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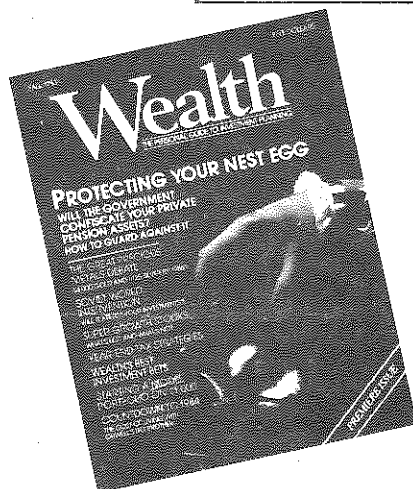
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Threat To Private Retirement System

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RON HOLLAND REVEALS HOW THE GOVERNMENT IS QUIETLY PREPARING TO CONTROL ALL PRIVATE RETIREMENT FUNDS, INCLUDING YOUR IRA, KEOGH, AND CORPORATE RETIREMENT PLAN. READ THE FIRST DETAILED PUBLIC WARNING ON THE BIGGEST SINGLE MONEY GRAB TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY ANY GOVERNMENT.



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In a newly released 30-page study *The Threat to the Private Retirement System*, the author and noted pension consultant Ron Holland warns that the government is now quietly adopting policies to result in eventual control of all private, tax-advantaged pension assets in the United States, including Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA), Keogh, and Corporate Plans. In the past two years similar moves have been already made in various other countries, such as France and Sweden, in a desperate attempt to support collapsing national retirement funds and other government programs.

Most of the now well over \$400 billion in the United States' private pension system is in cash equivalents, such as bank CD's and Treasury bills, and according to Holland, "This is simply too much money for the government to leave alone -- it will be the biggest money grab in history." He believes private property rights of those holding these funds will be readily sacrificed for political expediency and claims of "public interest" will be used to justify forcing these private savings into the collapsing social security system or new government bond issues to help finance the ever expanding government deficits. Certain government officials have already made public their desire to create a Mandatory National Pension System which no doubt would be forced on all employers regardless of their ability to pay. Holland believes a mandatory pension system is a likely first step to total control and will be accompanied by an acceleration of the present trend where Congress and the IRS are increasingly interfering in the rights of citizens to determine what types of investments they want in their self-directed plans. The most recent example of this dangerous trend was Section 314(b) of the Economic Recovery Act which outlawed hard assets, such as gold and silver, in most pension plans.

In this first-of-its-kind report Holland provides a four stage pension nationalization schedule to help an individual investor or fiduciary determine when to withdraw from all qualified retirement plans to escape nationalization. The author also examines the various retirement options still available and those best suited to avoid the effect of government controls while still obtaining temporary tax benefits from using qualified plans.

Ron Holland is a former bank vice-president, trust department head, as well as a speaker and researcher for retirement planning and investments. He has been quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek*, *Money*, *Fortune*, *Business Week* and other widely read financial publications on retirement plan investment diversification and flexibility.

Copies of *The Threat to the Private Retirement System* are available for US\$20.00 (check or money order) from Triple A Publications, P.O. Box 2201, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, British West Indies. For interviews contact Mr. Holland at (704) 252-5252 or (800) 532-1098 (inside the United States).

Edward Durrell asked General Accounting Office if the proceeds from the 17 million ounces of gold that the federal government sold in 1975-79 went to the Federal Reserve or the govt.; he was told that it was a very interesting question. (Spotlight)

LP bylaws have been changed to allow state parties to secede from one region & join another; Alabama has seceded from Georgia & Florida to join Mississippi, Tennessee, etc. & the Dakotas are considering seceding from region 4 to join region 8. (ID L)

Heavenly Discord!

We have just bought a "music processor" program for our computer on which is recorded a carol entitled *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*.

REV. RUPERT D. H. BURSSELL
Avon

—*"The Times," London, June 27.*
Herald angels are not what they used to be.

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FROM OUTER SPACE

Maybe I'm getting testy in my old age. I seem to annoy very easily lately. Let me give you a quote from Tibor Machan (Looking Glass):

"Now the Objectivists know that a Party like the Libertarian Party can't succeed because there is no philosophical or ideological base that has penetrated the public to prepare them for the necessarily skimpy way in which politics must reach the public. Nevertheless, in their own works, they are trying to go directly to the public without having accomplished that preparation. Objectivism has not reached the classrooms, the newspapers, the magazines, the radio shows, the television shows, and the other media of the general public in America, let alone the world."

The image that rises to my mind is that of T. M. addressing the Founding Fathers, and saying, "But gentlemen, the People are not Ready for Freedom. Ayn Rand has not been Born yet. The Truth has not reached the whole Public."

I should probably let the matter drop there, having made my point. I won't. As you all may know, I have never been a Randian, and while I enjoy her writings and agree with her on some general principles, I have to challenge any statement that equates libertarianism with Objectivism.

Second, I'm afraid he has his order of development wrong: Objectivist ideas are not going to penetrate the government-controlled classroom, the government-regulated media, etc., unless someone drags them in off the street, or unless someone does something about the control and regulation and subsidization of these forms of communication. Let me give you an analogy: read the early Christian writers, 2nd & 3rd century; they didn't devote their time to intellectual exercises with the Stoics, Neo-Platonists, Epicureans, etc. to any great extent, they went out and recruited a mass movement, not even restricted to free adult male citizens, and took over the Roman Empire.

