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DENMARK, like most of Scandinavia, is highly socialized. Thus, it is surprising to outsiders that, in a nation where the public sector accounts for nearly 50 percent of the economy, a privately owned company provides ambulance service to 98 percent of the nation and furnishes fire brigades to 62 percent of the municipalities.

The unusual concern, Falck, owns fire trucks, ambulances, emergency vehicles, hospital cars, auto wreckers and even airplanes to answer calls. Although some larger cities, like the capital, Copenhagen, maintain their own emergency services, Falck, which is a monopoly otherwise, is successful. It was a virtual institution before the Danish drift into welfarism.

One secret is that Falck uses its resources to serve separate

public and private markets, using each market to pay for idle time in the other. It also capitalizes on superb training and instills a sense of public duty.

Now Falck is considering exporting its skills. The company plans to install rescue services in Saudi Arabia and Qatar, and it may begin a training program in Kuwait.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This issue contains some SCLP election returns. For the whole thing, see the next issue of "The South Carolina Libertarian".

We have good news and bad news. The good news is that the computer is working again. The bad news is that we don't have money, a series of disasters having depleted the exchequer. If you would like to help, renew your subscription, or, better still, give gift subscriptions for Christmas presents. (We also accept ads.)

S.C. Calls It Official: '82 Vote Certified

The state Election Commission has certified results of the general election after canvassing votes from the 46 counties.

Statewide and congressional candidates have until noon Monday to file protests, but election commission officials expect none.

The commission has received one protest from Dorchester House District 98. It will be heard Tuesday.

The official outcome was identical to winners determined in unofficial counts immediately following the Nov. 2 balloting except for some variations in the vote count.

The official tallies are:

Governor — Richard W. Riley (Democrat), 468,819; William D. Workman (Republican), 202,806.

Lieutenant governor — Michael R. Daniel (Democrat) 440,678; Norma C. Russell (Republican) 219,043.

Secretary of State — John T. Campbell (Democrat) 517,646; Jan L. Chapman (Libertarian) 42,097.

Treasurer — Grady C. Patterson (Democrat) 522,635; Thomas P. Waldenfels (Libertarian) 34,988.

Attorney general — Travis P. Medlock (Democrat) 397,641; Donald V. Myers (Republican) 258,457.

Comptroller general — Earle E. Morris (Democrat) 511,944; Richard Windell (Libertarian) 39,998.

Superintendent of education —

Charlie G. Williams (Democrat) 464,311; Pontheolla T. Williams (Republican) 180,871.

Adjutant general — T. Eston Marchant (Democrat) 449,399; Joseph E. Brown (Republican) 195,443.

Agriculture commissioner — Les Tindal (Democrat) 335,719; Bryan Patrick (Republican) 316,526.

Congress:

1st District — Thomas E. Hartnett (Republican) 63,945; Mullins McLeod (Democrat) 52,916; Walter E. Smith (Libertarian) 971.

2nd District — Floyd Spence (Republican) 71,569; Ken Mosely 50,749.

3rd District — Butler Derrick (Democrat) 77,125; Gordon T. Davis (Libertarian) 8,214.

4th District — Carroll A. Campbell (Republican) 69,302; Marion E. Tyus (Democrat) 40,394.

5th District — John Spratt (Democrat) 69,345; John Wilkerson (Republican) 33,191.

6th District — Robert M. Tallon Jr. (Democrat) 62,582; John L. Napier (Republican) 56,653.

Constitutional amendments:

Amendment No. 1 (making agriculture commissioner a constitutional office) — Yes 342,511; No 147,313.

Amendment No. 2 (allowing municipalities to give new industry tax breaks) Yes 233,992; No 243,832.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Federal Court (Baker v. Wade) has thrown out Texas' sodomy statute, saying it violates right to privacy. (GCNews)

Now that the ERA has not been ratified, 81 women have filed for office in Florida. (In These Times) Meanwhile, Florida Supreme Court has ruled that battered wives may not sue their husbands. (AP) This should be interesting.

A documentary, "The KGB Connection", which received sensational notices in Canada just isn't being shown in the US. (New Haven Journal Courier/Spiral Mobius) It makes you wonder.

