions, said D. Richard Laws, a behavioral psychologist and a professor at the school's Department of Crime and Delinquency.

But Laws said whatever the therapists learn about pedophiles' behavior, including possible criminal activities, will remain confidential. Florida statutes require medical and mental health professionals to report suspected or known cases of child abuse to law enforcement authorities.

However, the Florida Mental Health Institute, where the program will be conducted, has obtained a "federal confidentiality certificate" from the National Institute of Mental Health, Laws said. □

Rat à la carte

CHINA is to fight its four billion rat problem by opening rat meat restaurants and promoting the rodents as a gourmet dish, it was reported in Peking yesterday.

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MOVES are afoot to breath-test cyclists . . . and pedestrians!

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