It makes no sense to say that everyone must be totally indoctrinated in Objectivism first; the average citizen needs a course of objectivism about as much and as often as he needs a course of laxatives, and for very much the same reason. The beautiful thing about ideas that are true is that you can go back along more than one course of thought and refer to thinkers who have expounded the same true ideas. 300 years ago John Milton derived the ideas of freedom of the press from the Bible and the Classical writers. The same can be done with almost any other libertarian principle.

Admittedly, there is a lot of work to be done to counteract the evil results of the government anti-education establishments. But objectivism isn't the only, or even the best, way to do it. —jh

The Sin

When the draft was imposed in this country just before WWII, certain occupations were given deferments from conscription. In some cases these made sense from a military standpoint; skilled workers who could build tanks or airplanes were needed far more than extra infantrymen. Some made sense from a political standpoint; sparing farmers was not needed to ensure the food supply, but was needed to get votes in the farm states. Some were the result of special interests that had great power despite their small size; exempting FBI agents on the pretext they were needed for anti-espionage work and could not do it in the military intelligence agencies.

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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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But, in the long run, the most critical special exemption was of the clergy. For in exempting the clergy, they also exempted theological student. Now the result of this, well into the '60s & '70s was to fill the seminaries. Only with the end of the draft did the clergy begin to experience a substantial decline in vocations.

Not all countries exempted the clergy: France & Italy drafted them like anyone else, which is why Fr. Angelo Roncalli became a sergeant in the Italian army in WWI, and later the only pope with this sort of job experience (John XXIII).

Now the net effect of the clerical exemption seems to have been to have brought into the clergy some who did not have a true vocation, but merely a desire to avoid military service. I have no quarrel with anyone avoiding conscription in any way he can; my outrage is directed to the damage that was done to the church by this special favor. For it tended to bring into the clergy not only those who were not suited to the job, but also those who did not believe the tenets of the church. The Roman Catholics have had a great exodus from the clergy in recent years, largely because of celibacy, and may have less of the effects of this than others, but how many members of the Protestant clergy resigned at 35 and said, "I just did this to keep from being shot at"?

Another effect is the difference between the attitudes of clergy and laity in the same denomination on such issues as "Peace", nuclear energy, or taxes. There are 2 traditions: the militant and the pacifist clergymen. The first is by far the more interesting, whether it is Odo, Bishop of Bayeux, who fought at Hastings carrying a mace (because the church forbade his carrying a sword) or Leonidas Polk, Bishop of Louisiana (Episcopal) who resigned his diocese to become a general in the Army of the Confederacy.

Let it be noted also that this divergence does not seem to affect the traditional peace churches, as both laity and clergy did service as noncombatants such as medical corpsmen.

And the worst effect has been to tar the clergy with true vocations with the same brush: the suspicion that their devotion was not to the church but to cowardice; I won't go into the interesting exceptions like the military chaplaincy or the gay clergy.

Now let us see why the State might have given exemptions or C. O. status to certain groups. If the state gives special favors to a group, this tends to discourage them from criticizing what the state is doing to the others at the same time, for fear of loss of their special privilege. It's known as buying off a potential opponent.



POLITICAL

One of the advantages of an old-fashioned classical education was that people learned some ancient history in the process. Let us consider the story of the Delian League which, I dare say, not one reader in 10 has ever heard of. The league was developed in the time of Pericles, right in the midst of the Golden Age of Greece, as a defensive alliance of the Ionian city-states. The problem was that they were all very small city-states, except one: Athens, which was a major power. Furthermore, while Athens was a democracy, most of the others were either aristocratic oligarchies or simple dictatorships. To keep the league together, Athens had to keep interfering in the affairs of the other members, until the league turned into the Athenian Empire.

Now back in the old days, when the US did not have a Good Neighbor policy, and people with classical educations ran the country, the US did not get itself into that kind of empire. It did not have client states in Asia, Africa, Latin America, etc.

And what happened to the Athenian Empire? Well, they got into a war with Sparta, and allowed it to involve an expedition against Sparta's ally, Syracuse, which was way over in Sicily; the expedition was a total disaster, the first of many.

And if it sounds familiar, it's not my fault.

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Three 1983 "Inquiry"s recieved. Many inquiries, one reply. Signed, Allen Sawyer. 10-1-83 (adv.)

No Response

There has been much discussion about the Florence County Council's plans to secure an extremely high-priced industrial park.

