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## Libertarian Candidate Sees Opportunity

"To fulfill its functions of protecting individual citizens and providing them with a forum for bringing complaints within the criminal justice system, the grand jury must be open to the public for the independent presentation of evidence before it. If the grand jury is available only to the prosecuting attorney and all complaints must pass through him, the grand jury can justifiably be described as a prosecutorial tool .... We therefore hold that, by application to the circuit judge, whose duty it is to insure access to the grand jury, any person may go to the grand jury to present a complaint to it." - Supreme Court of West Virginia, *Miller v. Smith*, W Va Sup Ct App, 12-18-81.

"I have often written that children, all children, are born geniuses and get degeniused very rapidly by the love and fear of their parents that they won't fit into the system, that the power system will hurt them." - Buckminster Fuller.

For news from the samizdat underground: USSR News Brief, 48 rue du Lac, 1050 Bruxelles, Belgium, \$23 by postal money order or \$24 by personal check. English ed.

Rita Milla is suing 7 priests & Archdiocese of Los Angeles for malpractice, saying that she was seduced and became pregnant. (Am Forum)

Among the "crimes" attributed to R. Reagan by the Citizens Party is "Overthrowing the Nicaraguan Government", a violation of the Neutrality Act. Well, the only Nicaraguan govt. that has been overthrown lately was that of Somoza, Jr. What do you think they have in mind?

Christians Awake reports that 2 tax protesters in separate incidents went to IRS office for a conference, & had their cars seized while they were there.

"One small outfit in New Orleans runs a letter operation with only 8 people who put out several thousands of letters per week to the President and selected Congressmen - and they do it while being sustained by unemployment compensation...." - Joel Skousen (Last Call)

Walter Mondale is a minister's son, Gary Hart has a divinity degree, & Jesse Jackson is an ordained minister. Let's have a little separation of Church & state.

Nevada has closed the Grace Baptist Church in Sparks, because Rev. Jim Hollingsworth refuses to pay \$15. workman's compensation to the state. (MMR)

Southern Fandom Confederation is now at Box 1402, Knoxville, TN 37901; Dues are \$3.

I. M.: Gary Reith, 25, 2 days after FBI visit.

Latest British sensation: a TV program, "The Politite Conspiracy" about tax avoidance. (sic)

Daily Express reports success in its campaign to require blood or urine tests to prove drivers are in fact drunk, rather than discredited breathalyser. (3-27)

Anyone interested in forming an organization of pro-freedom accountants, contact SLM.

"We may be on our way to a society overrun by hordes of lawyers as hungry as locusts." Chief Justice W. Burger. On our way to?

By HORACE BEASLEY  
Staff Writer

"People are disgusted, cynical and discontent. There is a great opportunity to build a new political party in this country," said Jim Lewis, Libertarian nominee for U.S. vice president.

"We are looking to the rebirth of (Thomas) Jefferson's small government party," Lewis told a group of more than 30 supporters in Florence Monday night.

Lewis said the problems with the federal government stem from the political philosophies of the major parties. He said there is little real difference between the two.

Though they may claim to want to reduce government, the two major parties favor big government, he said. One party favors social programs and the other military spending.

Bureaucrats within either party are determined to keep government big, even if the party leaders advocate less government, Lewis said. Reagan and Carter failed to reduce government because of lack of support.

"Their parties will not support them because they are living off the government's power," he said. "It's a racket."

Labels that each party use to describe themselves, which are in essence their platforms, indicate the regulations they

### GOVERNMENT CAN'T HAVE HIS EXPENSES

COLUMBIA (AP) — Stephen Davis, a Libertarian candidate vying for Strom Thurmond's Senate seat, hasn't filed required contribution and expense reports with the Federal Election Commission because he says the government has no right to them.

"The plain truth is that I did not file any campaign reports for donations or expenditures, and I do not intend to do so at any time in the future," the Spartanburg County native said Thursday during a news conference in Columbia.

Davis, who has raised \$14,119.01 in his bid to unseat the Republican incumbent, said he had filed personal financial disclosure forms with the FEC at the start of his campaign and would continue to file information on his own finances.

