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Freedom all solace to man gives;
He lives at ease that freely lives. ☆

John Barbour
The Bruce [c. 1375], l. 225

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New Options Newsletter, Box 19324, Wash, DC 20036 advises that it is interested in options other than the conventional media opposites, such as a government or a business-dominated economy; economic aid or military aid to the 3rd world; etc. Advertise post-libertarian, post-conservative, post-socialist options. & have they ever heard of libertarianism? They don't say.

Aileen Grimes of Houston ran for state rep. in '82 at the age of 94, declaring, "I'm a Libertarian and I'm proud of it."

IRS will hold hearings on March 28 on proposed regulations to harass coin & bullion dealers.

The first libertarian conference in Norway is being held March 16-18, Muller Hotel, Mastemyr.

"If in the first attempt to create a world of free men we have failed, we must try again. The guiding principle that a policy of freedom for the individual is the only truly progressive policy remains as true today as it was in the nineteenth century." F A Hayek

While freezes ruined much of Florida's citrus crop, about 40% of California's is to be left unpicked by government regulations. (various)

French military cryptoanalysts have broken the secret Swiss bank codes, as the French govt. pursues non-taxpayers. (W Pr Rev/ N-Walert)

NJACT is sponsoring 3rd annual citizens rights & no-tax seminar April 21, Almonesson, NJ; details 310 Evesham Rd, Glendora, NJ 08029.

Burton Linne of American Liberty Information Service, recommends a motion for production of the accuser in tax cases, referring to 12(e) & (f) of federal rules of criminal procedure. (Up Ostrich)

Several Caribbean nations have decided that they can make more money from banking than from squealing, and are refusing US aid and information to the IRS: Barbados, St. Vincent, Bahamas, Antigua-Barbuda, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, & Bermuda. (Up Ostrich)

Stockholders for World Freedom urge you to write William Voon Raab, US Customs Service, Dept. of Treasury, Washington, DC 20229 & urge enforcement of ban on imports of goods made by slave labor, especially from USSR. You might mention soviet gold coins.

Michigan has recalled 2 state senators for the first time since 1914, and replaced them with tax reduction advocates; more state legislators face recall petitions. (various)

Reagan's plan to sell unused federal land has been stymied by the GSA, which is selling it very slowly. (various)

In Worcester, MA, Judith Stowell has been convicted of adultery for having sex with a man in a car; both were married, but not to each other. (GCN)

SHARING SESSION

When I was a child, I was urged to eat my spinach because "children are starving in Europe". The logic did not make sense to me then; once I suggested to my parent that the food I did not want be given to the hungry children in Europe.

I find even less logical appeals being made in support of campaigns ostensibly to help the starving. For example, Americans are urged to adopt simpler lifestyles, whatever that means. If it means less use of petrochemicals and petroleum for energy, the first result would be to cause massive starvation in other parts of the world which depend on the huge American agricultural surpluses.

Let me give you some suggestions that you will not see elsewhere for ending hunger: abolishing the collective and state farms of Russia and giving the land back to the peasants would turn Russia into a grain exporting country. If this were done throughout the 2nd world, all of them, even China, would be able to feed themselves. In the third world, with a few exceptions, famine is the result of bad government; even India rarely had famines under colonial rule. Now, with governments bent on discouraging foreign investment and stealing anything available, hunger is a real problem. Another idea is to eliminate the common holding of grazing lands in the Sahel and other dry areas where overgrazing has lead to famine.

Let me suggest, therefore a way to tell which groups are really trying to end hunger; ask what they are doing in a practical way to help farmers in poor countries grow more food. If they merely try to make you feel guilty about not being malnourished, they are not trying to stop hunger; they are merely trying to make you feel guilty. If they send food abroad, but do not send hoes, nor seed, nor well-digging equipment, they are not solving the problem, but perpetuating it. There are many excellent private organizations (government aid tends to do things like sending snowplows to the Sahara) that are providing aid to impoverished countries. A lot can be done to help, in countries where the government will allow people to be helped.

