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WHEN teachers in Santa Clara County get homesick for that scholarly life they came to know and love in teacher school, the local Dept. of Ed. is happy to provide them lots more of it, real neat stuff like this:

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And here's a cheapy (\$17) called 'Science as a Verb.' which it may be in their 'language of responsibility':

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How they experience principles, we don't know, but we'd sure like to see it, maybe just as they get to osmosis.

--Underground Grammarian

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Social Security and
Veterans Administration

Social Security is bankrupt and the Veterans Administration soon will be. The 12.4 million World War II vets are now an average of 61 years of age and are eligible for free V.A. medical care when they reach 65. Two-thirds of the V.A.'s \$24.2 billion budget is in pension, burial, and other fixed costs. So what can be cut except medical care?

If the rules for eligibility aren't changed soon, the V.A. will also be bankrupt.

Answer: Social Security should be a voluntary, insurance program, not a welfare institution. And the V.A. should do nothing for any veteran who was not injured in combat.

—American Way Features

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GO BANKRUPT.
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National Malaise

11 ships are reported missing in the Bering Sea since December, far more than usual. (WWNews) Odd.

Some 387 government agencies more than 1,000 non-profit groups are in the process of dropping out of social security; the govt. agencies have 167,000 employees. (AP)

In Youngstown, OH, sheriff James Traficant got 3 days in jail for refusing to sign deeds on 10 foreclosures; in 1 case a woman paid \$1 in silver coin in an attempt to get her home back. (J&R)

IRS building in Farmington, NM burned. Fire dept. has not ruled out the possibility of arson.

IRS regional center at Ogden, UT admits 10,000 protest returns this year from Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, the Dakotas, Oregon, Utah, Washington & Wyoming.

Seen on several patriotic publications: "WARNING: 18 USC 1700, 1701, 1702, 1703, 1709 & 1710 PROVIDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR TAMPERING OR OTHER INTERFERENCE WITH THE PROMPT DELIVERY OF THIS MAIL TO ADDRESSEE." Caveat postal employees, etc.

"No man in this country is so high that he is above the law. No officer of the law may set the law at defiance, with impunity. All the officers of the government, from the highest to the lowest, are creatures of the law and are bound to obey it." US v. Lee, 106 US 196, 200 (1882)

Why did the tax cut of 10% in 1982 have no immediate effect? Well, it seems the Treasury did not adjust the withholding tables for the new rates, and so overwithheld, thus defeating the purpose of the tax cut. (Balt. Sun)

Harris Poll reports that only 25% of public do have confidence in Supreme Court, while 17% have hardly any, as opposed to 50% and 8% in 1966. (NE) It is a measure of the ignorance of American history that anyone does.

IRS is investigating Merrill Lynch's NY office, claiming that their records of cash transactions of \$10,000 do not correspond to bank records of deposits. (Nat'l. Lw Journal) Doesn't say how they can tell if a \$10,000 cash deposit came from 1 \$10,000 transaction or 2 \$5,000 transactions.

War resisters claim IRS spent \$14.4 million to collect \$2.4 million from war resisters in 1979. (New Age) Since when has govt. cared how much it cost to do anything?

IRS has 1,480 investigators for evasion cases, and 1,205 on drug & organized crime cases. in 1982 it successfully prosecuted 1,624 cases. (WSJ) That comes to less than 2/3 of a case for each full-time employee.

Supreme Court ruled that Minnesota cannot tax the ink and paper used to print newspapers. (AP)

"The Dreamer", the newsletter of Get Rich Quick Schemes, is \$24/year (Box 50681, Nashville, TN 37205). Scheme # 1: publish a newsletter telling other people how to get rich.

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At the Fujitsu Fanuc factory in Japan, union officials began complaining when increasing automation led to declining membership by attrition. UPI reports that to keep the peace, management began paying dues for each robot (at least until the government told them they couldn't).

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Common Sense is Florida's oldest (est. 1974) and leading libertarian newsletter and is published 6 times a year at an annual subscription rate of eight dollars per year, for libertarians and other friends of liberty. Sample issue available \$1.00. Please send all correspondence and subscriptions to Common Sense/LPDC, P.O. Box 650051, Miami, Florida 33165.

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THE MERRY KINGS OF ENGLAND

The cause of liberty has been lucky on more than one instance. History is full of What-Ifs, and I am going to lead you through a tour of just one simple line, for the cause of freedom in this country goes back to England, long before the discovery of America. And what I am going to tell you about is some of the unlikely chances that contributed to it.

This itself would take a book. I shall merely pass lightly through the catalogue of the Kings of England, touching on some of the turning points.

Let us start with Alfred. To get a king who cared about the rule of law, England had to be lucky. He was the 4th son of King Ethelwulf, and to come to the throne had to see all 3 of his older brothers (Ethelbald, Ethelbert & Ethelred I) come to the throne and die young, leaving no children of age to inherit, in the space of 13 years. The likelihood of that is truly small. Alfred was the preserver of the tradition of the common law.

England was lucky again a few generations later; Alfred was succeeded by an able son and 3 grandsons, on the death of the last the kingdom was divided. But Edwig died a few years later, and it was Edgar the Peaceful who reunited the kingdom, the younger brother. Edgar was known for his attachment to the laws, and his impartiality.

But a series of good kings can be too much of a good thing, and cause the people to forget the need for vigilance. Edgar left 2 young sons, Edward, who reigned briefly and was probably murdered by his step-mother, and then Ethelred II, the Unready, arguably the worst king England ever had. A weak king can do a lot for the cause of liberty; after 37 years of unremitting disasters, he fled the country, leaving the Witan to choose a new king.

By this time there were 2 witans and in general confusion they chose 2 kings, Edmund Ironside, a younger son of Ethelred and Knut of Denmark, leader of the Danish invaders who had occupied parts of England for 150 years, both good men. Edmund died shortly, leaving Knut, a foreigner, and an elected king, to rule England. Being a sensible man, he did so with circumspection, even after he inherited Denmark on the death of his older brother, and commanded a large empire for those days. This also led him into a policy of salutary neglect of his English dominions.

On his death, the Witan divided the kingdom between his chosen heir, Harthacnut and his bastard son Harold, then deposed Harthacnut and gave the whole kingdom to Harold. He died shortly, and they chose Harthacnut again, who also died shortly; both had proved worthless, and left no sons.

By this time some important points had been made: a Witan that could elect and depose kings had a potent weapon against any attempts at tyranny. At this point it elected as king the last remaining son of Ethelred (Edmund's half-brother), Edward, who did not want to be king, and did not want to marry, and did not even want to live in England, having spent most of his youth at the court of his mother's brother, the Duke of Normandy. He filled the government with Normans and tried to abolish the rights of his subjects; fortunately for them he was too weak a king to even keep order. And he died childless.

At this point the Witan chose Harold II, his wife's brother, who had no hereditary claim. As you know his election was disputed by a series of other claimants, of whom William of Normandy was the final victor, after a series of wars that wiped out almost the entire native English nobility. William, the bastard son of Edward's uncle, whose claim to

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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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Normandy was none too good, and who had claimants with a better claim to England still living in Scotland, was punctilious about legal forms, getting himself properly elected by the Witan, what little was left of it, and preserving English customary law. He was, for a medieval king, quite rich, for forfeitures of the native English nobility, and used some of this for the Domesday survey, to try to establish private land titles.