"But I flat out refuse to subject others to Internal Revenue Service harassment simply because they contributed to my campaign, or were involved in some way as a vendor," Davis said.

"I refuse to betray them now and turn their names over to the IRS to be hounded, spied on and extorted for the rest of their lives," he added.

"But what I am trying to do is protect the privacy and rights of my contributors and vendors," he said.

will impose on the country, Lewis said.

Conservatives want to "dictate their moral code to the rest of us" while supporting a free market and liberals want to regulate the market while supporting individual liberty.

"We're in the mess we're in today because nobody watched the store," Lewis said.

"If conservatives and liberals would concentrate their efforts (in cooperation) there would be no need for the Libertarian party," he said.

"But they concentrate their efforts on the side they want to regulate."

"The parties never go after the underlying problems."

Lewis said Americans show their disgust and discontent by not voting. About 50 percent of registered voters voted in 1980 because "people don't figure they have a real choice."

Lewis said his party platform calls for a free marketplace, returning to a gold or commodity standard of exchange, a non-intervention defense policy and military reduction and decriminalizing victimless crimes.

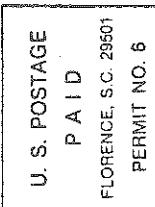
Libertarians would work to end military presence in foreign countries, stop aid to South and Central American repressive governments and end guarantees on low-interest loans to Communist countries.

"We don't know how long it will take to win," Lewis said, but the Libertarian party ranks swell each year. "We have people in local offices. They are lower (political offices) but they are getting re-elected."



Stephen  
Davis

### BULK RATE



**THOUGH ODD**

"The basic problem is that people want big government but don't want to pay for it." - Dr. Ron Paul  
A \$1000 30-year U. S. bond, which sold for \$1010 in May, 1983, sold for \$779 a year later. (FrRp)

Steve Davis, LP candidate for US Senate, is attacking S. Thurmond's sponsorship of S. 776, to remove liability from IRS agents who commit crimes on duty. The SC Senate race promises to be really interesting; Melvin Purvis III won the Dem. nomination, including 1st & 2nd recounts by a hair; Jesse Jackson is about to become an independent candidate, and Davis has been mentioned on Nat'l. TV (Good Morning, America).

Freedom Watch, 1815 8th St., Cayce, SC 29033 is suing state officials who are attorneys on the ground that the state constitution prohibits dual office-holding, and attorneys, as officers of the court, can not legally hold office in the legislative or administrative branch.

Gary Alexander is promoting a new investment newsletter; 4425 W. Napoleon, Metairie, LA 70001.

Also, Ron Holland is doing same: 54D Foxfire, Asheville, NC.

Dean Allen has established residence in Texas, & voted there in the Republican primary. (HL)

Reason has a new radio show, "Perspective on the Economy".

Statue of Liberty is still seeking funds for repairs that our frugal govt. is too cheap to pay for; P O Box Liberty, NY, NY 10117.

Note: those charts that show 360 million oz. of silver consumed a year & only 300 million mined do not include the amount of silver recycled, which makes up much of the shortfall. Incidentally, more than 95% goes for industrial uses, such as photography (but including jewelry) rather than coinage.

More than 10% of the population of El Salvador is in the US (NY Times)

"I have one abiding religion - human liberty. It works in me as a raging, insurgent force against the inescapable propensity of human beings toward the enslavement of others...." - Wole Soyinka, Nigerian, whose latest book, non-fiction, has been banned. (Index on Censorship/WPR)

KGB has announced a 3-year contest for the best books on state security agents & troops; Commission on Prizes, 2 Dzerzhinsky St., 101000 Moscow. Fiction only, of course.

Free Forum Books, Box 119, Meriden, CT 06450 has a broad collection & is seeking distributors.

"The Democratic party .... is basically controlled by the radical ideas of a dangerous minority - homosexuals, militant feminists, socialists, freeze-niks, and others of the ilk," says Rev. Jerry Falwell. (MMR) Obviously a different dangerous minority.

