

# Boston Tea Party re-enacted to protest IRS

BOSTON (UPI) — Calling it "an agency out of control," a coalition of groups kicked off a nationwide campaign to reform the Internal Revenue Service by re-enacting the Boston Tea Party.

About 100 people watched yesterday as several boxes of tea were thrown into the Boston Harbor on the site of the original protest, in which colonists dressed as Indians threw tea overboard Dec. 16, 1773, to protest British taxation without representation.

"We're trying to inform the American public about what the IRS is doing. The first goal is to eliminate

this cancer that's grown up," said Paul DesFosses, a retired IRS agent from the National Coalition of IRS Whistle-Blowers.

"It's an agency out of control. The IRS has grown so powerful. It's changed from a policy of public service to a policy of public control," he said.

DesFosses charged that the IRS often uses illegal methods to collect taxes and harasses anyone who criticizes the agency.

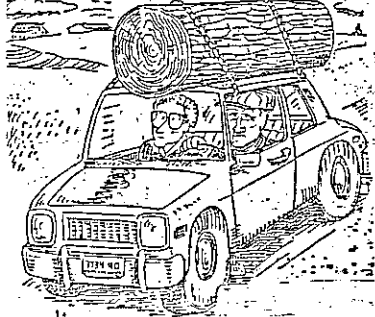
"If you criticize the IRS they send agents out to watch you. That's about as un-American as you can get," he said. "When taxpayers' dollars are being spent

to watch people who are coming together legally there's a question about whether or not it's legal."

Former Rep. George Hansen, R-Idaho, who now heads the Washington-based New Continental Congress, said his organization planned to run advertisements aimed at educating Americans about IRS abuses as part of the campaign.

"We came up to kind of kick off the other side of tax reform. The president has been pushing structural change in the tax system. We're saying you're not going to have real tax reform unless your reform the IRS," he said.

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# People Rally In Celebration

Roger Headrick, a born-again Christian running for Gov. of NJ as candidate of True Light Independent Party, drew the attention of his 2nd wife, who did not know they were divorced & found out about his 3rd wife. He faces bigamy charges. He ran on a pro-family platform. (Prgm)

Raising the drinking age to 21 resulted in more alcohol-related traffic deaths in FL, GA, ME, NJ, MT, NE, TN & WV, and negligible results in other states except for NY & TX where the DUI laws were also changed. (Pragmatist)

Since 1979 Britain has raised £ 17 billion from privatization, £12 billion of it from selling public housing. (CF)

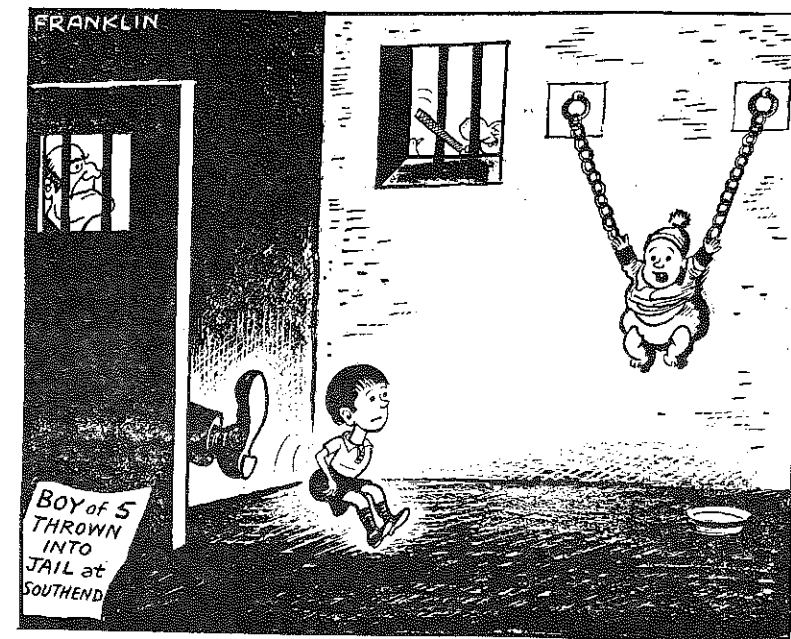
A Walter Williams documentary, "Good Intentions" is not appearing on your local ETV station. (HE) Wonder why?