But eating, or not eating, your spinach won't do it.
- jh

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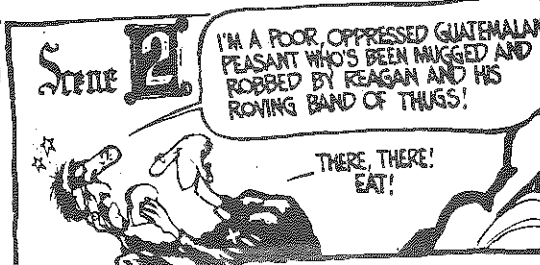
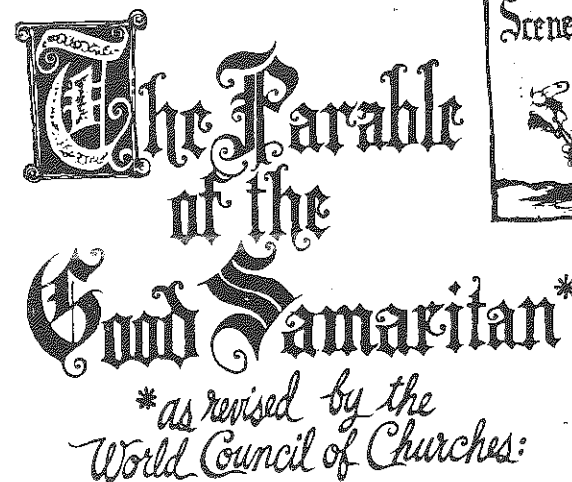
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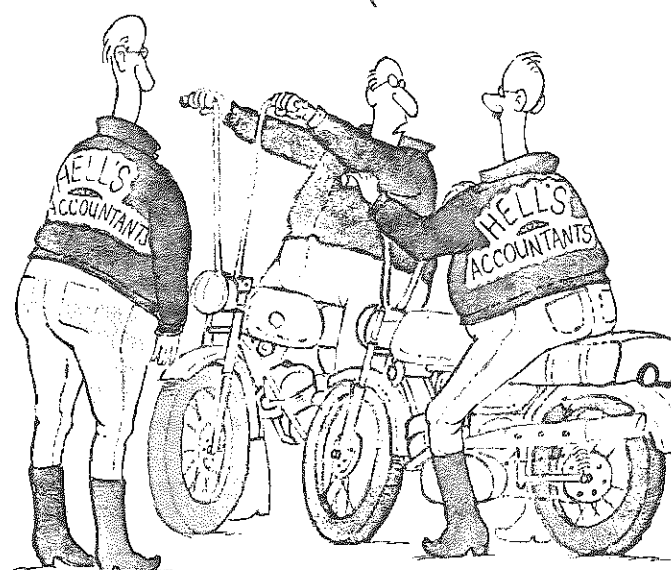
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IRS is looking for suggestions on how to tax the underground economy. Commissioner of I R S, Washington, DC 20220 and refer to IR Code # 6045. No obscene suggestions, please.



STILL IN OPERATION—Floyd County, Virginia sheriff's deputies inspect an illegal still in the Willis area of the county. The man charged with operating the alcohol still, Emmet Guy White, 72, claimed the still was "older than you and me and our daddies." Officers said they believed the still was more than 150 years old.

Another family business falls victim to state regulation.

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South Carolina Chairman

The American Party of South Carolina is being revived and the man who is largely responsible is Richard S. Tyler, Jr. of Rock Hill. He announced in December that he was changing his affiliation from the Libertarian Party to the American Party and would run for the U.S. Representative in South Carolina's Fifth Congressional District in 1984.

Rick has already set up the machinery for getting the American Party on the ballot in South Carolina this November. Precinct meetings and the elections of precinct officers were held on February 18. County Conventions and the elections of county officers are scheduled for March 3. A State Convention in Columbia is set for Saturday, April 7.

Rick Tyler is founder and head of Citizens Against Unconstitutional Trends In Our Nation (CAUTION), an organization dedicated to inform-

ing Americans of the ominous erosion of their constitutional liberties and safeguards. The organization maintains an office in downtown Rock Hill, an office which is shared with the American Party of South Carolina.

Rick studied criminology at Florida State University and was most recently manager of the Belk Department Store in Rock Hill. He and his wife Sarah have a two-year-old son Micah and are expecting a second child later this year. Rick is the producer of a weekly "Wake Up America" program on a Rock Hill radio station.