Now several strong and energetic kings in a row might have been a disaster, but William divided his lands and left England to the second son, William II, one of the enigmas of English history, a lifelong bachelor, and Normandy to the older, Robert. William II had to put down a revolt of the new Norman nobility on behalf of his older brother, which he did with the help of his English subjects and the bishops. When he died, shot in a hunting accident (?), his older brother was away on crusade, and the throne passed instead to his younger brother, Henry.

By this time even the Norman nobility were up to a few tricks. First, they made Henry take a coronation oath, and promise to obey the law. Then his older brother came back from the crusades and invaded England; leaving when he discovered that he had no real support. Next Henry married Edith of Scotland, who had a better claim than he to the throne, being the great-granddaughter of Edmund Ironside.

Henry had more than 20 known children, but only 2 of them were legitimate. His son, William, died young and unmarried when the White Ship sank. His daughter, Matilda, childless widow of Henry V of Germany, remarried, and had small children when he died. She was his chosen heir, but his nephew, Stephen was chosen instead, setting off an intermittent civil war. The power that Henry had tried to consolidate was dissipated by a weak successor and a disputed succession.

Stephen was succeeded, in a compromise, by Matilda's son, Henry II (his own son had recently died) peacefully enough. This time the luck was not an accident of birth but an accident of marriage. Eleanor of Aquitaine, the richest heiress in Europe in the whole middle ages, had divorced the King of France, Louis VI (which was not easy to do) and married the prospective King Henry. This, with his father's lands in Anjou, etc. made him the greatest lord of France, continually embroiled in French civil wars, and with little time to attend to his less important English possessions, which he allowed to begin to govern themselves in a fashion. When he wasn't busy fighting the King or nobles of France, he had the Scots, the Church and his own sons to contend with, or some combination of those. Or even all of them at once.

The next piece of luck was his successor, Richard the Lionhearted, his third son. Richard was the



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original absentee landlord. He did not care at all for England, and once offered to sell it if he could find a buyer. What he did sell was every royal right and privilege he could find a buyer for: towns bought the right to govern themselves, merchants bought trade rights, abbeys bought tax immunities, etc. He then proceeded to squander it all on a Crusade. Then he managed to get captured on the way home, and had to sell everything else he could to pay the ransom. He married, but had no issue (I will not discuss his sex problems), and died relatively young fighting an insurgent vassal in Aquitaine.

He had not planned to do this, and left no provision for the succession: there was a teen-aged nephew, Arthur of Brittany, son of the 4th brother, and the 5th brother, John. In Aquitaine, Richard was succeeded by his mother; John got everything else, but had to fight Arthur for the French possessions, and eventually captured and murdered him.

Now John was a thoroughly rotten person; he had had to outlive 4 older brothers to become king; and he was worse as a king than as a person, which took a lot of doing. In short order, he managed to lose all his French possessions, about $\frac{1}{2}$ of France, in an argument with the King of France, who wanted to try him for the murder of his nephew. Knowing he had no chance to win in court (he was guilty), he tried to fight, and lost. This sent him back to England, to try to misgovern the English. The English had ideas of their own about this. He managed to quarrel with everyone, and quite a few of them caught up with him at Runnymede, presented him with Magna Charta, and told him he had no choice: Sign! He died the next year.

While the crown of England was landing on some unlikely heads, in France the descent from father to son was uninterrupted for 11 generations, from Hugh Capet to Louis X, with only once a second son (Louis VII, whose older brother died young, in a riding accident) coming to the throne; and the state power was gradually centralized.

In England, John was followed by a long minority of Henry III, a weak king, who did little to increase the power of the government. People got used to the idea of the country running itself; when he died, his eldest son, Edward I, was off on crusade and didn't get back for nearly 2 years, and wasn't really missed. Parliament after parliament meets, and asserts more powers, even going to war over them.

Edward was a reformer. Most of it was undone in the confusion of his successor, his eldest son, Edward II, whose domestic life was the scandal of Europe. He was finally deposed (and later murdered) by his enemies, led by his wife and her lover.

And then another piece of luck comes: Edward III comes of age, puts away his mother, Isabella of France, and becomes involved in a disputed succession to the French throne. After 11 generations of direct descent, Louis X dies without a son, but with a pregnant widow. A son, John I, is born, but dies in a few weeks. A daughter exists by a previous wife, who was convicted of adultery, as were the wives of his two brothers. Each follows and dies, leaving a daughter. Edward, as the son of their sister (Isabella) puts in a claim; there are also the 3 princesses of questioned paternity and a first cousin, Philip of Valois. The nobles of France choose Philip, and Edward begins the Hundred Years War to assert his claims. What this does is not only to divert the attention of the government, but to make it more and more dependent on Parliament, for funds to pursue its foreign wars, for which it must grant more concessions.

Edward III's oldest son, the Black Prince is a superb general and iron statesman; he would have made a worthy adversary for Parliament. But the son dies first, and the crown goes to a boy, his son, Richard III. Despite his early promise, Richard never quite gets control of the situation. He goes through a long minority, bossy uncles, Peasants Revolt, war in Ireland, the Merciless Parliament, and all the rest. His wife, Anne of Bohemia, dies, childless, and he refuses to remarry; finally he is prevailed upon to wed a French princess who has not reached nubility. He is vulnerable, having no heir apparent. He names the Earl of March, grandson of his father's 2nd brother, heir, but the Earl dies first, leaving only an infant daughter. Next in line is Henry, son of his father's 3rd brother, whom he has exiled and whose lands he has confiscated. Henry returns, leads a revolt that deposes him, and becomes Henry IV. (He is later murdered quietly).

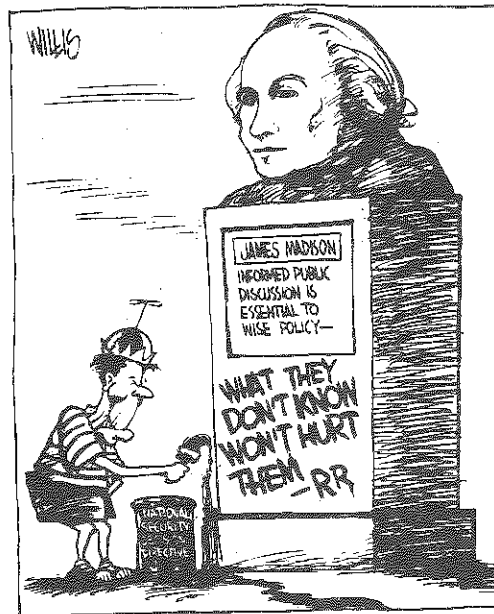
Of Henry IV, Shakespeare noted, "uneasy lies the head that wears the crown." As a usurper, he tries to govern circumspectly, and avoid conflicts. He does not succeed.

