

Messenger

The Forgotten Man

Who is the Forgotten Man? He is that individual who does an honest day's work, pays his bills, brings up two or more children, keeps up a small savings account, never asks for charity from anyone, never gets into trouble with the police, never finds fault unless a principle is involved — in short, he is the individual who keeps going on his own momentum, good times, bad times, or indifferent times.

When the hat is passed around, the Forgotten Man chips in his mite. The taxgatherer visits him regularly, and collects toll for the upkeep of the police courts, jails, workhouses, and the relief rolls — none of which the Forgotten Man ever uses. He is self-supporting, self-starting, self-sufficient, and being so, he is counted in on nothing except the census.

The Forgotten Man is just the everyday, common, ordinary, plain citizen who does the best he can and makes a pretty good job of it. He is the man you can count on in times of war or in times of peace, in times of hysterical prosperity or in times of gloomy depression; in times of Republican management or in times of Democratic management. He is the dependable old horse, broken to harness, and he will stand without hitching.

Remember, there are millions of him, and there isn't much chance that he will ever go crazy even though the whole world about him does seem inclined that way. When things get too bad he will take a hand at running them himself, and you can depend upon him to do it in a sensible way.

Time Is Right For Tax Revolt

The Better Way

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leaders of a movement for lower taxes and less government believe the time is right for a tax revolt in North Carolina.

Groups in 10 western counties have formed the United Taxpayers of North Carolina to fight for a constitutional amendment that would let citizens initiate legislation similar to California's Proposition 13. The legislation slashed that state's property taxes by more than half.

Leaders of the movement in North Carolina plan to lobby in the Legislature for the same method used in California when voters passed Proposition 13 in 1978.

The lower tax proponents want a public initiative amendment to the state constitution. Such an amendment would allow citizens to call for a vote on an issue by petitioning for a referendum.

"Our No. 1 objective is to get voter initiative and referendum," said Jean Sales of Asheville, president of United Taxpayers. She said if the group wins the initiative issue, it will work for a tax cut referendum.

"Our major aim is to cut out waste in government," she said.

The United Taxpayers organized in 1978. Mrs. Sales said. It has affiliated

groups in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Haywood, Henderson, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania and Yancey counties.

The state association has about 5,500 members. Mrs. Sales said, with individual members in the county organizations.

Besides the United Taxpayers of North Carolina, which is affiliated with the National Taxpayers Union in Washington, D.C., there are active individual groups in Gaston, Forsyth, Cumberland, Surrey and Orange counties, according to Mrs. Sales.

All of the tax-cut groups say they are non-partisan or bi-partisan and attempt to focus on the tax issue only.

The most activity in favor of lower taxes is taking place in counties where property revaluation was either recently completed or is underway.

In Burke County the outcry was so fierce at one public meeting last summer that several county commissioners locked themselves in a room to escape the crowds, said Louise Morgan, head of the Burke County Property Owners and Taxpayers Association. She said another county commissioner lost half his necktie to a citizen's knife.



GOOD & BAD

"Citizens are being arrested for failure to surrender identification. "Show me your papers" cannot be too far away."

Judge Finds Ads Using Whites Only Broke Housing Law

By a WALL STREET JOURNAL Staff Reporter

RICHMOND, Va. — A federal court ruled that an apartment management firm here violated federal fair housing laws by almost exclusively using white models in an advertising brochure.

U.S. District Judge Robert Merhige Jr. ruled that General Services Corp. violated the Fair Housing Act's provision against advertising that "indicates a preference" based on race. Lawyers for the plaintiffs called it the first court decision on such an issue nationwide.

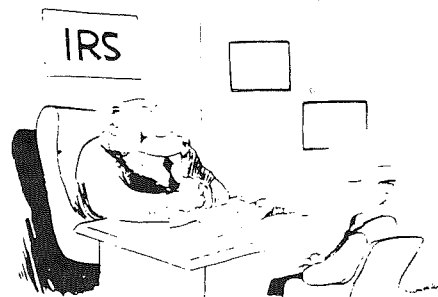
The court awarded a total of \$12,800 in damages to a local fair housing organization, Housing Opportunities Made Equal, and to a black apartment-seeker who testified that she was discouraged by the brochure from seeking an apartment listed by

the company.

