IMMIGRATION: HOLDING A HUNGRY WORLD AT BAY

by Rev. Chris Mohr

In a turbulent world where three billion people make under $500 a year and political repression is rampant, it is no surprise that waves of humanity from every corner of the world would want to find haven in the United States. The U.S. shelters twice as many political refugees as every other country in the world combined. It is estimated that 5 to 12 million illegal aliens live here.

These illegals bring with them a host of social problems. In Los Angeles, 67 percent of all births in local hospitals are to illegal aliens, ten percent of all L.A. residents are illegal aliens. The Immigration and Naturalization Service estimates that it deports 1.2 million people from the U.S. every year. In 1985, the Reagan Administration agreed to fund 550 more border patrol officers, the biggest increase in over a decade. But still the illegals pour in.

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The Immigration and Naturalization Service is as ineffective as any government agency which attempts to resolve social issues with brute force. And the powers they have already been given have resulted in an abused of the rights of thousands of Americans. The INS has been known to break into factories in the Southwest and round up every illegal alien because of their race. Some of them even had the papers at home and were not allowed to call and have a relative come furnish them to the authorities. The INS has the power to demand “papers” from anyone, anytime, anywhere, and failure to produce this can give the INS grounds for deportation. Anglos are not aware of this power because it is generally used against Chicanos and poor people. Even though 50 percent of all illegal aliens are not from Latin America, it is the Latinos who suffer most from the heavy hand of the Immigration Office.

The paranoia that surrounds illegal aliens is so bad that many Chicanos already fake government-created job discrimination. Even those who can produce a social security card and birth certificate are often turned away by bosses who say, “How do I know those ID’s aren’t fake?” And now we are asking that the discrimination against these people be intensified by a law which would force employers to become INS spies? It is in the nature of most businesses to do the prudent thing when deciding upon how to run a business. Faced with a law that threatens stiff fines for all people who knowingly hire illegal aliens, many employers will shun hiring any unskilled people. The government will then simply turn a non-racist business into a racist one.

There are two reasons why so many people want to come to America, even with the problems inherent in being an illegal alien. The first is political. 300,000 El Salvadorans live in Los Angeles because the American-financed war there has made it impossible for them to enjoy any physical safety at home. America seems more than willing to take a certain amount of political refugees from Communist countries for obvious propaganda reasons. We are less enthusiastic about accepting refugees from countries that we ourselves are making uninhabitable. As a result, brave churchgoers in many southern states are developing their own “underground railroad,” recognizing that the physical survival of our fellow human beings is much more important morally than respect for any law. Every libertarian should applaud the moral courage of those who are willing to go to jail to defend the rights of refugees.

The second reason so many illegals flock across our borders is economic. The standard of living in Mexico has fallen 308 percent since 1982, partially as the result of imprudent loans made over the last several decades. The interest alone on Mexico’s national debt is now bleeding that country dry. Unemployment is so high that millions of Mexicans face starvation. Is it any wonder that they come here?

What happens when aliens come to America? Do Americans lose jobs? With immigration laws the way they are today, you bet they do. Few aliens can ever hope to run their own businesses in America, because they would certainly be discovered eventually. Illegals are also denied access to credit and all the other benefits and advantages we take for granted. American citizens are relatively free to choose to be employees or employers. A certain percentage of us end up creating jobs through entrepreneurial activity, and most of the rest of us take the jobs that these entrepreneurs create. Almost none of the illegals can ever hope to run their own businesses, and so they must compete with the rest of us for whatever jobs they can find, usually at the very lowest end of the economic scale.

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Colorado Takes the Lead
In Oppression Technology

applicants are legally in this country and are legally eligible for benefits.

The INS and state officials hope to expand the program to include FHA loan programs, student loans and grants, medical services, and welfare.

Information collected by these agencies can then be fed back to the INS who can use it to identify and deport illegals.

Can a “Free Thinkers Verification System” be far around the corner?

While other states have been content to let the INS “clean up” their illegal aliens, the State of Colorado has aggressively pursued a high-tech program of cooperation with the federal government to identify and expel illegals.