Newspapers contain so much lead (in the ink) that readers are warned not to burn them in fireplaces. But the USDA has a use for them: it is feeding them to cattle, for all the carbohydrates. (Federal Times/Spiral Mobius)

Russia claims the capacity to wipe out 200 million Americans. So does the IRS. (FFWorld)

Kids no longer play post office. They play UPS. Not only is it quicker, you can depend on it. (Funny Funny World)

A computer whiz is exhibiting obscene messages on electronic traffic control signs on I-75 in Cincinnati, and police can't find who's doing it, or how. (FFW) No one at traffic dept. can program.

A property tax payment to the county was 15 days late when USPS sent it by way of Glasgow, Scotland. (L A Times/FFW)

In 1886, the US agreed to exchange government publications with other nations. In 1980 Sen. James Sasser (TN) discovered that this included sending technical journals to communist countries, and cut the funds for mailing them. But no one cut the printing order, so they continue to be printed and stored, at great cost. (Donald Lambro/YHPN)

BULK RATE

Australian civil servants (?) have

a new scam to get pay raises: they overpay government bills, pensions, etc. (Libertarian Digest, 330 Princes Hwy, Sylvania 2224, Australia)

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Is There Anyone You Can Trust?

FBI is asking for money to buy condos; it can no longer rent apartments where it wants for listening posts. (D C Gazette)

Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of teenage deaths, after accidents & homicide, increasing 200% since 1950. 93% of those who attempt suicide report a lack of communication with parents. (Wash Post/FJ) All that yelling, and nobody's listening.

30% of 13-15-year-olds have had intercourse, and 60% of 16-18-year-olds. 1/4 of teenagers drink more than once a week. (Family Weekly/ Fundamentalist Journal) It would be interesting to know if the ones who drink are the same ones who have sex, or the ones who don't. Anyone for a survey? Incidentally, teenagers, except 18+ ones, are not legally allowed to drink in most states, and it hasn't stopped them yet.

Book report: *A Christian Manifesto* by Francis Schaeffer. Gives the full case for civil disobedience with cases from the early church, which refused to take part in pagan ceremonies, required of all loyal citizens of the Roman Empire. "If there is no final place for civil disobedience, then the government has been made autonomous, and as such, it has been put in place of the Living God." Amen, brother.

Saying it would "destroy the family structure", Georgia Senate defeated a bill to allow a married woman to use her maiden name or hyphenate both surnames. (New Directions for Women/ComeUnity) O Tempora!

"Every building or usable portion thereof shall have at least one exit" declares Div. of Industrial Safety. (FFW) If it didn't, how would we ever know?

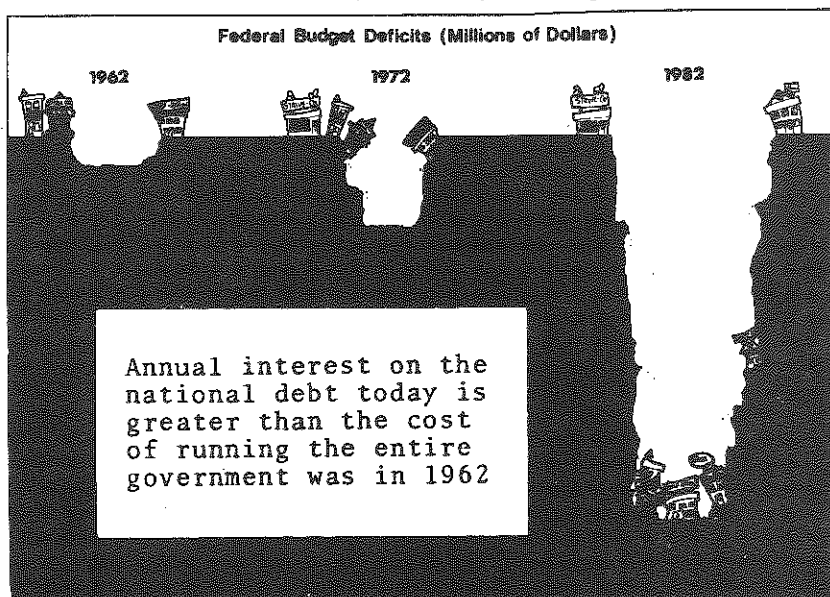
In Ogunquit, ME Polly Cookson is collecting signatures to run for town selectman, and her husband has put up a sign on his theater, "Polly Cookson Smokes Pot", because he doesn't want her to run. Her standard reply to those who ask if she does, is, "If you had my husband, you would too." Mrs. Cookson, 69, has been married 47 years. (FFW) Happily.