Judge Merhige's decision didn't include specific requirements for the use of black models in future advertising by the company, but he noted that a company brochure printed shortly before the case went to trial used more black models than earlier brochures.

Judge Merhige wrote that "if the prospective tenant reading the brochure saw no models with whom he or she could identify, the reader would obtain the message that 'these apartments are not for me or my kind.'" The brochures, he wrote, "indicate that (General Services) apartment complexes are for white, and not black tenants, thus discouraging blacks from seeking housing there."

In a statement, General Services, one of the Richmond area's largest apartment rental companies, said: "We agree with the court's decision to reject mandatory racial quotas in advertising ... we continue to believe this lawsuit was unnecessary. It is not and never has been GSC's policy to indicate racial preference."



"WE MAKE MONEY THE OLD FASHIONED WAY—AUDITS!"

THE COURSE of true love didn't run smooth for Carl Smith.

For the Romeo of the Road ran into trouble as he raced to meet his girlfriend.

He was clocked doing 40 mph in a built-up area — on a pedal bike.

Warned

There he was, head down and tucked in tight behind a big lorry on his 12-speed racer, when the law decided it was time to put its spoke in the wheels of romance.

Seventeen-year-old Carl of Greenwood Avenue, Bolton-le-Sands, Lancs., was pulled up by a police car.

He was ticked off for doing more than 30 mph and was warned it was dangerous to ride in a lorry's slipstream.

PROBE DEATH

A POLICE superintendent from an outside force has been called in to investigate an allegation at an inquest that a man was beaten up by officers.

At the inquest at Gateshead, the coroner was told that Mr. Ronald Blair, 55, a labourer, of Beacon Lough Road, died from a

heart attack.

In hospital, where he had been taken with chest pains, X-rays revealed he had four broken ribs.

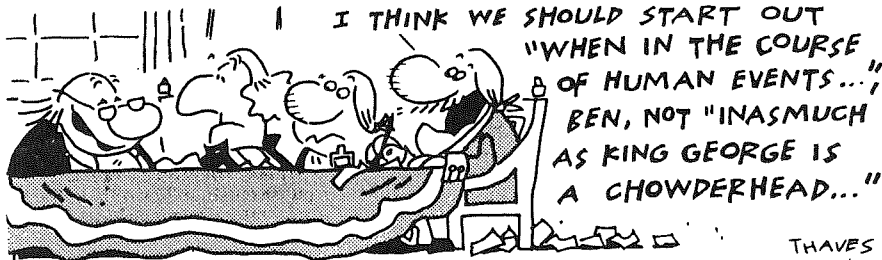
His daughter told the coroner that her father had complained that after his arrest for drunkenness, police punched him.

The inquest was adjourned.

Socialism is not an economic problem; it is a moral problem.

The best definition of socialism I have found is by Ayn Rand: "Socialism is the doctrine that man has no right to exist for his own sake, that his life and his work do not belong to HIM, but belong to society, that the only justification of his existence is his service to society, and that society may dispose of him in any way it pleases for the sake of whatever it deems to be its own tribal, collective good."

To put it simply, socialism is cannibalism.



The Edgefield Advertiser
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Dear Sir:

With a proposal to hold a referendum on a \$15 million bond issue for the Edgefield County Public School System, simply to upgrade the existing system, the voters ought to be given a choice.

They should be allowed to vote AGAINST the \$15 million bond issue, and FOR upgrading the existing school system.

The system has about 3,500 children and about 250 teachers. Dividing the money up could spend more than \$4,200. on a new desk for each kid. Or it could be used to buy a pair of Mercedes for each teacher. More likely, it will go into the purchase of a Taj Mahal for the administrators.