A Hare Krishna chapter has been broken up in Krasnoyarsk, Siberia, and charged with misguided idealism imported from the West. (New Rampart) They have never heard of India?

In Boston, Dr. L. Jacobs refused to release an ambulance to pick up a heart attack victim, because the ambulance was scheduled to be washed for a state inspection. (Herald American/Ergo) Patient died.

Robert Madden, candidate for Congress in the 3rd C D of S C, appeared on public TV on Carolina Journal on July 3.

Royal mint has ceased making the halfpenny, introduced in 1280 by Edward I, and originally of silver. Inflation had reduced its value so that it cost more to mint than it was worth. (AP)

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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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## LETTER TO A CONGRESSPERSON

Hon. Stephen Solarz  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC

Re: HR 2971

After considering the bill to prevent the importation of krugerrands, it occurs to me that almost the entire Soviet gold-mining industry is run by slave labor. Since one of the purposes of HR 2971 is the promotion of human rights, I suggest expanding the scope of the bill to include the Russian chervonet gold coin, and since the USSR practices blatant and genocidal racial discrimination against many of its minorities, to require employment practices for U. S. companies doing business with the USSR comparable to those proposed for those operating in South Africa.

**NO JOKING**

A short time ago, a Canadian artist announced plans to destroy hundreds of his paintings in a dispute with Revenue Canada over paying inventory tax on them as a manufacturer.

Revenue Canada wanted to tax him as a manufacturer, but base his inventory values on the selling price of the inventory. This is totally contrary to basic accounting principles, which state that inventory should be carried at cost, unless for some good reason (such as spoilage) it is worth less than that.

The artist should have told the tax collector, in effect: "This landscape is priced at \$200, but it consists of a canvas fram that I paid \$3 for, + about \$2 of oil paints of various colors; therefore its basis for inventory valuation is \$5."

The point of all this is: don't take the tax collector's word; seek a second opinion.

Socialized medicine: surgeons at Royal Liverpool Hospital has had to cancel surgery for lack of sterile operating garments, although some have performed emergency surgery wearing nurses'sterile skirts. (London Telegraph/FFW)

As usual, since 1970, thieves visited the Krakow, Poland photo exhibit, and took, as usual, the best nude photos. (PAP/FFW)

Dr. Milton Friedman told a testimonial dinner in San Francisco that Reagan has been unable to make any substantial cuts in the size of government because of "the tyranny of the status quo".

Norway expects to pay off most of its national debt, down from \$1.1 billion to \$150 million, by 1985

Campaigns & Elections, Box 807, McLean, VA 22101 promises to tell subscribers how to win.

Incidentally, do not confuse the terms "liability" and "liable" in the Code. "Liability" always refers to an amount of tax owed or that might be owed, and "Liable" always refers to the status of the person who is or might be a "person liable". The status of being a "person liable" is a prerequisite to the determination of a liability. This can be seen from the precise wording of section 7602, the "summoning" authority in the Code.

This section authorizes the Secretary to "summon the person liable" or a third party recordkeeper of the "person liable" or any other person in connection of an investigation of a "person liable", for the purpose of determining a "liability" or collecting a "liability". Therefore, the existence of a "liability" cannot be a cause of a person becoming a "person liable" or section 7602 would be self-defeating, the Secretary having then to prove the existence of a "liability" in order to "summon" the information that he needs to determine that "liability", a cart before the horse situation.

Another interesting question arises from reading section 6012, "Persons Required to Make Returns of Income". This section informs us that every individual, estate, trust, etc. "having for the taxable year . . .", and then goes on to list the qualifications of "persons required".

Here is the interesting question: How does the Code define "individual"? I cannot find a definition, but evidently the term is used to denote an individual "taxpayer" because if we look up the definition of "taxable year", we find that a "taxable year" is a fiscal year of a "taxpayer". Obviously, therefore, before section 6012 applies to any person, that person must be a "taxpayer" for only "taxpayers" can have a "taxable year".

