

War is the gambling table  
of governments, and citizens  
the dupes of the game.  
—Thomas Paine

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TO WHAT DOES HE  
CREDIT HIS LONG LIFE?

## JAIL

**WEALTHY** John Hart landed himself with a large slice of trouble when he popped out to buy a loaf . . . he was thrown into a police cell for 36 hours.

The 49-year-old financier had left his Jaguar parked with two wheels on the pavement outside the baker.

But as he was about to pick up his change after buying a 50p large crusty, well-heeled John felt the long arm of the law on his shoulder.

John claims he was pulled out of the shop and then arrested after a row flared outside.

He was held at the police station from Saturday until Monday morning for an alleged "blemish" of the peace under an Act passed in 1361.

But yesterday Birmingham magistrates threw out the police case and also gave John

THE SUN

an absolute discharge after he admitted obstructing the highway.

Now John, of Sherd End, Birmingham, plans to sue the police for wrongful arrest and false imprisonment.

### Wrongful

His solicitor John Morgan told the court: "It's hard to believe this man went to buy a 50p loaf and ended up in prison for two days."

The police argued that they had to hold John until the courts opened on Monday morning because only a magistrate could grant bail.

## hateful tax levied by wretches

Birth of a Tax Payer

Welcome to Life 101. The main objective of this course is to be born. Ensuing dilemmas will have to be handled elsewhere: nutrition, survival, education, employment, health care, sanity, old age benefits and funeral expenses. Our only concern is to make sure that you, too, live to pay your tuition.

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I HATE NEVER  
CRITICIZED THE STATE.



## 62% of New Teachers Flunk Basic Reading

Last year, former Interior Secretary Watt admitted that government repression was largely responsible for the awful conditions on Indian reservations. Not to be outdone by a subordinate, President Reagan has recently admitted that government is largely responsible for the rising tide of

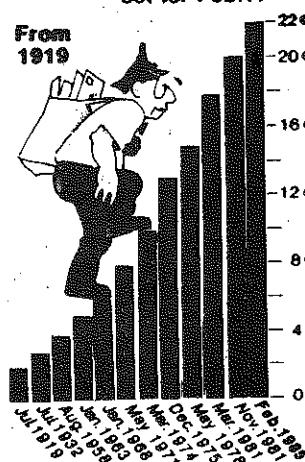
illiteracy and ignorance in products of the public schools. Reagan blamed heavy-handed government intervention for declining standards and performance. He also sought to reassure everyone that his administration has done, and will do, nothing to change these trends. Government spending and intervention will continue. Meanwhile, 62% of the new teachers in a Houston school flunked a basic-skills reading test. In a bid for excellence, the public school superintendent announced that teachers who flunk two years in a row will not be eligible for raises.

-The Match!

## United States Postal Rates

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## quotes of the week

"The [selection] board also pays close attention to photographs of the colonels, to see whether appearance fits with physical records. 'Looks have something to do with it,' one officer said. Another scoffed, 'Sometimes they just pick pretty boys.'"

— An excerpt from a New York Times article on the process of selection used to winnow out U.S. Army colonels for promotion to the rank of brigadier general, October 16, 1984.

"No society can exist if respect for the law does not to some extent prevail; but the surest way to have the laws respected is to make them respectable. When law and morality are in contradiction, the citizen finds himself in the cruel dilemma of either losing his moral sense, or losing respect for the law."

Frederic Bastiat, 1850

Never, for the sake of peace and quiet, deny your own experience or conviction.

Dag Hammarskjöld

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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.*

John T. Harllee

Robert Brakeman

— Mark Twain

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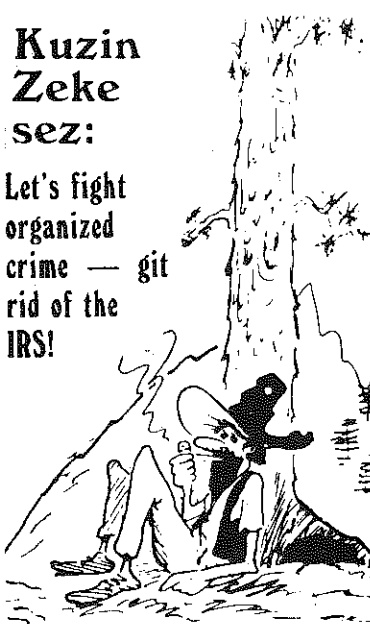
Many West Germans were stunned to learn in late September 1983 that U.S. soldiers had conducted a "mock mass burial" as one part of a recent military exercise near Frankfurt. Code-named "Confident Enterprise," the U.S. Army exercise trained soldiers how to use bulldozers to prepare mass grave sites in case of war in Europe. An Army spokesperson said these soldiers were being trained as graves registration personnel.

According to the Army paper, *Stars and Stripes*, this was the first time the U.S. had practiced mass burials during a maneuver. Army spokesperson Lt. Col. Lawson said such an exercise was "necessary" even though "burying...a lot of people" is something the public doesn't want to talk about. The Army had to go through the training "so that people will know what to do—God forbid—should it happen again as it has in the past."