"I perceive we've been in a socialist era for some 50 years, and may now be entering an individualism era, as a backlash to the developing '1984' mentality of bureaucrats." - Harry Schultz (Liberator)

San Francisco city council voted to deny a business license to Burger King in the North Beach area, as the owners of local strip joints & XXX book stores complained. (H)

Dr. A. Stoutjesdijk of Hopeton, Vic., Australia has been found guilty by royal comm. of "overservicing", i.e. treating too many sick people in a remote area where other medical attention is not available. (Progress Party News)

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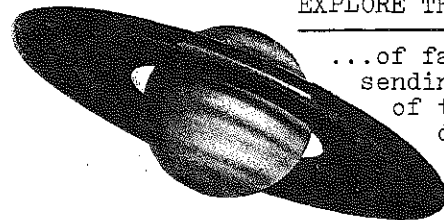
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When this country was young, we had the good fortune to have a series of Presidents who enjoyed excellent health while in office. George Washington had survived every common illness by the time he became President, but his presidency and the Revolution were the 2 long periods in his life that he was truly healthy. His next 7 successors were exceptionally healthy: John Adams lived 25 years after his presidency and died at 90; J. Q. Adams had not a sick day in his life until he dropped dead on the floor of the House of Representatives 19 years after his retirement from the presidency; van Buren was running for reelection 12 years after his defeat.

Our first invalid president was William Henry Harrison, at 68 our oldest President until Reagan, who caught cold during his inaugural address - which would have run 3 hours if Daniel Webster hadn't trimmed it - and died a month later. But Tyler was well enough to take a second wife while President, and have 7 more children before dropping dead suddenly while serving in the Confederate Senate. Zachary Taylor also died in office, but after a very short illness. Pierce was often drunk or hung over, but not really ill; fortunately no major damage resulted from his alcoholism.

With Lincoln, we come to our first major presidential invalid; aside from the fact that he was dying of Marfan's syndrome and Booth's bullet hastened the process a little, he was a manic-depressive with all the trimmings: headaches, insomnia, melancholy, euphoria and all. In wartime, the Presidency had fallen to a semi-invalid. Nor was the Confederacy more fortunate: Jefferson Davis was the classic migraine personality, directing armies from a couch in a darkened room, in blinding pain, unable to eat or sleep. (He had good nursing; Varina Davis had kept John C. Calhoun alive after the doctors had given up, being allowed even onto the floor of the Senate to do so.)

The rest of the 19th century saw healthy presidents; Grant drank and Garfield took a long time to die of a bullet wound and Cleveland had a cancer operation in secret, but nothing serious. The string continued, despite McKinley's death, through Taft, who was able to win golf tournaments at 300 lb., until Wilson. Wilson had been a semi-invalid for years. As a history professor, in the days before the Ph. D., he only had to work 8 months a year, and could have a nervous breakdown every summer if he wanted to. Even his 2 years as governor of New Jersey allowed long vacations when the legislature was not in session. Under the strains of the presidency he broke; he was irrational long before Versailles, and had a stroke in 1919 that left him largely incapacitated the last 18 months.

Aside from the question of whether Harding's death was natural, and whether Coolidge's 11 hours of sleep a day were normal, Hoover was most healthy, still active nearly 30 years after he left the White House. Our next invalid held the presidency for 12 long years; there is some question as to whether F. Roosevelt's paralysis was caused by polio, and what all else he may have had wrong with him, but he was never a well man after that summer at Campobello.

Eisenhower, who had never been seriously ill except for athletic injuries as a teenager, spent a lot of time in poor health from heart and intestinal problems. But the next major invalid was Kennedy, a victim of Addison's disease, back troubles and who knows what else. At the time of the Cuban missile crisis, he was barely able to sit up. Again a bullet

merely hastened the process for a very sick man. Lyndon Johnson had a heart attack before he became president, and gall bladder problems, and it was not just bad news from Vietnam that caused him not to run for another term. What was wrong with Nixon, besides phlebitis, is anyone's guess. Ford's and Carter's bad judgment could not be blamed on their health. R. Reagan has survived a bullet wound and a cancer operation, and so far, the zero year jinx, but who knows?

A semile supreme court justice or senator does not pose so much of a problem, as his colleagues can always work around him. There have been all sorts of such cases. There have been even more serious cases among senior civil servants, of which I will only name the most outstanding: J. Edgar Hoover.

But trace the problems of the U S back to their roots, and most of them will start in one of 4 eras when a sick man with impaired judgment sat (or lay) in the White House: Lincoln's war measures, Wilson's so-called "new freedom" or international bungles, F. Roosevelt's "new deal" or war powers, or Kennedy's "new frontier" and other programs.

This does not explain everything, of course: the XVI Amendment was passed under 2 of our healthiest presidents, T. Roosevelt & Taft.

But it gives a cause to wonder and inquire.

- jh



Any Questions?

They asked for bread and cheese

and got bombers, space stations, evacuation plans.

They pleaded for unemployment benefits

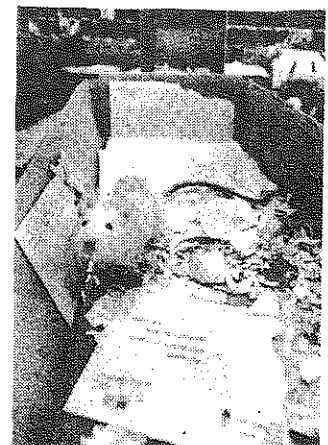
and got speeches on reducing the deficit, closing tax loopholes, putting the economy back on its feet.