His son, Henry V, resumes the Hundred Years War, and apparently wins it. He forces the French to surrender, and negotiates his succession to the throne of France, this uniting the two kingdoms. Only, there are a couple of pieces of luck, again. Charles VI, the Mad, retains the title for his lifetime. Henry marries his daughter, Katherine of Valois. Now Charles was a cuckold and there is doubt about the paternity of several of his children, but about Katherine there is no doubt, that is the next piece of luck, as you'll see. Charles VI's mother was decidedly eccentric, and his own madness came and went, and there is some reason to think that the symptoms fit a disease that showed up in some of his descendants: porphyria, a rare hereditary disease one of whose symptoms is episodes of madness. The third bit of luck is this: Henry died first. So that when Charles VI of France died a few months later it is an infant grandson, Henry VI of England, who is crowned King of France, much to the annoyance of Charles' son, the Dauphin.

Henry V's brothers are all childless, and the new king grows up, through a long minority of quarrels among noble factions, to be a very strange person. He has periods of insanity, like his grandfather. Even sane, he is no match for the English nobles, or for his wife. The war in France, which he takes no direct part in, goes from bad to worse, and the English are driven out completely; the losing war is increasingly unpopular, and Parliament increasingly restless. Henry VI is believed to be impotent like his uncles, and the paternity of his only son, Prince Edward is still disputed. In the midst of all this, Richard, Duke of York, points out that as the grandson of the Earl of March (look back to Richard III) he has a better claim to the throne, and since everyone is generally disgusted with the incumbent...

The Wars of the Roses follow, in tedious detail, and Richard's son eventually becomes Edward IV, but only by getting the support of a majority of the leaders of England, and winning a series of wars. He has to rule with great care, and is, in addition very lazy. He dies relatively young, leaving a son, Edward V, still a boy.

And here there's another odd bit of luck. It seems that Edward IV was guilty of bigamy, and the children may not be legitimate. Edward V disappears into the Tower and into legend, and the last adult male of the house of York, Richard III, becomes king. Now his claim is poor; even if the children of Edward IV



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(continued)

are no good, there is a nephew, son of the middle brother, George, also sitting in the Tower, and legitimate, although young.

But if Richard's claim is shaky, that of the Lancastrian pretender, Henry Tudor is worse, based upon descent from Henry IV's half-brother, later legitimized. He invades England, defeats Richard, and becomes Henry VII. He finds himself plagued by a series of pretenders, some claiming to be Edward V or his younger brother escaped from the Tower, others quite legitimate members of younger branches of the royal family. He is no friend of freedom; his avarice is notorious, but he dare not provoke his subjects too far. He marries Edward IV's oldest daughter to strengthen his claim.

(Curiously, Henry VII was also the grandson of Katharine of Valois, by her second husband, a fact that will enter our story later.)

Henry VII's miserliness led to the next stroke of luck: he wed his son, Arthur, Prince of Wales to Katherine of Aragon, daughter of Ferdinand & Isabella; but when Arthur died, rather than return the dowry, he had an idea: let her wed his other son instead. Now if the first marriage were consummated, this was illegal. (Arthur said it was; Katherine said it wasn't.) And so though Henry VIII succeeded uncontested, having on his mother's side at least as good a claim as anyone, he had marriage problems. Of his first marriage, he had no sons and only one daughter to survive infancy. Stuck in middle age with a wife who could have no more children, he tried to get the marriage annulled, but the Pope, influenced by Katherine's family, refused. He was forced to strike another blow for freedom, by beginning the dismantling of the power of the Church. His next 5 wives I pass over, and come to his heirs:

His son, Edward VI was just a boy, and showed great promise of becoming a strong king, but he died young, leaving the crown to his cousin, Lady Jane Grey. She reigned but a week before being overthrown by his sister, Mary, the Catholic daughter of Katharine of Aragon. Mary was one of the more determined enemies of freedom, but she was middle-aged, childless, wed to an unpopular husband (Philip II of Spain), and trying to reimpose Catholicism upon an unwilling nation. She died relatively young, of cancer.

Her sister, Elizabeth I, the last of Henry VIII's 3 children by 6 wives, may have had ambitions to rule

"THE GOOD NEWS IS, YOUR NEPHEW ISN'T BLIND... THE BAD NEWS IS, HE'S ILLITERATE."

despotically, but she was smart enough to suppress them. She had all sorts of rival claimants to the throne to contend with: her brother-in-law, Philip, who had actually been crowned King of England, her cousin, Mary, Queen of Scots, who reasoned that Henry VIII's second marriage was invalid, and as granddaughter of his older sister, she was the heir, and a batch of others, including the sisters of Lady Jane Grey, who didn't have the governments of Spain & Germany, or of France & Scotland, to support their claims. Surrounded by plots, Elizabeth's choice was to rule so benevolently that no one would want a change, and she had another problem: money. Henry VIII had debased the currency, so that the taxes coming in were only worth a fraction of their nominal value, and she dare not raise them without good excuse.

She had another problem: if she married, she would have to share the rule with a husband; and, whenever she married, it would give one set of her enemies an advantage. I will spare you the years of intrigue this led to, and simply say that she never wed. This led to the next problem: the entire Tudor family died out with her. She always refused to name an heir, so as to keep her enemies in suspense, and at her death there were several possibilities. Her council chose James of Scotland, the only son of Mary, Queen of S.

This was another bit of luck, because James knew quite well, whatever he might say, that he ruled as the choice of the English and on condition that he obey the laws; he did not want to be sent back to Scotland and genteel poverty. Furthermore, the Scots had given him good training in stifling his impulses to rule autocratically, by reminders of what had happened to his father, his step-father, and various other ancestors who had tried it. (They didn't care what he said, and his wit was notorious; neither did they care about his private life, which I will spare you the sordid details of.) And James brought back into the royal line one more inheritance: he had porphyria, although mostly the physical, not the mental symptoms.

Now James had 2 sons: a smart, healthy older son, Henry, and a dull, sickly younger son, Charles. But the older son died in adolescence, and the weakling, Charles I, succeeded. Not only was his health poor, but he was totally under the domination of his wife.

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And again it was the luck of the English that when a king tried to establish absolute rule, as was fashionable in Europe at the time, it would be a weak king who tried it.

Without going into all the details, the English revolted against Charles, eventually beheaded him, and established a republic for a while. But what they wanted was a limited government, and so they had an idea: bring back a king, with limited powers, and use him as a way to limit the powers of Parliament and to avoid another military dictator. So they called back the heir, Charles II, and made him a deal he couldn't refuse: he could be king and live in luxury, but he had to promise a whole list of things (and he knew they really meant it!), and he was smart enough to know a good thing when he saw one.

Charles II had lots of children, but no legitimate ones. He had never worried about assassins, as he told his brother, "Jamie, no one is going to kill me to make you king." James II, his brother, was not only unpopular, but a Catholic, and he faced a rebellion led by Charles' son, the Duke of Monmouth to start with. He started out by making every possible concession to every possible faction, survived the insurrection, and then embarked on a course of incredible stupidity. He had two daughters, Protestant, but when he had a son by his second wife, the patience of all ran out, and he fled the kingdom amid general rejoicing in 1688.

The crown passed to his older daughter, Mary II and her husband and first cousin, William III of Orange, jointly, but only after they made extensive promises to obey the law, etc. They had no children, and I won't go into the scandals of why not. Next in line was Mary's sister, Anne, who having a brother living, had to make the usual promises.

Now Anne had children, lots of them, at least 17 not counting the miscarriages. She also had porphyria which would account for the miscarriages, and for the many who died in infancy. Only one lived past infancy, and he died before adolescence. Her husband, George of Denmark, was a complete dolt; she was not too smart herself, and tended to leave the business of government to the leaders of Parliament, and/or her favorites.