Here is another interesting question. What qualifies a person to be a "taxpayer"? Look it up in the Code and see if you can find out.

The Code certainly does present some interesting questions, but perhaps we can simplify matters if we consolidate all of these questions under the one big question: Where does the federal government get its JURISDICTION to tax somebody?

I have been reading Pr. Holzer's book, Sweet Land of Liberty, wherein Pr. Holzer, using several Supreme Court cases and quotes, details the erosion of individual rights thru these decisions. It is a well-written book, incidentally, and on page 56, in a discussion about bigamy, the book quotes from an 1862 federal law,

"Every person having a husband or wife living, who marries another, whether married or single, IN A TERRITORY, OR OTHER PLACE OVER WHICH THE (FEDERAL GOVERNMENT) HAS JURISDICTION, is guilty of bigamy . . ."

Over which places does the federal government have jurisdiction? Not those places within state borders, friends. A couple of examples should make this clear. When Congress wanted to force the 55 MPH speed limit down our throats, why did they not just enact a statute making a national 55MPH speed limit?

## Letters to the editor

I am writing to comment on the interview with Professor Holzer in the May issue of SLM. Several things that Pr. Holzer had to say were exactly correct; however, I must object very strenuously to the characterization of people who put themselves at risk resisting unlawful tax collection, as "tax evaders", and Pr. Holzer's arbitrary and odious adjudication of these people as "guilty" without affording these people the benefit of presumption of innocence and a trial on the question of their supposed crime of "tax evasion".

Pr. Holzer could not have done a better job of axing these people were he an agent provocateur of the IRS. Were his obnoxious comments to become part of the public domain (in the SLM, perhaps) he would be seriously prejudicing anyone who might come before a jury on charges of "tax evasion" or even "failure to file".

Pr. Holzer does err when he includes everyone in the so-called "tax protest" movement (a misnomer that we should all abandon) "tax evaders". In looking at the Internal Revenue Code, Title 26, and to those "persons" to whom it applies, there appear to be two levels of criminal sanctions imposed upon recalcitrant persons liable. A person liable who fills in a 1040 form includes false numbers for the purpose of evading a lawful tax might well be accused and tried for "tax evasion", a felony under the Code. I would not presume that such a person is guilty, however, until he had the benefit (a term being loosely applied here) of a trial on his alleged crime.

A person liable who knowingly does not fill out a 1040 form and mail it in might be accused of "willful failure to file", a misdemeanor not rising to the level of "tax evasion" since the person liable has not signed away his rights and made admissions under penalties of perjury on a 1040 form.

The acts of filling in, signing and mailing a 1040 form appear to be what the IRS considers "filling a return", although I cannot find any definition or description of what constitutes "filling a return" within the Code.

There are some other interesting aspects of the IR Code from which questions arise that apparently have no answers. Section 6001, for example, distinguishes between two kinds of persons: "any person" and "persons liable". By reading that section, one can learn that the "Secretary" (presumably of the Treasury) can request information from "persons liable" and require them to follow the rules and regulations. The Secretary can also request information from "any person" for the specific purpose of determining if such a person is a "person liable".

Anyone liking a challenge might get a copy of the IR Code and search thru it for the information on how a person becomes a "person liable", presumably a "taxpayer". There appears to be no answer to that question in the Code and perhaps for good reason.

Why did they have to achieve this end by blackmailing the states into enacting their own statutes by threatening to withhold highway funds? Because Congress had no JURISDICTION over the citizens of the states. It had no authority.

Now that Congress is attempting to impose a nationwide age 21 drinking limit, how are they going about it? By the same sort of blackmail - threatening to withhold highway funds from any state that does not enact the age 21 drinking law within two years.

Congress has no authority to regulate INTRASTATE commerce. Remember the laetrile controversy, during which the agents of Food and Drug Administration were prone to break down doors and cart off all the belongings of persons suspected of dealing in laetrile? Well, a person manufacturing and selling laetrile within a state's borders, and accepting or making no INTRASTATE shipments, could manufacture and sell with immunity from FDA oppression. Why? No jurisdiction.