—CounterSpy

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### IN 1890, ARGENTINA & URUGUAY DEFAULTED

Baring Brothers was the largest private bank in the world, with assets of nearly 25 million £ sterling. But they had loans of 5.75 million to Argentine govt., railways etc. & another 2 million to Uruguay that could not be realized. To offset this they had reserves of about 3.75 million, in ordinary times more than enough.

(A reserve of 15% is very high, few banks keep as much as 7%. Barings kept a higher reserve because they dealt in relatively large loans.)

Panic ensued in the City of London. The Bank of England put together a rescue syndicate, bought a million in gold from Russia and borrowed another 3 million from the Banque de France, and assembled guarantees of more than 17 million from the rest of the banking community. The British Foreign Office put pressure on Argentina to pay its debts. It took 4 years to untangle everything, but in the end, Baring Bros. was saved, by incorporation, and no one lost anything.

Now why am I telling you this story? Argentina was nearly forced into bankruptcy by the war in the Falklands. Brazil has just elected a new president who says he will repudiate the natl. debt. Most of South America — not to mention Africa — is insolvent, and cannot even make interest payments. Most of the major banks, encouraged by the Fed. Gov. have made loans to such countries, and are in trouble because of it.

Even such bastions of sanity as Hong Kong are facing crises in banking; the Hong Kong real estate market has collapsed totally, largely because of plans to return it to China when the lease runs out.

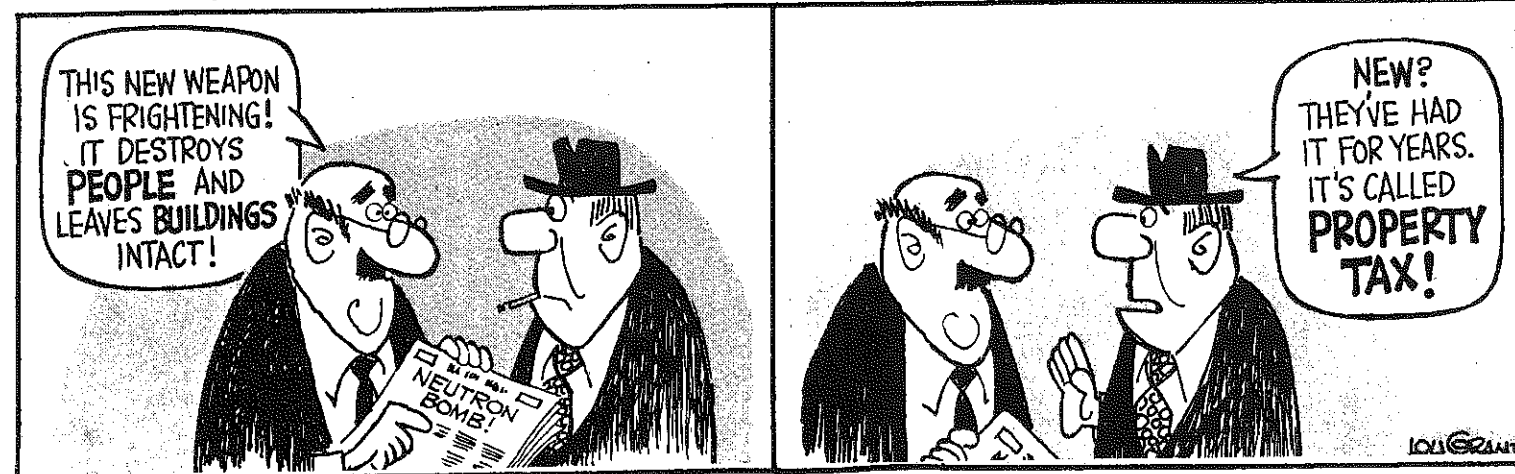
If you would like, I recommend Dennis Turner, WHEN YOUR BANK FAILS, (Amwell, \$16.95).

Federal specifications for a mousetrap exceed 700 pages. Procurement of the average govt. computer takes 4 years (by which time the computer is obsolete) & 80,000 pages of regulations. Social Security claims adjusters receive 12,000 pages of new regulations a year. (Grace Comm/Inv Notebook)

Every day, according to Mother Jones, dogs bite 20 mail carriers, 60 persons desert from the military and almost 200 go AWOL, 2 public officials are indicted for corruption, et cetera. Let's hear it for the dogs of America!

A soviet tourist who asked for protection at Shannon Intl. Airport, Ireland turned out not to be trying to defect. He wanted to buy condoms. (var)

Josephine Morris, 79 dropped dead in a voting booth in West Virginia, but officials decided to count her partially completed ballot. (5th Est)



### THE DRUG EPIDEMIC, AND WHAT, IF ANYTHING, CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT THESE DAYS

There are certain problems that, on the surface do not readily lend themselves to classical libertarian economic analysis. Now, when I talk about the drug problem, I am not talking about the drug law problem. That is a piece of the puzzle, and one of the chief contributors to making things worse, but — as a noted rocker put it — that's not a drug problem, that's a police problem.