After all, the county has been getting the money from the sales tax for almost 40 years to build new school buildings, and does not need to go into debt for that.

Now if the voters want to upgrade the school system, the first thing might well be to fire the incompetents who want lots of money for waste and corruption, so that they will not be left in a severe temptation to steal. They can start with the school board, which could have prevented this referendum, and work down.

The best thing to upgrade the school system would be to ban the obscene book, "Dick and Jane", and put in a reader that will teach kids the alphabet and how to read. The next best thing would be to tell the teachers in kindergarten through grade 3 that they must guarantee that they will teach all the kids to read. This, of course, would start the kids thinking, and learning, and make the teachers in higher grades work to stay ahead of them.

I am all in favor of an upgrade of the schools into more and better learning. Why, it would even require taking money out of the budget for office supplies for paper-shuffling and buying more books for the public library, since there would be so many more readers, instead of fewer. It would mean getting some of the desk-bound out of an administrative office, as the public library would need more help. It might even require building an extension to the public library!

But that wouldn't take a tax bond issue: people would be delighted to give money for that.

The Ron Paul Investment Letter

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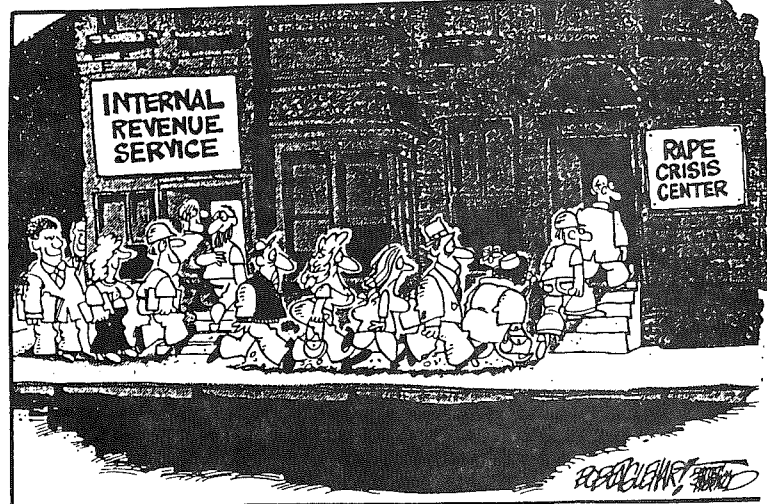
James Jesus Angleton of CIA (ret.) says Henry the Kissinger refused CIA debriefings, & may be a Red spy. (MX) "There is no freedom of the press in the U. S. It is controlled." - Vladimir Pozner. He said it.

At U. Cal., Berkeley, students elected Bruno, a campus cat, to Student Senate. (Campi) In the S C Piedmont, a man gave his wife a ride to the convenient grocery, wearing only sox, & was exposed when the car caught on fire. Elsewhere a man set his clothes on fire at the Salvation Army & when fire dept. arrived, stole the fire chief's car, while still nude. (SouPart) Just the bare facts. SC now may have a commission to Eliminate Waste in govt. spending. I have suggested ex-lax. Also has suggestion that it eliminate the State Supt. of Ed. as an elected office, the last one to preside over a state commission. ... Not properly commisar, you know. ...

Sincerely,

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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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Swedish Court Imprisons Man For Anti-Jewish Slur

STOCKHOLM, Sweden -- A district court Tuesday sentenced a Moroccan immigrant to six months in prison for disparaging and deeply offending remarks about Jews on his radio station, Radio Islam.

It is only the second time that a court has overridden the right of free speech to enforce an anti-racism law.

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Should war on drugs extend to other destruct

By ROGER SARGENT

As I ponder the recent S.C. legislation on illegal drugs and the nationally declared "war on drugs," I'm reminded of previous "wars" that have left many casualties for what now are considered highly questionable causes. President Lyndon Johnson promised us victory in Vietnam, a win in the war on poverty and continued dominance as a world economic power.