But the English had another succession problem: her brother, James claimed the throne, and the English did not want another Catholic king. They therefore passed over him, and a whole series of other claimants who were also Catholic to the last claimant on the list, and the only Protestant: George of Hanover.

Now George I had some advantages; he was poor, he didn't speak English, he didn't care about ruling if he could reign, and he knew that any one of a number of relatives could put a spoke in his wheel by converting to Protestantism. He was willing to promise anything. He did. There was an uprising in favor of the Pretender, but it was put down.

His son, George II, was a bit tougher, but another rebellion by the supporters of the Pretender was put down with great difficulty, and he never forgot that he had been packed and ready to flee England at one point.

His successor was not his son, Frederick, but his grandson, George III. George had also inherited porphyria, although it didn't show up for many years, and spent long stretches of a long life quite mad. Before that, he had done his bit for liberty by persuading the American colonies to revolt, by a series of acts of extreme stupidity.

And there we leave the Kings of England. With a little different luck....

INSTEAD OF A BOOK REVIEW

Green, Jonathon, The Book of Political Quotes, McGraw-Hill, paperback, \$8.95.

Every government is run by liars, and nothing they say should be believed. - I. F. Stone

Why is liberty valuable? Because it is an end in itself, because it is what it is. To bring it as a sacrifice to something else is simply to perform an act of human sacrifice. - Alexander Herzen

Liberty is the delicate fruit of a ripe civilization. - Lord Acton

The worst thing in this world, next to anarchy, is government. - Henry Ward Beecher

Liberty means responsibility. That is why so many men dread it. - George Bernard Shaw

Liberty is not a means to a higher political end. It is itself the highest political end. - Lord Acton

The state is a special cudgel, nothing more.

- V. I. Lenin

Public office is the last refuge of a scoundrel. - Boies Penrose

Patriotism is a kind of religion, it is the egg from which wars are hatched. - Guy de Maupassant

...Since our religion is making a buck, giving part of that buck to any government is an act against nature. - Gore Vidal

There are no necessary evils in government. Its evils exist only in its abuses. - Andrew Jackson

Nine tenths of the activities of a modern government are harmful. Therefore the worse they are performed, the better. - Bertrand Russell

A good government remains the greatest of human blessings and no nation has ever enjoyed it. - William R. Inge

Throughout history rulers have invoked secrecy regarding their actions in order to enslave citizens. - Sam Ervin

In a bureaucratic system, useless work drives out useful work. - Milton Friedman

Democracy means simply the bludgeoning of the people, by the people, for the people. - Oscar Wilde

Man exists for his own sake and not to add a laborer to the State. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

It is harder to preserve than to obtain liberty. - John C. Calhoun

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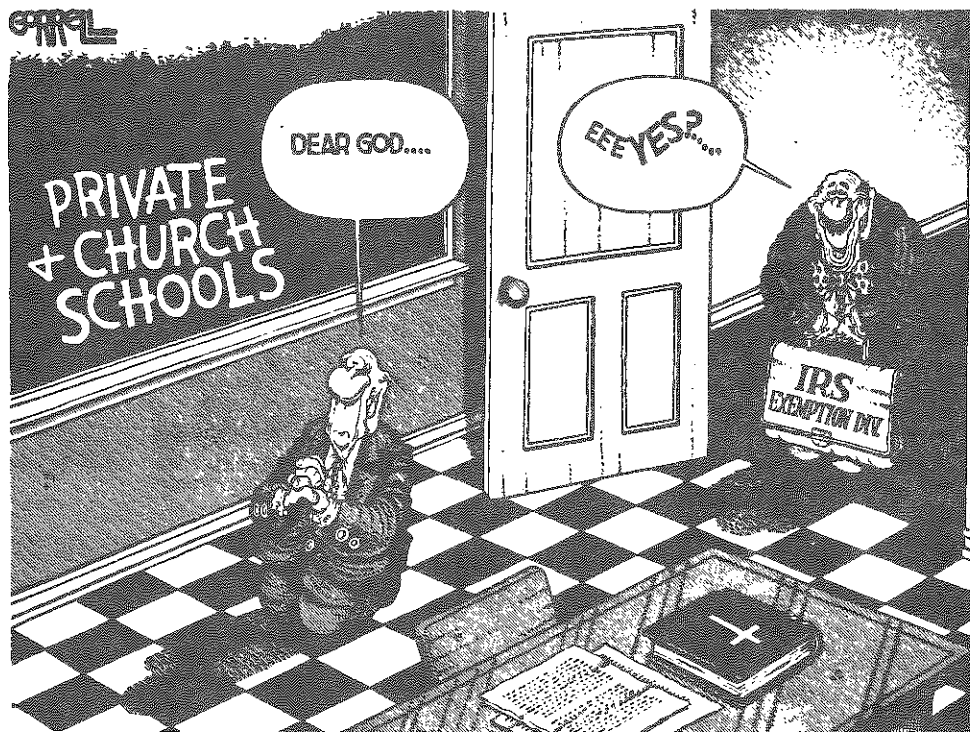
A survey done by the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations says 36% want to cut taxes & govt. services, 42% leave them alone, 8% increase both, and 14% don't know or don't care. 49% think govt. programs for the poor are necessary, and 60% think govt. financing of public services is necessary. 53% want to continue federal aid to states & cities.

Obviously, we have an educational job to do. However, without knowing how the survey was taken, or where, there is always the strong possibility of error: deliberate or negligent.

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IRS Special Agent Richard Jahnke, who had refused counseling was killed by his son, 16, after years of child abuse and incest. (var.) You wonder what his relations with the taxpayers were like. You also wonder how many other unbalanced sadists are working for the IRS.

Consumer Coalition for Health, Box 120582, Nashville, TN 37212 is selling a cookbook for \$11 (\$8 tax-deductible) to finance its battle against the AMA monopoly for the right to have the services of midwives. 400 regional recipes.



Goosing the Gander!

When one of her male colleagues introduced a bill to increase legal penalties for gay sex acts, Florida state Senator Pat Frank came up with a unique solution.

Frank threatened to add an amendment that would provide for the removal of any state senator from office who had extra-marital sexual relations. The anti-gay bill was quickly withdrawn.

The senator had first tried her new technique to restrain rampant, right-wing male moralism during debate on an abortion bill that required a woman to give notice to her husband before she could have an abortion.

"All right," the outraged Frank said, "if you want to maintain that one partner has the right to know, what's good for the goose is good for the gander."