State agencies, including the Unemployment Insurance Division of the Colorado Department of Employment have installed direct computer link-ups with the Washington office of the INS to determine if...
Regional Roundup

Church of World Peace Wins Court Battle

DENVER — A couple years ago, Colorado Liberty had a feature-length article about the Church of World Peace's battle against the IRS. We're happy to say that things are looking better than ever in our fight for religious freedom. Several recent developments have been most encouraging.

First of all, several libertarians have called us and asked us to perform weddings at the common law. These are marriages performed by ministers before witnesses, but without a State license. Such a marriage arrangement requires a certain degree of personal responsibility, and we are happy to report that the three or four couples who have come to us as a result of Rev. Chris Mohr's articles have been a special joy for us at the Church.

Even more exciting, our Church recently won major court victory. In its audit of the Church, the IRS demanded the names and addresses of every church member, and even names and addresses of every person who was married in our church. This was obviously a blatant violation of our rights to freedom of association. Every time in the past the IRS has been able to discover affiliation of any kind with our church (such as board memberships on file with the Secretary of State office), that person has been audited. We challenged the IRS's right to get further names and addresses, and our suit was denied in Federal Court in fall 1984 by Judge Moore. We appealed to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, and their our rights were recognized. The summons was declared voided in its entirety by the Court — meaning that the IRS could not even examine the financial records of the church, let alone the membership lists! We have been flooded with congratulations from patriot organizations, an ex-congressman, local media and even the clerk's office of the Court itself. An even higher compliment is quietly coming from the offices of law firms across the country, who are keeping the clerk's office quite busy requesting copies of the Court's slip opinion for use in their own cases against the IRS. We have established an important piece of case law that will help preserve vital freedoms for everyone. And we all need every weapon we can possibly use to defend ourselves against the outrageous excesses of the American Gestapo.

Rev. Chris Mohr, meanwhile, won a little battle of his own. His ministry brings him in contact with pagans and witches in the Denver area. They called him in early October with the unhappy news that the Senate had approved an outrageous amendment to a tax bill that banned tax-exemption "to any cult, organization, or other group that has as a purpose or that has any interest in the promoting of satanism or witchcraft... defined as the use of powers derived from evil spirits, the use of sorcery, or the use of supernatural powers with malicious intent." There are several churches nationwide practicing either witchcraft or satanism that already have tax-exemption who would suffer blatant religious discrimination if this bill were to pass the House and become law. Rev. Mohr went on this typewriter and fired off a letter to a conservative, evangelical lobbying group known as the "Coalition for Religious Freedom." At first the group had no interest in opposing such a bill, as they were established to protect only the freedoms of traditional Christians. But Rev. Mohr, in a 40 minute long-distance call from their Washington office, managed to convince them that the rights of Christians are best protected by giving the government no power to judge the merits of any religion. This group had had personal contact with Helms to ensure their support before the amendment hit the floor of the Senate. But now they have reversed their stand, and are even now lobbying hard with their conservative friends in the House to see that this amendment does not become law.

The struggle for freedom has many fronts. The issue of religious freedom is certainly one of the most interesting. Our Church will always stand for the freedom of every individual to enjoy the dignity of conscience that is one of the true hallmarks of a civilized society. And it's nice to win once in a while!

Rev. William Conklin

Andre Marrou Visits Denver

by Betty Hurt

"This business of being happy with two or three percent of the vote is ridiculous. We're in politics to get elected."

So states Andre Marrou, Libertarian State Representative from Alaska. Marrou addressed a gathering of about 25 Colorado Libertarian Party members and potential candidates at the home of Dwight Filley on August 20, 1985. Being one of only 51 Libertarian officeholders in the United States, he speaks...
Speakers’ Bureau Gaining Momentum

Denver — The Colorado Libertarian Party provides speakers to address groups on party philosophy and freedom issues. December was an active month: Dwight Filley spoke at Bear Creek High School; David Nolan spoke at the monthly meeting of the Young Republicans; and Brenda Nilson discussed Libertarian ideas with eighth graders at the Rocky Mountain Hebrew Academy.

Denver Youth and many other professional associations are indeed interested in hearing about and discussing Libertarianism. If you know of a group that would be interested in such a speaker, or if you would like to present your Libertarian philosophy as a speaker, call Brenda Nilson, Communications Chair, at the office, 753-6789.