Daniel Becker, 3, is charged by police with dumping 5 large bags of trash 22 blocks from his home in Philadelphia, because his name was found on an insurance form in the trash. He is looking forward to going to court, and maybe jail. (FFW)

In Town Creek, AL Marietta McElway has been charged with tarring-and-feathering Elizabeth Jameson who plans to marry her ex-husband, and leaving her at the town dump. The wedding has been delayed. (FFW)

"It goes without saying that sex is not confined to Greater London. It is to be found in most parts of the country." the astonished Greater London Council was informed, in a discussion of sec-shops. (Hull Daily Mail/FFW) Let's hope so.

New zine: *Poetry Newsletter*, Box 2279, Santa Cruz, CA 95063. Wants news on contests, markets.



Peoples College of Law

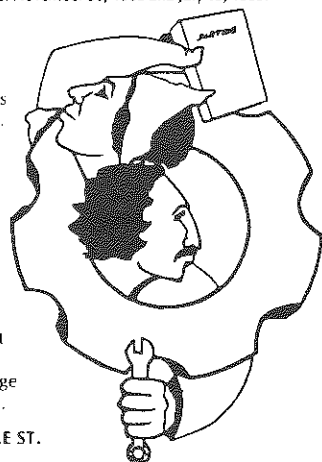
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County Made Same Move In 1860s

County May Try Secession

By FRANK BLANCHARD
Associated Press

TRENTON, Ga.

A group of Dade County residents has about half the signatures needed to seek a referendum on whether the county should secede from Georgia and try for annexation into adjacent Tennessee, a spokesman says.

"We're dead serious, said C.M. Smith Jr., sponsor of the petition. The 18 to 20 people circulating the document have gathered about 1,000 of the 2,000 signatures needed to seek a referendum on the issue, he said.

"If it's the wishes of the people ... I see no reason why they should not take legislative action and give us to the state of Tennessee," Smith said.

If enough signatures are obtained, the petition will go to County Commissioner Larry Moore, Smith said. Moore said he would refer the matter to County Attorney Arch Farrar Jr.

"The county commissioner has no authority to do anything about it," Farrar said Sunday. "I guess the only thing he could do is refer it to the state legislator for his district... I really can't tell you. I can't find anything in the (Georgia) code that really spells out any procedure on this."

The secession drive was triggered by recent rain-induced flooding in the county, which borders Alabama and Tennessee. Some residents contend Georgia officials didn't do enough to help the county repair damage caused by the high waters.

The issue of secession is not new to Dade. In 1860, Rep. Bob Tatum told the Georgia Legislature that the rural mountain county would secede from the state if Georgia did not secede from the Union.

Georgia broke away as the Civil War approached. But to this day, a marker on the county courthouse lawn still refers to the "Free State of Dade."

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- C.M. Smith Jr.,
sponsor of the petition drive.

Democrats Score Sweep in County

By JIMMIE OWENS
Staff Writer

The unofficial results of Tuesday's election in Florence County show the Democrats making a clean sweep in the election.

In the only two contested state legislative districts, Democrats won easy victories over their Libertarian opponents.

According to the figures supplied by the Florence County Election Commission, incumbent Woody McKay picked up 3,645 more votes than Libertarian candidate David Rosser to retain his seat in District 60. Rosser got 474 votes and McKay received 4,119.

In the newly created House District 62, Frank Gilbert, the only black candidate in any of the Florence County House races, won the seat with 3,991 votes. His opponent, Libertarian John Harlee, received 354.

Three other House races were on the county ballots, but the

Democratic incumbents were unopposed.

John McLeod in District 59 received 1,476 votes and R. L. Nettles in District 61 drew 4,454. Malloy McEachin received 6,050 votes and will continue to serve as the legislator from District 63.

While all three were unopposed, the unofficial returns show that five write-in votes were cast against Nettles and three against McEachin.

County Council Chairman Johnny Powers won re-election in race against Republican Jack Humphries. Of the eight precincts voting in the District Eight race, Humphries won in only two. He picked up five more absentee votes than Powers and won in Florence No. 15 with 99 votes to Powers' 90. Powers picked up a total of 2,650 votes to Humphries' 1,722.

