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THE SHOCKING  
STORY, PREDICTED  
FOR YEARS BY FUNDAMENTALIST  
EDUCATORS, HAS SUDDENLY  
BECOME VERY REAL



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## Ben Franklin Updated

If income  
Varies with output,  
Why does salary vary  
With the vagaries  
Of the economy?  
Maybe somebody's  
Pockets are lined,  
But not mine!

Susan Packie

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest criticism and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty and find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived—this is to have succeeded."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

## FOR THE RECORD

"I have thought for some time now that a booklet on how the South has suffered under the Federals is needed. ... We need to show who our enemies are. As much as I love my people, as much as I hate to say it, some Southerners have a childish mind-set. Of course it has been brainwashed into them and can not be removed without an extreme amount of difficulty; but for now, it rules them. ... They also possess an almost religious view of the U. S. government. They can not separate the government from the nation; and they feel that to criticize the government is to be disloyal to the nation. They really believe the hokum about the U. S. being a divinely created nation-state. ... It is true that our greatest enemy is ourselves. We no longer believe that anything can be done. ..."

— Anonymous in Sou. Natl. Newsletter.

*If you have anything really valuable to contribute to the world it will come through the expression of your own personality — that single spark of divinity that sets you off and makes you different from every other living creature.*

— Bruce Barton

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- Thousands of U.S. troops sent to Central America and the Middle East, not to mention the tens of thousands in Europe and Asia ...

- New and higher Social Security taxes, gas taxes, excise taxes, "user fees" and harsh new laws against tax shelters and taxpayers ...

- Dozens of young draft resisters jailed by a President who says he "doesn't believe in the draft" ...

- Hundreds of restrictions on local police, the IRS, SEC, FBI, INS, CIA, BATF suddenly lifted to "crack down" on newly discovered government enemies — all of which leave the average citizen increasingly defenseless against police state methods ...

- And in the face of endless promises to the contrary, no end in sight, or even the slightest reduction, in new and more powerful government bureaucracies, agencies, "task forces", "emergency legislation" and the numberless rules, regulations, edicts and decrees issued by all politicians of the conventional stripes ...

- Without a doubt, we face a  
**MAD DOG GOVERNMENT ...  
OUT OF CONTROL!**

## MAD DOG GOVERNMENT:



## OUT OF CONTROL!

There is only one sure solution, one cure, for this "mad dog". Only the Libertarian Party has the fundamental theory and practical solutions to ever more powerful, ever more costly, and more dangerous government power. Only a consistent advocacy of individual rights and responsibilities can put an end to this growing social cancer. Government exists only by the sanction of the people to protect our rights and liberties, and "Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it ..." (*Declaration of Independence, 1776*).

David Ford, a Libertarian, has been elected to city council in Long Beach, NC in a non-partisan race. (TH Lib)

Charles Blackwell, former chm. of SCLP appeared in "Chiefs" as a chair bottomer.

General Electric has a toll-free number 800-626-2000; if you call, you might ask about their components for atomic bombs.

"Despite the agony, most published "freeze" material evades mention of the ongoing horror of conventional wars (totaling some 140 since 1945, with millions of men, women and children killed)." *RSVP*. And this does not include a few non-wars, like the Great Leap Forward, in which even more were killed than in the 140 wars, by their own governments.

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## MUTINIES AND MONEY

by Robert Brakeman

It was cold, very cold, as the first day of 1781 dawned in northern New Jersey; the American soldiers encamped there might have felt better if they'd known that it was to be a warm year, a very good year, for liberty — for it would be the year which would see the Independence-gaining battle of Yorktown and the eventual creation of a nation which if not perfect on a liberty/tyranny scale was clearly superior to the British or any other government of the day.

But the men encamped not far from Morristown didn't know any of that was in the future, and they weren't happy with their lot. The soldiers — they were Pennsylvanians under the command of Washington's probably-best fighter, Mad Anthony Wayne — had a long list of complaints, but they can be put in one sentence: The Continental Congress wasn't taking good care of them. Their pay was farther in arrears than most of them could calculate, their food-and-clothing situation was nothing to write home about (or rather it was something to write home about, in anger), and some of them thought they were being kept in the service beyond their agreed-upon length-of-service.

Peaceful protest got them nowhere, so events soon (as we would say today) escalated. On that New Year's Day a full-scale mutiny broke out among Wayne's Pennsylvanians. They took control of the encampment from their officers, a group of sergeants "officially" became their leaders, and then they marched off toward the national capital at Philadelphia to tell Congress in person about their grievances.

This is not the story of the mutiny itself, but rather it's an accounting of the demands made by the men. No, that's not quite right either; it's a look at one of the demands made by the Revolutionary-Army mutineers, to see what it can tell us about our own time (and all times).

The protestors had no desire to harm Wayne and his subordinate officers, and he was allowed to chase along after them as they charged off to put the politicians in their place. At Princeton, the sergeants-in-charge gave the general the details of their demands. Most of them revolved around pay, and what's important for our purposes here is that the men specified that in talking about arrearages and bounties and pay-rates they meant real money, not the worthless paper that the hacks in Philadelphia were choosing to call money.