Rick Tyler's Congressional campaign will stress the need for tax reform and the necessity of curbing IRS abuse of power. At the same time, he will strongly oppose abortion on demand. He regards these as two of the paramount issues which face America today.

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Minimum Wages For Paperwork

The other day I heard an interesting constitutional argument against over-regulation: if time has value, then the time spent filling out unnecessary forms amounts to property expropriated without due process.

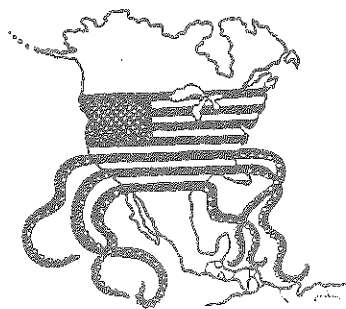
Allowing set amounts of time per individual (e.g., 10 hours) and corporation (e.g., two man-hours per employee) as a necessary civic contribution, time spent on forms in excess of such limits might be charged at the minimum wage rate to the government involved. To save paperwork, such charges might be deducted from final tax bills.

—Steven D. Myers
Grand Haven, Mich.

The Chairman of a White House science review panel on acid rain says he's not concerned if acid rain is damaging buildings or other properties in the US. "In terms of Athens, it might be important," conceded William A. Nierenberg, chairman of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy's acid rain peer review panel.

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NOT ALL LIBERTARIANS WILL AGREE, BUT....

WHAT'S A LIBERTARIAN?

by

Dean Allen, Sr.

Recently there has been some discussion within the SCLP of just what the meaning of "Libertarian" is. Strictly speaking a "Libertarian" with a capital L, means a member of the Libertarian political party.

We are really interested in understanding for ourselves, and explaining to the public, the values and beliefs of those of us who describe ours as a libertarian philosophy.

A libertarian is an advocate of liberty. We live in a nation and a world where there is very little liberty. Liberty has been denied most often by governments. Yet ironically some type of government is necessary for us to have liberty. In fact the only legitimate function of government is to preserve liberty, usually by protection of life and property.

A libertarian, an advocate of liberty, is not against government per se, but is definitely opposed to usurpations by government of the very liberties it was created to preserve.

Second only to government as a destroyer of liberty is anarchy. A libertarian (advocate of liberty) can never be an anarchist. Anarchy is always the domination of the weak by the strong, it is force, terror, plunder, rape, fraud, and destruction.

I like to say that you and I each have the right to do anything we choose, provided we are responsible for our actions and we do not engage in fraud or INITIATE violence. I stress initiate because everyone has a right to self defense.

As a political party we seek to stop abuses of liberty by the government. These take a variety of forms, quotas, subsidies, affirmative action, taxation, licence requirements, zoning, land use planning, conscription, welfare, price supports, parity, price controls, rent controls, eminent domain, bank bailouts, and paper money are all inherently evil.

We agree generally that forced equality is inherently inimical to liberty and recognize that each individual has the absolute right to reach his or her highest potential unencumbered by the artificial social goals of government planners.

We recognize the free market as the only legitimate determinant of conditions in the marketplace.

We differ vastly in our lifestyles, and in the choices we make. And that is as it should be. Faced as we are with concerted attacks on our liberty from many quarters, we often differ on which threat to fight first, or on the best method of fighting.

My personal belief is that the most insidious evil, and the one which feeds all others is the forced redistribution of wealth by the Internal Revenue Service.

What we are NOT is a social club. Our goal should be to create a world where people can live free. ...beyond that we stop defining libertarian, and start defining ourselves. If I am different I make no apologies! That's what it is all about.

Dear Editor,
NOT-SAFE applauds the NHTSA decision to require an extra rear brake light on automobiles by 1985. However, a more comprehensive program is needed to reduce injuries even further.

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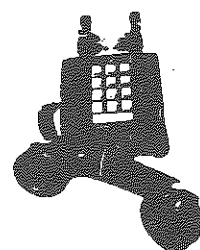
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On Dec. 2, Percy Greaves addressed the national convention of the American Party at Charlotte, NC:
"I was born in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Today, I live in the land of fear and too many cowards."

