

Judith! What are you standing around for? Get to it, lady! Cover to cover!  
Toot sweet! -M.

# LIBERTARIAN

## NEW JERSEY

### THE SOUTH ROSE AGAIN

#### AND BLEW IT AGAIN

I thought I was a beleaguered editor, when all the while poor Phil Manger was fighting the vast machine called The Maryland Free/State Libertarian Party.

Phil is the editor of Maryland's newsletter, Toward Liberty, and the consensus of opinion, for whatever it's worth, is that Phil has been doing a great job (I agree). In the April '74 issue, he wrote an editorial, The Tax Reform Fraud of 1974, about House Bill No. 314. This bill calls for the abolition of the residential property tax in Baltimore County, on condition of substituting a personal income tax on all residents---this in addition to "the local income tax imposed upon the residents of the county."

Unless I heard him wrong, Phil brought the party's wrath down upon his golden head by writing that the bill was supported by "virtually the entire Baltimore County delegation to the General Assembly, as well as a solid majority on the Baltimore County Council;" and "the bill also enjoyed the support of some libertarians, none of whom, incidentally, lives in Baltimore County. (Baltimore County libertarians actually opposed the bill.)" Phil then followed up this crime with a refusal to print a rebuttal by the Chairman.

Phil's editorial went into heavy economics, which is Greek to me and unimportant here. If you want to dig, write him for a copy of the paper (probably costs)---his (new) address is around here somewhere. He also chided Operation STOP (Stop Taxes on Property), a (somewhat libertarian-born) tax reform group in Baltimore County which was largely responsible for #314. Arguing that it is a compromise of libertarian principles to support a bill which substitutes two taxes for one, Phil made it clear that no tax is equitable, as #314 was claimed to be; he said that #314 is "more inequitable than the property tax," because it is a greater tax. Equally clear was, "Ultimately, there can be only one real tax reform from the libertarian point-of-view: The total abolition of all taxes. In the meantime, the only reforms that merit any kind of libertarian support are those that aim at reducing, not shifting, tax burdens.

Perhaps because Phil dared to find certain libertarians less than perfect, the preceding statement went unnoticed by the MLP chairman, William Bobick, who sent Phil an open letter in reply. Along with it was a note which read, "I strongly suggest that you print my editorial reply in it's [sic] entirety in the next issue;" [emphasis his]. This reply was cc'd to the Vice Chairman, and Dr. Edwin Vieira, E.E., Chairman of the State Ethics Committee of the MLP. The open letter was another greeky economics tract. It was, because Bobick maintained therein that he was a member of the "Real Estate Tax Protest Committee for The Maryland Libertarian Party," and, that he was the "Philosophical Spokesman" for the MLP. In other words, Phil had done them dirt by having an opinion (quite true, we shall see); Bobick's letter contained the orthodox opinion, the One True Religion, the Logos.

Bobick cited Article III, Section 10, Paragraph 1 of the MLP Constitution, and underlined the part which read, "[the Chairman] shall serve as spokesman for the Party in all matters concerning external Party affairs where no candidate shall have been nominated for elective office."

He then claimed that Phil had done many "fellow Libertarians a great disservice [sic] by claiming that they in any way supported H.B. #314," and "Unfortunately, as Philosophical Spokesman for THE MARYLAND LIBERTARIAN PARTY, I find that your entire line of reasoning has resulted in an insinuation of 'guilt by association.'" [Libertarian is capitalized where I found it so]

Except for the economics, I have given all the pertinent information on these two pieces. The economics is thankfully not the point. That Phil wrote an editorial and an opinion of his own in one, is the point. And however he came to his conclusion, it was the right one---there are no just taxes. Again, Bobick's first objection is that Phil expressed an opinion without running it through the machine called MLP; second, he mentions some libertarian support of #314. Third came in July: the editorial reply was not printed at all.

In time (May 6th if it matters) a paper surfaced bearing the title, "OPINION OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE." (These people are big on caps.) Point One said that Toward Liberty was the property of the MLP without equivocation, thus it was subject to their control alone: "whatever control by the Party is mandated in its Constitution." Point Two said Toward Liberty was subject to "organization and direction by the Vice Chairman," since it is "public-relations material," and that is the Vice Chairman's field according to the Constitution. Point Three said the Vice Chairman hasn't unlimited discretion....(the usual chain of command bit).

On the heels of the OPINION was a letter to Phil from James Richard Spriggs, who wrote that since Phil was top dog on Toward Liberty, and "in the interest [sic] of being fair," it was "necessary" to have his opinion of the OPINION, among other matters.

(An editor misses nothing. Holding this letter in my hands, I noticed the imprint of another letter upside-down. Putting it in a certain light, I read what I believe to be a rough draft of this letter. It said, instead of "necessary," "I would like to have your opinion..." )

The letter continued, "I would very much prefer it if we could reach some accommodation [sic] in this apparent conflict between the needs of the Party to communicate certain information, and the Editor's commendable concern for the literary integrity [sic] of Toward [sic] Liberty."

(The upside-down imprint contained this statement excluded completely from the letter: "To whatever extent the Party might have been committed by Bill's [Bobick's] statement that you would have a free hand, it must be understood that this condition may be terminated at will by the Party because they undoubtedly have the right to fire you at will which logically implies that they may impose any condition they wish upon your continued employment." Further, he preferred a compromise "on the question of what you must include versus your editorial discretion." This compromise I will get to directly.)

Among his requests for Phil's opinions were these: "What do you absolutely require as a condition of continuing to work?" and "What would you prefer but not demand?" The latter is the kind of question you ask, head high and chest out, of a guy ten feet taller than you.

Enclosed with this letter was the aforementioned "compromise," a "Proposed Party Statute," from Spriggs ("Chairman of Montgomery [sic] County"), and R. I. Powell ("Chairman of Prince George's County" [MLP county committees]) to "MARYLAND LIBERTARIAN PARTY/STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE." Point One established SCC policy for Toward Liberty. It said the Editor is responsible for editing and publishing---the publishing to include seven things, four "MANDATORY" and three "OPTIONAL." Point I-B-2 was

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### editorial

President Ford's pardon of ex-president Richard M. Nixon is not only outrageous, but also obliterates the meaning and purpose of justice.