So, we must ask the question: Where does Congress get the authority/jurisdiction to tax citizens within state borders? Is it from the 16th Amendment?

During the time that the Constitution was being debated, Alexander Hamilton wrote several papers which eventually became part of a set of papers known as the Federalist Papers. In Federalist Paper No. 15, Hamilton wrote:

"Except as to the rule of apportionment, the United States has an indefinite discretion to make requisitions for men and money; but THEY HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO RAISE EITHER, BY REGULATIONS EXTENDING TO THE INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS OF AMERICA."

How then did the United States make its requisitions? From the states. Hamilton's purpose in writing the paper was to point out that under the Articles of Confederation, the states could refuse to comply with impunity.

Under the Constitution, Congress was DELEGATED limited authority to lay and collect taxes, but direct taxes were still subject to the same rule of apportionment. In other words, when Congress laid a direct tax upon the people, it determined an amount, divided it up among the people according to population and sent the bill to each state according to a state's pro rata share of the population. What protected the states from being hit with big tax bills and having to go to the people to collect big taxes, thus making state politicians very unpopular? The state legislatures chose the senators and thus had representation in Congress - at least until the 17th Amendment, (which by some strange coincidence was enacted in 1913, the same year as the 16th Amendment, the first income tax statute under the 16th Amendment, and the statute creating the Federal Reserve - surely an infamous year.) I doubt that state legislatures would retain any senator in office who kept imposing upon the legislators the duty of collecting great amounts of direct taxes.

After the 16th Amendment passed, how did the taxing authority change? For an answer we must go to the Supreme Court, the

of authority granted to Congress under Article I, section 8 of the Constitution. Title 26, the Internal Revenue Code, is not among them. Could this mean that Title 26 is merely administrative law, or private law applicable only to contract, and to the creatures of the federal government, such as corporations dealing in interstate commerce?

Might we all be presumed to be acting under some type of contract with our government? Might this be why the Supreme Court has so consistently sided with government as described in Pr. Holzer's book - because we are all presumed to have voluntarily accepted the contract created by statutes enacted under equity, thereby giving up our status as freemen under common law? Why not write the Supreme Court and ask them?

On yes. Those who believe that registration for the draft applies to the citizens of the states (all male citizens of the United States having reached their 18th birthday) might wish to look up the definition of "United States" as it is used in the Selective Service Act and find out what places come under the jurisdiction of the "United States" as defined in the Act. Those persons also might wish to read Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution and see how the it provides for raising an army by authority (jurisdiction) delegated to Congress. "To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and REPEL INVASIONS."

Where is the authority for worldwide "police actions" and who among the citizens of the states are members of the Militia? And where is Congress' jurisdiction to compel a citizen of a state to register for the draft? Might it derive from a presumption of a contract? Could that be why the "Selective Service" will not accept a registration form without the registrant's signature?

I only have questions. Perhaps Professor Holzer has the answers.

In peace & liberty,  
*Ted McAnlis*

Ted McAnlis, FACL

Dear Mr. Harlee:

IN reference to my previous letter, I would like to correct an error caused by my faulty memory. There are only 50 titles in the US Code, not 52. I have enclosed a copy of the titles for your information. As you can see, Title 26 has not been enacted as law (whatever that means).

Another interesting item that came my way the other day. It seems that Amendment 16 (income tax) is compiled by the Library of Congress under Private Laws of the United States, a private law being one that acts only upon certain classes of persons (see Bouvier's Law Dictionary under Private Act).

Not so said the Court. The 16th Amendment obviously did neither. It merely took a tax laid upon income out of the category of a direct tax and placed it into the category of an indirect tax to which it inherently belonged.

Brushaber v. Union Pacific Railroad Co. 240 US 1.

Later that same year, the Court took another case concerning the income tax: Stanton v. Baltic Mining Co., 240 US 103. Therein the Court stated:

"...the 16th Amendment conferred (upon Congress) NO NEW POWER OF TAXATION..."