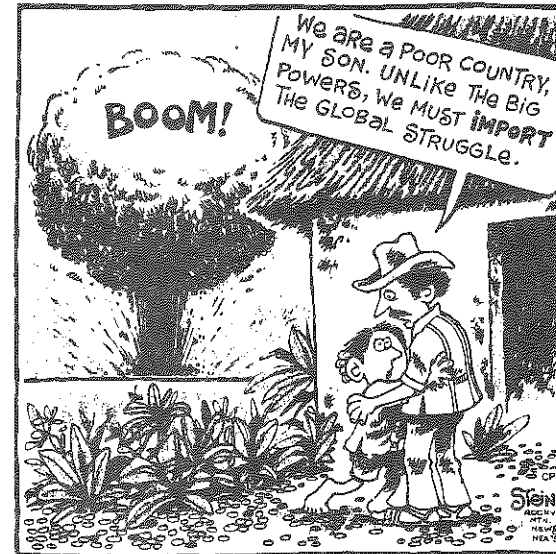
Our company (Trayco, Inc.) has a yearly payroll of well over \$2 million. We are preparing to expand again, and have tried to secure approximately one-half acre, adjacent to our building on National Cemetery Road, which is under the control of the Florence City-County Airport Commission, County Council and City Council. I have contacted all three bodies and was told in each instance: "We'll get back with you." After several months of delaying excuses, I have yet to have a positive response to my request.

This expansion not only would create several new permanent jobs, but would provide 40 to 50 jobs while construction is underway. The only purpose the land we are seeking now serves is to hold the earth together.

I am sure if a \$2 million-plus payroll company agreed to come to Florence, local officials not only would sell them the property, but give it to them tax-free, with water, sewage, paved roads, and probably a party for everyone for the first month.

This is a typical example of how our county government is run. I am positive if the proposed county industrial park were put into a referendum, the taxpayers would defeat it soundly. We have ample property already secured by the county for industrial sites and expansion, and most assuredly should be utilizing it.

J. Ray Turner, Florence



L.A. County supervisor Pete Schabarum has come up with a scheme to lighten that county's relief rolls, by forcing would-be aid-seekers to enlist, instead. While the proposal does not include recipients of Aid to Dependent Children, it does include the homeless, the disabled, and women.

A Schabarum representative, Rita Dimond, says the plan is one of several proposals by the supervisor aimed at saving the county money. The numbers of people on relief, she says, have nearly doubled over the last 18 months. Dimond says the county attorney is now looking into whether the plan is legal.

Even if the measure passes, few women are likely to wind up toting rifles. According to attorney John Landau of the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, the only way the Army will now take a woman with small children is if she can provide proof that she has given her children up.

MORE ON THE MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT

We have received 2 letters, 1 from Arkansas & 1 from California, on R. Brakeman's article in the June issue on the Montgomery bus boycott. There are several issues that need to be discussed.

"Far from being triumphs of voluntarism, however, successful boycotts always involve many instances of coercion in the form of threats of social ostracism and often physical harm directed to potential non-participants." There is evidence that a lot of this coercion occurred at Montgomery.

One major variance from the "official" history is that the civil rightists claim that blacks walked, not rode in taxis and carpools, many miles to work. If the charge for a ride to work was no more than the charges of the (subsidized) city bus system, who paid for subsidizing all these rides?

Another point is that racial integration was not accomplished, and is not being being perpetuated, by voluntary means.

Finally, the point needs to be reiterated that the entire boycott was mishandled; this is what comes of thinking like a statist and not like a businessperson; the logical solution to the boycott would have been to close down the parts of the bus system that were being boycotted, and keep only the lines that were still operating at a profit.

I. M.: Frontlines. The usual.

In 1848 Karl Marx fired striking typesetters on the paper he edited. (Update)

Missouri became the 32nd state to call for a constitutional convention on the balanced budget amendment; the quota is 34. (various)

The only way to prevent the sword from being used is to have it ready.

—Christopher Gadsden

"IF YOU LOSE, YOU ARE ANNIHILATED. IF YOU WIN, YOU STAND ONLY TO LOSE. NUCLEAR WAR CONTAINS THE GERM OF DOUBLE SUICIDE."

—General Douglas MacArthur

Men are free when they can choose, plan, and act effectively in pursuit of their goals, and enjoy economic freedom by retaining the fruits of their labor.

—Ray W. Lynd

Spiritual Poverty

"Washington Journalism Review" has published a report of a survey made of the students in Columbia Graduate School of Journalism. As summarized in "Human Events" Dec. 18, 1982, the report said, "Eighty-five percent of the students describe themselves as liberal and 11 percent as conservative. In 1980, a grand total of four percent voted for Reagan, 59 percent for Carter and 29 percent for John Anderson. Over 80 percent said that they seldom or never attend religious services. Only a quarter believe that the private enterprise system is fair and three-quarters say the United States is responsible for Third World poverty. ☆

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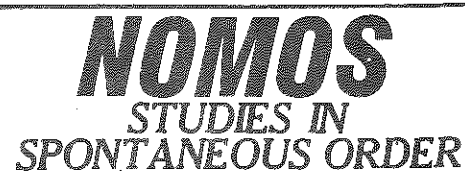
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Ray Pike

If I may be allowed to quote myself, that line about "in order to protect the least efficient carriers at the expense of everyone else" is the key to this little tale. All the insanities listed above, all the weird tales which filled Ginnie's ears, not just the rate-making, have been put into place with the sometimes-avowed, sometimes-unspoken goal of protecting inefficient carriers, those who in a free market would not be patronized (sufficiently) by consumers

Ginnie the Gypsy Trucker, continued

and would therefore go where the economic well-being of everyone suggests they should go: Out of Business. All the tidbits of mindlessness we've mentioned (and many others we've no room for) are designed to curb what ICC-folk like to call "cutthroat competition" or "unfair competition" — by which they mean, of course, competition, period.