The problem is WHY do people want to take the drugs. Generally only poisons are addictive: some of the strongest and most deadly are legal, such as nicotine. I am going to suggest some ideas that may run counter to established wisdom; that's OK, established wisdom isn't doing too well lately. First, I am going to suggest that we are faced with not a single problem, but several.

First we have a body problem; children in our culture are too often trained not to love their own bodies. Call it prudery if you want to. I used to be an athletic trainer, and I noticed that the real athletes were those who were not ashamed of their bodies. They were the ones who did not smoke or drink or otherwise mistreat their bodies by overeating, or not sleeping properly or whatever, because they took such joy in their physical prowess, and because they had such self-confidence that they did not have to do anything to get peer approval. Now the traditional view used to be that the body is holy, as a temple; Clement of Alexandria in the 3rd century pointed out that man should not despise what God had not disdained to create. This is the healthy view; the body should not be polluted with drugs or fat or whatever.

So, first, we have people turning to drugs to get an artificial sensation of feeling good, because they do not know the natural highs of robust health. This is a sad commentary on a govt. school system that spends fortunes on a few talented athletes, & does not provide the average student with any sort of fitness program.

Second, we have contempt for the mind.

Now if you are thinking that this is something the prevailing system indoctrinates well, you are on the right track. People drink to get drunk, or take drugs to get high, or whatever so they won't have to think — one of the reasons rock music is played too loud (i.e., loud enough to cause damage to the ears) is that "you can't hear yourself think". And why do people want to stop thinking? Because they have been conditioned to fear and hate it; because it hurts. This is the main attraction of alcohol, and the other forms of drugs, such as opiates, that allow an escape from reality.

Please notice I am not talking about "a little wine for your stomach's sake", but about drinking for the sole purpose of becoming unconscious — or drugs for the same reason. Likewise I am not condemning indulgences that do no harm, whether a warm bath to relax the body or a detective story to relax the mind. But the person of sound mind does not want to lose control of the thought process, just as the athlete does not want to lose control of the body.

The third problem is called alienation; it is also called despair.

It is the feeling that you are being drowned in a vat of molasses. It is the feeling that a host of snakes, all made of red tape are trying to squeeze the life out of you. It is frustration.

Am I saying that people are being driven to drink and to drugs and all by a bureaucratic and unresponsive government, that is stifling all of their initiative? Yes, that is exactly what I am saying. That is the reason that the problem is so much worse among the young, adolescents included. Drugs are a symptom of rebellion against an order that does not care about the individual. They are a way of saying, "It's my life and I'll kill myself before I'll let you run it."

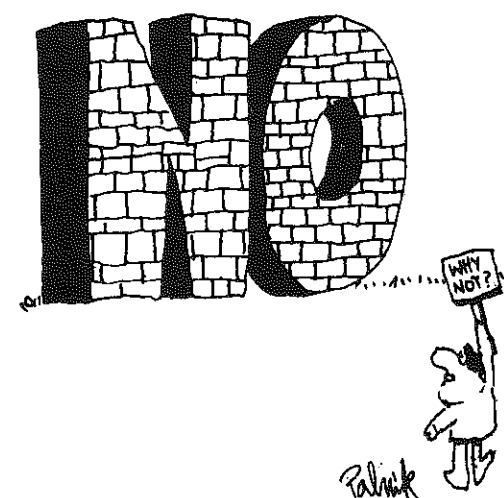
Unfortunately, too many of the people who are in a position to do something about these problems are not listening. They are not listening because they are talking themselves. They are not, mostly, evil people; they simply do not know what to do, because they are not willing to listen, and they are not accustomed to logical thought.

I am reminded of the Roman Empire, and its great technology; they built aqueducts and sewers that were a wonder, and the whole society went down the latter.

None of this has not been common knowledge for years among those who have bothered to look into the question: go to a good alcohol/drug rehabilitation facility, and see what they do: they have a strict diet and a physical conditioning program to get the body back into shape, they have games to occupy the mind, gently, and they have counselling to try to deal with the emotional problems, if it is something they can deal with, like marital adjustments.

But too often it is something they can't deal with; it is the frustration of working hard and having half or more taken by a parasitic government. It is not being able to pursue a career because of artificial barriers. It is not being able to go into business for yourself. It is not being able to afford to keep up with inflation, and facing a hard struggle to maintain a standard of living, with no hope of improvement — that's the hardest of all — the loss of hope.

So, if there is anyone who actually wants to do something about the drug problem, the place to start is restoring hope. — jh



Oklahoma voters refused to eliminate tax exemptions for Civil War vets, even though there are none left. (SIL) Maybe they plan another civil war? Guam voted for mandatory budget cuts of 5% every 2 years. (SIL)

P F Lazor of Los Gatos, CA shot an armed intruder who broke in, with shotgun & meat cleaver, Lazor shot him, & is now inmate C73842 H310, Box 600. Tracy, CA 95376. (EPJA)

# "In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act."

— George Orwell

"Epitaph for America," as penned by Frank Barnett.