The three-way race for the District Six County Council seat saw incumbent Democrat Jim Harwell retain his seat by receiving 1,524 of the 2,414 votes cast. Republican challenger Carol Broome came in a dismal second with 845 votes while Libertarian Michael James received only 45 votes.

The lust for power, for dominating others, inflames the heart more than any other passion.

- Tacitus

Government Sues Jenrette

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department filed suit against former Rep. John W. Jenrette, D-S.C., and another man Wednesday in an effort to gain the return of \$48,700 in payoffs made as part of the Abscam investigation.

The civil suit filed in U.S. District Court in Washington named Jenrette and John R. Stowe, a businessman residing in Richmond, Va., at the time of the events alleged in the complaint.

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Libertarians Get Serious Look

Your editorial "Libertarian Dreams" (*The State*, Sept. 10) is gratifying to us Libertarians in that you finally granted us recognition as a serious political force. Unfortunately, while capturing the gist of our movement in its main points, and noting that political scientists now see the political spectrum as a four-way grid rather than a two-way stripe, you missed a few significant points.

First, our philosophy should be known to most people, if they've been to school. Libertarianism was the philosophy on which this country was founded. It is the philosophy of the Declaration of Independence and of many who helped write the Constitution. Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Benjamin Franklin and John Randolph of Roanoke — to name just a few — were purely libertarian in their outlooks. That other parties now claim them as "founders" is a severe distortion of historical truth.

Second, Ed Clark got quite a few serious glances as our Presidential candidate in 1980, making us by far the largest "third" party in America.

Third, we stand an excellent chance of electing a Libertarian as governor of Alaska this year. Alaska is a state where libertarianism flourishes. The repeal of its state income tax was due solely to relentless pressure by Libertarians in the state legislature.

Fourth, Reagan is no Libertarian. His rejection of civil rights and his relentless demand for subsidies for big business via

defense contracts make him a pure conservative, by your own definition. He doesn't really believe in a free market and free trade, as witness his "sanctions" against the Russian pipeline.

Finally, we began the Libertarian party in 1972 with the realization that no other political party will ever adopt our position consistently. Most parties are too "pragmatic" to be interested in principles. When the free-spending liberals have bankrupted America and the conservatives only make things worse with their "solutions," Libertarianism will come into its own.

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Tuition Credits

In a recent Public Forum letter opposing tuition tax credits for parents of children in private schools, Melba Sprague called the credits a subsidy and claimed the credits would hurt public schools. Our first interest should be the school children, not the institution.

Tuition tax credits do not give aid to private schools, in the welfare sense, any more than the investment tax credit transfers Treasury funds to businesses. A tax credit merely allows the buyer of something to deduct part of that from his income tax bill. It encourages activity by allowing people to keep more of their own money, which is quite different than transferring money from Person A to the government and then to Person B. Paying less taxes certainly aids one's buying power, but it is not "federal aid."

Tuition tax credits would have many benefits to students in public schools as well as private schools. Public schools produce an education measurably inferior to private schools, and at a cost of over 50 percent more money. The shortcomings of government education cannot be blamed on social factors. To do so argues that schools are a minor influence on education. It also flies in the face of reality: over 60 percent of the private school children in America are from families of racial minority origin and/or below the official poverty level.

Allowing people to invest more of their own money in quality education



DAILY STAR

PHEW! The hunt is on for Mr Smelly the walking health hazard.

Police and council workers have formed a pong patrol to snail him out.

Their orders are to bring him in for a clean-up.

Mr. Smelly is the nickname health officials have given an old tramp seen wandering about in three towns.

As soon as he is caught he'll be whisked to hospital.

Then he'll be de-loused, given a good clean-up and a ticking off, and politely asked to move on.

Crawling

Mr Gordon Dumelow chairman of North Herts environmental health committee, said: "It seems he is crawling with lice."

The "find Mr Smelly" order came after scores of complaints from people in Hitchin, Herts.

They say his appearance frightens children and old folks.

He's also been seen in public lavatories, warming his hands under the hot-air driers.

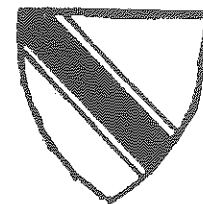
Added Mr Dumelow: "There have been sightings of him in Luton and Stevenage."