Through sheer gunpower the state may be (and often has been) able to stamp out much of actual competition, but the competitive spirit is extraordinarily hard to kill — and Ginnie, as Howard Cosell would say about some running back, was a "born competitor". That hadn't really been clear before this time, but when Ginnie heard all this mind-boggling stuff from her relative, and when she confirmed through other sources that he wasn't delirious and that it was all true, her latent-competitor instincts sprang into the open. As part of her learning experiences she'd heard about "gypsy truckers" (the people who ran the same routes with the same cargos at same rates in spite of the government's attempts to impose insanity upon the country's transportation system), she'd once drive a medium-sized rig in a brother's business, she knew it wouldn't take her long to become proficient in driving the big rigs, and so she'd combined the obvious market for "gypsy" services with her obvious interest — and jumped in.

The trucker's grapevine is the most efficient one in America this side of the longshoremen's, and it was easy for her to pass the word that she and her rig (acquired through a combination of savings and relatives' loans and bank financing) were "available". The response was so overwhelming she thought at first it must be an aberration — that she must have jumped into the business at a time of unusually fierce demand. But when it kept up, month after month, she realized that that astounding demand was a permanent one, because trucking customers considered the regulation-scene to be just as intolerable as she thought it was...

The far-west was where she made most of her runs. Midnight would see her rolling down I-80, out of the San Francisco Bay area, over the High Sierras, east across Nevada, Utah and Wyoming, to destination points in the midwest — Omaha, Des Moines, Chicago. Ginnie was like all gypsy truckers in that she worked vampire hours; while what she was doing was entirely legitimate, it was also entirely illegal, and the teeny-tiny hours of the morning seemed like the obvious time to avoid scales and ICC checkers and similar excretions of Washington on the prairie. While the interstates were used where it seemed reasonably safe, often, she explained to me, it wasn't — so she'd gotten to know every back road and cutoff and detour and shortcut between Chicago and L. A.

She said most people thought Wolf Creek Pass was the only way to get over the Continental Divide in southern Colorado, but in fact there were plenty of others — and if I ever needed one I should look her up. I should also do that in case I had an urgent need to whiz through the sprawling metropolitan area which centers on Omaha and Council Bluffs, Iowa — just as quickly as the licensed truckers did it, but without passing a single establishment of the feds. And if I was ever out in the region west of North Platte, Nebraska, where the North Platte and the South Platte dominate the countryside before they form the Platte, and I needed to travel inconspicuously with a big rig through mainly-empty country where it was hard to be inconspicuous, she'd show me how.

The how of her operations, just described, was the same as all the other gypsy truckers, and so was the what of them. Ginnie charged prices which depended solely on the only thing which should ever determine prices: supply and demand. Unlike ICC rates, which were usually agreeable to neither party, nothing moved in Ginnie's rig unless the price was acceptable to both her and her customer. Whether you call it liberty or voluntarism or freedom or chopped liver, it is a fine scenario. Similarly, where licensed truckers were busily driving thousands of miles out of there way because a Washington flunkie (backed by guns paid for with your money) told them to, Ginnie was operating efficiently, by driving straight lines — and thus maximizing use of both her time and her customer's money (to say nothing of gasoline and related highway products, including wear and tear on the highways themselves). Naturally, that efficiency showed itself just as fully in Ginnie's cargo-practices: she never made a return-trip empty unless it proved absolutely impossible to acquire an other-way load, and of course she carried whatever her customers wished, while the regulated trucker down the road might be limiting himself to chicken feathers, at Washington's dictation.

It's hard to overestimate the services she was performing. The marginal grocer in a suburb of St. Louis knew about those services, for he told everyone who wanted to listen (and even some people who didn't) that it was only because of Ginnie that he was able to stay in business — that if he'd had to pay the artificially high ICC shipping rates, he'd fold; a group of small dry-goods merchants in the Kansas City area knew too — they were always finding themselves with unpredictable items in unpredictable combinations they needed shipped somewhere on short notice — and Ginnie could always do it, while an ICC carrier might not have been "approved" for that kind of cargo; some downstate Illinois farmers knew about her usefulness, for they remembered the times when licensed truckers passed them by with their trucks empty on a westward return trip (because the ICC made them run empty) and Ginnie bailed them out; and the marginal tool & die firm in Salt Lake City knew too — its execs had calculated what they saved in time and money not having to go through the ICC's "gateway city" nonsense — by using Ginnie instead.

As she got ready to barrel on out of McDermitt for who-knows-where, Ginnie mentioned one last thing: she paid a price for being a gypsy trucker, even if she never got caught and Leavenworth-ized for her entirely legitimate actions; the strain and the fear and the knowledge that this run might be your last were always there, and many gypsies un-gypsied themselves because the pressure finally got to them. Still, there were compensations — and the main one was the breezy/er. Many advocates of public schools claim that poor persons will suffer if public schools are eliminated, but the opposite is true. Public schools in low-income areas are among the worst. By contrast, many private schools are providing a good education to children from low-income families, and they are doing it with less money than the public schools spend on their students.