The Pennsylvanians may have been impetuous (and there were people calling them other things, much worse things, too), but they weren't stupid. They'd seen, since the conflict began in '75 their government do what all governments have eventually done to their respective currencies: destroy it. Since always and everywhere pols hate to tax but love to spend; they make up the difference between income and outflow by running the printing presses, which always destroys the currency and often destroys the country (see Germany, China, France, and on and on and on). For hacks, the great advantage of unbacked paper money is that its resulting inflation allows them to seize money from the citizenry silently and invisibly; the collection of taxes is much messier, and therefore to be avoided. By early '81 the American currency destruction was already pretty well completed, and the mutineers realized that if all their demands were met, but in Congress's worthless paper, they wouldn't be met at all.

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*A newspaper is not for just reporting the news as it is, but to make people mad enough to do something about it.*  
— Mark Twain

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Over and over and over again, the sergeants-and-men said it verbally and they said it on paper, they said it to Wayne and they said it to the politicians: when they demanded their back pay, they were talking about real money, about gold-or-silver (which of course always and everywhere are the only real monies), about specie (to use the term for hard-money which was common then but out-of-use now), not about the pols' funny money; and when they demanded that veterans who chose to stay in the service get the same bounty as recruits got who agreed to enter it, they meant that bounty to be paid in the real stuff, not the fake.

At Princeton, the mutineers met with Joseph Reed, who might or might not be able to take care of their problems. Reed was President of the Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and he'd also been given authority by the national government to negotiate with the troublemakers (the question of who controlled, and who owed what to, the soldiers of the Revolution — the individual states or the feds — was always a complicated one).

When Reed began to talk things over with the mutineers, he found they were trying to be agreeable, for they reduced the list of demands to just one: full back pay was to be given to those who wanted to resign from the service (because they'd completed what they felt was their agreed-upon term), and that back pay was to be in real money, not in the political paper which had shrunk to 2% or 3% of its original value. That real-money point was one on which they wouldn't budge an inch, for all their efforts and all their risks (mutineers are supposed to be shot) would have been meaningless if they let Congress pay them off in let's-pretend money.

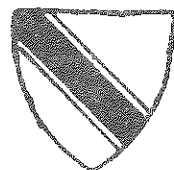
Their insistence upon real money was so obviously reasonable that even Reed, who was a tough cookie and who furthermore had very low opinions about both the mutiny and the mutineers, couldn't argue. He agreed to their basic terms and a Congressional committee which had come to nearby Trenton to participate in the settlement went along also. The men got their real-money settlement, and the bulk of them were so satisfied that they stayed in the service, or went home briefly and then returned for the duration.

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## MUTINIES AND MONEY, continued

Actually the men weren't to receive gold or silver, for it was scarce. What they were to receive were fully-secured state certificates-of-payment; the difference between those and the fully unsecured, backed-by-nothing worthless paper of Congress was all the difference in the world. There's nothing wrong with paper money as such, as long as it's fully backed by gold or silver, and as long as a paper dollar is readily convertible into a real dollar; it is, as the mutineers realized, paper money backed by nothing — fiat money — which is the threat, the fraud, and the disaster.

If the government had lived up to its promises, all would have been well, but that of course was (and is) too much to expect; after all, if it had been disposed toward doing the honorable and not-fraudulent thing, it would have never have committed the immense act of fraud-and-theft in debauching its currency in the first place, would it? When the time came for the men to get their money, the Pennsylvania government insisted upon paying them off in worthless Congress-paper, rather than in real money. That created two problems.

The first was that Continental currency was worth less than any other kind of "money" around — in fact it had sunk so low it really wasn't money at all anymore — and was exactly what the men were trying to avoid (the catch-line about hyperinflation — any times in which debtors chase their creditors and "pay them off without mercy" is relevant here); the second was that while all recognized that the Congress/ fiat currency was worth approximately nothing, no one was sure just how close to nothing its value was — that is, just how much the paper money had depreciated since the printing presses began to roar with their destructive sound.

As Winter turned into Spring in '81, it began to dawn on more and more men that they were being robbed by the very paper-money fraud they'd taken such pains to avoid whenever they presented their demands. Gradually thoughts and rumors of a new mutiny began to pop up in various places, and General Wayne got wind of them. Although he didn't sympathize with the potential second mutiny any more than he'd liked the first one, he did sympathize with his men's just demands as much as he had the first time around. In addition to being one of the leading fighters under Washington, he was also one of the most intelligent of GW's subordinate commanders — much too intelligent not to realize the fraud a paper-money payoff would represent for his men. When he learned the government was trying to accomplish just that kind of fraud, he called it "an alarming circumstance". In conceding that it was a terrible thing for the men to be paid off in worthless currency, Wayne added that "the soldiers but too sensibly felt the imposition, nor did the conduct or precept of the inhabitants tend to moderate, but rather inflame their minds, by refusing to part with anything for it; saying it was not worth accepting, (they said) they ought not to march until justice was done them."