President Ford stepped out of bounds by granting a pardon to Nixon. Article II, Section 2, paragraph 1 of the U.S. Constitution states, "he [the President] shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offences against the United States except in cases of impeachment."

Though Nixon was not impeached, legally what offense did he perpetrate against the United States? Since Nixon was never taken to court on any counts whatsoever nor found guilty on whatever counts he might have been charged with, President Ford went beyond the Constitution, beyond the law of this country. In order for one to get a pardon, of any nature, one must first be found guilty of a crime. A pardon for something that has never been legally found to have taken place, and may never have, is in itself an obstruction of justice—something Nixon was probably to be charged with doing.

President Ford should not only be prosecuted for obstruction of justice, as should Nixon, but Ford has now put certain members of our society above the law. Are we to treat a president as a person above those laws that pertain to us and all other members of our society?

As all dictators and bureaucrats believe they know what is best for us, so does Ford when he states, "I am absolutely convinced...I made the right decision in an effort, an honest, conscientious effort, to end the [Watergate] divisions and the turmoil in the United States."

How this justifies his putting himself and Nixon outside the law is beyond me. Ford's rationality and logic appear quite non-existent.

What means are left to the people of this country to reverse Ford's decision? None—he is now beyond the trivia of the law we humans must deal with every day. President Ford and Mr. Nixon are now to be treated as superhumans above reproach.

Men like these must be kept out of politics—and out of the Libertarian Party if we are to reach our goals and reap our rewards.

*From the Desk of:*

**ROBERT A. STEINER**

9/22/74

"If a person visiting in your home behaves in a way undesired by you, you have every right to evict him; he can scream or agitate elsewhere if he wishes, but not in your home without your consent."

John Hospers, *LIBERTARIANISM*, pp. 62-63  
Los Angeles: Nash Publishing Co., 1971

On September 6th, Ralph Fucetola's resolution of July 2nd was expleted...

Now I can write editorials; however I have nothing much to say, so it is fortunate the new resolution provides for guess editorials. Why there must be resolutions for such things, I don't know. But after all, they have to do something. God forbid we should ever have a State Commeting wherein no changes are made, no rules adopted.

I'm really glad they let me keep my job. I truly enjoy it. After weeks of waiting for submissions, I get nothing but Jane Rehmke's column, and that of Dick Solyom (The Taxpayers' View); thanks to them, I save a few hours' writing. But the rest I write myself, and in the same fashion I type everything twice (only twice if I'm lucky), arrange the paste-up paper, paste, tape, drive the thing to the printer's, pick it up, staple the pages, staple the entire paper, glue the mailing labels, attach the stamps, and mail the lot. Thus the State Com should forgive me for being averse to interference; interference means more work for me, and no more help.

Any day now a party big is going to tell me that I was appointed not only editor, but reporter. And I am going to tell him, well, otherwise. 'Til then I'd like to remind the membership at large, that I am not obliged to run around digging up information which "must" be printed. The stuff comes unsolicited in the mail, and my job is to open it, read it, and judge it, then do the inhuman labor mentioned above. When on occasion I do seek out material, it is not from obedience to the laws. It's to fill space well.

Please don't tell me how to do my work, if it means doing it harder. Be a libertarian. Leave thy neighbor the hell alone.

### THE BONES OF AN ORGANIZATION

The body of almost every organization has four kinds of bones.

The wish bones, who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work.

The jaw bones, who do all the talking but very little else.

The knuckle bones, who knock everything that anybody else tries to do.

The back bones, who get under the load and do the work.

### \$ SEMINAR ON ECONOMIC SURVIVAL\* \$

After discussions with various persons the following tentative plans have developed:

- 1) Date: November 9 or 23
- 2) Main Speaker, Murray Rothbard
- 3) Place: Rutgers in New Brunswick
- 4) Sponsors: NJLP and pro-freedom groups invited by the seminar committee.
- 5) General timetable (tentative):

Seminar opens.....10:00 am to 10:30 am  
speaker.....10:30 am to 11:30 am  
Dr. Rothbard.....11:45 am to 1:00 pm  
lunch (byo).....1:00 pm to 2:00 pm  
workshops 1&2.....2:00 pm to 3:30 pm  
workshops 3&4.....3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

- 6) Workshop suggestions:

Silver and Gold (G. Kaye and Fred Stein)  
Survival in a Crash  
Harry Browne (B. Schetlick)  
Ocean Living (M. McConahy)

- 7) Marketplace: Books, silver, gold, dehydrated foods, etc., will be available throughout the Seminar at the Marketplace, a competitive gathering of survival entrepreneurs.

Please send me your additional suggestions and advice.  
Ralph Fucetola III

"Controls Over Editor," which read, "The State Executive Committee is ultimately responsible for the Philosophical direction of the newsletter. The Vice Chairman is constitutionally delegated the function of supervisor of the Editor."

Point I-B-3 read, "...the Editor shall have the authority to edit or exclude manuscripts submitted by officers or members of the libertarian Party [note caps] for reasons of space, and to reject manuscripts which are not consistent [sic] with the policies of the newsletter as established by the SCC." This means Phil must submit every article to the SEC (if you believe I-B-2, or the "Philosophical Spokesman" Chairman if you believe the Constitution), because Phil is not the "Philosophical Spokesman" and cannot make the decision of which articles are inconsistent with policy---specifically the policy of I-B-2 if you follow me...In other words nothing but Party Opinion can be printed (unless refuted in the same issue, according to I-B-5).

I-B-4 reads: "Within his area of discretion [a flea's navel], the Editor shall maintain philosophical integrity and adhere to Libertarian Principles." Elsewhere it is clear Phil has no area of discretion to speak of. Or otherwise.

I-B-5 provides that every issue will be pure libertarian in thought or refuted by same---thus nothing can be printed unless the platform refers to it.

Vieira dropped I-B-6, which read, "The Editor will not (in Toward Liberty) directly or indirectly criticize [or a word to that effect] members of the MLP without previously having: a. verified his facts b. submitted said facts to the Vice Chairman and the State Solicitor and received their approval."

I-B-8 went: "When letters submitted by readers are rejected by the Editor, he will place at the end of the Newsletter letters column: 'The following people submitted letters which we regret could not be published this month because of space limitations.' Followed by the persons [sic] name."