The task of winning this "war on drugs" has been handed to law enforcement and our criminal justice system. We know that to expedite the rounding up of the enemy we need more cops, more equipment and, of course, more lawyers and judges. And we'll find that the wealthy and privileged really aren't the enemy or, at least, won't be found guilty. Good representation seems to beget innocence with this enemy.

Best estimates indicate that some 20 million Americans have tried or use cocaine; about one-tenth of these are considered to have addiction problems. About 50 million Americans are estimated to have tried marijuana or use it, with a very small percentage believed to have consequent problems other than a court record.

Best estimates, although not well documented, suggest that a total of about 20,000 to 30,000 Americans have died from overdose or as a direct consequence of use of these two particular illegal drugs. The expense of prosecution and incarceration of these 50 million lawbreakers will be very costly and, more importantly, of highly questionable societal value.

It is important to compare illegal drug use and its cultural impact to the current use of "acceptable" forms of mood-altering substances. Slightly over 25 percent of American adults smoke, contributing to more than 400,000 deaths per year. About one-third of all cancers can be attributed to smoking. It is interesting that we not only condone smoking, but our government directly supports tobacco production and permits advertising to perpetuate its use and is actively coercing other countries to reduce their trade barriers to its importation.

Over 100,000 deaths per year occur from alcohol use with some estimates suggesting that there are 17 million alcoholics in the United States. Alcohol abuse is related to three of the top 10 causes of mortality in our country and is associated with about one-half of automobile fatalities.

To continue to probe our inconsistent values and beliefs, allow me to mention that 34 million Americans are overweight; only about 20 million Americans are considered to be regular vigorous exercisers; and that our collective diet is far from meeting the standard acceptable for maximizing our health and preventing diet-related disease.

Is it time that we make it illegal to smoke, excessively drink alcoholic beverages, to be overweight, to have a blood cholesterol over 200mg/dl and to not exercise vigorously at least three times per week? After all, these are the overwhelmingly important health issues in our culture and much more significant to our welfare and productivity than illegal drugs. Should the task of correcting people's unhealthful behaviors and sometimes abusive, self-destructive practices be

left to law enforcement and the legal profession? Or should we use the power of education and motivational strategies to encourage non-use and be socially scornful of those who abuse?

What will be the long-term effect on individual rights if we use drug-sniffing dogs in public schools and random searches of homes to control substances that don't conform to our values? Values that are largely an outgrowth of our political leadership, religious beliefs, poor understanding of health risks and amplified by a drug-unelected media.

This war is very costly to our culture, both socially and in real economic terms. Presently, about 60 percent of criminal litigation and 50 percent of the incarcerated in America are associated with illegal drugs. We have about one million Americans incarcerated at a cost of about \$30,000 per year for each prisoner — significantly more than is spent per child on education and prevention.

Is one who behaves outside my value system by smoking a joint or sniffing a line of cocaine more detrimental to our culture than the smoker, alcohol abuser, the obese or unfit person? It seems that a kinder and gentler nation would carefully consider its objectives and methods in dealing with those practices that are legal as well as the illegal ones.

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War On Drugs Tramples Individual Rights

In his diatribe against Milton Friedman's views about drug legalization, George Will, in his February column, failed to offer any justification for his opinion. It seems that those who support the draconian drug laws have nothing intelligent to say in response to an increasing number of calls for decriminalizing drug use. After all, such ranting and raving is the only way to ignore the fact that the "Drug Wars" bureaucracy is a self-serving, money-burning, freedom-trampling monstrosity.

Drugs certainly can be dangerous. I don't use drugs, and I urge my patients not to use them. However, the "War on Drugs" tramples on the rights of peaceful individuals and makes it more difficult to deal with crimes of violence and theft.