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Aitkin Announces Candidacy For State House Seat

David Aitkin, a computer consultant and president and owner of Gilt-Edge Software, has announced his candidacy on the Libertarian ticket for the House of Representatives, District 6.

A native of Prairie Village, Kan., and later a resident of Bellvue, Wash., Aitkin has been in Colorado since 1971.

Aitkin is seeking assistance in his campaign drive, and especially needs a campaign manager and a media contact. If you would like to aid him in his campaign, please leave a message at the CLP office.

Aitkin will be running against incumbent Jerry Kopel, a democrat. No republican candidate has announced at this time.

People vs. Hue Futch’ concluded

PARK COUNTY — After seven months of intensive research and preparation for his defense against charges of zoning violations, Hue Futch submitted a fourteen page legal brief to the Park County Court. After reviewing the brief, the district attorney filed a motion to dismiss the charges against Futch. Such an easy victory had not been envisioned. Futch had planned to be able to appeal his case up through the Court of Appeals where a victory would have had far reaching effects. Apparently, the District Attorney realized this also and opted to lose a battle instead of the war.

'Saga of Lake Bailey' Begins

Libertarian Calendar

2nd Wed. of Each Month — Join us for cocktails and good conversation at Bob & Betty Hurt's, 1426 Fillmore, 7:30 p.m.

4th Wed. of Each Month — Board of Director's meeting at Libertarian office, 2186 So. Holly, #207 B. - FOR DECEMBER ONLY: meeting on Dec. 18, 1983.

EXPANDED WORKNIGHTS — at the Colo. Libertarian office. There's much to be done. Board of Directors will each take a night during Dec. and Jan. Join us and pitch in with phone calling, copying, brainstorming, ordering the pizza, etc.

Jan. 2, Thurs. - Doug Anderson
Jan 7, Tues. - Kate Barritteau
Jan. 15, Wed. - Penn Pfifner
Jan. 21, Tues. - Doug Anderson
Jan. 29, Wed. - Penn Pfifner
Jan. 30, Thurs. - Brenda Nilson

1st Weekend in May — Colorado State Convention in Colorado Springs.

A Simple Lesson In CLP Economics

Dear CLP Member and Supporter:

Like you, I believe in the free market. I believe that supply and demand should dictate the production of any commodity. The commodity I would like to talk about here is the Colorado Libertarian Party.

The supply is barely adequate. We have an office and the necessary equipment to produce our excellent newspaper, newsletter, and keep in touch with our members. People interested in the Libertarian Party have a place to get more information.

The demand is the problem. The contributions and membership dues aren't paying the way for the minimum supply of CLP. Our average finances are shown below:

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In a free market, the supply will (in the long term) match the demand. We can't really decrease this basic supply without seriously damaging our credibility as a political organization. But that must happen, unless the demand increases.

If you care that the CLP survives, please make a monthly pledge. One-time
Some time in October of this year the Denver Water Board (DWB) will file an application with the Army Corps of Engineers to build a dam on the South Platte River. After years of study and controversy the choice now is between two sites.

**Two Forks and Estabrook.**

The Two Forks dam would be 555 feet high and located one mile downstream from the confluence of the North Fork and the South Fork of the South Platte River. It would inundate the South Fork as far upstream as Deckers and the North Fork as far as Foxton. The reservoir would hold 1.1 million acre-feet of water and be able to provide 98,000 acre-feet per year (enough for 180,000 families). The total cost is estimated at 387,000,000 dollars. This figure includes 50,000,000 dollars for the mitigation of environmental damage.

A total of 12,000 acres would be flooded, including 1522 acres of private land held by 183 owners. Thirty-two miles of road would be taken and 182 homes would have to be relocated, displacing 128 full time residents and 6 businesses. Jefferson County would lose $480,000 in assessed valuation and Douglas County would lose $290,000 of assessed valuation. In addition, several miles of excellent trout fishing would disappear, as would wildlife habitat.