I-B-9 read: "Letters remaining unpublished after three months shall be turned over to the State Issues Committee for their review and final disposition."\*

I-B-8 & 9 suggest Phil does have some discretion left to him. He can break these rules without getting caught, or proved guilty if accused (assuming those rules still hold in Maryland). However, it appears he cannot say why he didn't print a letter, he must claim space limitations.

On May 26 a "State Central Committee Meeting" was held; included in the minutes:

"Mr. P. Manger again challenged the legality of the meeting. [Phil was "present as a guest and visitor."] The Secretary suggested that the S.C.C. Representative be becontacted [sic] by Mr. Manger, and asked to represent his people at the S.C.C. meetings.

"Mr. Manger then used abusive language [sic] and was declared out of order."

At this meeting certain statutes were adopted, among them two quaint provisions concerning the Irving Convention:

"V. The Md. L.P.'s delegates to the June 1974 Convention of the Libertarian Party are requested to:

A. Avoid purges of members who in good faith subscribe to the libertarian pledge.

...E. The delegates shall be free to function privately on their own convictions as to the support of candidates to National Office."

\*I am subject to a similar rule. Hereafter if you want to be printed, address me as "Editor." Because I can't figure if maybe I should cut out printable material concerning LNJ from personal letters and hand it over to the State Com.

Apparently individual discretion is allowed in the matter of supporting certain persons in their bids for political power, but not allowed in the matter of publishing one's opinions (or anyone else's without the authorization of SEC, of the Vice Chairman, the Chairman...) Which is more (potentially) dangerous? Didn't Jefferson say something about truth taking care of itself? How have libertarians fallen so soon into the Big Brother line of thinking?\*

Phil's challenge caused a postponement of newsletter business 'til June 28, so that everything would be "legal in all respects." Where have I heard that before?

On May 27 R. I. Powell wrote Bill and Peggy Bobick,

"The fact that [Phil and his staff] have jointly provided an outstanding service to the MLP is incident to the issue before the MLP, SCC, and has no bearing on the proposed facts of legislation."

"In building any 'rational organization,' it is essential to the long range 'good interests of the Party/Group' to establish 'who' will do 'what' and to 'whom' with 'what' authority [how very libertarian]...The editor must answer to the Chairman of the Party and the SCC, and the editor must show consistency with respect to the philosophical position of the MLP, i.e., our purpose is to identify and state the difference between 'Individualism and Collectivism'..." [emphasis mine]

"Phil seems to think that he is a free agent to do as he bloody well pleases, without any direction or approval of the Chairman or/and the SCC and that is simply not so, nor will I sanction such a position at any time ever..."

"He was right to operate as he choose [sic], until we establish specific requirements." [emphasis mine]

"Thereafter his choice is that of continuing [sic] or resigning---or being fired with notification to all levels of Libertarian organizations nationwide." [emphasis mine]

Powell will not "at any time ever" sanction Phil's position that he is a free agent, until the next paragraph ("He was right to operate...") And if Phil doesn't behave himself he will be blacklisted nationwide.

Another curious paragraph:

"Request you advise the membership in writing that they may visit the meetings and we encourage them to do so, but at the meetings, they do not have a voice and should be recognized only after the business of the SCC is completed. (Each member has a voice through their elected leaders, who represent them at the SCC meetings.) I would underscore this part of the notification such that there is no misunderstanding and as Chairman, suggest you make an announcement to that effect as well after you gavel the meeting to order. We are not a forum for dissenters. We meet to conduct the business of the party, I believe that that\*\* should occupy our total time at such meetings, without interference."

\*I keep hearing this in Jersey. Many people are worried about what the average half-wit citizen will think of us when, for example, they read the newsletter (which incidentally should have more pictures to cater to his low mentality). Suddenly they're like little children, these average citizens, and we must take them gently by the hand, don't confuse them, and by God don't ever give them credit for any decent ability to think and decide for themselves. But the libertarian politicians are omniscient and anything goes in conventions.

\*\*Legal term meaning "nemo repente fuit turpissimus."

What a pretty picture! Keep your mouth shut, we represent you! Worse yet:

"Phil repeated that it was our alleged intent to 'control people'...Such is not the case...We already have the control over members of the party as stated in the Constitution with respect to placing charges against them for actions considered therein."

They already have all the power over people that they need, with the single exception of Phil Manger, but they'll take care of that soon enough.

Lucky paragraph 13 of his letter:

"Philosophically, I would have to be identified as a 'rational Anarchist'....[I] believe that the 'least' government is the best government. BUT, I am not naive enough to believe that there is the remotest probability in my lifetime or perhaps for a couple more lifetimes--to realize such a condition. I believe that it is theoretically possible but not practically possible in the real world, i.e., I do not believe in living in a dream world as some people do." This man who is not living in a dream world, calls himself a libertarian.

Further, he says something irrelevant which I include here for psychological insight. If the legislature were riddled with Libertarians, "we could not for example reduce the Federal bureaucracy substantially in less than 10 years., it would take that long to evolve 'Free Market Alternatives' to bureaucracy. One cannot simply cast all government employees into the street with the geometric involvement of 10 to 30 others in supporting roles--without throwing the country into civil war, disease, famine and destruction, as outsiders walk in and take over. Even the public utility corporation activities must be continued until rational alternatives are evolved -- or you have a breakdown of our civilization--immediately."

Finally, "Our battle is with collectivism and its variants. If we cannot tell people convincingly why individualism is better-- we will lose."

You lose, Mr. Powell.

Nature took its course; the "Proposed Agenda for June 28," SCC meeting, bore:

2. Determine which S.C.C. members are present; get their credentials....determine....determine....

7. Old Business:

a. Toward Liberty:

1. Ask for resignation of P. Manger as Editor of TOWARD LIBERTY and instruct Treasurer to cut off funds until further notice.
2. Enact legislation defining the responsibilities and powers of the Editor of TOWARD LIBERTY.
3. Instruct Vice Chairman to appoint new Editor and discuss possibilities.

Phil was snatched from the jaws of unemployment by a single vote.

On to the Constitution, an eloquent statement of the idiocy of the MLP. It is 11 1/2 regular typewritten pages. Choice pieces are:

#### Article II: STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

##### § 7 Impeachment & Conviction

para 2 "...sanctions shall extend to removal from any position created pursuant to these articles, to disqualification of the offending member to hold any position within the Party...or to such other relief as the State Central Committee shall deem equitable."