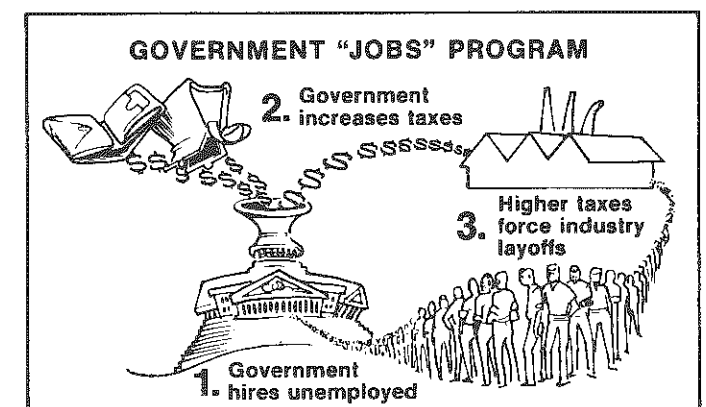
One hopes that the General wasn't being critical of the civilians who wouldn't accept the government's worthless money from the soldiers; in so doing they were merely showing they were rational people, just as the men-under-arms were showing that, when they made it clear they didn't want the Continental currency. Neither soldier nor shopkeeper was the villain; the government was filling that role.

What I've been calling here "worthless" money the soldiers of '81 called "ideal" money as opposed to real money. Just as Wayne's army was about to march to Virginia (it was then in southeastern Pennsylvania), the men rebelled for a second time. Pointing out it was real money they were due and not "ideal" money (they meant to connote by that term something which seemed to exist, but didn't really), they declined to do any marching to the southern theater until the politicians stopped trying to run their paper-routine on them.

There's no doubt Wayne (and his superior-who-wasn't-on-the-scene, Washington) knew the men to be quite right in their opinion of paper. Both were not only officers but landowners who suffered as much as anyone from the debauching of the Continentals. They, like their men, knew how the phrase, "not worth a Continental" had come into the language to represent something worth nothing. Nonetheless, both generals knew the war for independence couldn't continue amid continuous uprisings, and that such mutinies would likely keep happening, because politicians are what politicians are, and there was no way to keep them from playing games with the money supply (once currency has its link with gold severed, it's just a matter of time until paper becomes "not worth a Continental").

So to prevent the Continental Army from going the way of the Continental currency (and collapsing), the Generals acted. They singled out the head-men of the latest mutiny, they tried them on the spot, and they forced their fellow-mutineers to execute them, all within a matter of hours. There are those of us who believe that kind of summary treatment might have been better directed at those hacks-in-power who were committing the crimes of fraud and theft and breach of promise which their currency manipulations represented, but that's another story. The harsh action worked, and the soldiers were reduced to doing what civilians had to do: suffering their looting in silence.

The story of the Revolutionary mutineers-and-paper-protestors is worth the telling for several reasons: it shows, most importantly, that the currency-destruction which curses our own time, is a recurrent governmental crime which has an ancient and vicious heritage; it shows that beyond a certain point in that destruction, people become desperate and will risk even death in protest; it shows the extreme measures even relatively-benign governments will adopt to compell acceptance of their junk-paper; and it shows the reliability of hacks' promises to redress grievances involving paper money (if they kept them, they'd defeat their purpose: silent theft).





# Don't Mourn, Organize

LARGEST  
ANTIGOVERNMENT  
PROTEST

University of Kansas Libraries are collecting American political thought & action: Wilcox collection of Contemporary Political Movements, UK, Lawrence, KS 66045.

"Leaders (of 3rd world countries) are learning to agree with Professor Joan Robinson: 'The misery of being exploited by capitalists is nothing to the misery of not being exploited.'" - The Economist

Pending: HCR 100 to keep slave-made products from socialist countries out of the US, as already required by law; support has come from, among others, AFL-CIO. (var.)

Michigan voters have recalled state sen. Philip Mastin 63%-37% after he voted to raise taxes. 17 more legislators face recall attempts. (DFPress)

Senate investigators discovered a tool General Dynamics wanted to sell the Air Force for \$1158 was available from a wholesaler for \$5. (var.)

Rev. Robert Cameron has been holding church services in his home in Franklin Twp., NJ, and the govt. wants him to stop; the 27 member congregation found it wasn't worth the expense of renting a local school when they could meet comfortably in the pastor's home. But the area is zoned for residences and excludes houses of worship! (MMR) Incidentally, the denomination involved: Episcopal.

"Southern Partisan" describes Rev. Jim Bakker's followers as "disparate conservatives"; don't know if they mean disparate or desperate.

In Wichita, KS it is illegal to brandish a gun in the presence of your daughter's boyfriend. (PFW) Or, as the song goes, "You can't shoot a male in the tail like a quail."

Key West, FL, has a new mayor, Richard Heyman, 48, who is openly gay. (GCN)

US Navy plans to dump obsolete nuclear subs off the coast of SC. This shows who they regard as the enemy; they haven't considered dumping them off the coast of Russia.

Meanwhile a 6-ft. long Air Force missile was found in a garbage truck at the Coast Guard Station at Marathon, FL. (CSMonitor)

"They are wrong who think that politics is like an ocean voyage or a military campaign, something to be done with some particular end in view, something which leaves off as soon as that end is reached. It is not a public chore to be got over with. It is a way of life." - Plutarch

NCLR will sponsor 3 conventions in 1984: in South Africa in February, in Vancouver, BC in July, and in October in New Orleans; write 4425 W. Napoleon Av, Metairie, LA 70001.