The dam at Estabrook would be 500 feet high and located three and one half miles southeast of Bailey on the North Fork of the South Platte. The reservoir would inundate Bailey and the Platte canyon as far upstream as Shawnee. The reservoir would contain 400,000 acre-feet of water and be able to supply 57,000 acre-feet per year (enough for 106,000 families). The total cost of the project would be 371,000,000 dollars, including 11,000,000 for mitigating environmental damage. Nineteen miles of road would be lost; 143 homes would have to be relocated, displacing 235 people and 37 businesses. Park County would lose 3,700,000 dollars of assessed valuation.

The project will be financed by the proceeds from revenue bonds issued by the DWB. The bonds will be paid off by increases in water rates and tap fees. No state or federal tax money is used to subsidize the project.

Which dam will be built? The DWB wants to build Two Forks. It has been on their drawing board since 1895. From an economic point of view it clearly is superior, costing $352 per stored acre-foot compared to $928 for Estabrook. It is also the superior location from a long range planning point of view. The DWB has stated that the Two Forks dam would be sufficient to control all of the water on both forks of the South Platte, whereas the dam at Estabrook would capture only water from the North Fork. In the distant future when more water is needed the dam at Two Forks would have to be built anyway. So why build two dams when one is needed for the foreseeable future? The reason is politics.

Environmental lobbyists prefer the Estabrook site because there would be less impact on wildlife and fewer miles of trout fishing would be inundated. The only public opposition to the Estabrook site comes from some individual residents and landowners in the Bailey area. The DWB knows that a prolonged legal battle would ensue if they try to build Two Forks, whereas there would be little organized opposition to the Estabrook site.

Many questions are raised by such projects, and in future articles we will address some of them and keep you posted on the status of Lake Bailey.

Keane Richardson, CLP Finance Chair
THE LDC:
A Grassroots Phenomenon

by Mike Dunn

Although the Libertarian Defense Caucus (LDC) has earned a degree of notoriety over the past few years, there are those in the LP who know little about us (or what they know is based on rumor or prejudice), and some who never heard of us.

The LDC was founded in 1972 on a Platform that denied the legitimacy of totalitarian governments, gave qualified endorsement to defensive alliances, and supported a nuclear deterrent. The early growth of the Party depended on its appeal to an amalgamation of Objectivists, Rothbardians, and disaffected conservatives - an appeal to which this position on defense was crucial.

By 1976, however, this position was under concerted attack by anarchist intellectuals writing in the now-defunct Libertarian Review and Inquiry magazines. The gist of this attack was the repetition of a viewpoint originating from the liberal/marxist Institute for Policy Studies: that the United States was the chief provocateur of the Cold War, exculpating the Soviet Union from significant responsibility. This revisionist stance meshed with the anarchist condemnation of government per se to culminate in the advocacy of comprehensive unilateral disarmament. A disturbing feature of this argumentation was the unexpected rapid growth of the ADC created administrative problems that were resolved by the ADC's dissolution and replacement by the Libertarian Defense Caucus in January 1981, under the leadership of a Steering Committee comprising a cross-section of veteran LP activists - including Dr. John Hospers, our first Presidential candidate and the author of the defense policy planks of the 1972 LP Platform. The principal focus of the LDC has been to provide a forum for the advocates of a strong libertarian defense position, achieved through the newsletter AMERICAN DEFENSE, which I edit. In three years of publication, we have printed 31 issues of substantive coverage and analysis of libertarian defense and foreign policy. From 1981 onward, it is fair to say that the LDC has provided a level of balance formerly lacking in the defense debate within the LP. Also, we believe we have been instrumental in stemming the flow of disaffected libertarians from the Party by renewing their interest in the LP as a vehicle for their political concerns.

But the most important feature of the LDC is its grassroots origin, reflected in its concentration on a single issue of importance to a broad spectrum of ideological conviction, from hard-headed Objectivists to broad-minded anarchists. We have no political axe to grind. Our main concern is the rest

On Freedom, Children And Personal Responsibility

Dear Editor,

I hope that between Becky Head's letter and mine (Summer 1985), we have laid to rest the false notion of contract as a basis of parental obligation. But this doesn't mean, as she and some other libertarians apparently believe, that therefore, there is no sound basis for the right of children to parental care under libertarianism, for there is.