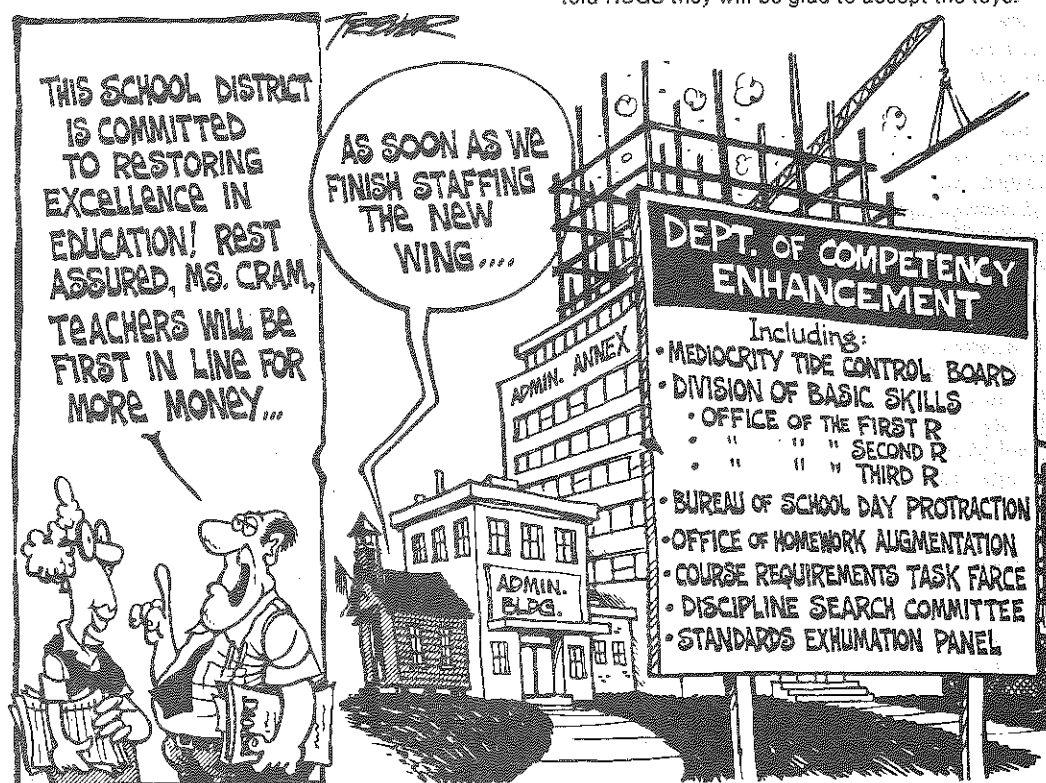
"If a husband gets another woman pregnant and she intends to abort, the wife of that husband should be given notice of the intent of that woman to abort."

"If the husband has the right to the possibility of preventing an abortion because he wants to have a child (even though he is not the father), then a woman who has a fertility problem may want to have a child that is her husband's by another woman."

Frank's reasoning drew cries of "How could you do this?" and "That's not fair!" from her male colleagues.

When she went on to demand a recorded vote on her proposal, several members around her said, "Don't do that, please don't do that."

Her proposal lost by only two votes and produced the marvelous scene of several male senators scuttling from the room to avoid having to vote on the measure.



Street-Sweeping 70-Year-Old Refuses To Quit

United Press International

COLUMBUS

Police and the Ohio General Assembly just can't seem to agree on what kind of citations 70-year-old Louise Rose has coming to her.

For years, Mrs. Rose has been cleaning up the sidewalk and street in front of her Columbus home. In 1980,

People don't swear like they used to. So says South Carolina English professor Dr. Norman Olsen, who specializes in the use of swear words. Olsen says people used to be able to cuss at great length without resorting to vulgar obscenities. He blames the decline of oral and written skills on television. As an example of true cussing style,

the state legislature cited her for "contributions to the well-being of the community and sweeping the street."

Police, however, have twice issued citations of quite a different kind to Mrs. Rose. Last weekend, she received her second ticket for standing in the street while sweeping up.

Franklin County Municipal Judge

Steven B. Hayes acquitted her after she got the first police citation last October.

This time, Mrs. Rose said she's not going to fight the ticket in court, even though the officer who issued it offered to pay her fine.

Mrs. Rose said she intends to continue sweeping the street.

Olsen cites this blast, overheard from a lumber camp operator addressing a mule: "You bandy-legged, spavinated, hay-burning son of an illegitimate, misconceived, ornery, hell-fired cuss of a varmint! Either get your tail in high gear or I'll flay the flesh off your bones and leave your stinking carcass for the box-ankled hounds and split-toed buzzards to feed on."

A Bulgarian exile living in Italy is doing his part to bring down the Soviet economy. The man, who calls himself Boris, writes a letter every week to a Russian dissident and insures it for 400 dollars. Since the Soviets never deliver letters to dissidents, Italian Postal authorities reimburse Boris, then send the bill to Moscow, which must pay up or be kicked out of the International Postal Union. Boris says he makes 20,000 dollars a year writing the letters. If everyone used his trick, he says, the Soviet economy would collapse.

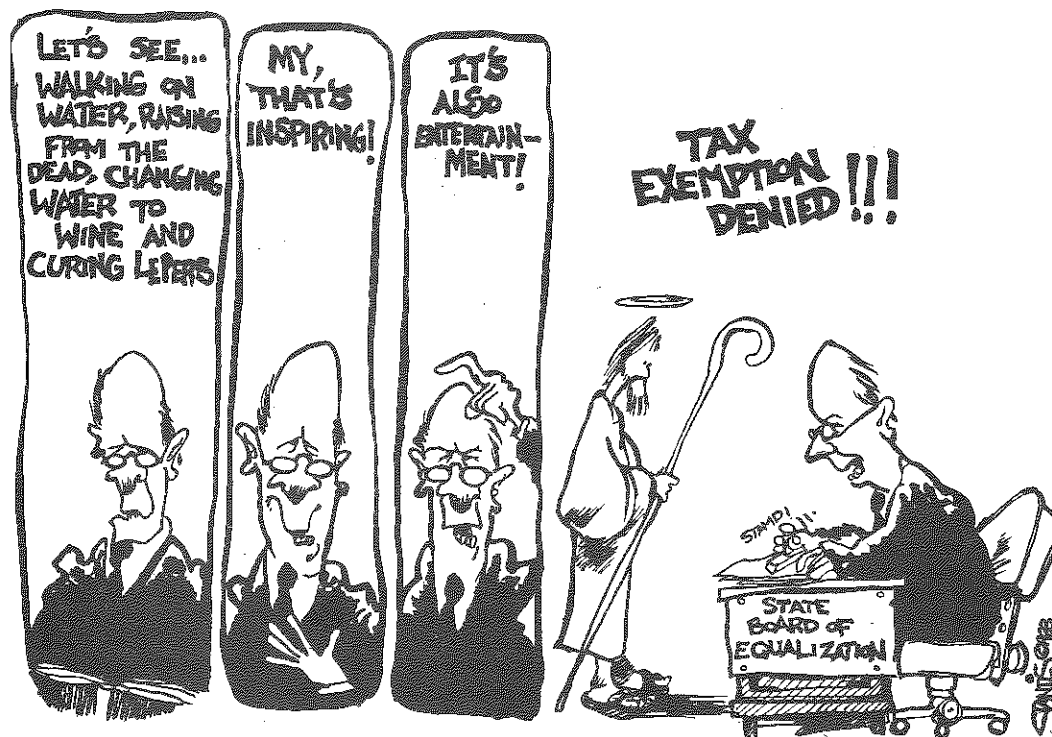
sinful dancing

HAMILTON, ONTARIO — The Salvation Army of this city has rejected a gay organization's offer to donate the proceeds from a dance the organization will sponsor not because it disapproves of gay sex but because it disapproves of dancing.