The decision then went on to reiterate the finding in Brushaber.

Black's law dictionary defines an indirect tax as a tax upon a right or a privilege or on a corporate franchise. The Supreme Court has held that a right cannot be taxed (I cannot furnish a citation as I have forgotten where I put this information, but a few hours in the law library should overcome this deficiency for those interested in verifying these wild claims). So, can the income tax be considered a tax upon privilege, such as the taking of a corporate franchise?

Two more questions. If Congress did not have the authority (jurisdiction) to tax citizens of the states before the 16th Amendment, and the Amendment conferred no new power of taxation, how does Congress get jurisdiction now to include us in its income tax scheme? What privilege must we be presumed to be exercising in order to fall under federal jurisdiction with respect to the income tax?

If you want to know, why not write to the Commissioner and ask him. See if he (she or it) answers. While you are writing, why not ask the Commissioner to identify the jurisdictional facts upon which he (she or it) claims jurisdiction over your life, liberty and property? Might it be the fact that you volunteered into federal jurisdiction by filling out and signing a 1040 form, thereby identifying yourself as a "taxpayer/person liable"?

I have no answers, only questions. I will end with one more question. It concerns something called "positive law". Congress has assembled its numerous statutes, etc. into groupings called titles, and the House of Representatives has published a set of books containing all of the titles in the United States Code, numbering 52. An asterisk by several of the titles identifies these titles as being enacted into "positive law". By some coincidence, these titles enacted into "positive law" just happen to correspond with the specific areas

of well, I am not sure what it all means although I am trying to find out. Perhaps it means nothing. I rather suspect, however, that the survival of liberty in this country will depend to a major extent upon the outcome of the tax avoidance movement (a better term than tax evasion - tax avoidance being lawful).

If one looks at the erosions in the protections against self-incrimination for example, one will find that most of the erosion, if not all, come about in tax-related cases. Once an armed group of people get used to living off the fruits of other peoples' labor, they are not prone to being shooed off the gravy train without a fight - and govt is certainly well armed.

I am attempting to find the time to clean up the language in the previous letter. I hope to make it before you print it. The letter is too wordy, and I want to double check the accuracy of some of the other facts I cited from memory.

In peace & liberty,

*Ted McAnlis*

Ted McAnlis

Libertarians had failed to get citizens in Virginia, West

State Staff Writer

Virginia, Florida and Georgia. They are running in South and North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky, but the party failed to grow in the country and in South Carolina.

Lewis

Libertarian Party stands for individual independence and reducing the role of government in citizens' lives, party officials said.

Lewis said: "Why the Libertarian Party? Because we think it's time for the people to have a real choice. Libertarians stand for individual independence and reducing the role of government in citizens' lives, party officials said.

"We've all been brought up with this idea that we have this great two-party system in this country," Lewis said. "One of the things that they've neglected to tell us is our government-run schooling is that the two-party system was a big-government party versus a small-government party, but the small-government party disappeared possibly 80 years ago... Democrats are not a small-government party as Mr. Jefferson had founded it."

Davis said: "As people find out what the Libertarian Party stands for, they say, 'This is where I've been all my life.' South Carolinians have a history, a tradition, of being freedom-loving, independent people."

DOLLARS & SENSE  
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Dear Sir:

I have long admired Henry Mark Holzer and his writings, but I feel compelled to protest his blanket condemnation of tax protesters.

Mr. Holzer quotes the U.S. Supreme Court case of *Garner v. United States*, but omits the statement of the court in this case that ---

"the information revealed in the preparation and filing of an income tax return is, for purposes of fifth amendment analysis, the testimony of a witness."

He also omits the further statement in the court's opinion that:

"only the witness knows whether the apparently innocent disclosure sought may incriminate him."

The courts have carved out of the 5th amendment a narrower "privilege against self-incrimination" which applies when you are subpoenaed to testify as a witness in a proceeding against another person. In that case you cannot refuse to testify at all, but you must invoke the privilege as to individual questions that might incriminate you. But if the proceeding or trial is against you, then under the broader "right" (not privilege) "not to be compelled to be a witness" against yourself, you do not have to testify at all-period.