On the other side of the coin of the fundamental libertarian principle which says we may do as we please as long as we don't aggress is the responsibility principle: We are responsible to others for the consequences of our voluntary actions which we impose upon them harmed due to our negligence or intent, we have aggressed. We are accountable for the harm, because since the children are in our control, we not they, caused the situation, and we, not they, could have prevented the harm.

Ms. Head sees, as I once did, a conflict in an unwanted pregnancy: between the mother's right to control her own body and the baby's right to life itself. But there is no such conflict of rights; there is only a conflict of needs. A preborn has the right to be in the mother's body. The responsibility principle means that when we cause a child to need to be in the womb, the child has the right to be there.
ideological conviction, from hard-headed objectivists to broad-minded anarchists. We have no political axe to grind. Our main concern is the restoration of honest discourse and rational analysis in this debate: examine the facts first, then base our politics on what makes sense within those facts. Necessarily, a good part of our work has been to expose the disinformation widely used to support the disarmament position. By degrees, however, we have come to realize that the defense debate cloaks a more fundamental moral conflict within the LP — whether or not the membership will set aside exterior partisan objectives for the sake of fair and open discussion of views within the Party... whether or not toleration of a consensus will prevail over rigid sectarian dogma. Hopefully, the selection of Jim Turney as our National Chairman at the Phoenix convention (himself an LDC member) will commence the healing process within the Party, whereby all viewpoints will receive respectful consideration and libertarians will find fellowship instead of division and manipulation.

For more information on the Libertarian Defense Caucus, write to: LDC, P.O. Box 7761, Thousand Oaks, California 91359-7761.

Free Market Would Free South Africa

Editor:
The present situation in Southern Africa once again points out the problems in American foreign policy as it has been conducted in recent years. The Jesse Jacksons of this country demand an end to private investments in South Africa, apparently unaware that free trade has increased economic opportunities for members of all races and have contributed to the economic well-being of this country.

The Jerry Falwells on the other hand call for continued American support of South Africa. He apparently ignores the fact that millions of American taxpayers are being forced to support a political system that denies the majority of its citizens the liberties that we in this country so cherish. It's no wonder anti-Americanism is on the rise there and the citizens become dupes for despots such as Mugabe in Rhodesia and the crackpots who are presently running the government in Ethiopia. It is high time that the United States government resolve this situation by undertaking a more sane and rational course of action, one closer to the original intents and goals of this country as stated by Thomas Jefferson. "Peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations — entangling alliances with none."

"We must start by eliminating taxpayer aid as well as any military guarantees to the government of South Africa. By enacting such a policy we eliminate the realistic perception that the United States supports a government with such gross human rights violations. It is also my belief that we must not place restrictions on American trade and investments in the region. History has proven time and again that the market place when allowed to work freely, without government involvement not only has done more to improve people's well being but is the greatest weapon in the war against Marxism. It is my opinion that an end to American role as the worlds policeman, combined with the workings of a free market will do more for the peace and prosperity of the region than our present course which can only lead to greater unrest both in Southern Africa and in this country.

/s/ David Daniels
Let’s Think Big For 1986

In the 1986 elections, the Colorado Libertarian Party will try harder, we shall do better! HOW shall we do better? I submit that the way to proceed is think bigger, not smaller.

The first critical concept is that we must have a minimum level, and a minimum combination of several items, to make the whole work.

We have used the Libertarian Party for ten years as a vehicle for our ideas; and we rightly saw that vehicle as capable of doing the job. But like a car with only two wheels and no gas tank, we have not yet built enough of the entire vehicle to get it running fast and well.

The CLP has supported new political ideas, expounded true principles, placed people in the electoral arena to espouse those principles, and have elected no one. Some very good, dedicated and intelligent people have expended unreal amounts of time and effort. We have urged sense onto a sleepy electorate and so far have been rebuffed.

We are espousing freedom - what more essential, human quality is there? Freedom: It is the core of identity; you can’t express your individuality if someone else is guiding your life. Americans were brought up on that message, and it’s still a good and worthwhile message. To recognize that this Party has not convinced the populace of its applications does not mean that we have a faulty message, that our underlying principles are wrong - it means that the Party must change its delivery of that message.