Gay Niagara News reports that Salvation Army Major Ray Pond claimed dancing was sinful when Hamilton United Gay Societies (HUGS) offered to collect toys as admission to its Christmas dance and to donate the toys to the Salvation Army's Christmas toy drive for needy children. Pond said statistics prove that dancing leads to divorce when participants dance with partners other than their spouses.

"Heterosexual marriages must be very fragile if merely dancing with people other than one's spouse can destroy the relationship," commented Hamilton gay activist Tim Veysey.

Several other social service agencies have since told HUGS they will be glad to accept the toys.



CHURCH LAWS

Pomerado Rd. Baptist Church in San Diego, CA faces seizure for nonpayment of property taxes; the state of California refuses exemption to property used not exclusively for religious purposes, and define religious uses as sermon and prayer, but not charity or education. (Whether they class the singing of hymns as religious or cultural, it doesn't say; I suppose the only way to find out would be to give a performance of Bach's religious music or Handel's "Messiah" and find out.) Anyhow, the state will also allow exemption as state welfare, but 35 churches refused, saying their ministries were not part of the state welfare system. Litigation is pending. (M M Report)

Oregon has banned male strippers, and ACLU says this violates freedom of expression. (Oregonian)

Pending: Church Audit Procedures Act to try to prevent IRS harassment of churches. (various) Lots of luck.

U S Consumer Product Safety Comm. says that stairs (683,000 injuries) are more dangerous than knives (#13 on list) or guns (#38, after fishing eqpt.) Chairs were #8. (Spot.) Let's hear it for banning the Saturday night staircase.

I. M.: Leonard Read, Foundation for Economic Education, 84. Lux lucet in tenebris.

In Ravenna, Ohio, Anthony Crew was arrested for attacking his brother-in-law, Kelly Clarke, with a 20# frozen turkey. The turkey will not be used for the family Thanksgiving feast this year; the sheriff is holding it as evidence. (Record-Courier/FFWorld)

Stockholm courts convicted 58 of the city's 59 meter maids of stealing about \$1 million in loose cash from meters. (Aftonblade/FFW)

I. M.: Gordon Kahl, 63. Nemo me impune lacessit. Belgium now requires horses to have auto tags if they are ridden on beaches, to discourage the practice. (FFW) Doesn't say if they're worried about accidents or pollution.

Government control of natural gas means that we buy gas from Algeria for \$6.95/1000 ft³, while domestic producers are not allowed to sell at \$2.50 and are capping wells. (Rev of the News)

Libertarian Candidate

Democrats and Republicans are starting to go through their nominating process to get candidates to run in Richland House District 72.

But the Libertarian Party has picked its candidate.

Steven Vandervelde — husband of Shelly Vandervelde, who ran for the seat last year — was chosen as the Libertarian nominee at his party's state convention June 11.

Vandervelde's platform?

"The first thing would be to introduce a bill to abolish the state income tax. Then I would work to reduce the state's role in education, to abolish property taxes and to return the public schools to private ownership. In addition, I would promote deregulation at state and local level and work for prison reform. The first step in prison reform would be to work for the release of all prisoners convicted of a victimless crime. Other non-violent prisoners should be released and required to pay restitution to their victims."

Maria Esther Aguayo of Denver has filed a civil rights complaint against the Immigration and Naturalization Service. She is a U.S. citizen who was arrested in the INS "Operation Jobs" roundup of "illegal aliens." An INS officer walked up to her, said "You're going, too," put his hand down the back of her pants, dragged her out of the bar, and arrested her even though she told him she was a U.S. citizen. She was released after her mother brought citizenship papers in to the prison.

—Big Mama Rag

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WEAPONS FREEZE

The recent controversy over a nuclear freeze has brought to mind a similar weapon, so terrible that, as now, bishops debated whether it could be used in good conscience, generals declared that there was no defense against it, and the end of civilization-as-we-know-it was predicted.

Finally, the whole thing came before a General Council, and the Pope himself pronounced the weapon outlawed. It wasn't poison gas. It wasn't gunpowder. It wasn't cannon.

Innocent II in 1139 outlawed the crossbow.

MORE BAD NEWS

EEC has threatened to cut off aid to Ethiopia, after discovering that shipments of grain sent for famine relief in drought areas were being traded to Russia for guns. (Spot.) How low?

ABC ran a program, "On Borrowed Time" about the unsoundness of the US banking system, especially the defaults on foreign loans; for a transcript send \$3 to ABC News Closeup, Box 770, NYC 10023.

Tennessee State U. is offering teachers 3 hr. of academic credit for attending the Sinking Creek Film Festival.. (TAANSTAAFL)

"The dictatorship of the proletariat paved the way not for a socialist society but for the most primitive type of bureaucratic state capitalism and a reversion to political absolutism which was long ago abolished in most countries by bourgeois revolutions." - Rudolf Rocker, on the Russian revolution.



"If we keep on with the arms race, after a while the Russian economy will collapse."

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NOW THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF DICK & JANE

It occurs to me that there are no libertarian children's books; of course, there are many excellent children's books for libertarian children, but none with a specific libertarian slant. On the other hand, children's books full of statist propaganda are all too common.

I have, therefore, a few suggestions which anyone is welcome to. It should not be too hard to write a libertarian children's book; most children's books are quite short. The problem is getting it published and sold.

Here are some possible titles for the series: Dick & Jane's Lemonade Stand; Dick is hauled in for not having a business license. Jane confronts the Board of Health & the sales tax collectors.

Dick & Jane Go To The Park; Spot is arrested for not being leashed & bites the dogcatcher.

Dick & Jane Ride On A Train; Amtrak manages to make their trip miserable.

Dick & Jane Go To A New School; They try a progressive school, only to learn it has no state license; the whole family gets busted for violating the truancy laws.

Dick & Jane Visit the Farm; Uncle Will explains that the USDA is about to put him out of business, & the farm which has been in the family for generations will soon belong to the bank.

Dick & Jane Make New Friends; Paco & Juana and their parents are deported for entering the country illegally.

Dick & Jane Build A Treehouse; They meet the building inspector who condemns the structure for having no indoor plumbing.

Dick & Jane Move To A New Neighborhood; After their home is condemned by the highway dept. for a new freeway, the family is forced to move.

The possibilities seem to be endless. Any suggestions on how to get this sort of thing into print?

Judge Won't Buy Money Protest

By BOBBY BRYANT
State Staff Writer

For Columbia municipal court, it was an unusual case.

Jan Chapman, a 34-year-old Cayce housewife, had been issued a \$7 parking ticket in May for illegally parking her car next to the University of South Carolina law school. But she didn't send in the money.

The city issued a warrant on the ticket, which had been inflated to \$10 with penalties. Mrs. Chapman went to court Thursday morning and told Municipal Judge Costa Pleicones he had no jurisdiction in the matter.

This, she argued, was a federal case involving the issue of what was and was not "legal tender" in the United States. She nearly went to jail.

"It's the principle," Mrs. Chapman said in a telephone interview. "If people don't force the government to uphold the law, they're not going to."

"I never said the city didn't have the authority to give me a ticket," she added. "I only pressed them on the medium of payment."

In researching the history of legal decisions on the federal monetary standard and what constitutes "legal tender," Mrs. Chapman said she found a great confusion about the matter. No one, it seemed, really knew what the monetary standard, or "money of account," is — gold, silver, both or neither.