They asked if they could wait in the back of the bus

and were told that there was no bus.

So they can stop yelling about discrimination.

Susan Packie



**GUILTY:** A white rat peeks out of a postal service box at the U.S. Post Office in Leavittsburg, Ohio. Scattered around the rat are some of the 60 pieces of mail damaged or destroyed when it chewed them open. The rodent was found inside a postal deposit box outside the post office.

# Vouchers

Teacher Pat Moore wrote recently about the difficulty of telling the good teachers from the "weak ones".

Truly, no principal, school board, or committee is up to the task.

But the problem is not very different from that of choosing good plumbers, good auto mechanics or good architects.

In these fields, if word of mouth is not enough, there are professional societies, the Better Business Bureau and recommendations from associates. And competition weeds out the "weak" ones.

The difference should be obvious: in these other fields, the consumer gets a choice. And choice makes the difference.

There is a way to give North Carolina parents (and kids) the power of choice. The oft proposed voucher plan is always violently opposed by teachers' unions whose officials are rightly afraid of the power of choice. This plan converts all schools into private schools with the cost defrayed by the state via the "voucher."

Parents choose schools; teachers and schools choose each other. There will be big schools and one-room schools, religious schools and secular schools, college-prep schools and vocational schools. The only thing we have to lose is school bureaucrats and politics.

Let North Carolina lead the nation in giving the voucher plan a much deserved first chance.

Tom Howe

Lincoln Ent., Box 69470, LA, CA has Star Trek items.

"Socialism is bound to lead to a subordination of the rights and dignity of the individual to the state.... It was my conviction that the deification of the state and the unlimited expansion of its rights.... must never again be allowed to prevail." - Konrad Adenaur (Chalcedon)

In Youngstown, OH, it is illegal to ride on the roof of a taxi. (Funny Funny World)

Assoc. of chiefs of Police is in trouble with IRS for failing to file for non-profit status 43 years ago, and so illegally claiming non-profit postal privileges also. (WR)

Yuri Shukhevych, who has been in the gulag since he was 14 because his father led the Ukrainian resistance to the Soviets in WWII; he is going blind. Send cards & letters to Internat "Lesnaya Dacha", p/o Oskino, Shegarskiy rayon, Tomskaya oblast, USSR. Any attention can only help.

In Toronto a parent who complained about errors in his daughter's English book was told, "You should see the mummies who wrote the book. They were no good as teachers. .... I don't think they can spell, either." (Speak Up)

Retired chemistry prof. Liudas Dambrauskas of Vilnius, Lithuania, is in jail for anti-Soviet propaganda, to wit: his diary. (ABN Correspondence)

When diesel trains were introduced, Canadian officials were worried that the whistle didn't sound like the familiar steam whistle, so they ordered it modified. What they got was one that sounded like a moose mating call, and hundreds of moose in remote regions collided with trains...(Speak up)

Attorneys are protesting IRS rules that they must report receiving payments of \$10 000 & up in cash, saying it violates attorney-client privilege. (Tax Hotline)

Local school board is spending \$1 778 375 to renovate Poyner School, which was built for \$46 200 in 1908. (M&S)

Christian Sunrise Fellowship in San Diego has been ordered to stop feeding the poor - zoning rules. (Ramp Ind)

# No tax cut

Several recent editorials have talked about tax cuts, a massive military buildup and "Reagan's deficits." This Monday, even Doonesbury got into the act. Current federal deficits are a national disgrace. But please, stop misleading people.

No one has cut taxes. Tax rates have been reduced, but revenues have gone up. According to Sen. John East, if we had frozen federal spending in 1980 we would now enjoy a \$100 billion budget surplus. Federal spending has surged past increasing tax revenues.

Ronald Reagan's "massive military buildup" absorbs around 7 percent of the GNP. The military budget demands scrutiny, but we must spend enough to properly defend the United States.

Finally, Reagan's deficits are Congress' deficits, too. The Constitution states that revenue and expenditure bills must originate in, and be passed by, the Congress. Here's where we can blame the president: He proposes a budget to Congress. If his budget carries a large deficit, Congress could change the spending mix, but they probably feel no moral obligation to reduce the deficit. That's a sad comment on the moral fiber of our elected officials, but it's accurate.

Since Reagan won't, and shouldn't, agree to increase taxes, and inflation is the coward's way to reduce national debt, Congress must cut spending. But this requires courage and principles: Does Congress have either?

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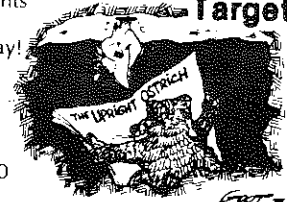
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