As I talked with the leaders of our local party over the past year, I listened to what they said, and concluded that their thinking was changing, developing a different outlook on the methods by which our Party will have to operate. This evolution of thought brings us the current situation: an improvement in attitude, in confidence, and a dedication to build a complete ve...
will have to operate. This evolution of thought brings us the current situation: an improvement in attitude, in confidence, and a dedication to build a complete vehicle before we take it on the road next year.

Let us recognize what we already have achieved. The people who have worked over the last twelve years have left us with an amazingly well-constructed chassis. These earlier leaders campaigned extensively, speaking to groups, publishing pamphlets, interviewing, to the point where tens of thousands of Coloradans have heard the messages and supported them with their votes. There is a regular newspaper and a strong organizational structure. There is widespread recognition that the Libertarians have the largest and most respected of so-called "Third Parties." There is a body of explicit proposals, reached through discussion and consensus, on the changes needed in the State and the Nation.

means to introduce a political agenda, to attract supporters, and to bring issue proponents from out-of-state.
- Hold a successful State Convention, attended by at least 60 people at the business sessions, and costing one-fourth to one-fifth of past conventions, while making a profit.
- Have a regular monthly outreach of media contact.
- Double the number of pledgers and the amount of monthly pledge money.
- Run a series of generic Libertarian radio ads.
- Staff the office with volunteers half-time.
- Locate a new Worknight office.
- Initiate Affiliates in Adams, Douglas, Denver, Arapahoe, Boulder, Larimer, El Paso, Mesa, and Jefferson counties to run a Town Meeting, and supply candidate support.

running properly, and not just muddle along into the foreseeable future. We should have an impact in the 1986 and 1988 elections, and there is plenty of time if we rev up the activities now. What a vehicle we could build with all the talent and experience available. However, we need some time (and money) contributions simultaneously from all our current and past supporters. Please call me (427-4357 H. or 650-9239 W.) to let me know the extent to which you will participate for the '86 and '88 elections - I'm eager to put my time, effort and money into coordinating such a dynamic, successful group of people.

It is you who will make the 1986 elections a success. The pace has been set, the direction defined, the challenge declared. We've got a vehicle to build and eighteen months to complete it for the 1986 elections. Let's do it.

The Lending Library is available to all CLP members; have you renewed? The sections on Jefferson, Tom Paine, and many of the free market economists have been expanded. Also, our book barter program is gaining nationwide recognition among libertarians; write for a list (Box 24269, Denver 80224). This is an opportunity to expand your library at low cost. We have an extensive selection of Ayn Rand's paperbacks in good to excellent condition.

One area of our files that gets too little use is the NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE. If you were active in another state, you might want to look at the newsletters from that area. This resource is also excellent for ideas on what isn't working... and what it is.

The Libertarian Library and several other activist groups are currently considering moving to a storefront location near the state capitol for the election year, and perhaps beyond. If you have any ideas along these lines, please contact us.
THE CATCH 22 OF WELFARE PROGRAMS

Joseph Heller’s famous novel, “Catch 22”, described a bomber squadron in World War Two in which the internal contradictions of the military bureaucracy snarled things up constantly.

Charles Murray’s book, Losing Ground (Basic Books, 1984), describes the failure of America’s welfare programs, and sums up with a perfect example of Catch 22, which he calls the “Law of Unintended Rewards:”

“Any social transfer increases the net value of being in the condition that prompted the transfer.”

What Murray is pointing out is that if the government pays money, (the social transfer), to someone who is poor, it creates an incentive to become poor, so as to qualify for the payment. Or, if the government sets up a program to help mothers whose husbands have left them, it automatically creates one more reason for husbands to leave, so the children can qualify for the assistance.

This is not to suggest that poor people are any better or worse than anyone else, but only that people act in their own interest — if someone observes his neighbor quit his job and then qualify for food stamps, then that someone has one more reason to quit HIS job, so he can qualify for food stamps also.

The frustrating thing is that no matter how they are structured, programs that offer an incentive will always be counter productive. It’s not bumbling bureaucrats or shiftless po’ folk, but rather a built in phenomenon that is quite alienated. Sue didn’t really believe either of the stories. But they altered her filter of Joe enough to change her subtly — her voice tone, tempo and body postures. I was astounded.