"There is no excuse for anyone to be like this — and, quite frankly, he is a health hazard."

Lee Muller, Timmonsville

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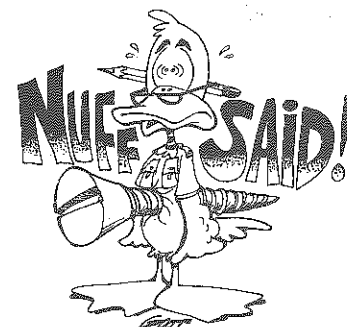
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Gentle Reader:

I started to write you this letter to try to sell you some books, but something more important came up. (We'll get back to the books later.)

As you know, our country is facing a crisis, and things are getting no better fast. I'll spare you all the details, which are to be seen all around you. Something has to be done, and the sooner the better. A lot of the things that have to be done require a lot of hard work and are going to take time, so we have to get started now.

We have a lot to gain: our lives, our property, and our freedom, and we have everything to lose.



Now, I know that there are a lot of people advocating panaceas, a simple way to solve all our problems. Most of these people are quite sincere, and a lot of them are doing great and useful work. I wish I could offer you some simple way to save our country at home in your spare time, but I can't.

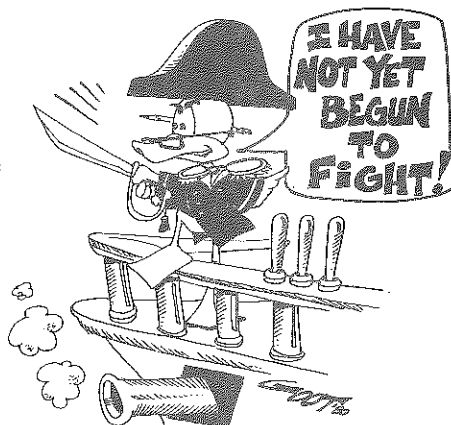
Essentially, what we have to do is to get out and talk to people who do not understand what the problem is, and tell them. We can't rely on someone else to do it for us. Most of the people that they have been hearing from are part of the problem.

We have to do more than just talk, sometimes. We may have to spend some of our own money to help get the message across. We may have to run for office to get attention, or to get rid of some of the problems. We may have to give up some of our precious leisure time.

Now, I've heard all of the excuses. I really don't care how bashful or how lazy or how stingy you are, if you really believe that this country is worth saving, you will have to get out of your easy chair and help.

I will make you an offer. If you are willing to get involved, I'll do anything I can to help you. If you're already involved, you get the same offer. It isn't much. All I may be able to do is give you a name and address, or tell you where to look for information, or sell you a book.

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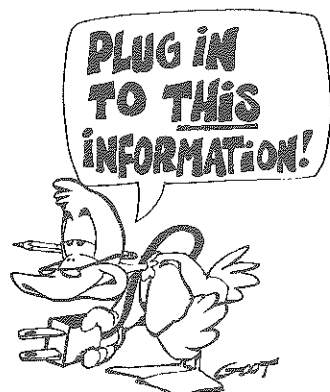
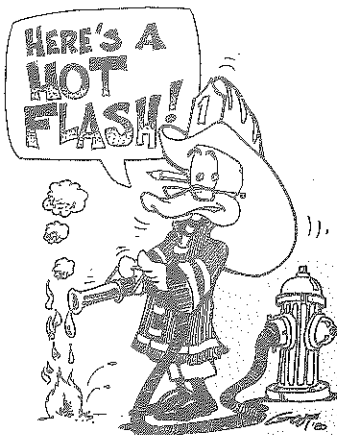
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Now, about the books, I'll send you a list of what's available if you'd like. I would like to mention a few; we offer Rep. George Hansen's To Harass Our People for \$6. (it sells for \$6.95 elsewhere), with its scathing denunciation of the Internal Revenue Service.

We have Donald Lambro's Fat City for \$11. instead of \$12.95; Lambro is the Capitol correspondent for Untied Press. The book is about how the federal government wastes billions of dollars every year. President Reagan actually gave copies to members of his cabinet.

We stock classics, like Henry Hazlitt's Economics in One Lesson, a \$4.95 quality paperback for \$4. This is one of the best and most readable books ever on common-sense economics.