- "Here lies the only civilization that perished at the peak of its power, with its power unused.
- "Here lies a decent people who wanted love, not empire, and got neither; who tried to trade power for popularity and lost both.
- "Here lies a nation of advertisers who know how to change consumer tastes in cigarettes, but were themselves manipulated on the issues that really mattered to their Salvation.
- "Here died a sort of Lancelot in the court of nations who, granting all grievous flaws, was still perhaps the noblest Knight of all -- except this Lancelot ...

"Crippled with an undeserved Guilt complex -- let his weapons and ideals fall unused -- and so condemned all Mankind to the thousand-year winter of the Russian bear."

## CATASTROPHISM AND ANCIENT HISTORY

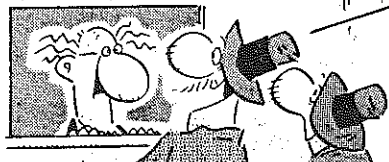
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Socialism won't work except in heaven where they don't need it and in hell where they already have it.

—Stephen Leacock

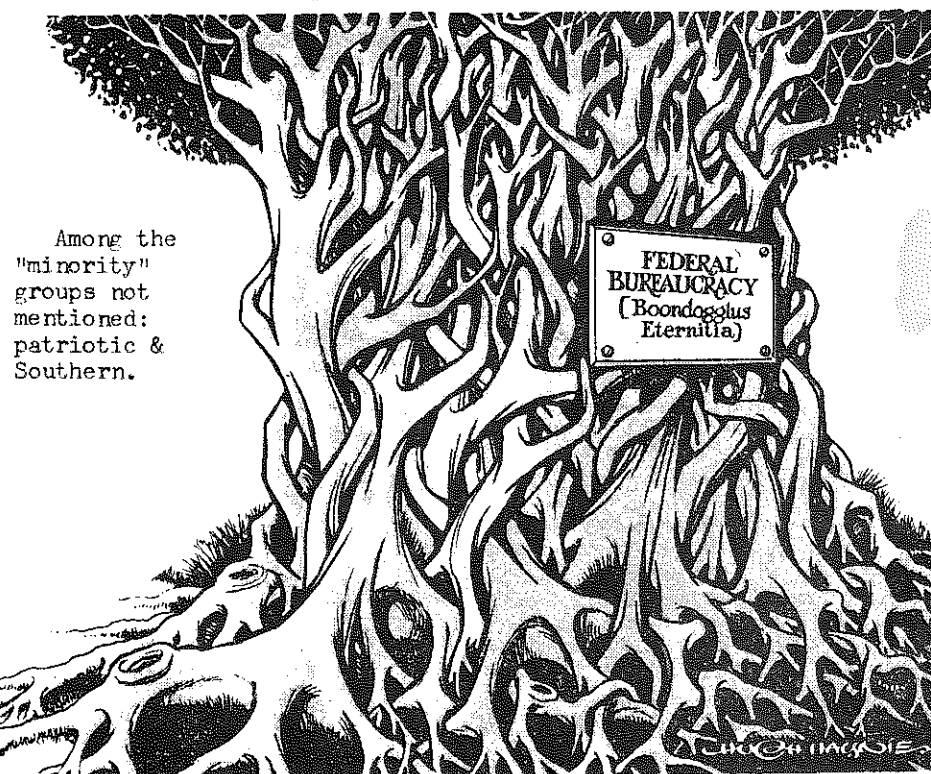
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Among the "minority" groups not mentioned: patriotic & Southern.

Amnesty International claimed in October that the FBI fabricated evidence in its campaign to put leaders of black, Indian, and other American minority groups behind bars. The London based human rights organization called upon President Reagan to set up an independent commission to study FBI abuses.

Amnesty International campaigns worldwide for the release of political prisoners and regularly criticizes authoritarian regimes for human rights violations. AI was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977.

In their October report, AI singled out two political prisoners - Black Panther leader Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt and American Indian Movement leader Richard Marshall - but indicated that FBI misconduct was very extensive, especially under the COINTELPRO program.

AI official Anne Burley, who compiled the report, said "Over a period of many years we've had cases referred to us of alleged FBI misconduct and we feel that in many of these cases the allegations have been substantiated."

The report accused the FBI of production of false evidence, misstatements about FBI action, harassment, infiltration of defense teams by informants, and failure to make available information which the defense might have used.

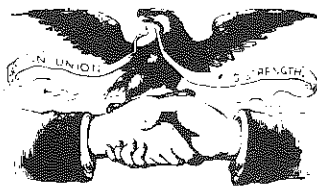
AI said COINTELPRO "went beyond intelligence gathering to try to disrupt target groups."

"As used against black nationalist organizations and activists, it was intended to discredit and demoralize them, to prevent the growth of such organizations and the rise of any leader who could unify them."

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## Let's Get Our Priorities Straight!