#### Article III: STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

##### § 10 Chairman

para 2 "OPINIONS. The Chairman may require the written opinion of any officer upon any subject relating to the duties of said Officer, such opinions to be maintained in a permanent register, the table of contents of which, upon any addition thereto, shall be communicated to each member of the State Central Committee, and the whole made available for inspection..."

para 3 "Issues & Ethics Committees...The Issues Committee shall conduct such investigations and prepare such opinions, in consultation with the Ethics Committee, on such aspects of Libertarian Political Philosophy, Ethics, or other matters as the Chairman, or the State Central and Executive Committees shall deem appropriate [sic]..."

#### Article V: CONVENTIONS

§ 4 "Platform. Each Convention, beginning in 1974, shall adopt a Party Platform. All propositions in any platform shall be adopted singly, and only upon approval by three-quarters of the Delegates in attendance."

I shudder to think where we'd be if the U.S. Constitution had been worked over every year in the manner of libertarian conventions with their platforms. Their please-everyone compromises are already notorious. With hatchet-men like the Marylanders around, it won't take 187 years to change it to the point where nothing in it will even vaguely resemble libertarianism. It will become indistinguishable in spirit from that of White's ant colony, wherein "Everything not forbidden is compulsory." (Not to say the Constitution couldn't use it, but consider what yearly redecorating, according to the popular tastes, would do to libertarian principles, especially with order-happy people like these.)

#### Article V

##### § 6 Challenges to Platform or Nominations.

para 4 "The Committee on Amendments, Platform, & Nominations may require any nominee to appear before it and give such testimony as said Committee, in its unrestricted discretion, may deem necessary."

The Committee on Amendments, Platform and Nominations has UNLIMITED DISCRETION. Phil Manger, who writes, and whose job is by its very name one of discretion, has none.

Happily, the Constitution of the MLP provides a remedy for the various actions taken against Phil, and for the existence of so regimented a party.

#### Article II: STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

##### § 8 [of course] Rules & Discipline.

para 2 "The State Central Committee may punish its own members or such others as may attend its meetings for disorderly conduct..."

The conduct of the MLP has been most disorderly. I am ashamed to share the name Libertarian with them.

In the material Phil gave me I found one opinion of his: that the party was trying to "control people" and "ride herd on him." He sure can turn a phrase. They are behaving like a herd. In a letter to me he wrote, "Don't these idiots believe that freedom really does work---that people work best when left alone?" And he added what I might have guessed---the MLP is in a godawful shambles. I pray it will collapse sufficiently to permit libertarians to take over its functions. I thought we were infested with bureaucrats; surely ours can learn from this, that it will never work.

We say that "Power corrupts..." Long before the practical example was given, the Germans said that "Power stupefies."

I would like to ask, of the Maryland party and every other:

If this is what a political party can do to its members, what will it do as a state to its citizens?

DISCRETION: liberty or power of deciding or acting without other control than one's own judgment.

---Webster's Dictionary

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# LETTERS

I would like to respond to Tom Palven's open letter to the NJLP.

I am very sorry that Mr. Palven feels that secrets are being kept. I would like to remind him that all meetings of the NJLP at which business is conducted are open to all members, including those of the State Com. I urge all members to attend so that they can see what is being done in the name of the party and add their comments to the discussions. No business can be conducted without the approval of the membership.

If he is referring to secrets that individuals may desire to keep, I would like to remind him that the right to privacy is one of the fundamental rights of the individual in a libertarian framework. There is a plank in the National LP platform dealing with this very issue. The government has no right to pry into an individual's life and neither does any other organization if it wishes to live by libertarian principles.

I again urge all members to attend our meetings; we need your contributions and support.

Yours for a New Liberty,  
Jane T. Rehmke

MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY  
HOW DOES YOUR NEWSLETTER DO?  
WITH SNIPES & GIBES & LOW BLOWS TOO---  
OH MARY, MARY, LET'S ABATE  
AND SAVE YOUR NASTIES FOR THE STATE.  
Ralph Fucetola III

Ed. Note: Boop boop dit-tem dat-tem what-tem Chu!

...the job of the editor is to write the editorial...the state committee may have its own column. And if they don't like your work, editorial included, (and they would have to weigh it against all the other work even if it offended them) they can fire you. Personally, I think they should pay you.

Lydia's [editor previous to Tom who is previous to me] advice to me was to tell them that if I couldn't write the editorial to tell them to write the whole paper...a committee is not accountable and yet seems omnipotent.

Tom Palven

Ed. Note: Because Phil Manger appeared at the last State Com meeting, telling them the horror tale of Maryland's bureaucratic LP; because Jane Rehmke rather likes being called Fuehrer; because Bill George, who is making money on Against the Wall, praised my work to them; and because it rained bad and Ralph Fucetola didn't show, I am now free to write all the editorials. However, they still don't know quite what the word means, since the new resolution calls for "guest editorials;" and, the old resolution stands, that if I don't print a submission, I must send it to the State Com for final say on whether to print or not. For the time being I am content. Thank you, Tom. They said you had no sense of humor. (It was a collective decision.)

To say that I am shocked at the "libertarian censorship" of NJLP's ruling clique is an understatement. Your response to these budding authoritarians was beautiful. A more succinct and telling response may have been: "Shove it!"...

Jerry Dickson  
FREE! Editor

Murray Rothbard and other libertarian spokesmen have recognized Paul Ehrlich and other Zero Population Growth advocates as being statist. And, while these people do advocate massive government "planning" and other atrocities, I do not think that we can ignore the problem of overpopulation merely because the statist have claimed it as a cause.

Certainly the world could support 10 billion people, but what about the quality of life? Do we want to eat kelp? Are the beaches already crowded? Can you find a place to canoe where you do not rub elbows with other canoists?

There is a libertarian approach to this problem. We could fight against "free" education, wherein people who choose to be childless must pay for the education of other's children. We could oppose tax deductions which encourage children. We could advocate the repeal of welfare laws which encourage children.

The fact is that we are already doing these things which are consistent with libertarian principles and which truly support ZPG. Let's recognize this fact.