American Humanist Association gave its 1982 Humanist of the Year Award to Dr. Helen Caldicott, a Christian. (Free Inquiry)

Cheese sales are down 15% for the first quarter of 1983. You remember all that "free" cheese the govt. gave away.... well, it cut into the demand for cheese. (Live & Let Live)

"If there's one thing a power-hungry politician can't stand, it's to be ignored." — Simon Jester, who suggests refusing to sell to politicians & bureaucrats, and to accept govt. benefits. (L&LL)

Free Market Best For Schools

When a recent poll showed that many South Carolinians would pay more in order to get a better education for their children. Governor Riley, as expected, called for increased government funding for public education. This is what government officials and educational professionals always do, for they want to have more tax money to spend as they see fit. However, the truth is — the more tax money we spend on education, the worse education gets.

There is no evidence to support the claim that the proliferation of education professionals, unions, journals, graduate degrees, conferences, books and theories over the past several decades has had any beneficial effect. In fact, the opposite is true. Literacy has actually declined, and this is largely due to the perverse financial incentives in the public school system.

If a private school does a lousy job of educating its students, parents will send their children elsewhere, and the school will lose money. Any private school that wishes to receive money has to earn that money by offering a decent education to its students.

By contrast, the only thing public schools must do to get money is complain, lobby and ask the government to steal more money from the taxpayers. As long as the tax money keeps coming, public schools will get worse and worse.

If we want schools that really teach children useful skills, we will have to reward schools for doing more than one-third of all of us a good job. One way to do this is to teach children useful skills, we will have to reward schools for doing more than one-third of all of us a good job. One way to do this is to

tuition tax credits, which would allow parents to send their children to better schools without having to pay twice (tuition and taxes) for the education of their children. The best answer, however, would be for the government to get out of the education business altogether.

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The free market can work wonders in education if the government will just get out of the way!

DAVID C. MORRIS



Hot-looking western wear was the order of the day at the Gay Men's Health Crisis Rodeo Benefit.

—Gay Community News.

At least Bella knows what a cowboy hat means on this side of the Atchafalaya.

Control Drugs Better By Legalizing Them

The U.S. government estimates that as many as 50,000,000 Americans use illegal drugs. If we dis-

count all the people under 15 years of age and all those over 60, it becomes immediately clear that more than one-third of all of us "get high." This has been going on for decades. In fact, drug use was not recognized as a "problem" until drug laws came into existence in the first half of the 20th Century.

But drugs are not a problem. The problem with drugs is related to the attitude that people have about them. For example, a man was recently given a 15-year prison sentence for having two grams of cocaine and a little bit of pot. This is not only unjust, but absurd. First, his sentence is more severe than many given to violent criminals. Second, the whole process of "administering justice" in this case will cost the taxpayers close to \$200,000. And third, it will not help prevent drug use and trafficking.

So why bother? Why not legalize drugs and tax them?

From another perspective, if the authorities were able to catch

a substantial number of drug law violators (25 percent), this society would crumble. The police would soon run short of manpower. The State Legislature would lose five to 10 members. Major corporations would have to function without key employees. Trials would have to be postponed. And some churches would go without Sunday sermons. Isn't it time that we accept reality and give back to the people the right to get high?

The way to control drug use is not through imprisonment, but by providing a better social environment. Make schools a challenge for kids so they won't have to go out looking for something to do. Reward people for working by not taxing them as much, and eliminate welfare programs that only help keep them idle. And, above all, don't provide (by keeping drugs illegal) a "black market" in which to get rich.

G.R.L. GELPI

Sex Education Solves School Fund Problem

Our school district has found a solution to the financial problems.

We have started a vigorous program in sex education.

NEW YORK — By the last roundup on October 1, the world's biggest AIDS-fighting organization had raked in a tidy \$50,000 from 11,000 urban buckaroos at a Madison Square Garden rodeo. The Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) reserved one of three nights of "The World's Toughest Rodeo" — competitive bronc riding, steer wrestling and the high speed cowgirl event of barrel racing — to benefit AIDS research and support programs.

Well-known political honchos like Mayor Ed Koch were absent from the rodeo, even though Koch had received a standing ovation at the circus in April.

In their place were political sharpshooters Rep. Ted Weiss and National Gay Task Force executive director Virginia Apuzzo. They were flanked by former congressperson, and an early supporter of gay rights, Bella ("Where else could you wear a cowboy hat?") Abzug and city health commissioner, Dr. David Sencer.

Benighted Blue Law Keeps People In Dark

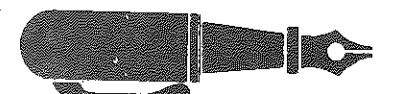
On a recent Sunday, I had the opportunity to observe another method used by S.C. legislators to keep their constituents in the dark.

A person ahead of me in the check-out line of a food and merchandise store needed to purchase some light bulbs. The sales clerk politely advised the customer that bulbs could not be bought on Sunday.

I wonder how many legislators, or if anybody else, can predict in advance when a light bulb will fail.

FRANK JACKEL

LETTERS



They may not be able to read the directions on the package, but at least, they will know what to do with the contents.

This will reduce our future years' budgets because there won't be as many students.