IRS imposed a \$500 penalty on Sharon Welch of Harvard Divinity for taking a "war-tax deduction"; called it "frivolous". Litigation follows. (GCN) Who knows, maybe IRS considers military spending to be frivolous?

CBC, 15 Oakland Av, Harrison, NY 10528 is offering 2 books by Albert Jay Nock, now back in print, for \$10.89: "Mr. Jefferson" & "Our Enemy, the State".

I. M.: Vincent A. Drosdik III.

In a recent issue of "Small Press Review", Mark Worden proposes aid to dependent poets, similar to that provided the dairy industry. I have an even more indecent proposal: considering the state of modern verse, why not pay them not to publish poetry the way the government pays farmers not to grow corn or wheat. Call it the Pulpwood Conservation Project. Or Relief for Readers of Poetry.

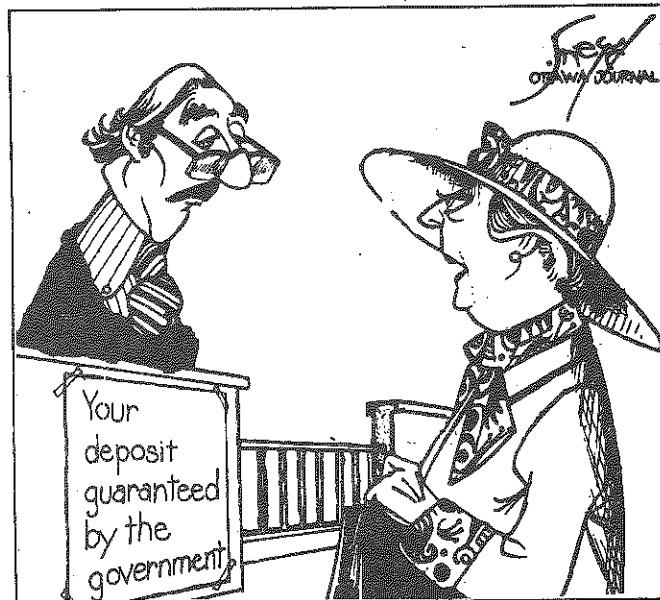
Among the 50 subversive books seized at the Moscow Intl. Book Fair, under rules that forbid books that propagandize racial exclusivity, were Jimmy Carter's memoirs. (N-W Alert) Racial purity of the neighborhoods, again?

Chad, in case you're wondering why anyone would care about such a forsaken desert, has large reserves of uranium. (World Affairs Review)

Tax write-offs will be allowed for business meetings in 27 Latin American nations, IF their governments will give US govt. information on US citizens with trusts or bank accounts. (McAlvany/N-WA)

Rand Corp. reports that of \$660 million in damages in asbestos suits, 63% went to lawyers and the rest to victims.

"If all the people in the country knew that they had the power, on juries, to overturn bad law and put a stop to big, socialist government, the IRS would have to move to the Soviet Union, where it belongs," said Atty. Scott McLarty, after successfully defending tax resister Jack Pierce of Ilion, NY.



"And who's guaranteeing the government!"

Failing to get a meeting with Sen. Roger Jepsen to discuss nuclear safety, Council Bluffs, IA, citizens presented him with a live chicken. (Power Line) Doesn't say what kind. Rhode Island Red?

Westport, CT officials refused Arnold Kaye permission to expand his game parlor. He has announced plans to open an X-rated theater in the wealthy suburb and also donate space for a headquarters for an outlaw motorcycle gang. (Spot.) Anyone for Pac-man?

California has 2 initiatives in the works for '84: Jarvis-Gann II to frustrate tax increases without popular vote and the Liberty Amendment. (DCNEA)

"The simple fact is green ink on white paper doesn't make money. Money is a store of value. ... So, where is the value? It's in what the bill represents. Before 1964, it represented your silver. Before 1935, it represented your gold. Now it represents faith in their Federal Reserve system." -The Frank Goines Report

Plug: NOMOS, 5254 S Dorchester #310, Chicago, IL 60615 is new libertarian zine; send \$2 for sample Quarterly, \$6/year.

INSTEAD OF A BOOK REVIEW: "A Handbook of Great Labor Quotations", Peter Bollen, Hillside Books, 1983.

"It is quite evident to me that the present Tweedledee and Tweedledum two-party system and its virtues have been greatly overrated." - George Meany, 1949

"We have only one political party in the country - the Money Party. And it has two branches - the Republican branch and the Democratic branch." - Arnold Miller, Pres. of United Mine Workers

"Melancholy is the condition of that people whose government can be sustained only by a system which periodically transfers large amounts from the labor of the many to the coffers of the few." - James K. Polk, 1845

"The aim of the Knights of Labor - properly understood - is to make each man his own employer." - Terence Powderly

"Unions need capitalism like a fish needs water." - David Dubinsky (?)

"No man will labor for himself who can make another labor for him." - Thomas Jefferson

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SC Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, Box 362, Charleston, SC 29402 offers newsletter for small donation.