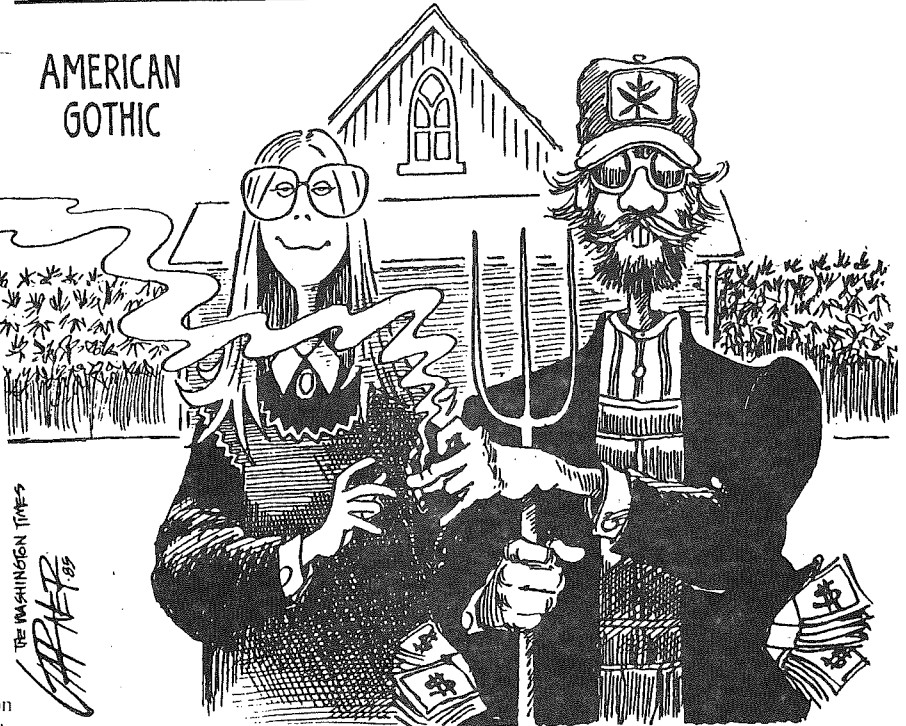
Drugs were legal before this century. George Washington grew marijuana in his back yard. Queen Victoria used a marijuana derivative to treat her menstrual cramps. Drugs were not a problem when they were permissible.

There is no Christian basis for using force against drug users who are peaceful and non-violent. Jesus urges us to help disturbed persons in a patient and gentle fashion. He does not tell us to ask Caesar to throw them into jail.

There are effective ways to fight

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Alcohol, drug habit worse than usage of marijuana

■ Many people die from the dangerous drugs alcohol and tobacco. Alcohol babies are worse than crack babies, and recent evidence shows that tobacco causes permanent brain damage to developing fetuses, like alcohol does (fetal alcohol syndrome causes deformation and retardation).

Judge Laney cited the dangers of drugs, but do the alcohol dealers and tobacco farmers and alcohol- and tobacco-consuming police and lawyers arrest themselves and others, so they can be more productive citizens? No, because lawyers are making billions of dollars each year from arresting and jailing other drug users in our "free country of liberty."

Lawyers in Congress outlawed marijuana, a plant that was essential to the victory of the American Revolution (rope, paper, pain medicine, sail cloth), after the deadly drug alcohol was relegalized and many lawyers were out of work from a lack of "criminals" to per-

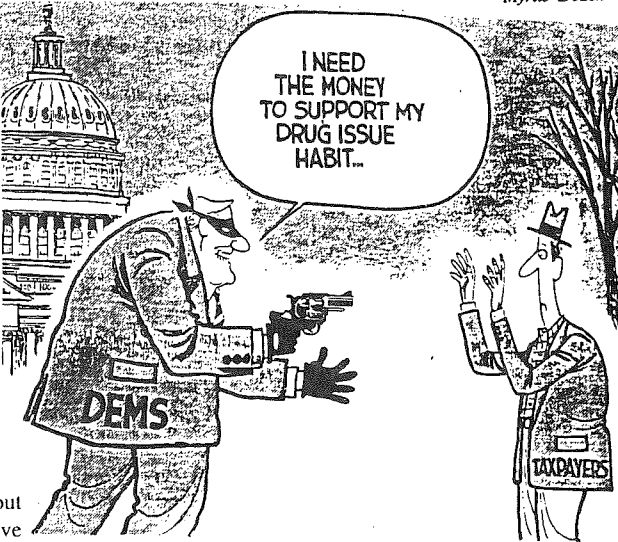
drug abuse. We need to worry about the violent criminals. We do not have the resources to jail all casual drug users. After all, illegal drugs kill fewer persons than do legal drugs.