Since that profound demonstration I decided to be a keen observer of belief systems and how they direct behavior. If you put on blue tinted sun glasses, everything you see will be tainted with a blue filter. If you subconsciously think people will take advantage of you, you’ll find the ones who will. If you know you are not capable of learning math, sure enough, you won’t.

One of the beliefs I harbored years ago was that nonlibertarians were enemies. They were not to be trusted, not to be my friends. Because most of the inhabitants of the world, and of my little universe are not libertarians, that belief kept me unhappy and easily agitated. I could not for the life of me, understand what those people thought, much less how they could be worth communicating with. That outlook kept me from enjoying those delightful and interesting nonbelievers. It also kept me from understanding their point of view enough to lead them into understanding mine.

Over the years I have developed a new belief system that has contributed to my happiness and to my ability to...
"TAX REFORM" IS AN OXYMORON

by Ed Hoskins

3. The current system impedes growth. (Give me a break! Everything that comes out of Washington impedes growth. Sorry, Dave, John, but I call 'em as I see 'em.)

(B) As dissatisfaction increases, the viability of the tax system is threatened, as is the financial support for government. (Now that is good news!)
   1. The underground economy is growing. (Oh, really!)
   2. Increased enforcement is becoming counter-productive, seemingly only to increase resentment and disrespect. (For shame!)
   3. Americans want change. (Yeah, but no one "inside the beltway" has a clue about what change they really want.)

Warning: The Congress and the President will pay no attention to my clever remarks, the rantings of the Wall Street Journal, or the ravings of the Libertarian Party.

A tax reform bill will pass and become law.

This is not the place to go into detail about the proposed law, but if you have any moves to make under the current law, you might be better off making them now. Plan plan plan - ahead.

and poverty, and do it with money taken by the tax man from an often unwilling public.

(Joe and Sue) to pick a topic to discuss for a few minutes and then asked Joe to leave the room a moment. He told Sue that when she was a little girl Joe was a paper boy in her neighborhood. One morning while delivering papers, he noticed smoke coming from her house. He banged on the door, awakened the family, and helped to carry her from the fire. John explained that neither he nor Joe remembered the incident and had not seen each other again until the training.

Grinder had Joe return to the room (telling him nothing of the story) and directed the two to have their conversation. The interaction between them was animated, friendly, and interesting. After three minutes John again asked Joe to leave the room. He admitted to Sue that he had lied. That what had actually taken place when she was a small child was that Joe was the teenager who had gotten drunk and run over her family pet with his hot rod. The dog died and she had been very upset. He again asked the unsuspecting Joe to return to the room and they resumed the conversation. In two minutes the conversation was dead. Joe was slumped in his chair and feeling

new belief system that has contributed to my happiness and to my ability to influence the opinions of others. That belief is: Everyone does the best they can, given the knowledge they possess at the moment. Believing that allows me to empathize with another's point of view and to build on it into understanding mine. No longer do I blow every time someone disagrees with me; instead, I become curious. Curiosity is much more fun than fury — and I've learned a lot.

Another view of the world that has allowed me to have more control in my life is that in almost all situations, I am responsible for what happens, there are many opportunities and behaviors available to me. First I determine what I want to happen; what are the fixed and the variable components of the situation; and how many ways can I move toward my outcome. I no longer feel like a prisoner of circumstance or of the desires of others. Once I can see all the options in a situation, and determine the possible resulting consequences of acting on those options — I have more control over the outcome.

You can chose to believe that nonlibertarians (or anyone who isn't doing what you think they should) are "them". However, you then stop relating to them. You no longer have the opportunity to understand and utilize their point of view. You have less information, less ability to maneuver. You are stuck — you've lost control.

So, I invite you to examine your own collection of beliefs. Do you think the world is a dangerous place to live? Do you believe others will take advantage of you? Do you fear you are not lovable? Become aware of how you make your beliefs real. If you don't like the results, try on a new belief system — you don't have to keep it. If it doesn't suit you, change it. Beliefs are like clothes — you can put them on and take them off. Check their validity. Experiment with the results. You just might be able to continue learning and growing for the rest of your life!
EDUCATION: EXPERIENCE

A PERSONAL

In the spring of 1965, I was running through the jungles with a lethal rifle in my hands, yelling kill, Kill, KILL! And I would have done it too. But I was lucky. I was running through the training jungles of Louisiana, brainwashed by U.S. Army Basic Training. I never went to war and I never killed anyone. But I could have. If the U.S. Army had told me to kill YOU, I might have done it. Remember Kent State.