After 3 patients died at a state cancer institute in Buffalo, NY, hospital officials requisitioned an advanced ari filtration system for the bone marrow transplant unit; 9 months and 9 more deaths later, the state had not processed the paperwork, and the unit was closed; they arrived 15 months after they were ordered. (Ergo)

"Just as slavery, once an accepted institution, is now outmoded, a new trend in world thinking is making war as unacceptable as slavery," says Art Rosenblum of Aquarian Research, Philadelphia. Obviously, the man has never heard of socialist governments which hold millions in slavery, of conscription, etc.

PAUL JACOB  
IS FREE



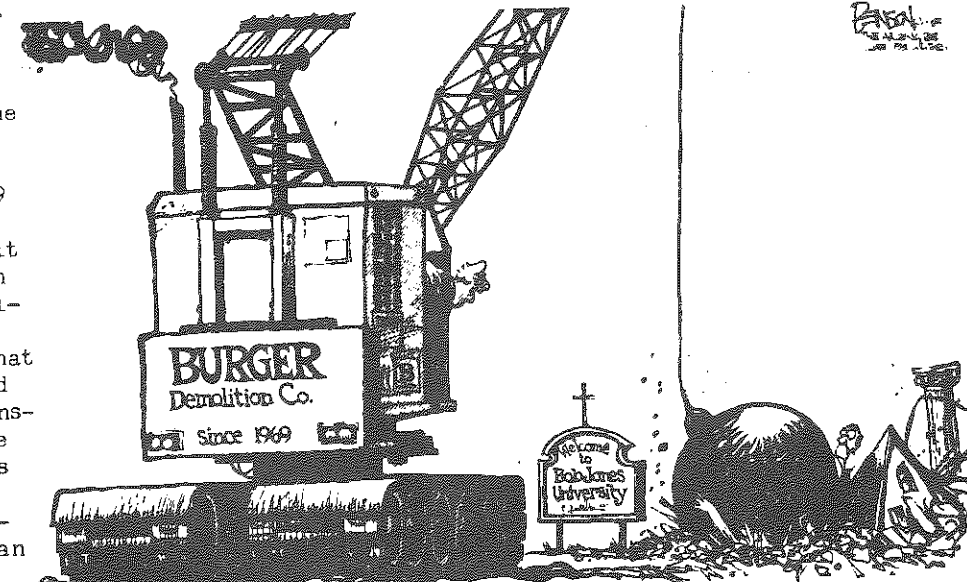
Libertarian Paul Jacob is one of 11 men indicted for refusing to register for the draft.

For the last 2 years, Paul has been living underground, agitating against registration and the impending draft.

Paul needs your financial support. Please donate to the Paul Jacob Fund, 433 1/2 N. Van Ness Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004, by purchasing a Selective Service registration card autographed by Paul Jacob with slogans such as:

- "Viet Nam was not a noble cause. Don't register for a new one."
- "A free society has no slaves."
- "Don't do it."
- "Never register for slavery."

Don't let this hero go unsung!



"YOU CAN PRACTICE WHATEVER RELIGION YOU WISH, REVEREND. WE JUST WANTED TO REGISTER OUR OPINION."

Approximately 105,000 non-profit organizations, including virtually every college in the US, shared \$40 billion in federal funds. (Chr. Dest.)

1983 was the year that the Administration named the MX missile the "Peacemaker" and freezeniks paraded carrying signs, "Blessed are the Peacemakers".

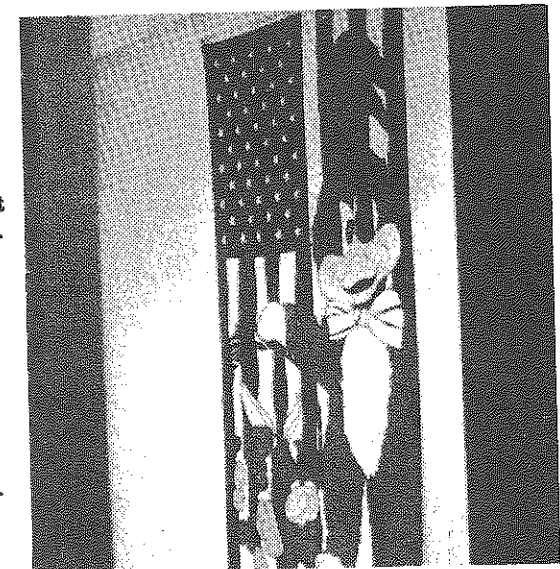
Navy bought 57,000 softballs at the end of the fiscal year; apparently they intend to challenge the Soviet Navy to a softball tournament, with the winner to get the Indian Ocean.

LP News is now seeking advertising, (you don't have to beg them to take your ad anymore) at \$25/col. in. 21715 Park Brook Drive, Katy, TX 77450.

In Springfield, OH city mgr. Thomas Bay, who fired a policewoman in 1982 for posing nude for a men's zine, was fired himself after being arrested for soliciting a prostitute. (Am Spec)

## Mid-Town Mayor

IN POLITICS, FATE  
IS SOMETIMES  
BLAMED FOR  
WHAT FOOLS  
DO.