"Neither of the two major parties are solving our problems, and they're not going to."

"Today we have built up many privileged classes and I'm inclined to think that a good deal of that goes back to 1913 when I was 7 years of age. The freedom of America was undermined faster and faster with the Sixteenth Amendment (the income tax amendment)...."

"Among the dead there are still some who need to be buried, and Franklin Roosevelt is one of them."

"If we create unemployment by the laws of the land, then we have to take care of the unemployed."

"There are plenty of jobs. The problem is to get the government out of the way and let people work."

"Don't despise bureaucrats. We all work for the government, but they get paid for it."

"You can't keep going to hell without sooner or later getting there."

"When you've got a majority and give them the right to despoil the productive minority, you're getting close to the end. This has to be reversed pretty soon."

"All we're doing is underwriting socialism all over the world. That's all foreign aid is doing"

S.C. Doesn't Qualify As Sophisticated State

While we're talking about "state image," let's talk about one the politicians don't like to talk about too much.

One of your councilmen thinks we're not sophisticated enough. Well, it's hard to be sophisticated when you're bringing up the rear in everything except venereal disease and illiteracy!

Our state image is one of the lowest income, the lowest quality of life and the lowest standard of education in the country. To top it off, we're the 12th highest taxed people in the country, and our little Governor wants more and more taxes.

Mr. John Boatwright should be concerned with our image, but not because of a "Meetin' House in Dixie" preaching, before a bunch of politicians.

Mrs. SYBIL L. JOLLY

NO GOOD

One of the great statist fallacies is the "People Are No Damn Good Fallacy". The socialist reasons that people can not be trusted with economic freedom because they are selfish and will abuse it. The opposite extreme is the Puritan who reasons that people cannot be trusted with personal liberty as they will commit lewd acts. I have recently run across a more libertarian version, or perhaps a more intellectualist version of the same argument: "People Are Dumb, and Can't Be reasoned With". This is a copout used to justify not trying to reason with, or understand the reasoning of, ordinary people.

Admittedly, some people are dumb. At least half of the population has better than average intelligence, and at least 85% has normal intelligence or better. They may be ignorant, especially where it comes to logical thinking, a trait not encouraged by the government schools, but they are not stupid.

Consider the calculation of those on welfare or unemployment; they may not want a regular job paying minimum wage or thereabouts, but will jump at anything in the underground economy that supplements their dole, be it menial, low-pay, temporary, or otherwise undesirable; they may not have calculated the benefits mathematically, but they arrive at a logical conclusion, even if by trial & error.

The same applies to the voting public. First, it is generally the more intelligent citizen who bothers to register and vote. Admittedly, quite a few vote emotionally. They are not really the problem; they can be appealed to. The problem is the voter with a government subsidy that he clings to like grim death - a job, a defense contract, parity, or whatever. He is, quite logically, putting his own selfish interests, unenlightened as it may be, ahead of the interests or even the survival of his country. He is the modern equivalent of the voluntary eunuchs who ruled the Chinese Empire from the imperial harem.

I will admit that it is monumentally frustrating to try to communicate with either type. But it must be done.
- jh



INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE—Taxpayers wait in line in New York City to meet the March 15, 1919 deadline. The April 15 deadline went into effect in 1954.

Pierre Trudeau told reporters that he was proposing no tax breaks because Canadians would only spend most of the money on imported goods. (LG)



"No personal consideration shall induce me to abandon the righteous cause of my country." - Samuel Adams

BOOK LOOK

Megatrends by John Naisbitt, suggests 10 major trends that will change our lives in the next decade:

- Industrial society to Information society
- Forced Technology to High Tech/High Touch
- National Economy to World Economy
- Short term to Long term
- Centralization to Decentralization
- Institutional help to Self-help
- Representative democracy to Participatory democracy
- Hierarchies to Networking
- North to South
- Either/Or to Multiple Option

I don't have space to develop all these ideas; you really should read the book (try your local public library). But I simply suggest this: what do these trends portend for the future of liberty?