Tom Palven

Why don't I get letters like this? From the July issue of FREE!:

I just heard from an unimpeachable source that some if not all, of your readership does not sincerely believe with all their inherently sinful little hearts that I exist! I can only assume that your publication represents a satanic, perhaps even ATHEISTIC influence over my rotten, slimy, depraved & ulcerous knowledge-seeking creations. I command that you cease publication immediately! You are keeping them out of my churches, & I miss their praising me every weekend! I want them to praise me every weekend! I want it. I want praise! Praise me or I'll send ya to hell...I'll nuke you!! You dare believe I don't exist & am not all good? I'll kill ya, that's what I'll do! Kill...Kill, destruction, pestilence...take that you mothers!

Love,  
God

Ed. Note: I am afraid that your source is well on his way to being impeached.

there oughta be a law

This seems a good time of the year to appeal for help, because even we hayfever sufferers tend to minimize our acute suffering, when it is at last over. Many people have asked for help, and it does seem a vast project to get rid of the one flower, the goldenrod, which lines our highways and railroads with such beauty. But hayfever does not end with two months of sneezing and running eyes. It turns into a serious respiratory ailment, the one we hear so much about in New Jersey. It must not be a profitable political issue, since no one has pucked it up. It would be of no use to ask our fellow citizens to help us clean up the city. It must become, to say the least, a statewide program. So whom do we turn to for help?

Goldenrod is created by nature, but then so is snow, and every citizen must, under the law, clear their sidewalks, so no one gets hurt. Laws are made by people, so let's make another to help all the people who suffer each year, perhaps needlessly, from hayfever.

Mrs. J. Truncala  
Linden

This appeared in The Star-Ledger, Sept. 17, '74. Note how sweetly she says, "It would be of no use to ask our fellow citizens to help..."

Well, perhaps it's a form of conditional amnesty.

## THE CRYSTAL BULL

"The backslider in heart shall be filled with his his own ways..."

I have had the cosmic privilege of interviewing Mr. Eric Scott Royce. The obliging demon rose from the pit on September 22nd to salt my day with a confession of the most unspeakable depravity imaginable.

Due to a fortunate series of circumstances---the first Chairman went berserk, Mr. Fucetola talked us into a stupor, the coercive arm of the state abducted one of our members, Mr. Royce began to drink, etc.---this Royce bared his fiendish soul for one and all (we were interrupted regularly, even religiously).

While I've seen better, Eric Scott Royce has an arresting face; watching it gives one the impression of being seen, truly seen, seen to one's bones, and such a gaze is not easily accomplished by a man so deep in his cups. But if you can say anything about Mr. Royce, it is that he manages. In fact, he manages so well, one is led to the wretched conclusion that he is managing by no small number of improper means.

As he drank, he softened, and the intense eyes became, let us say, hungry-looking. A fine difference, admittedly; it was as if the pirate with the dagger in his teeth slowly turned into a bandito with his hands in another's pockets while facing the other. Both were Royce in his natural state: he is a beast of prey, an omnivorous animal; then a pussycat, an utter pussycat---and the playful, friendly eyes suggest he is having a lovely time at the expense of us mice.

A lovely time? It was the best of times. As well as I could with horribly inadequate eyesight, I studied this magnificent ghoul while he discoursed on politics. He recalled the June Convention as one of the most dishonest he had ever attended, swore blue over the political machinations there, the treachery, the alliances, the vote-buying...moments later, asked why he sent Tuccille (if he's such a fool) \$100, he blithely replied, it was to buy votes. And why that? "Everybody does it."

It is necessary now to supply Royce's self-estimation. He called himself a "realist" five different times. This blends with my own estimation of him in the last LNJ: the shark has teeth, and shows them plainly. He said he was smart, which is true, sad but true; and that he was a loner, which is not so sad. When Royce becomes President, hold tight: it'll be a libertarian fascist anarchy. No such thing? Ah, but the LP is not Royce's way, the RP is not his way, anarchy is not his way; his way is "unique." It consists of torturing all of them, by trying to unite them in his stormy life. Be his audience for three hours, and learn what it's like to be a free slave, one who hasn't the time to wonder whether or not it's worth it.

Often I sought an admission from him that he loved political activity. I never got a direct answer. (When I asked what his lapel button read, he offered four and a half sentences before answering, and two afterward, and I had to repeat the question to be sure.) But no, Mr. Royce does not love politics. He needs it. (See your textbook.) When he was younger, wiser and purer, he wanted to be an actor. To an extent he has achieved that early ambition: he stands well, he convinces, he is distinct, he commands applause. And like an actor (again, see textbook) he is not completely sure of himself, and so he is easily a supreme malefactor.

Jane Rehmke invaded (eek! the electricity!) and brought up the no doubt short and uninterrupted subject titled, "What's wrong with the FLP?" Without blinking Mr. Royce said that the FLP is perhaps the only viable LP, but nevertheless its existence "makes no sense; they're stupid." Their way is not his way.

Royce apologized for his ill-considered honesty. He explained that he was "pissed off; if Steiner hadn't denounced me, I wouldn't be saying these things." (In an etiquette triumph Bob announced at the meeting that three LP persons were his enemies, one being Royce, an ex-advisor of Bob.) By and by the volatile Bob walked in (a Steiner trademark) and continued his denunciation in a more chummy manner than he could summon at the meeting; he listened to Mr. Royce insinuating he (BS) was a liar

---the very word which touched off the violence---and Bob flailed to protest his innocence, giving this blackguard the courtesy of defense against the foul implication. (I salute the good taste of Fraulein Chairperson, who was also accused by Bob and loftily ignored him.) I am not saying that Bob is a liar, indeed I believe strongly he is not, since one has no need to lie when one can fall back on such an outstanding capacity for error. Well, Bob shook hands with his accuser, adding compromise to initiation of force, and the resourceful Royce went on riling Bob, saying it was rumored Karl Bray was "bought." Steiner said nay, Bray was one of the most honest men in the country; a Roycely laugh returned. Steiner offered the fact that Bray was taken god-knows-where by the IRS---in handcuffs! Royce wasn't buying. Steiner's way is not his way.

He continued to bend Steiner's ear; finally I begged, "Let him go, Royce..." and like a trained Doberman he let go, instantly. Suddenly I knew what they meant when they said, "the Royce machine." A natural-born, maniacal, mechanical executioner. Steiner, clearly out of his league, left, and we got on with it.