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Pro-life Pro-life

bankers who are going to cost every citizen \$2,000? To help set free some lawyers and police to be productive, vote for Doc Quillian, who as solicitor will only arrest genuine threats to people, not patriotic good citizens like marijuana users, provided they don't drive.

John N. Maguire III
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The "Devil" made him do it?

James Douglas Price, an Assembly of God pastor, and two of his church members, went on trial recently in Hondo, Texas for allegedly trying to "beat the devil" out of a 43-year-old man (Arkansas Gazette)

Don't look like you are breaking a law

Burlington, N.C. Times-News

A new law has gone into effect in several North Carolina cities which is designed to step up the war against drugs, but which in truth creates some serious problems for the rights of individuals.

The law allows police to arrest individuals in certain cases when it appears that the person *might* be committing a crime. Winston-Salem is one city with such a law, which makes loitering a crime. The charge carries a \$50 fine and/or up to 30 days in jail, and police can use it to make an arrest and search for drugs. If drugs are found, they can press charges for drug possession.

This is a broad law, and it makes activities illegal which are not illegal at all. For instance, a person can be arrested for looking as if he might be committing crime — if he tries to stop pedestrians or cars, if he is seen exchanging money with other people, or if he runs when police approach. Also, one can be arrested simply for being in a neighborhood where there is drug traffic.

Winston-Salem is but one of several North Carolina cities with such a law, but it is so questionable, it is reported, that police are reluctant to use it. Kinston, Fayetteville, Jacksonville, Greenville, Elizabeth City, Newton, High Point and Durham have similar laws.

The new law has raised questions in many circles, and the American Civil Liberties Union is strongly opposed to it. They contend it violates the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution which requires police to have probable cause for arrest.

And indeed, it appears to do just that. The law gives police the option of arresting someone on suspicion of a crime, and then the arrest provides them with a basis for a search which indeed can uncover a crime. But it also may turn up nothing, and that person has been unduly arrested and searched without probable cause.

Only two cases have resulted from the law in Winston-Salem since September. In both cases, men were charged with loitering and then with drug-related felonies. In each instance, the felony charges resulted from searches performed after the men were arrested on loitering charges.

Fayetteville police are being urged to be very cautious with the law, but officials there say it is a good law and will help them. There have been 17 arrests there, but only two have made it to court.

The idea behind the law seems to be that persons who are loitering about in neighborhoods of heavy drug traffic may be making drug deals. Therefore, arresting them for loitering can help attack the problem. But merely standing on a street corner does not mean one is looking for a drug deal. In many southern cities, for instance, it could mean someone is looking for day work. It's a way of life.

Arresting someone who *could* be breaking the law is a pretty dangerous precedent in a free society.

Pot-smoking Libertarian 'high' on election results

The Associated Press

MYRTLE BEACH — A Libertarian candidate who predicted he'd win the solicitor's race if everyone who smoked marijuana voted for him was pleased with his 2 percent total return.

"I didn't know I had that many friends out there," Richard Quillian said Thursday of the 773 votes he received in Tuesday's election.

Quillian, who spoke in a telephone interview from a Spartanburg prison, finished third behind winner Ralph Wilson, a Democrat, and Republican John Sweeney.