In almost every case, nothing but good. #1,5,6, 8 & 10 especially show a trend away from Statism. And, of course, the best of all, #9. - jh

People are like stained glass windows.

They glow and sparkle when it is sunny and bright; But when the sun goes down their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.

Author Unknown

A. Earlene Brown
calligrapher

We Just Report The News!

Gary Allerheiligen of Independence, KS, ordered forms from the IRS, and got 10# of surplus cheese. (TxM/TTLib) Don't ask.

What is the opiate of the masses? According to French researcher Jean-Claude Chesnais, in Russia it seems to be vodka. Sales are up 80% over last decade, and were substantial before that. One result is an actual decline in life expectancy, increase in accidental deaths and injuries, even with few cars to kill each other with, and a shortage of sober workers. The soviet citizen tends to be bored, cold, frustrated, & the only thing there's plenty of is booze. (var.)

Women Against Pornography are proclaiming, "No more profits from our bodies". (GCNews) What they seem to be saying is this: pornography should not be a business, but a non-profit activity. To provide for the needs of lonely men, volunteers rather than paid models should be photographed in revealing poses, and the results should be available, free, at your local public library.

Latest righteous crusade is against AIDS, seeking new laws against homosexual activities. (var.) It is not exactly clear exactly what the motive is, but it seems that protecting the health of the homosexual minority is not it. Since AIDS can be spread by blood transfusion, we may expect to see proposals to ban transfusions; since it can be spread by intercourse, we may also expect proposals to forbid marital relations when one partner may have been exposed. (In the 16th century, the spread of syphilis in Europe brought on the same kind of panic.)

Palladium went from \$55/oz to \$137/oz in the last 3 months of 1982; the story is that a train in South Africa was raided and 3 tons, worth about \$4 million disappeared; Russia then stopped sales. Very interesting. (Ctr Strat Inv)

Clermont-Ferrand, France has installed a public convenience for dogs, complete with an ultrasonic beeper to attract canines. (Mnyswrth)

Latest victory for Phil & Susan Long is a ruling that IRS must tell taxpayers why they have been selected for audit. (var.)

Survey by Accountemps, a temporary personnel agency, shows that office workers waste 10% to 55% of working time, and they didn't even try govt. offices. (Mnyswrth)

Globescan (Box 19307, Alexandria, VA 22320) is looking for writers, and declares, "Everyone's freedom matters. It's either world freedom with trade and peace, or collectivist misery and, ultimately, war."

Sumitomo Bank, an American subsidiary of Sumitomo Shoji of Japan, is being sued by 11 female American employees under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, claiming that its policy of hiring only Japanese males as bank officers is discrimination on the grounds of both race and sex. (Pacific Ties/NI)

In Dacca, the Continental Hotel advises, "Ladies in shorts and mini-skirts may be stored." (FFW)

Someone put a piranha in the fountain at Iowa State U. and it bit 2 state employees. (FFW)

Trash collectors in Luton, England dumped an entire load of garbage when they heard a child's cry from within; it turned out to be a crying doll. (FFW)

General Motors, reports Wall St. Journal, is trying to convince government that it is not dangerous for a car's rear wheel and axle to fall off.

In San Francisco, Hoover Middle School won a trophy for the "Annul Spelling Bee Championship". (FFW)

In Benson, MN, Francis Rakowski received \$75,000 when he was shot in the foot by a man whose car he was breaking into. (AS) Does your homeowner's policy cover this sort of accident?

In Los Angeles, Judge Robert Stevens had his telephone taken away for making obscene calls. (AS)

In Washington, the yogurt machine at the National Institute of Health electrocuted an employee of the cafeteria, thus proving that yogurt is not always good for the health. (AS)

The Friedrich Hayek poster is available for £3.30 from Libertarian Alliance, 3 Langley Court, Covent Garden, London WC2E 9JY. 21½X18, with quote: "To be controlled in our economic pursuits means to be controlled in everything."

Prentice-Hall is now offering How to Collect Unemployment Benefits, 14.95/5.95. This shows you the state the economy is in.

US Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver has decided that doctor knows best, and it is better to die under accepted medical practice than to live and use laetrile thus compelling cancer victims to smuggle (LLNS)