It is clear when you read section 6103 (h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code that the information on your return subjects you to criminal liability--against self-incrimination" which applies when you are subpoenaed to testify as a witness in a proceeding against another person. In that case you cannot refuse to testify at all, but you must invoke the privilege as to individual questions that might incriminate you. But if the proceeding or trial is against you, then under the broader "right" (not privilege) "not to be compelled to be a witness" against yourself, you do not have to testify at all-period.

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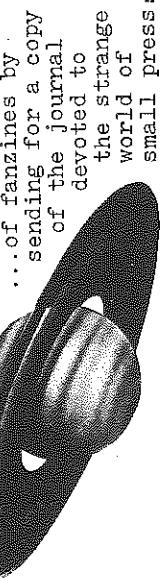
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## High time Congress reset clock

By DWIGHT DANA  
Fee Dex Bureau

### DARLINGTON

Does the sun rise and set at the command of the federal government?

Darlington resident Hugh Thompson, Libertarian candidate for Congress from the 6th District, says they seem to think so.

"The end of daylight savings time Saturday night should remind every American of the utter incompetence of the federal government," Thompson said. "They got the date wrong more than 10 years ago and still haven't fixed it right."

The Florence anesthesiologist says anyone with a Farmer's Almanac can look up the spring and fall equinoxes and find that they occur three weeks into March and September.

"Congress does not have enough sense to do that," he said. "They are totally oblivious to the hours at which the sun rises and sets."

"This is typical of the federal government, which seems to think the sun rises and sets at their command."

Daylight savings time begins the last weekend in April and ends the last weekend in October.

### Libertarian quits postal job

Cynthia Sullivan, Libertarian candidate for Congress in the 2nd District, says she has put her constitutional rights above her job in resigning as a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service because of her political race.

Mrs. Sullivan said she did not know before she became a candidate that her post office job prohibited her from running for office.

But Columbia Postmaster Roy Watts said it's a clear-cut case.

"It's a violation of the Hatch Act," Watts said. "They (postal workers) cannot run for office in a partisan election."

Mrs. Sullivan, who will be on the Nov. 6 ballot against Democrat Ken Moseley and Republican incumbent Floyd Spence, said, "I didn't think the rules applied. I guess I assume too much."

Mrs. Sullivan, in a letter to Watts, claimed she had been "defrauded by the Postal Service."

"I have attended three orientation sessions in my seven years in the Postal Service and not once was something as important as giving up my rights ever mentioned, as were health benefits, safety and the fear of the postal inspector."

She said, "It is not fair that I have to give up my job for my principles and my country."

The SOUTHERN LIBERTARIAN MESSENGER

### Import restrictions don't serve Americans

I commend you for publishing the excellent articles on import restrictions (*The State*, Aug. 26). Every candidate for public office should read these articles, for they explode the myth that import restrictions are beneficial.

While protectionist import restrictions give a short-term infusion of money into domestic industries, this money isn't honest money, it is stolen from American consumers, who have to pay higher prices for cars, clothes, and other items.

Each dollar of benefit to a protected industry is more than offset by several dollars of cost to consumers and other industries, and the taxpayers are forced to foot the bill for government enforcement of the restrictions. This destroys

thousands of jobs, cripples the economy, and ends up hurting even the protected industries themselves.

Every dollar paid to Japan, West Germany, or elsewhere ends up coming back to the U.S. There is really no such thing as a "negative balance of trade."

Libertarians have known these truths for years, but Republicans and Democrats are still trying to fool the public and buy votes. Thurmond, Moseley, Campbell, and Mondale have explicitly endorsed import restrictions, and other candidates have given tacit approval to these absurd laws. It seems that the Libertarians are the only persons who know what they are talking about.

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**I don't jail the poor!**

A LEADING magistrate revealed yesterday that he does not jail or fine poor people who appear before him. Mr. Eric Northrop, chairman of the bench in Bradford, said four of 10 offenders cannot afford to live within the law. Among those who get light sentences from him are petty thieves and fathers who reconnect the electricity supply to their homes after it has been cut off. But Mr. Northrop stressed: "We are never lenient with true criminals."