By the Honorable Ron Paul  
United States Congressman  
22nd District, Texas

Last year, the dictator of Pakistan spurned \$400 million in foreign aid as "peanuts." But he accepted our latest offer of \$3 billion!

At the same time, we announced that Red China will take billions in arms. The communists are supposed to buy them, but the truth is that they can't afford to. The country is too poor. So we will lend this totalitarian government your money, at tiny interest rates, to buy our weapons.

The foreign aid to Pakistan is supposed to protect them from the Soviets. But these weapons wouldn't even slow down the Soviet Army. In fact, the arms would probably be used against Pakistan's ancient enemy, India, another recipient of our aid. We will most likely once again pay for both sides of a foreign war!

Aiding the totalitarian regime in China, which killed American soldiers by the thousands in Vietnam, is justified as necessary to keep them anti-Soviet. But we have nothing to do with the deep antagonisms between the two Communist powers, nor should we.

Then the Pentagon said that we must be prepared to fight not 1-1/2 wars, but two wars simultaneously, one in Western Europe and one in the Middle East. This, they said, is why we need gigantic increases in the military budget.

Egypt, Israel, Germany, Japan, and now Pakistan and Red China, to name just a few, are to be well equipped at the American people's expense, while we ourselves have virtually no defense for our population against attack from abroad.

An adequate national defense need first of all a strong economy. But our economy is devastated by the inflation, debt, and taxes necessary to finance foreign military welfare.

And General John K. Singlaub has pointed out that Soviets could bomb us with cargo planes, because we lack radar, air and missile defenses.

Let's stop the gravy train for other countries and build up our own defense. Let's get our priorities straight!

—Americanism Educational League

## Detectives win £1m libel case

THE News of the World was yesterday ordered to pay a record £253,000 libel damages to ten policemen accused in a front-page story of being rapists.

All but £3,000 of the award, made by a High Court jury in London, were 'exemplary' damages—punishment for publishing a story the newspaper knew to be untrue to sell more copies.

All the male CID officers stationed at Banbury, Oxfordshire, in 1978 had used over the 'exclusive' which accused them of rape, assault and blackmail.

The accusations were made by David Brain while he was holding hostages at gunpoint in a nearby village.

He wrote to the News of the World, claiming Banbury CID had raped and beaten

his wife and threatened his five-year-old son to keep her quiet.

The story, published in July 1978, was headlined: 'Siege man tells us why he did it.'

During the four-day hearing, the officers claimed a cloud of suspicion hung over them after the siege.

Their counsel, Mr David Eady, QC, said: 'It was an example of Fleet Street at its worst and most callous.'

### Deranged

Mr Charles Gray, for the paper, argued that there had been no libel because 'no reasonable reader' of the News of the World would have believed Brain's allegations.

Daily Mail,

A commonwealth is always in greater danger from its citizens than its enemies, for the good are few.

—Spinoza

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## Seaside jape misfires

By LESLIE TOULSON

DAY-TRIPPERS John Wigley and Greg Beaman copped it when they bought toy police hats at the seaside.

They were stopped by the real law ... and told they would be taken to court for impersonating

But neither of them was wearing the caps when they were nicked on the way back from Southend with their girlfriends.

And yesterday the two 20-year-olds from Islington, North London, were still trying to convince themselves they had not been taken for a ride.

Electrician John said: "We thought the policeman was joking until we looked at his face — he was deadly serious."

### Ridiculous

"Then he asked for our names and addresses, cautioned us, and told us we faced prosecution for impersonating police officers."

He added: "It is just too ridiculous — we weren't even wearing the caps in the car. One was on the back seat and the other was on the floor."

"The two policemen who stopped us said they were just doing a routine check and then one noticed the toy hats."

His pal Greg, a printer, said: "The caps are half the size of a normal police cap."

"The policemen confiscated them after they had told us we faced prosecution—it is a farce."

As the pair sported toy caps brought back by friends in another car, Greg went on:

"John was wearing a T-shirt and jeans and I had on jeans and a shirt."

"We looked nothing like policemen and no one could possibly have thought we were impersonating the police."

Gregg added: "The girlfriends were upset and certainly the whole thing has done nothing to give me confidence in the police."

### Routine

But a spokesman for Essex police said yesterday: "I can only imagine this is a leg-pull."

"People can't be prosecuted for having phoney police caps in their car."



Greg and John ... "looked nothing like police"

AN ALLEGED rape victim was arrested, and spent the night in police cells after she failed to turn up at court to give evidence.

And yesterday an Old Bailey judge apologised for having to order her arrest.

Judge John Hazan issued the warrant after the 20-year-old failed to appear at the alleged rapist's trial on Monday.

Prosecutor Anne Rafferty said: "She was frightened of giving evidence."

### Justice

Judge Hazan pledged to try to protect her reputation when the trial is re-tried.

And he stressed it was essential that the accused—now in custody—should be tried at the earliest opportunity.

"Otherwise our system of justice would break down completely," he added.

The girl replied: "I feel better now you have explained things." And she was released after she promised to turn up for the trial.

## Dumped out of a job!

officer for Burnley—has been dropped from the top post he was due to take over in March.