Above and beyond expediency, Mr. Royce endeavored to implant in my mind the certainty that he is for nothing, no one but Royce. This I knew last May. But when he said he didn't want to run anyone's life, I nearly fell off my chair. He is a member of the LP, he retains slothful connections with Young Republicans, etc. ilk, and has the gall to run with the likes of Sam Konkin and Abby Goldsmith (two more monsters I'd like to have a word with); anyone with fingers in those three pies is not doing it out of principle. Again, Mr. Royce has one detectable, delectable principle: do what's good for Royce. And after all these years of politicking---i.e., running people's lives---he leans over to impress upon me with that gypsy innocence, the claim that he cares not for influence. The man exudes influence of every conceivable sort, as he takes oath, it is not his way.

It took hours of political obscenities to turn the conversation personal. It seems a habit of his, a very political habit, to be personal, and I should have known enough to turn it there sooner. Long I have listened to his political ideas, but afterwards I cannot for the life of me recall any ideas, any strict argument, any hard issues. I am always left with the memory of the characters involved, as he colors them. Offhand I can't say what Kay Harroff did, but well I recall she is a witch. He has a fine talent for adjectives; the grand old party has lost with him untold millions of shimmering, slithering smeared, because Royce believes that their way is not his way.

It cannot be, but that no one's way is his. He said he "thrives on controversy;" I agreed totally, because a man who can trifle with the affections of three "parties" is looking to be ripped.

When he said he did not care for publicity, and preferred to work behind the scenes, I suggested this was another expediency, that the things he did would not be tolerated elsewhere, they would be noticed. And the man agreed!!

The much discussed personal versus political loyalty bit found Mr. Royce siding with personal loyalty. Then, if the circumstances were right, would he have done to Steiner what Steiner says he did? Strike out...No, came the stout reply. There's the most personal loyalty of all.

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"As in water face answereth face, so the heart of man to man."

# ZONING: THE UGLY CRIME

On July 29, 1974, Judge Harold A. Ackerman ruled a Westfield zoning ordinance, which restricted the construction of "large, free-standing signs," as "fair."

A Westfield Ford dealer "had charged the ordinance...unfair and discriminatory, while Westfield residents maintained it was necessary to preserve the town's 'colonial' atmosphere." The Star-Ledger, 7/30/74, p. 43. (emphasis mine)

"The question plainly put," said Ackerman, "is whether or not esthetic considerations alone justify the exercise of the police power of the state."

"This court," he continued, "today holds that it is now appropriate to permit a municipality, under proper safeguard, to legally deal with the problem without subterfuge. Zoning solely for esthetic purposes is an idea whose time has come; it is not outside the scope of police power." (emphasis mine)

What a municipality is, never entered Judge Ackerman's mind. A municipality is simply a conglomerate of individuals—it is not one, but many.

I know a number of Westfield residents who disagree—almost violently—with this man's decision. Are these residents and their esthetic judgments to be ignored?

What if Mr. James decides to build an ultra modern home for himself and his family; do the police then have the right to burn or tear it down, simply because the "community standards" are different from his? Are they to deny Mr. James his property rights? Are we, because of some judge's standards, to deny this man his rights to life and liberty?

This one man—Ackerman—has given the police the power to destroy anything a "municipality" thinks is an eyesore or esthetically uncouth—whatever they may be. He has denied the individual those rights guaranteed him under our constitution. And he is proclaimed a judge? A judge's job is to do justice and if this be justice, then justice be damned!

Value judgments are philosophical questions, not political/judicial commandments!

When the judge talks about how it is "appropriate to permit a municipality, under proper safeguard" to deal, legally, with such value judgments, I ask—what are "proper safeguards?" Are they what the mayor of some municipality believes? The Chief of Police, or some other judge? Or could it simply be anyone living in that municipality? And if so, why? On what grounds?

When Westfield maintains and the court upholds "their" idea of keeping the town in a "colonial" atmosphere or appearance, are we to just sit back and help stifle men with brains that could someday become men like Frank Lloyd Wright—one of the greatest architects ever?

How Westfield "officials" or Judge Ackerman ever determined what "community standards" are, I know not. Whether they took a consensus of some nature is irrelevant! The question is—Do you have the right to use and dispose of your property as you see fit, as long as you do not infringe upon the rights to life, liberty or property of other individuals?

Obviously, Ackerman says NO, but does this make his judgment right? Anyone who considers Judge Ackerman's judgments as right, is not only anti-constitutional, but also anti-life—thus, anti-human nature. Your perfect collectivist—a man who denies the rights of the individual while dealing with the so-called rights of the collective! The group, the community, society—everyone but you, the one and only.

When Ackerman states that municipalities must have the right to "legally deal with the problem without subterfuge," is he admitting that previous to his ruling, things of this nature were dealt with by means of deception? Is he saying that no court took action on this deception by the local government, and that now it's all right to come out from behind the moldy trees, covered with slime so filthy that politicians of the past refused to show their faces? Now even the law recognizes them—politicians—as more or less "superior" to you in deciding what's best for you!

When Ackerman states, "A municipality may perceive that a plethora of signs, no matter how tasteful, can have an undesirable cumulative effect upon the well-being of the entire community," he is saying that even if the signs are the most beautiful and joyous things in the world, the number of them can somehow make them ugly and bad. May I ask, whatever happened to ratiocination? The quote above is like saying that, even though all these buildings in Laditsville are the most beautiful in the world, there are too many of them and we must rip them down, destroy them, simply because of numbers. Who would give a damn about the people who live or work in these buildings? Certainly not Judge Ackerman. Just throw the people out into the streets and let them rot—"community standards" demand it.

What about zoning? It in itself is a denial of property rights. What if every other girl born in Laditsville is gorgeous, while the other half are as ugly as your mind can conceive? Are we to zone off the beautiful from the ugly or integrate it in such a fashion that where you choose to live is no longer in your hands, but in the throttling hands of the State? When will property zoning start zoning you where to go, when to go, how to go, and why to go—or has it already happened?

Bradley N. Garrabrant

## THE CRYSTAL BULL from p 6

Overall, Mr. Royce is an enthrallingly dangerous bastard. Perhaps he laid it on heavily because I told him right off he struck me as being rather gentle. (But Royce! I almost never say things for true. I say them for the deductions to be made from them; hints, leads, clues, intimations, but seldom factual statements. You knew that from my questions.)