She saw the parking ticket as a way to find out. "Since I didn't know what the money of account was," Mrs. Chapman said, she sent the city a promissory note that said she would pay as soon as it specified the legal currency.

"I had no constitutional money to pay it with," she said.

City authorities told her the certificate she sent wasn't legal tender. A warrant was issued, and Mrs. Chapman went before city court Thursday morning.

First, she questioned the city's authority in this, a federal matter. "They were really shocked." Then she refused to enter a plea, "because they didn't prove their jurisdiction over me."

Judge Pleicones went on with the trial.

At one point, Mrs. Chapman said, he threatened to hold her in contempt. "I shut up after that."

Pleicones slashed her penalty to \$2 or a day in jail. But, as far as Mrs. Chapman was concerned, the monetary-standard question was still unanswered.

So she decided to go to jail rather than pay the fine with possibly unconstitutional greenbacks. She got as far as having her right thumb fingerprinted before a friend paid her fine.

The city got its \$2 and Mrs. Chapman kept her freedom, but said she still plans to pursue the case. She says she has a related tax-protest action under way in Lexington County.

"I'm just trying to find out if there is a money of account (in the United States), and what it is," she said. "There's no use in starting something unless you're planning to carry through with it."

Pleicones said about the case: "It was interesting. I believe she was sincere in her presentation, but I disagreed." Pleicones said it was the first time he had encountered such a line of defense on a parking ticket.

S.C. Supreme Court Rules In Favor Of Tax Protester

By HOLLY GATLING
State Staff Writer

It was a matter of principle with West Columbia businessman James C. Goodman when he claimed that the questions on his 1980 state income tax form violated his constitutional rights to privacy and against self-incrimination.

He ended up in court, too, and was convicted of tax evasion for failing to pay his tax and failing to provide information required on his tax form.

But the **Goodman** Supreme Court last week ruled that it was the South Carolina Tax Commission, not Goodman, which failed to comply with state laws governing the payment of income tax, and in a unanimous opinion, the court held that the criminal case against Goodman should have been thrown out of court during the trial.

GOODMAN, 57, a combat veteran of World War II and the Korean War, who says the United States "is the greatest country the world has ever known," said Wednesday it has never been his intention to evade income taxes.

"I'm willing to pay my fair share. I never refused to pay taxes. I refused to provide information as required by law," he said, because he believes the tax laws conflict with an individual's constitutional rights.

Goodman's legal battle, he said, "was a question of being right or wrong. I was right and I know I'm right."

Although he is not associated with any formal tax-protesting organization, Goodman has strong personal opinions about the tax system. He describes tax laws as "a con deal to trick people into surrendering their rights and that's what I'm violently opposed to."

So when he filed his state and federal tax returns for 1980, he responded to many of the questions on the form by claiming his 4th Amendment constitutional right to privacy and his 5th Amendment constitutional right against self-incrimination.

He also included a lengthy explanation of his actions with citations of law to support his position.

THE S.C. TAX Commission, however, refused to accept his form and returned it to him for correction.

Goodman then wrote to the Tax Commission and asked for help.

In June of 1981 he wrote, "If anyone in the S.C. Tax Commission can show me how I can fill out the S.C. income tax form 1001-A without me relinquishing or infringing on any of my guaranteed constitutional rights, I will be very glad to do so."

The only reply he received was to be arrested the following October and then tried and convicted in February of 1982.

He appealed the guilty verdict and his sentence of a \$1,000 fine and three years' probation.

On July 27 the South Carolina Supreme Court held in a 5-0 memorandum opinion that Goodman "requested instruction for properly completing his tax return, the commission never responded to his request, never assessed taxes against appellant ... nor notified him any taxes were due. ... Under these circumstances appellant could not have possessed the requisite intent to evade the tax law and thus the trial judge erred in denying appellant's motion for directed verdict" of not guilty during the trial.

THE COURT'S decision now has the Tax Commission in a quandary.

Although state law allows for the criminal prosecution of citizens who fail to file or complete income tax returns or who fail to pay taxes, the law also makes specific requirements on the Tax Commission in such cases.

If a taxpayer fails to file a return or has filed an incorrect or insufficient return and has been notified by the commission of his delinquency, the commission "shall," according to state law, "determine the income of such taxpayer according to its best information and belief and assess it at not more than double the amount so determined."

Another state law holds, in part, that "If the commission discovers from the examination of the return or otherwise that the income of the taxpayer or any portion thereof has not been assessed, it may at anytime within three years after the time when the return was filed ... assess such income and give notice to the taxpayer of such assessment and such taxpayer shall thereupon have an opportunity within 30 days to confer with the commission as to the proposed assessment."

THE IMPACT of the court's ruling is currently under study by the commission, its spokesman Gary Turner said Wednesday.

"It's a procedural question," Turner said, "and we are looking into the procedural aspects of what the court was trying to address."

And Mark Dillard, spokesman for the S.C. Attorney General's Office, which prosecuted Goodman, warned that "in no way are they (the Supreme Court) giving a green light to these 5th Amendment tax returns. It's clearly not the thrust of the opinion."

"The order turns on the following of those procedural requirements," Dillard said. It is "not giving validity to filing a 5th Amendment return. ... It's just silly to think that gives you the license to commit a crime of not filing your taxes. I don't think anybody's going to validly argue that."

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Turner added, "We agree with the attorney general's office that this by no means allows this type of returns."

Turner also said he is certain the commission "would have no problem" with complying with the laws outlined in the Supreme Court's decision. "It's something we could do here in-house," he said.

"We feel it's a technicality and I'm sure it can be corrected with no problem. The thing is we've got to look into what has been said by the court and what was argued during the case. Until we get all those facts together, it would be impossible to say what we would do in this situation."

MEANWHILE, GOODMAN rails against the tax system and charges that he was prosecuted simply because he stood up to the government.

"They said the most I could possibly owe," if he had paid his 1980 taxes, "was \$225. It just shows you the amount of money you're talking about. They've got a personal vendetta against me because I have stood up to them and challenged their supreme authority. If you challenge them they will try to destroy you."

He figures his legal battle cost him plenty although he hasn't added it up. "It's many thousands of dollars. Federal Reserve notes. There are no dollars," he said.

But, the fight, he said, was worth it. "Freedom is the most expensive thing known to mankind. Do you want to go to the wall or do you want to bow down and be a serf?"

To the fact that his 1981 letter remains unanswered, Goodman says, "You know why? They can't do it. Tax returns cannot be completed without relinquishing or infringing upon any of your guaranteed constitutional rights. I base this on the decision that the state of South Carolina has never replied to my request to show me how to do it."

Coveting Tops Poll In Iowa

United Press International

DES MOINES
Coveting a neighbor's spouse was rated the worst sin of all by Iowans in a Des Moines Register poll Sunday that also revealed most Iowans view smoking marijuana as worse than pre-marital sex.

The poll asked a scientific sampling of 1,001 Iowans to rank the sinfulness of 14 acts ranging from shopping on Sunday to swearing, lying, gambling and sex outside marriage. The respondents were asked to rate the sins as major, minor or not a sin.

More Iowans found drinking hard liquor to be more sinful than looking at Playboy magazine. But coveting another's spouse topped the list as the worst sin — worse than actually having extra-marital, homosexual or pre-marital sex.