### Eyesore

Civic Society chairman Eric Roberts said last night: "Had the facts been known earlier, Mr. Parkinson would not have been nominated as president."

Before the society asked him to step down Mr. Parkinson, 44, told officials: "I accept it is an eyesore but I intend to clean it up as soon as possible."

Last night he was unavailable for comment.

CLEAN-UP boss Rodney Parkinson kept a guilty secret in his back garden.

It was a dump of old washing machines, wood, bricks and tyres that had kept mounting for nearly 12 years.

The last straw for his neighbours in Laburnum Drive, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, came when they heard he had been chosen as president of the town's Civic Society. Now, because of the stink over the rubbish, Mr. Parkinson—environmental improvement

I'd Rather Be Smashing Imperialism



## As MPs attack madness

YOU can't beat Britain's bureaucrats for sheer inventiveness. They can always find something new to do with taxpayers' money.

School-leavers in Chesterfield have been paid £23.70 a week to go around counting the dustbins.

The bank interest on a £40,000 community grant was diverted recently to finance a West Indian night club.

Some 2,000 jobless teenagers are currently being paid £25 a week in a £3 million scheme to walk around with cotton wool in their ears, pretending to be deaf, so that they will be better able to help those who really can't hear.

Under the Enterprise Allowance Scheme a Northamptonshire man has been handed £40 a week to set up as a ventriloquist.

## Schemes

An out of work West Country builder is getting the same to set himself up as a breeder of racing pigeons.

A hang-gliding school in Kent, a dial-a-curry service in Coventry, a kissogram agency in Medway... all have laughed their way to the bank with similar sums.

Three out-of-work musicians in Birmingham got together as a rock group called Eye Do It and they, too, are collecting a handsome subsidy from the taxpayer.

All these beneficiaries are funded by the Manpower Services Commission, the largest, plushiest and most protected example of the Quango, the beast which the Tory Government supposedly set out to hunt to extinction.

The MSC is not in the least abashed about the handouts. Its managers and spokesmen talk airily of letting a hundred thousand flowers bloom.

They almost boast about not checking out the viability of the business schemes they are invited to support. As one spokesman put it: 'It doesn't matter how bizarre some of these enterprises may sound. We do not vet applicants in a qualitative sense.'

The Lord Bountifuls lading out public money at the MSC can play the game with a splendour almost beyond imagining.

## Rocketing

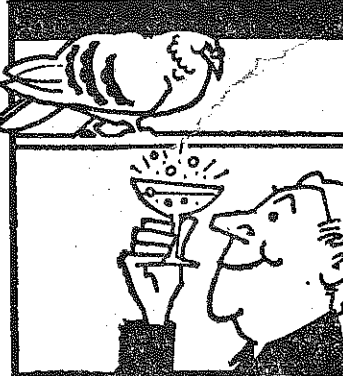
When it began under Mr Edward Heath, hiving off training and job-finding responsibilities from the Employment Department, the MSC had £400 million a year to spend.

This year it will dispense some £2,000 million, including around £1,000 million on the Youth Training Scheme.

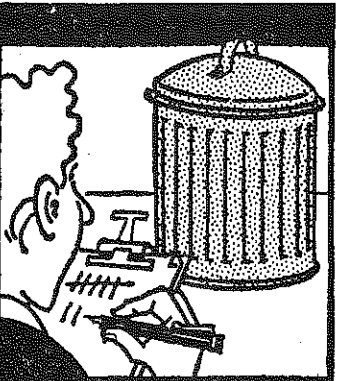
Like a traditional dinner party, the MSC must steer clear of sex, religion, and politics. Otherwise, almost anything goes.

Under a Government supposedly dedicated to cutting public expenditure, it sounds incredible.

And when the Thatcher



PAID to breed pigeons



PAID to count dustbins

Cabinet winked out the previous MSC chairman, Sir Richard O'Brien, last year and installed in his place Mr David Young, formerly a stalwart of the Right-wing Centre for Policy Studies, a keen privatiser and a buddy of Sir Keith Joseph, it seemed that Mrs Thatcher must be on the scent.

Alas, she was not! And yesterday's report by the all-party Public Accounts Committee should the full extent of the problem.

Shorn of its jargon the report revealed that the Government and the MSC had been in such a hurry to press ahead with special employment measures, particularly for the young, that they have lost control.

They do not measure the effect of the schemes or monitor them properly to ensure that they do not merely substitute for real jobs.

They have forgotten about value for money, failing to check whether the expensive schemes adopted are in fact the best way of helping the unemployed, when the money is provided by cutting back on other Government expenditures.

They have relied 'on belief, rather than evidence', and

therefore subjective judgments play a major part in deciding the use of very large resources.

On the Youth Opportunities Programme, for instance, MPs were assured in 1980 that 70 p.c. of youngsters would go on to real jobs. By this year the proportion was down to 41 p.c.