And are you that much different than the Vietnamese and Cambodians, in retrospect? We are all people on this earth — this global village — brainwashed by an ancient reverence for the fiction of authority:

What was it that got me into a state of mind that would have me do something so alien to my very make-up: to kill another human being just because an authority said so?

It didn’t start in the army; it started in government schools, where the history of war and patriotism are glorified. And I know I wasn’t alone. There were 200 other young men in my company doing the same thing, and 1200 in the battalion, and over 3 million went to Vietnam.

In retrospect, it never occurred to me that something was very immoral about the whole operation. Nothing in my family, media, or government education prepared me to question the authorities. Something is terribly wrong here: WE MUST FACE REALITY!

The schools have twisted and moulded me to take actions that were horribly grotesque. I deeply and personally resent that. This long-playing, tragic world series must be stopped before it happens again, and again, and again...

Teachers don’t realize what they’re doing; they were brainwashed by the previous generation, in a destructive, endless chain. Will Rogers said this about congress, but the same applies:

“Teachers are the nicest folks in the world to meet; I sometimes really wonder if they realize the harm they do.”

Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual, namely, (1) the right to life — accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action — accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property — accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

TAX REVOLT: The Battle for the Constitution

His most recent offering chronicles some of the most horrifying examples of the abuse of IRS power he has ever documented. If his stories are true, it would appear that the IRS has recently become a full-scale terrorist organization. For example, in the case of tax uppers, John Templ and Benedetti Addison.

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TAX REVOLT: The Battle for the Constitution
a book by Dr. Martin A. Larson

Reviewed by Rev. Chris Mohr

The so-called “Constitutionalists” have a lot in common with Libertarians, but Libertarians are often put off by the mandatory Pledges of Allegiance and prayer meetings that are usually an integral part of a patriot’s meeting. But of all the tax patriots in the country, perhaps the most broadminded and intelligent of the lot is Martin Larson. Now well into his eighties, he continues his one-man campaign against the IRS with book after well-researched book.

TAX REVOLT

Illegal Aliens!
Scapegoats for Economic Ills

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spectrum. But what if they did not suffer such crushing discrimination? Who is to say that some of them would not end up running very profitable businesses, hiring Americans and “aliens” just like everyone else? It is narrow-minded in the extreme to think that there is a fixed number of jobs available in this country, and that every alien who comes here robs an American of a job.

Alan Simpson, one of the sponsors of the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill, commissioned a study of 24 countries that already had employer sanctions against the hiring of illegal aliens. All of the countries he studied said that employer sanctions were a failure, and that illegal aliens were still pouring into their countries. And this is inevitable, as people who are starving to death will never respect the laws of any country that attempts to keep them starving. But like most politicians, Mr. Simpson is not deterred by the facts: he continues to support his bill with as much enthusiasm as ever.

There are two things we can do immediately to stem the tide of immigration in America. The first is to stop the outrageous military excesses of our country against other countries. Most of the El Salvadorans in Los Angeles would have been happy to live out the rest of their lives in their native country, surrounded by the familiar joys of family, friends, and culture they feel a part of. And the second is to stop adopting foreign policy initiatives that impoverish local economies as worldwide. It is hard for most people to understand that, given a free choice, most people would prefer to live in their own country, as long as they are not being bombed into the ground or yanked off their family farms by an American-supported dictator making their country safe for multinational investment. When you consider what a dismal life illegal aliens have chosen in America, it gives you an idea what kind of nightmare these people have left behind.

On the local front, it wouldn’t hurt Americans one bit if our government left us all alone a bit more as well. Who do you suppose is truly responsible for America’s job shortage — impoverished Mexicans with no political power stumbling over our borders or corrupt and powerful politicians, wielding the might of the State to control and limit our activities, impoverishing us all? The United States government is making a scapegoat of these poor people, and it is high time we point our finger at the real culprit.
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