DAVID M. CULLEN

quote of the week

"It is common knowledge that the Catholic Church in New York City has spent 1.5 million dollars to successfully defeat every Gay Rights Bill that was introduced in the City Council since the initiative began in 1969. . . . And this was supposed to be the most sophisticated city in the whole world. Thirty thousand innocent children die of starvation every year in the Third World countries, and your church chooses to spend 1.5 million to take my rights away from me and my people and drive us back into the closet. Would not that money have been better spent to keep those children alive? Or, since it was New York money, would it not have been better spent to feed, clothe and educate the impoverished people in the ghettos of Harlem, the Lower East Side or the South Bronx? I think so. The Catholic hierarchy preaches love but practices hate."

— Brendan Joyce in a letter to his friend Rev. David H., reprinted in *GALA Review*, Vol. VI, No. 4, August 1983.

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WHERE MEDIA MISSES THE MARK: Almost all the interviews between "experts" and media gurus — that appear in print or on TV — focus on the topic, "How can we restore housing, how can we get employment moving, etc." The VITAL point is that we NEED this kind of a recession to CORRECT the former distortions created in these areas by 30 years of excess-credit expansion. There can BE NO federal solutions. When the government attempts to "kiss and make it better," it only gets worse on the far end. Government has a disease of the mouth which infects everything it kisses. The only VALID solution is to stop taxpayer subsidies to corporations, unions, farmers, banks, etc. and let them reestablish their value in a free-enterprise market. The unemployed will reapportion themselves into jobs of value. Sure, it's painful; but all alternatives are worse. What's more, we NEED this recession to drive down or stabilize the prices of autos, housing, food, etc. so that the working stiff can once again afford them.

—Personal Protection Digest, P. O. Box 22586, Minneapolis, MN 55422.

If the Lord wrote reports like a bureaucrat, Moses would have suffered a terrible hernia lugging those tablets down from the mountain.

Joel Ponzer

gays will be included in holocaust museum

WASHINGTON — Exhibits recognizing the persecution of non-Jewish persons by the Nazis will be included in a museum dedicated to the Holocaust, according to the *Washington Post*.

Plans call for the inclusion of homosexuals, as well as Christians and political dissidents, in documents of Nazi concentration camps.

(FFA) Ten live missiles, lost for "several years," were found recently in an Elizabeth NJ warehouse. No one knew they were missing.

(Kenosha Labor) 20th Century Fox, the studio that filmed the movie *Norma Rae*, has sold the name to a clothing manufacturer. Look forward to Norma Rae designer jeans made at a non-union plant in North Carolina.



"All's well! The legislature is not in session!" STAR

HOSTEL warden Des Seabrook wasn't amused when a girl wearing only a suspender belt and black stockings knocked on his door.

For she told him she was locked out of her room . . . and her boyfriend was too drunk to let her in.

Des provided a spare key . . . and listed the early morning encounter as an occupational hazard.

But now his bosses have decided he won't be bothered by any more strangers in the night.

For councillors at Slough, Bucks, plan to ring the hostel for homeless women with a six-foot "chastity fence".



Kindergartens opposed

It is very disturbing that the proponents of early childhood education (kindergartens) choose to ignore the large amount of research available which, after thousands of studies on the subject, has shown that:

"The earlier children go to school, the more negative their attitude becomes toward schooling." (William Rohwer, 1970);

"Effort to legislate early childhood education out of the house and into schools for all children age 3 to 5 separates family, reduces family responsibility, increases feeling of rejection in children, and often 'programs' children

for later failure." (Raymond S. Moore, Ph.D., developmental psychologist quoted in Congressional Record, Oct. 16, 1972);

"No studies have shown that elective day care or pre-school develops the large potential in a child. There is no evidence that they make him a more stable, sociable, responsible or higher achieving citizen. Many studies clearly support the contrary view." (Childhood Education, October 1973); and

"Children thrive better in bad houses than in good institutions." (John Bowlby, world authority on maternal deprivation).

J. KESNER KAHN

How can we afford to go on paying higher taxes to support government, and at the same time be so bad off government has to support us?

Alas!

There are thousands of hidden taxes these days, but, alas, no place where the tax payer can hide.

—Times St. Louis.

"It stands to reason that tax-supported educational institutions can't adequately foster freedom because their very existence is based on the use of collective force; i.e., on the collective power of taxation."

—Tom Rose

"One difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets."

—Anonymous

Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

Well, they've taxed everything else, haven't they?

Tax Rebellion

"Taxes upon every article which enters the mouth, or covers the back, or is placed on the foot; taxes upon everything which it is pleasant to see, hear, feel, smell or taste; taxes upon warmth, light and locomotion; taxes on everything on earth, and in the waters under the earth; on everything that comes from abroad, or is grown at home; taxes on the raw material; taxes on every fresh value that is added to it by the industry of man; taxes on the sauce that pamper's man's appetite, and the drug that restores him to health; on the ermine which decorates the judge, and the rope which hangs the criminal; on the poor man's salt, and the rich man's spice; on the brass nails of the coffin, and the ribbons of the bride; at bed or board, at home or abroad, we must pay. The schoolboy whips his taxed top; the beardless youth manages his taxed horse with a taxed bridle, on a taxed road; and the dying Englishman, pouring his medicine, which has paid seven per cent, into a spoon that has paid fifteen per cent, flings himself back upon his chintz bed, which has paid twenty-two per cent, and expires... his whole property is then immediately taxed from two to ten per cent. Besides the probate, large fees are demanded for burying him in the chancel; his virtues are handed down to posterity on taxed marble; and he is then gathered to his fathers to be taxed no more."