The Public Accounts Committee discovered that 'Departmental estimates... relied heavily on uncertain



... or be a kissogram girl



... or pretend to be deaf

evidence from sample surveys'. Monitoring on YOP broke down altogether one year. A computer programme designed to produce proper information was scheduled for 1980. It will not now start until 1984.

## Cost

The net cost of the Young Workers Scheme in its first year was £5,355 for each person taken off the unemployment register.

Week after week, newspaper reports build up the dossier against the MSC.

While the Arts Council is turning away applications from experienced theatre companies for lack of funds, the MSC can still find thousands to hand out to travelling theatre groups, irrespective of their quality, and is unable to explain afterwards precisely where the money went.

While the Government is cutting back technology-orientated Polytechnic courses for lack of education funds, and squeezing jobs out of local government, the MSC remains free to patronise the lunatic fringe with an abandon worthy of Ken Livingstone.

## Reason

The explanation is simple. Governments see what they want to see.

And this Government is turning a blind eye to the MSC spending because if there is one political priority higher than the need to cut public expenditure it is The Need To Be Seen To Be Doing Something About Unemployment.

The MSC is allowed to spend money like a drunken sailor because its schemes are one way of massaging down the unemployment figures.

It might better be entitled The Keep The Youngsters Off The Streets Commission.

This Government's natural instinct in regarding every other public body is to ask: 'Does the job need to be done at all?' Followed up by: 'And, if so, could it be done cheaper?'

In the case of the Manpower Services Commission it has turned its back on its principles... simply to meet a political need.

The drunk driving bill that Governor Riley signed into effect is unfair to high school students.

I understand it as far as controlling drunk driving, but if a man is able to fight for his country, he should be able to drink at 18.

This bill is really a slap in the face to our young men who register for the draft.

Raising the age limit will not stop drunk driving. The people that put this in effect are the ones who break it — and I'm referring to certain members of the Legislature. This bill should be reviewed and amended to allow our young men to have the right to drink if they wish. If one can fight for his country, he should be able to drink.

JOHN J. TACKACH Jr.

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## BATF-RIP

Robert M. Bartell

WASHINGTON (Liberty Lobby News Service)—The controversial Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF), rated almost as likely as the IRS to abuse your constitutional rights, is being unbudgeted out of existence.

RIF (reduction in force) notices—pink slips—have gone out at BATF. It's about time.

BATF used undercover agents to get the goods on so-called violators. If no goods were to be had, then agents fabricated the evidence.

Case in point: Last May, Asheville, N.C. BATF agents were trying to get a group of citizens on charges that they were members of a mass conspiracy to blow up Greensboro, N.C.

When wiretaps failed, the undercover agents tried to use "entrapment." When this, too, didn't work, the agents filed charges anyway, without one bit of real evidence.

The agency has been taken to task on more than one occasion. Two years ago, in the wake of charges of illegal spying on Americans and confiscating guns, BATF, without admitting any wrongdoing, adopted some reform policies.

The agency wouldn't tell anybody the new rules. Soon it was obvious there weren't any. The promise was nothing but window dressing; BATF agents were off

and running with their usual disrespect of the law and citizens' constitutional rights. BATF, it appears, like the IRS, considered itself above the law.

However, BATF overlooked the awesome might of the president and his budget cuts.

First, BATF was essentially immobilized. Funding for travel and undercover work was virtually eliminated. One agent reported that the 10 agents in his office had a two week travel allotment of \$32 for all of them.

Some agents used their own money for travel to court to testify against people they arrested. But this kind of dedication soon wore thin for even BATF agents.

Then the final blow: after months of rumors, pink slips went out. Treasury Department eliminated the agency. Officials will attempt to relocate some BATF agents in Secret Service or Customs Service, both also under Treasury. But this is only if funds are available. Otherwise, as many as 2,200 of these bureaucrats will be out of work.

BATF officials feel the country won't be so safe now, without their agents to protect us. But based on their track record, there's every reason to believe that we'll all be a little safer with BATF out of business.

Now if the same thing could just happen to the IRS.

By JOHN BELL

**B**IG Jack Mitchell, the man who lets devout cowards thump him so they can look good to their girls, is to be clouted by the law.

Tomorrow, police will call at his home in Harrogate, North Yorks, and tell him: "What you are doing is illegal. It can cause a breach of the peace. Pack it in."

Jack, 6ft tall and 13

## Rent-a-thug Jack warned by police

stone, set up his bully business six weeks ago and has already had several takers.

He plays the drunken heavy who insults his client's girlfriend and is then "poleaxed" with plenty of artificial blood on show.

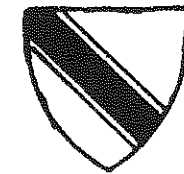
Yesterday Jack, who charges £90 to fix a "row," said: "The police

are being ridiculous. What I do is in complete agreement between myself and the customer.

"Although on odd occasions it gets a bit hair-raising when they get carried away it's not the sort of thing to bother the law."

But a senior officer

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## Why tax funds?

Editor, News-Press: As an owner of citrus and avocado trees, I question the benefits of SB-70 (Rains), and I object to the spraying of Santa Barbara County with chemicals purchased with taxpayer dollars.