Being adaptable, I got the reprobate to talk politics until he was sufficiently beered up to revert to type. When he finally did, I knew I had something worth writing. It's my type too—I am not trying to give the reader Mr. Royce's public history, his ideas, his affiliations. The opinion that he is one of hell's own, you can also get from other sources. But like Royce, I prefer to leave the unfavorable memory. Not the facts: he was too "full-disclosure" to trust; when he said I could quote any rotten thing he told me, I was sure he was hiding something. Though he was quite without shame, exposing that black heart as if it were his greatest virtue ("hmm..." as he would say), this is why we should walk wide circles around him: he came off so well-intentioned, friendly, straightforward, can you imagine what he isn't telling us?

But throughout the evening, between the listening and asking of myself, "what sort of bull is this?" words from a weird old book kept coming back to me: "put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite...to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet." And from the same source, Mr. Royce would do well to remember, "He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind."

"Bjorn Faulkner never thought of things as right or wrong. To him it was only: you can or you can't."

Ayn Rand. Night of January 16th



## on brutality

The all-time low in ecological brazenry was hit in the November '72 issue of Reader's Digest (a main carrier of the platitudes of a nation).

You may have heard of Charles Lindbergh. (If you haven't, mercy forbids a bio.) In "Lessons From the Primitive," Lindbergh describes his sojourn with the Agtas, a tribe of good savages in the Philippines.

The Agtas maintain themselves by "hunting, fishing...occasionally exchanging their labor, or wild-pig carcasses...;" they "tend patches of corn, hammer iron into knives and spearpoints;" the typical shelter is a bunch of leaves sewn together and propped up by a pole; under this, "an entire family eats and sleeps and may entertain its guests." You get the picture.

A guest was Lindbergh. He speaks of a "framework of nature and life" here which is "threatened by civilization's progress;" it takes a while for the unsuspecting reader to wonder if he is speaking of nothing larger than the Agta dwelling. Well, he's a guest. That explains the words,

"Living with the Agta, one learns how simple life can be. When I arrived, a woman twisted my shelter around its pole to break a change in wind. Another woman rolled out a grass mat for my bed, and a man laid driftwood chips for a fire next to the pole base and under the overhang of leaves. I needed nothing else except a little food..."

"Food was available in any of the half-dozen nearby shelters---fish...corn mush, boiled roots and berries. I stopped at first one and then another, always welcomed and eating a little at each..."

That's easy for him to say, because he's a guest and an American and a fool at that. An Agta guest, I'm sure, would have had sufficient couth to praise less and offer to do the dishes (if they used any) instead. But an American fool guest who also happens to be 70 years old---you can't expect too much. And even a 70-year-old Agta fool would have kept decent silence about such pastoral prettiness as, "two girls pounded corn into meal." I do hope he had the minute class not to admire them to their faces for that; an Agta girl knows she can look forward to pounding corn and much worse for all the days of her life---which life cannot be expected to last for 70 years (thank heaven). Maybe half, maybe less, is her life expectancy. She might not question his admiration for her lifestyle, in view of the fact that it is the antithesis of his own; she might not have the presence of mind to ask what he finds so distasteful about that something to which he owes the second sorry half of his life. Still, she would register a definite confusion before his queer admiration of her lengthy labor.

Roots and berries are wonderful, sure. But because of the "invisible mass of knowledge [which Lindbergh's] culture has crammed into [his] head," he cannot linger on such simplicities. He must philosophize. (Beg pardon.) How different is Agta life from ours:

"From a primitive environment, you see civilization in a perspective attainable in no other way. You realize the values of simplicity and balance as opposed to luxury and excess. What extraordinary freedom comes from the absence of possessions! Less than a dozen household implements around me...no telephones or clocks, no chest of drawers, no stacks of dishes. I heard no talk about making more and using more to keep the system going. I felt the quality of time divorced from tempo---time for a babe to sleep in its mother's lap, time to hear the break of waves, the call of birds, the rustle of wind, time to appreciate and think."

Perhaps it is folly to think that an able-bodied Agta would (could!) be permitted to sit about listening to bird calls. Or to think he has time to appreciate same while sweating to produce the "nothing else except a little food" for his doddering guest. Have you ever tried to hunt with a spear? Have you even tried to read a newspaper with your elbows up and tried to appreciate what you read?

Charles Lindbergh was a "disturbed and alarmed" witness to the technological progress of our time. More and more cities, ugh! "The marks of civilization were spreading like a mange," he says. Apparently he didn't stick around the Agtas long enough to observe how mange spreads, though one evening he did sleep with a dog. There's simply no justice in this world, is there?

He asks, "What eternal strength did the primitive hold in which civilization was lacking?" I don't think we have that. We don't need it. We haven't their eternal labor. We sleep in our mothers' laps as babes, same as they, but later on we have the leisure to sleep in someone else's mother's lap, and without worrying about scorpions, or the roof falling on us, or some senile voyeur taking pictures of us.

His most intriguing question is, "What have I learned from my civilization during 70 years of life?" You can't imagine. He says the answer is "trite," and here it truly is: "the goal of man is man himself." How can you reconcile this with the belief in a "primitive wisdom" which once kept man and environment "in balance?" No way, white man. Balance means washing your clothes on a rock, giving birth in the garden, catching diphtheria; at best it's being like Thoreau, just one of the toads. You can hardly call it a goal, to survive 30 years before any lizard at all bumps you off.

Once, only once does he quote a native. "There is too much to do today to think about the past or the future," said the one. It's enough to indicate the sort of thing they said about Lindbergh behind his back.

He should have had a heart-to-heart talk with Lowell Thomas. In RD February '70, Thomas writes of visiting a stone-age people in New Guinea:

"They practiced cannibalism, headhunting... they burned and plundered, murdered both women and children, pitilessly hacked off arms and legs for the feast. Heads were kept and smoked."

Too bad Lindbergh didn't have the "primitive wisdom" to drop in on those guys.

Intellect, according to him, has often led man to catastrophe. He claims to prefer "the splendor, variety and balance that existed before the advent of the human mind."