—Sydney Smith, England, 1800

GOVERNMENT AID AND THE POOR

Many middle-class liberals really do not believe that "the poor" could be taken care of without government aid. The reason for this is that they, personally, do not know many poor people, and have not experienced personally how government help works. Actually, most of the poor would be in a terrible bind if they had to depend on government aid and nothing else. Fortunately, most of them have friends & relatives, which helps out when the food stamps don't come for a month, or the social security check is stolen, and it takes months to get it replaced, or the unemployment benefits run out, and there is still no job.

What they do, of course, is cheat. They go out and collect bottles and cans from roadsides, or pick up a few days work painting someone's porch for cash, or babysit, or otherwise make use of the time they don't have to spend going to and from the welfare office.

And, believe it or not, quite a lot of them really hate the government that is giving them all this "welfare".

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Israel is still settling Jews in the occupied territories of the West Bank. Settlers are being offered subsidized housing with a mortgage that does not allow eviction of the owner if he defaults. A report to the Knesset states that the cost of settling a single family in the West Bank is \$200,000. (var.) First, this is a good example of the inefficiency of govt. housing schemes, and also their tendency to be used for ulterior purposes. Second, it is your business if you pay taxes in the US because you contribute, indirectly, through military subsidies, to the govt. of Israel; if it had to pay for its own defense, it would not have money for building houses.

In Jerusalem, the new building of the Israeli tax agency is referred to as "The Second Wailing Wall."

In 1980, reports "Family Planning Perspectives" black females aged 14-19 had a birth rate of 515/1000.

Richard Collins of Palm Springs, CA has decided that the U S govt. is waging war on its citizens & unequal enforcement of the law is "a curse on the nation", so he has declared war on the US. (Spot.) Where has he been the last 122 years, that he's just finding out?

Telephone company warns that threatening phone calls are being made by persons claiming to be "officials" who are not, and advises people who receive such calls not to talk unless they want to. Of course, it is almost impossible to demand proof of identification over the phone, so you don't really know if you're talking to a government agent or not.

U S Committee in Support of Solidarity has tee shirts, bumper stickers, etc.: 275 7th Av, NYC 10001.

Voting is compulsory in Italy, but increasing numbers of voters are leaving their ballots blank; 9% in the 1979 election, making it the 3rd largest party in Italy. (London Observer)

In Lewisville, TX, the local PTA is offering kids a neat way to make money: turning in other students for using marijuana; \$100. if caught with drugs & \$50. just for reporting someone who is caught. (UPI)

"The Testament of Freedom", a chorale by Randall Thompson based on the writings of Thomas Jefferson, was presented June 18 at St. Luke's Episcopal, Atlanta, by the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus. (GA Lib)

Selective Service boasts that, with draft registration, "We can deliver the first inductees on the 13th day." (var.) Or only 11 days after the end of the war.

"We trained hard....but every time we were beginning to form up into teams, we were reorganized. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganizing....and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing inefficiency and demoralization." — Petronius, 1st century, A. D.

Debrett's, who publish guides to the British peerage and gentry are planning an American Peerage. (Chalcedon) You heard it right; these people are realists.

"Nobody really believes anymore that government delivers," says business expert T. Drucker. (Especially the Post Office.)

"They had set out to free everyone and had created a nation of dependents instead." — Theodore H. White.

Repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act would create as many as 150,000 additional jobs. Establishing a 75% youth minimum wage, for those under 20, of \$2.50/hour would create 250,000 to 450,000 new jobs. (Linc. Rev.)

Norman Thompson of Australia suggests addressing politicians as "Taxer" instead of "Mister", while bureaucrats should be addressed as "Burden". (Common Sense, Box 93, Indoorpilly, Queensland, Australia)

Viv Forbes of Queensland notes that the "Big 5" Australian mining companies, comprising 70% of Australia's mining industry, had revenues for 2 years of \$6,980,000 and paid taxes of \$6,285,000; for this they received general government services, such as national defence, and a few special services such as "free" maps and advice. Noting that the whole national defense budget for Australia is \$5 billion a year, he concludes that they are paying dearly for free maps and advice. He also notes that their taxes would pay the salaries of 175,000 civil servants, but the companies only have 120,000 employees; so each miner is supporting 1½ civil servants. (Mining Review/C Sense)

5 Cubans have been sentenced to death for forming a labor union: Ezequiel Diaz R., Jose Luis Romero, Angel C. Martinez Garcia, Benito Garcia O., & Carlos Garcia Diaz. Amnesty International & Of Human Rights (Box 2268, Georgetown U., Washington, DC 22057) are asking for letters to Castro to appeal the sentence.

In Pasco Co., FL a woman tried to get a marriage license and was refused because her birth certificate said she was female and her drivers license said male. (SSun)

Told that Lindbergh had crossed the Atlantic alone, Charles Kettering said, "When he flies it with a committee, let me know." (var.)

"I've never committed a sin in my life!" said Rep. Andrew Collaro of the Mass. legislature during a debate on gay rights. (OCNews) How about lying?