Of the respondents, 88 percent listing coveting as a major sin, 8 percent calling it a minor sin and 2 percent saying it is no sin at all. The poll did not explain why Iowans found fantasizing more sinful than the real thing.

Rated right behind coveting as major sins were extra-marital sex, homosexual acts, lying and smoking marijuana.

Less than half of the respondents believed pre-marital sex, seeing X-rated movies, swearing and skipping church to be major sins and a fifth to a quarter of the poll participants considered those acts sinless.

Betting on a horse race, buying a lottery ticket and shopping on Sundays were listed "not sins" by two-thirds of the Iowans taking the survey.

As a general rule, the poll shows Catholics to be more liberal than Protestants in determining degree of sin.

South Will Rise Again

When Abe Lincoln ran his savage hordes over the Southern land, he counted on one thing above all others. In time, the descendants of the Southern People would adjust to Yankee rule and pretend that we had chosen it freely, and accept Yankee values. All this ultimately had to involve a denigration and hatred of our ancestors who fought the Yanks.

To that end, the Yankee power gave us public education, one of the prime purposes of which was to teach us to hate our heritage and to replace our own values with Yankee values.

When the present "New" South has rewon our freedom, it may have some cause to criticize the last of us who were free. In the eyes of mankind, to be Southern is to be Racist. That is our history.... we are proud of it, or we are stuck with it. And it is not going to go away.

I used to be ashamed of the gallused, tobacco-chewing red neck image of the South.... until I met Southern "intellectuals". There is nothing more shameful or disgusting than children who are ashamed of their parents and are trying to hide the fact. When the fact that the children possess any freedom at all is due to the risks undertaken by the parents, that makes it worse. When the children degrade themselves to those who murdered their parents, that is, alas, very sad indeed.

- T. M. Kinghorn

Libertarian announces race for Senate

A self-proclaimed "tax rebel" has announced he will seek to challenge Sen. Strom Thurmond for the U.S. Senate seat.

Dean Allen, 32, a Libertarian, is campaigning to "repeal the income tax and restore a sound dollar backed by silver. This is the only route to economic recovery and full employment," he said.

Allen, a Greer resident, is the first Libertarian to announce for the nomination, which is to be decided at the party's state convention in April.

Allen says he is a patriot who

spent two years fighting in Vietnam and a decade fighting the Internal Revenue Service. He said he also has been trying to have his party change its stance on pornography, drugs, prostitution and homosexual rights.

Libertarians believe that individuals should not be prosecuted for victimless crimes such as pornography, drugs, prostitution and homosexual activities when no one is hurt.

"I expect to draw an opponent from the pervert faction, and I will win the nomination," he said.

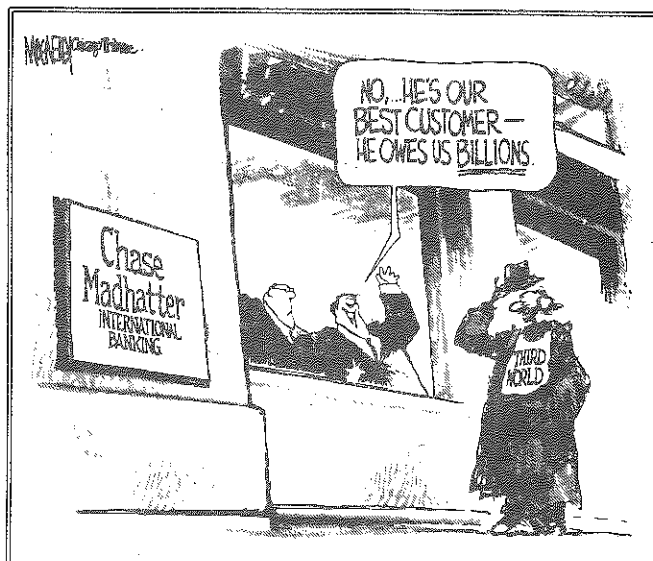
The News

AFL-CIO has a tee shirt out, "Organize the South"; I ran into a unionist wearing one and asked, "Do you realize that the last person to try to organize the South was Jefferson Davis?"

It apparently didn't get in print, but a reporter asked me about the LP's support of pornography, and was told, "It's not that we are in favor of pornography, but that we're opposed to censorship. The reason the government wants 'Playboy' off the newsstands is not the pictures of Rita Jemette, it's the articles by Milton Friedman on the Federal Reserve."

I was talking to the son of a fundamentalist minister, who told me this story of how programs do not accomplish the intended results: his father was running a home for way-

ward girls, who were not allowed to date, when he was 12, and his father never suspected that he.....

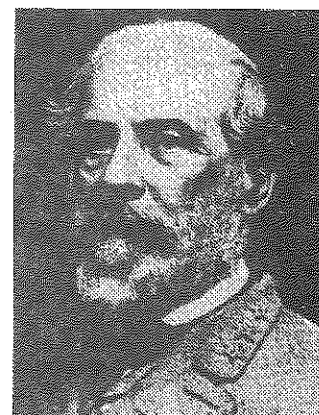


Without discussion, the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee voted 20-1 to designate the third Monday in January as a legal holiday commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. This won't take effect until 1985, when the third Monday falls on January 21.

If the trend continues, we'll end up with this January holiday regardless of any protests. It'll be nationwide and on equal footing with George Washington's birthday, which is now called Presidents' Day.

The thing to do is to ignore it as a day in honor of Martin Luther King, and celebrate it instead as a day in honor of Gen. Robert E. Lee, whose birthday falls on January 19, which is the third Monday in 1987 and every seventh year afterward. (Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson's birthday is on January 20, and that will be the third Monday in 1986.)

Lee was one of the greatest men this country has ever produced. He cannot be classified as regional or minority, because of



ROBERT E. LEE
... A national hero?

his great innovative work in the field of education after the war, and his efforts to bind up the nation's wounds and reconcile North and South. Most people only know him from his military career.

However, if you mean to really get even, fly a Confederate flag.

J. A. PRIVETTE
Denver

Libertarians, Not Perverts

The Libertarians don't like the laws, but that doesn't mean they condone the activities those laws forbid. And that stance certainly doesn't make them perverts, says David Morris, Lexington County chairman and statewide party treasurer.

Morris disputes remarks made last week by Dean Allen of Greer, who announced as a candidate for the party's nomination to run against Republican U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond.

Allen says he's fighting to get planks advocating pornography, dope, prostitution and homosexual rights taken out of the party's platform, and that he expects an opponent from "the pervert faction" to run against him for the nomination.

Morris wants the record straight: "Just because we favor doing away with the laws, doesn't mean we advocate these practices," Morris said, acknowledging that the party favors doing away with those laws "if there's no coercion involved."

"We do not advocate pornography, drugs, prostitution or homosexuality," Morris said.

'Tax Rebel' Seeks Senate Seat

The state's Democrats may be stumbling over themselves to avoid a 1984 race against Republican Sen. Strom Thurmond, but a "tax rebel" from Greer has stepped forward as a candidate for the Libertarian Party's U.S. Senate nomination.

Dean Allen, the 32-year-old founder and executive director of the Constitutional Rights Foundation, is campaigning to "repeal the income tax and restore a sound dollar backed by silver. This is the only route to economic recovery and full employment."

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