An acrylic painting of a Woody Woodpecker-like character, on an actual American flag, was removed from a public gallery in the Greenville County, South Carolina Museum of Art and placed in a locked conference room after numerous anonymous callers threatened to destroy it.



United Press International

**In politics, too: an opposition billboard in Nice**  
'As promised after 21 months of Socialism I have nothing left.'

A MOTORIST breathalysed and banned after neighbours told police he was a drink-driver, won his licence back yesterday.

The officers acted unlawfully by stopping Mr John Monaghan on the neighbours' say-so, two High Court Judges ruled.

#### Obvious

They said to uphold the police action would mean anyone with the reputation of being a drinker could be liable to be followed and stopped.

'The risks of harassment are obvious,' said Mr Justice Taylor, sitting with Lord Justice Watkins.

The judges quashed Mr Mona-

ghan's conviction and set aside a £50 fine, with a £63 costs order, and a 12-month driving ban imposed by magistrates at Ealing, West London, last September.

The police, acting on information from neighbours, breath-tested Mr Monaghan near his home in Wilmere Drive, Northolt, Middlesex. It happened on the second day of a police observation being kept in connection with another matter.

A blood test revealed a blood-alcohol level of 99 milligrams, 19 above the legal limit.

Lord Justice Watkins said the neighbours' comments to the police could not provide a basis for the 'reasonable suspicion' required before a motorist could be stopped and breathalysed.

Daily Mail

## IRS Can Be Improved If Emotions Controlled

By Dr. TIMOTHY JOHNSON

**QUESTION:** What exactly is the irritable bowel syndrome and how is it best treated?

**ANSWER:** Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) typically consists of constipation, diarrhea or both, which often is accompanied by abdominal pain or bloating. Generally, these symptoms are the result of exaggerated or unusual bowel contractions — that is, the bowel is irritable or hyperactive.

### House Call

Look, doc, forget about bellyaches; what do we do to improve the Internal Revenue Service, which is a real pain in the rear?

## INFORMATION

"An earth-covered shelter would be undamaged at 1000 years from ground zero..." (G&S Up) True, but can we wait that long?

Arizona has imposed a luxury tax on unlawful drugs, and expects to take in \$10 million tax on drug seizures. (var.)

In S. C. teachers of reading who were in a master's degree program were tested, and found to read at less than 8th grade level. (Spot.) It does not at all surprise me.

Duke U. has cancelled charter of Gay & Lesbian Alliance, because it was a social rather than an educational group. (var.)

Mississippi has had the dirtiest gubernatorial campaign in recent memory with Republicans accusing Dem. Bill Allain of paid sex with black transvestites. Allain won. (var.) Blackmail or black male?

2 W. German Green Party parliament members were booted out of E. Germany for provocation: trying to promote peace demonstrations in E. Germany. (Guardian)

FDA warns public: Do Not Eat the Heart-shaped Box that Valentine Candy Comes In! (TWC) I know.

Among the winning slogans in an Orange County students contest:

FREEDOM IS PRICELESS — ASK ANY REFUGEE

AMERICA: FREE TO ... AND FREE NOT TO

WARNING! GOVERNMENT CONTROL IS HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH and the grand prize winner:

GOVERNMENT'S ONLY IDEA — MORE GOVERNMENT

Anyone for making these up into bumperstickers?

"Never blame a legislative body for not doing something. When they do nothing, that don't hurt anybody. When they do something is when they become dangerous." — Will Rogers

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## KGB killers

Last week one of the U.S. intelligence agencies leaked a fascinating bit of news that gives us a small but laser-sharp insight into the nature of life in the Soviet Union.

Over the past 18 months, according to this report, 10 Soviet senior air defence officers in the Far Eastern military district were shot.

These officers were executed by the KGB because they had apparently failed to shoot down RC-135 and SR-71 American intelligence aircraft that had been skirting Kamchatka, the Kuril Islands and southern Sakhalin Island, Russia's second most sensitive air defence zone.

The Americans have admitted that one of their RC-135s was in the general area of the doomed South Korean airliner. The Russians now claim that there were seven U.S. spy aircraft airborne that day. Reconnaissance aircraft often fly very close to regular civilian flights in order to mask their presence from ground radars. The Russians will probably claim that this is exactly what happened to Korean Air Lines Flight 007.

Lately, the Pentagon has been speaking of a new strategy aimed at destroying Russia's Far Eastern bases in the event of a Soviet attack on Europe. The Russians have reacted with intense alarm, well aware of the vulnerability of their distant Pacific bases that are menaced on three sides by the U.S., China, Japan and South Korea.

With this gruesome example freshly in mind, it is not difficult to understand why the senior officers of the Russian air defence command would be trigger-happy. Presented with an intruding aircraft virtually over their heads, the Russians had the unpleasant choice of shooting it down or letting it escape and thus facing a KGB special execution squad.

### Heinous act

Whether the decision to shoot down the Korean airliner was made in Moscow or Vladivostok is unimportant. The significance of this heinous act is what it tells us about the communist rulers of Russia, people whom our media and peace activists claim are very much like ourselves. They are not.