A question maybe arising in your minds: is this clown going to do nothing but try to sell me books? By no means! We offer other services, too. For example, we rent out our computer, if you need some sort of automated service, such as a mailing list kept and updated and printed on labels.

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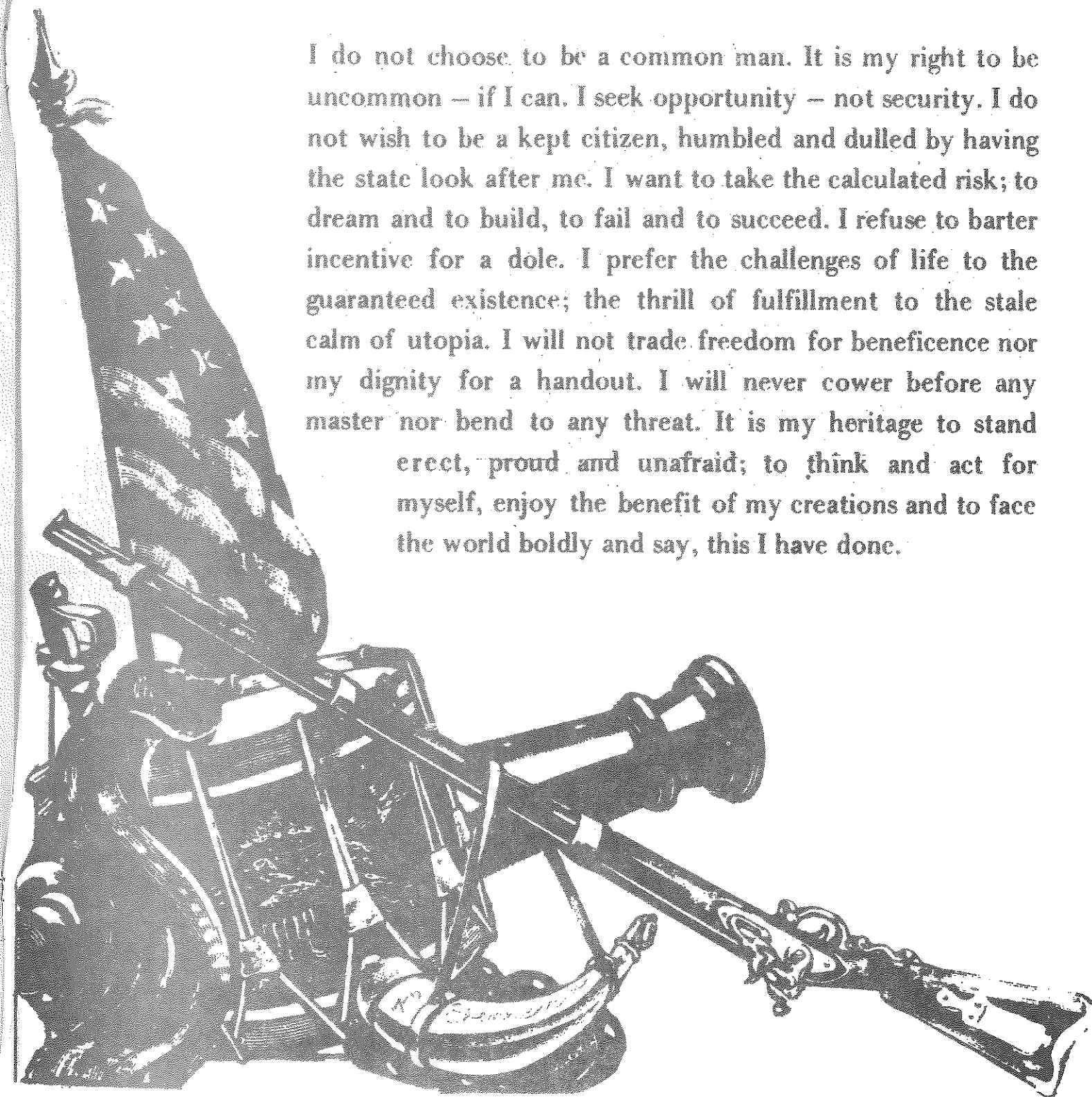

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PS: Thank to Bob White, Jim Goot, & others.