## Alternative exists to two-party system

Having analyzed the two big government parties, the Democrats and the Republicans, the average voter feels compelled to make a decision: "Do I want the exorbitant taxes I pay to go toward wasteful social programs, or to wasteful defense spending?" It is not much of a choice, but the media and our school system seem bent on persuading us that we have no other alternative.

Perhaps the two-party system has outlived its preferred status. The track records of both the Democrats and the Republicans clearly show that as long as they are in charge, all we can be sure of is growth in government and erosion of personal liberties. It is as if the two parties are in a contest to see just how much they can control our lives before we wake up and fight back. There is very little hope for tomorrow, especially in the areas of foreign affairs and the economy, as long as we vote for bipartisan "Big Brother."

There is an alternative, however. It is the party of voluntarism, free-choice, live and let live: the Libertarian Party. In comparison with the others, it is like a breath of fresh air. It stands for a revival of the term, "It's a free country!" When is the last time you heard anyone say that with conviction; what with the multitude of restrictive laws and regulations, confiscatory taxation, invasion of other countries, and downright criminal acts perpetrated by our leaders?

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**State has too much  
control over people**

A few years ago, the S.C. Legislature decided to allow motorcycle riders over the age of 21 to choose for themselves whether or not they would wear a safety helmet. This was both a wise and correct action on the part of the Legislature.

Certainly, a person has a right to choose for himself whether he uses a particular safety device, and government does not have the authority to require the use of such safety equipment, including safety belts and child restraint seats in automobiles.

## Missing mail found after 14 months

WAYNESBURG, Pa. (UPI) — The 14-month investigation has ended and postal authorities have discovered the awful truth: The mail didn't get through.

The five trays of mail — estimated to total about 14,000 pieces in all — from Waynesburg that disappeared 30 miles away in Pittsburgh in early August 1983 have been found, sacked, in a storage area in Pittsburgh's main post office.

William Zaken, public affairs officer at the office, said the miss-

ing mail was found two weeks ago. He called it "an unfortunate, isolated incident."

The mail was placed in sacks before leaving Waynesburg but for some reason never made the usual trip through the sorting process, Zaken said. Instead, it was sent to a storage area, where its sacks was covered by empty mail sacks.

The post office began searching after receiving calls about letters that never arrived

and finally, in mid-October, the missing Waynesburg mail was discovered.

Zaken said 85 percent of the mail had been sent by businesses and that it was difficult to determine exactly how many letters were involved.

Where possible, the mail will be returned to the senders, rather than the intended recipients, because it was so outdated, Zaken said. Checks, for example, might not be honored because they would be more than a year old.

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## Both GOP, Democrats fiscally irresponsible

It now appears that the Governor's Commission on Highway Safety has determined that not enough motorcyclists are using safety helmets, and it is necessary to enact legislation to require the use of helmets by both riders and passengers. This is a clear example of government interference in the lives of citizens. Such interference, no matter how well-intentioned it might be, must not be tolerated.

This republic was founded on the principle that government is the servant of the people, not the master. Today the citizens of this country, either through ignorance or apathy, are allowing the government to take more and more control of their daily lives. This control comes in the form of executive directives, unconstitutional legislation and dictatorial decrees from the judiciary. Government is attempting to protect its citizens from all possible harms (real or imaginary). The 19th century English philosopher Herbert Spencer said: "The ultimate effect of protecting men from their own folly is to fill the planet full of fools."

Now is the time for each of us to take control of his life and put government back in its proper place as the servant of the people and not the master.

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think that the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed with the guarantee that 2 percent would be the tops. Ha!

Taxes are extorted for projects of which the "taxpayer" does not approve. Taxes cause the dislocation of scarce resources and retard growth.

As a Libertarian, I favor a government which could provide local police protection and national (not international) defense. After all, the government which governs least governs best.

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