Russia is still an empire run by terror. Perhaps not the Mongol-like cruelty of Stalin, but still a system of fear that permeates all levels of Russian society. The executioner's bullet awaits "anti-state elements," hoarders and capitalists, "defeatists," traitors, drunken drivers and a host of other malefactors.

Russia's rulers live in terror of their 273 million citizens, almost half of whom do not even speak Russian. They live in fear of the armed forces, maintaining a separate KGB army to watch the regular army. The citizens of Russia live in daily fear of the KGB and its hundreds of thousands of paid informers. They live in constant apprehension of a government that can take away their jobs and apartments without any process of law. They live in awe of petty bureaucrats who can easily make the life of an ordinary citizen unbearable.

### Pall of fear

This pall of fear has been wonderfully described by Victor Suvarov, a Russian army officer who defected to the West. In his book *Inside the Soviet Army*, Suvarov paints a lugubrious portrait of a vast military force of sullen conscripts who are treated like medieval serfs and ruled by the iron hand of terror.

Fear of superiors, fear of subordinates, fear of KGB informers, fear of prisons and cruel punishment are all, according to Suvarov, the abiding nature of the Soviet armed forces.

Military analysts also know that behind each Russian division facing Europe is a special KGB military unit whose mission, in the event of war, is to shoot down any Russian soldiers seeking to retreat, surrender or flee. These "Smersh" units proved remarkably effective during World War II, executing hundreds of thousands of Russians, from privates to generals.

Living in this constant state of fear and terror, is it any wonder that a group of Russian air defence officers would risk their lives by failing to shoot down an intruding aircraft. Why should the Russians, who have butchered tens of millions of their own people, show concern for a plane-load of foreigners?

Russia's action in shooting down the Korean airliner should show us that the secretive band of men who lead the USSR, and the millions of regimented agents who enforce this power, are very different from us. Much of our media, our churchmen, and our other resident leftists would have us believe that the Russians are simply misunderstood, frightened introverts who can be brought to a state of peaceful coexistence by moderation and mutual understanding.

The destruction of Flight 007 should show even the most credulous that an empire whose motive force is the bullet and the gulag operates on a very different moral and ethical system alien to the West. Are we to rely on the humanity and goodwill of the Soviets, expressed through non-aggression pacts and treaties, to ensure that their odious system is not imposed upon us through sheer brute force?

Are we to give the Russians the benefit of the doubt, as suggested by Jean-Luc Pepin. Or shall we now realize, confronted by the latest evidence of Russia's utter contempt for human values, that the Soviet empire is, in fact, a genuine menace, and one that can only be contained within its own unhappy borders by the armed might of the West.

(Eric Margolis is a member of the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies)

Unlike the "official" explanations, this version of what happened to KAL 007 seems to make some sense. It satisfies most of the requirements of Occam's razor.

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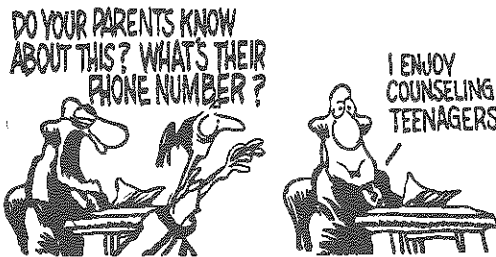
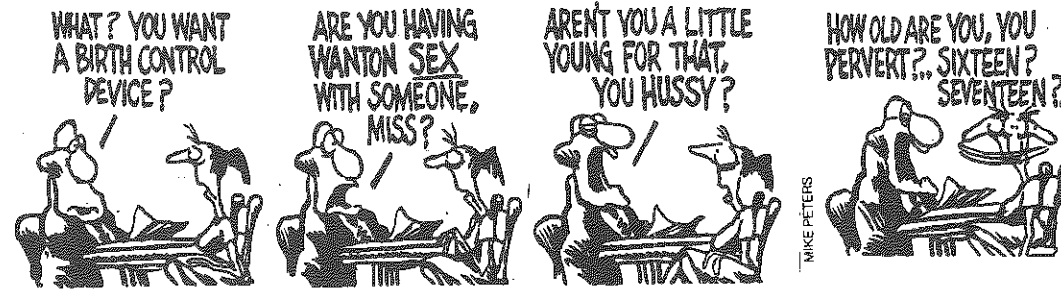


## TEEN CHASTITY ACT

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) last week filed suit against the Reagan administration's teen chastity act. The act, which currently implements programs designed to discourage abortions by teaching teenagers abstinence, received a new round of funding Sept. 30.

The ACLU suit, filed Oct. 26 in a Washington, D.C. federal district court, challenged the act on the grounds that it violates the first amendment requirement separating church and state. ACLU lawyer Lynn Paltrow said the act appropriates funding to religious institutions, infringing on the constitutional requirement that the government allocate funds only to secular programs. Paltrow pointed out that the measure has been in effect for over two years. "Hundreds of thousands of taxpayers' dollars are being appropriated under the act," she said.

Congress approved a new round of funding for the act—\$11.6 million—Sept. 30. The money finances 74 programs, 15 research projects to study how the family, religion, school and peer pressure affect adolescent sexual behavior and 59 demonstration programs to encourage abstinence among youth and provide alternatives to abortion.