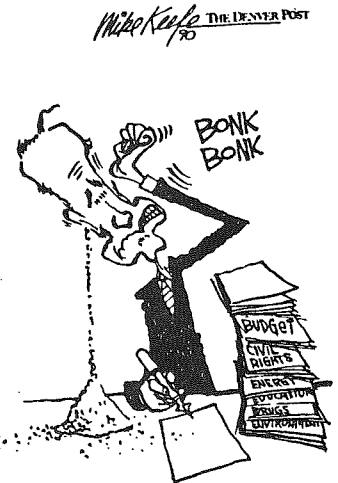
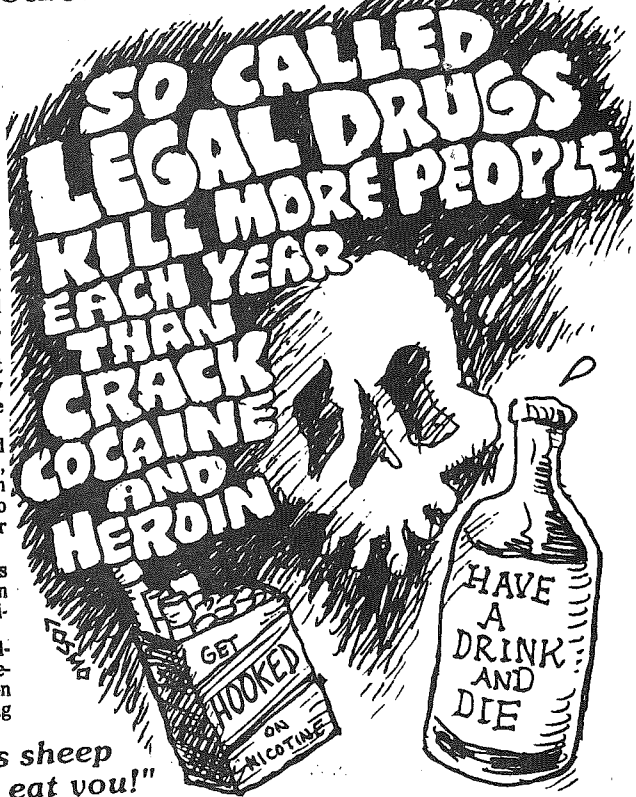
"They thought they had me out of the way, but apparently my voice got through somewhat," he said.

Boasting that he once smoked 47 marijuana cigarettes in one day, Quillian launched his campaign last March by promising not to prosecute marijuana smokers over the age of 18.

Quillian and a handful of others marched around the courthouse in July to protest laws against marijuana.

Judge Dan Laney, whom Quillian called the "big bad wolf," revoked three years of his probation and sent him to prison for violating the drug test.

"Make yourselves sheep and the wolves will eat you!"
—Ben Franklin, January 5th, 1773



FOREIGN POLICY Government has to stop excess spending

How much longer can our country stand under its present policy of spending taxpayers' money? Our president is advocating increasing medicare cost to the elderly. Doesn't anyone ever stop to think what this would mean to the senior citizens of this country?

I personally receive less than \$300 a month after Medicare Insurance is deducted. Of course, I have worked hard all my life and my husband and I have made investments that offset this, but think of the millions in this country who have not been as fortunate as we have.

Unless this awful spending is curbed now, there is no hope for our country. Government employees make upward of \$2,400 a month. How can my less than \$300 a month complete when I have to pay a utility bill, buy a loaf of bread or a gallon of gas? Why should our tax money have to pay over \$100,000 for our representatives to mail out newsletters to people who throw them in the trash before they are

DOMESTIC POLICY

even read. This is just one example. Think of the millions of dollars being wasted by our elected officials, to say nothing of the salaries paid to them which they are always complaining about being too low.

No, America, more taxes is not the answer. Until we do something about this wasteful spending there is no hope for the future of our country. Wake up. Our representatives spend more in a day for stamps than I receive in Social Security for a month.

Had I wasted my money as the government has wasted our money, I would certainly be in a sad state today.

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