As a libertarian, I consider it immoral for government to provide legal or financial "protections" for any special-interest group. Fruit prices will undoubtedly increase if growers fail to protect their crops from infestations of gophers, aphids, "root-rot," or gypsy moths. However, it is not the taxpayer's responsibility to guarantee either business or crop survival.

Special-interest legislation such as SB-70 reflect a growing and dangerous alliance between big government and big business that is clearly not "free-market" oriented. This bill would prevent "backyard" grown avocados from being sold... supposedly protecting (?) the consumer from the perils of undersized fruit.

Why not let individual growers (including non-commercial) decide whether they wish to use carbaryl, ground spraying, pheromones or antics. "none-of-the-above" for their orchard infestations of aphids, "root-rot" and gypsy moths? Why not let the consumer decide if there are dangers in undersized, home-grown avocados?

Good intentions do not necessarily lead to good laws.

Dale Lowdermilk  
Montecito

in Harrogate said: "We will be visiting Mr Mitchell on Monday to tell him to stop his antics."

"If he doesn't we will book him because we can see the day when all hell could break loose if he staged a bully stunt in a pub full of people."

"His business is illegal because it could so easily lead to a breach of the peace."

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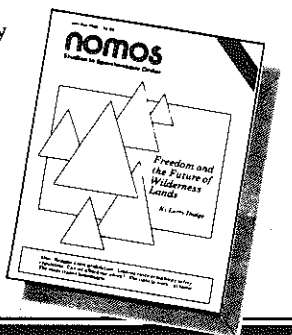


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# Computer expert's invention may be a security threat

By IAN KEY

COMPUTER expert Jim Lomont may have stumbled on a defence secret with his little black box.

When he tried to patent the device, he found himself facing the threat of jail.

Jim, 33, believes his invention could halt computer piracy, which is costing software manufacturers millions of pounds each year. Fitted to the master recording machine, the box makes the tape useless if someone tries to record from it.

But the Ministry of Defence has banned the device while they examine its specification.

'It is possible that they have the facilities to eavesdrop on computer programmes and don't want anything like this to go on general sale, said Jim, who developed the box in the front room of his mother's terrace house in Castle Street, Barnsley, Yorkshire.

He added: 'They have always denied having access to personal records but we never really know the truth. My device would almost certainly stop them?'

'I only invented it for the entertainments industry—not for any military or government use.'

An alternative reason for Ministry concern is that the Government have already produced their own version of the box.

Jim, who runs JLC Data in Barnsley, spent more than two years developing the 3in.



Top secret: Jim and the anti-pirate device

black box. He hopes to sell the devices at £100 each.

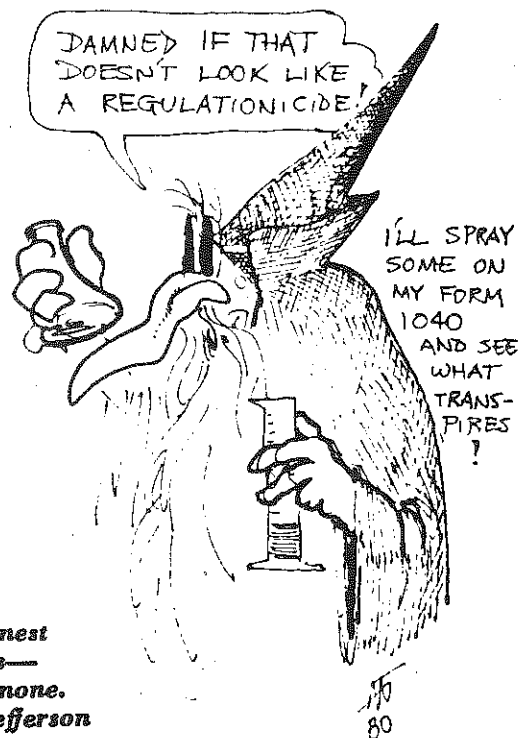
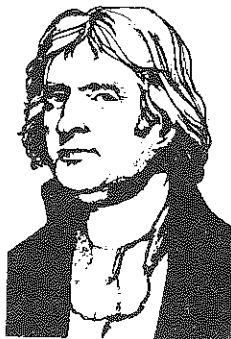
He added: 'I am astounded by the whole affair. It seems that I am risking prosecution by even talking about the ban. I believe I am sitting on a fortune, but all I can do is let the Ministry of Defence have the details of my invention.'

When he sends the specifications, they must be in an envelope marked 'Secret' and then inside another envelope.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said they had not yet seen details of the box.

'A restricted patent might be granted so that it could be sold only to certain people or we may have no objections at all and tell him to carry on and make a fortune.'

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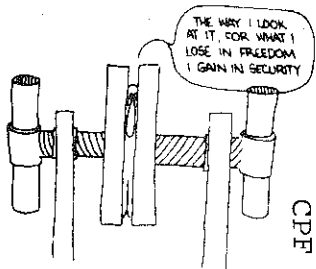
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