## Bergland FOR PRESIDENT

Optometrist Stanley Kaseno screened more than a thousand inmates at the San Bernardino Juvenile Facility, and found 96 percent had vision problems. Kaseno says most of the juvenile delinquents had above-average intelligence but were frustrated by their poor eyesight. By treating their problems, Kaseno says he was able to raise their reading skills four grade levels, increase their IQ's, raise their self-esteem and give them "a more positive value system." The result: the re-arrest rate dropped from 50 percent to 10 percent.

A low self-love in the parent desires that his child should repeat his character and fortune. I suffer whenever I see that common sight of a parent or senior imposing his opinion and way of thinking and being on a young soul to which he is totally unfit. Cannot we let people be themselves, and enjoy life in their own way? You are trying to make another you. One's enough.

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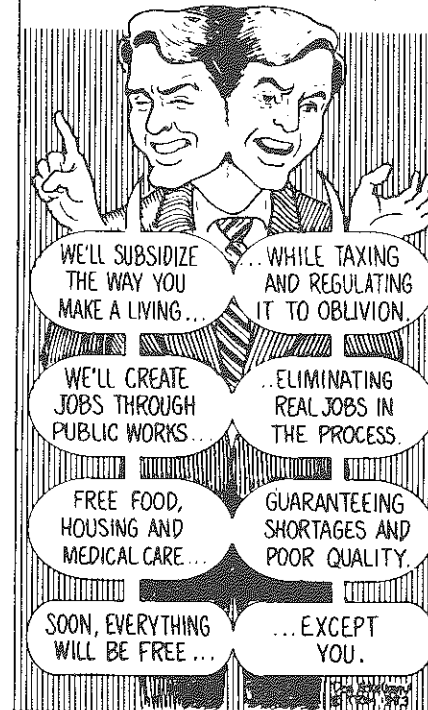
Put yourself in their place. Would you act any differently?

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To: The Libertarians of Georgia

I had hoped to be attending your state convention today; unfortunately, bad driving conditions and a last minute failure of the rest of the group to go caused me to cancel the trip.

One thing I had hoped to do was bring along the books and tee shirts to sell at the convention; if you'd like a list of what is available, drop me a card. The new TAXATION IS LEGALIZED THEFT! tee shirts, with Uncle Sam pointing a gun, in smoke gray and sand ecru are really quite nice.

Also, I had been asked to speak for a few minutes on the conditions in the South Carolina L P. I am reminded of the story of the sweet young thing who was warned by her friends of the bad habits of her fiancé, and said, "Oh, that's all right; after we're married I plan to change him over completely." Anyhow, we have people who have entered the SCLP with the intent of making it over completely. This has stirred some considerable resentment from those who do not want the organization made over completely. We really won't know anything for sure until the convention in April.

I also wanted to take a few minutes and tell you about Brian Heape and his plan for organizing a libertarian youth group; he has the remarkable idea that such a group should be able to run itself without a lot of central office expense. You should be getting his announcement with this; please help him if you can in any way.

Now, while I have you all on the phone, and while I have Georgia on my mind, I want to remind everyone that the Georgia LP is trying to get back on the ballot this year, and deserve all the help they can get. I well remember how they helped get Alabama and South Carolina on the ballot. This year we have a chance to return the favor, and I hope we will do all we can.

Sincerely,

*John Harllee*  
John Harllee

PS: I have a late report to share with you all; Rev. Rick Tyler and his tax patriot group (a tax patriot is someone who worships the country but won't pay taxes) have just forsaken the SC Libertarian Party and are reorganizing the American Party in South Carolina. Vaya con Dios!



# MIDNIGHT EXPRESS II

Route 1, Box 79  
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January, 1984

Dear Friends of Freedom:

Reading some back issues of a libertarian journal, I came across an article by Sheldon Richman, "Libertarianism vs. Socialism: Choice or Force? The Youth Movement Must Decide!"

It made me realise something: the socialists (of both communist and fascist varieties) all have extensive programs for young people; but we libertarians lack this sort of thing. To make sure that we did lack any youth program, I called several prominent Libertarian Party activists, who confirmed this, and graciously gave me tips on organizing.

So, I intend to organize a libertarian youth movement, starting here in South Carolina. I am convinced that it will grow into a national youth movement that will change the country.

Eventually, the libertarian youth movement will consist of students from junior high school to college undergrads, and will work with the Libertarian Party. Local chapters will be autonomous units, except for a movementwide newsletter and later, perhaps, conferences on the state and national level. The only conditions for membership will be agreement with the LP Statement of Principles, and signing the pledge against the initiation of force.

Each chapter will be organized along a simple pattern, and will have its own programs, regular meetings and speakers, and projects. As libertarians, we can expect a lot of diversity and innovation.

We will appreciate any help, of course. We can use money, office supplies, stamps, and other essentials, but we need most of all people to help get us organized. If you can help in any way, drop me a line.

The future is in our hands, if we will grasp it.

Yours truly,

*Brian K. Heape*

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PS: In case you're wondering, I just turned 16, and attend a public high school.