NY is trying to ban nude sunbathing at Riis Beach in the Gateway Natl. Recreation Area, Queens, which is federal property. (NY Times)

Venezuelan TV has banned portrayal of gays or transsexuals, claiming numerous children have suffered personality disorders as a result. (El Mundo/GCM) I wonder if they have reruns of Milton Berle?

WE HAVE NEWS TO GIVE YOU **FITS**

Those Keep Off the Grass signs mean just that as 9 members of the Army White House Guard discovered when they were transferred for smoking pot. (N-W Alert) Reference: Smith v. Wade, 4-20-83, Supreme Court ruled a government employee personally liable for damages.

Canada is trying to set up a civilian security agency, in addition to RCMP, to spy on citizens. (var.)

France is to nationalize church schools that have been accepting government money. (Daily News Dig.)

British Defense Ministry has warned employees not to hire foreign domestic servants, as KGB has been using this method to plant spies. (Parade)

National Guard in Wisconsin has been training to evict farmers who resist foreclosures. (NOFIT) It's good to know your Natl. Guard is on duty!

Washington Institute for Judicial Review is suing the bonding companies that bond government officials, claiming that the official has violated his oath of office. This is an interesting approach, but most bonding companies only insure against the official actually stealing the money or property of the government, not against other crimes. (Sam News)

Many state governments are establishing what is known euphemistically as Human Resources Dept., which tells you what the government thinks of its subjects. Reports of sexual scandals in these dept., involving minors who have become wards of the state, in several states have been reported. (var.) You might like to ask some questions, starting with: What right has the state to consider a human being as a resource.

Univ of Calif at San Diego reports that 28% of its 1982 graduates are unemployed or have only part-time jobs; another 18% are working as laborers. (NI)

28 Israeli reservists have been court-martialed for refusal to serve in Lebanon and given sentences of 14 to 28 days. (WIN)

In NC, a Christian softball league has been banned from the local public field for religious discrimination: they refused to admit a team from the local Mormon church. (D Relic) Bring back the Inquisition!

In the Village Voice, Nat Hentoff notes that a female military officer has been charged with "conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman", to wit, making love to a woman to whom she was not wed. She is, presumably, claiming sexual discrimination, as army does not prosecute male officers who do the same.

Henri Klinger, former LP candidate for Gov. of Alabama, has a suit challenging TEFRA; 337 Sultan Ct., Montgomery, AL 36117.

Dept. of Commerce notes that in fiscal 1982 the federal deficit was 66.8% of net private savings, up from even the 46.1% in 1976. (TH Lib)

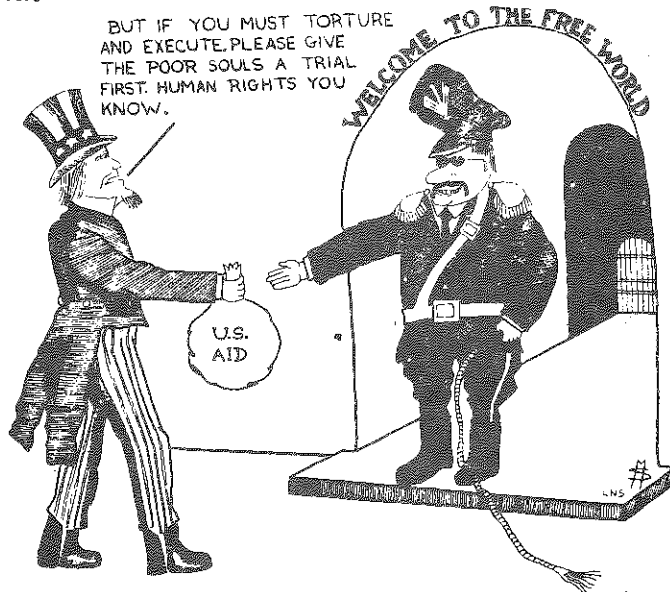
Speaking at Ford Hall Forum, Dr. Leonard Peikoff declared that "the Professors' War Against America" is really a reaction against reason. (Ergo)

Iran is trying to lure physicians who have emigrated back; there is a serious shortage of health care personnel, especially since female nurses have been dismissed for unIslamic activity. (E Globe/Ergo)

Psychiatrist Harvey Fireside of Ithaca, NY has reported estimates of about 10,000 political dissidents in psychiatric hospitals & prisons in the USSR. (Science News)

Clergy & Laymen Concerned (222 E Lake Dr, Decatur, GA 30030) is offering speakers on Nicaragua. Be sure to ask about the Nicaraguan government's program of genocide against the Miskito/Mosquito Indians.

Baptist pastor Paul Rytikov is back in jail for the usual; ask your Baptist friends to write his wife, Galina Rytikova, ul. Podgornaya 30, Krasnodar 439340, USSR.



In the 1930s H. L. Mencken ran a full page editorial in the Baltimore Evening Sun consisting of a million dots and a note that each one of them stood for a federal employee. Guess how many pages it would take now?

In Angola the anti-Communist forces, UNITA, led by Jonas Savimbi, have captured 64 Czechoslovaks, and are holding them for ransom, demanding that the Marxist government trade 7 British mercenaries held since 1976, a number of jailed UNITA supporters, and in another national liberation movement, a French doctor being held in Kabul, Afghanistan. Czechoslovak government is negotiating. (C A-C G)

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