This human mind submits I could construct a more coherent sentence by upsetting a game of Scrabble.

Have you recovered from that last quote? I would like to offer a further atrocity. From Scott Nearing, an American Socialist:

"The closer men live to the rhythms of nature, the greater their stability, poise, and sense of oneness with life. Following the rhythms of nature provides more than a formal education; it stimulates an unfolding and growth and attaches the fortunate individual irrevocably to Mother Earth."\*

That it does...

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\*The Making of A Radical, by Scott Nearing; Harper and Row, NY, 1972.

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## FROM THE CHAIR

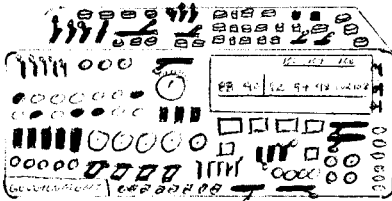
There is a great deal of work to be done in our battle against the state, and we must all unite to get it accomplished. Everyone can lend their talents to further the cause of libertarianism.

Our newest members, Bob and Irene Lucia, own a printing company and have offered to print our newsletter as their contribution to the NJLP. We certainly appreciate this generous offer and thank them. Now we need all of you to supply the writing and art for them to print. So if your abilities include using words or pictures to get our message across, Mary and the Lucias can use your help.

If your best method of communication is public speaking, let me know so we can publicize the fact that the NJLP will supply speakers to schools and civic groups.

Whatever you can do to help beat the government is urgently needed. Just let us know what your interests are. We must pull together while we still can, so the state will no longer threaten our liberties.

—JTR



## Government Brand-Lots of Controls

Cody

FREE!, Hawaii's LP newsletter, gets no appreciation, and I don't understand it. The July issue contained a Directory of Libertarian Publications which helped me no end in emptying my checkbook.

It was worth it. It is also worth the \$4 yearly to receive the wit and wisdom of its editor, Jerry Dickson.

JDD has not asked for this plug, an incredible oversight on his part, but he did say that FREE! is completely ignored by the rest of the world, so I have to say it. In the August issue, he wrote:

"No formal meeting in Sept due to the utter incompetence of the Chairman in arranging for a room."

"Libertarian Non-Event of the Year checks in with the SIL PHOENIX AWARD presented annually to the outstanding libertarian spokesman in the cause of liberty (or some such \*\*\*\*). Recipient this year is Nathaniel Branden, who is thrilled beyond belief..."

A man who would write things like that can be relied upon to tell the truth. Therefore, even though I don't like to get involved, I can recommend FREE!, because its editor is brave and true, and well he should be living way out there; send the bucks, do yourself a favor. He's at

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In August '74, the Reader's Digest carried Robert Bendiner's, "Who Really Needs Alligators?" Not far along, he says, "more is at stake here than man's pleasure." What? Less alligators, blah blah, more mosquitoes, blah, less birds, blah blah, ravaged crops. Such is ecology.

Man "usually fails to perceive...the consequences of his own clumsy intervention;" man jeopardizes his future "mindlessly." But Bendiner credits the wolf with the fine sense to drop his birth rate when the deer are scarce, and even have less cubs to the litter.

After much concern for how many mice the eagles get, how many caribou the wolves get, how much krill the whales get, etc., he finally throws man a crumb. "One must finally take account of the benefits to humanity." His for instance is the fruit fly; what would we never have learned without it?

Another unfortunate example is, in Death Valley, "the tiny pupfish, spirited remnant [endangered by developers] after millennia of miraculous survival..."

His description out of context sounds like the human race:

"a matchless laboratory for the study of evolution...stranded in isolated communities for thousands of years, and each community has had to adapt to different conditions. Some have learned to live in...hotter than 100 degrees; others can tolerate a range of temperature from freezing to at least 100 degrees."

Rah, rah, the spirited pupfish. That's the whole story: the object of their affections is a wolf, a dog, a pupfish; man is secondary. Man is not really admirable unless he is (dying of) living like an animal.

Hereabouts the ones who bare their teeth best are the pet lovers; they do not champion the deer as opposed to the Eskimo, but the dog as opposed to you and me. Do you notice scattered newspaper items on pet lovers, SPCA and the like? Recently a sizeable reward was offered for the capture of a dog murderer. Not by the owner---by enraged pet fanciers. Consider the time and money spent on pet shows, and humane societies; consider the energy that went into the protest against the Pentagon's beagle fiasco---consider the moral indignation they voiced over that. Did they holler so much against the persecution of Jews, Negroes, Indians? Did they even attack abortion? Or euthanasia---for humans? Did their immense hearts bleed over starving children, or even their miseducated own? Let's put some tax money, said one, into birth control for pets. Why? Because there's not enough food to go around, the pets will vie with humans for food, and pretty soon we will be hungry---but not the dogs and cats, presumably---enough to eat them! Because it would be the ultimate cruelty---to them!---to eat them! Not for us to be hungry, but for them to be eaten!

The mind reels. I'm waiting for one of these idiots to propose a law which would make it illegal to buy dog food for human consumption. A lot of senior citizens will wind up behind bars. Not to mention a lot more dog-murders being committed.

Lindbergh can be explained away, when he wants civilization to regress to some point before the invention of the stepladder. But the rest have even less than a pitiful excuse. These flakebrains who go gaga over pupfish and weep over starving kittens could care less about human beings---while the race of the parasite du jour must be protected from us! Their motives are unquestionably clear.

It's difficult to believe they're really serious. You're obliged to imagine these people tying a tin can to your tail. But after all, we're only human.

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## PREVIEW

Critique of NEW LIBERTARIAN NOTES,  
or Sam Konklin, whichever comes first.

# REFLECTIONS ON A SMOKE SCREEN

## An Apologia for a Pleasurable Pastime

The neo-Puritans, having failed in depriving us of the pleasures of alcohol and having only partially succeeded with sex by distorting its role in our lives, are now attacking that most innocuous of man's diversions---the smoke.

The puff, the drag, and the deep draw have now been relegated to the life-hater's limbo along with the nip, the belt, and the ogod old roll in the hay. That which was once regarded as "a lone man's companion, a bachelor's friend, a hungry man's food, a sad man's cordial, a wakeful man's sleep, and a chilly man's fire" is now deemed Everyman's ticket to the deep six minus a lung or two.

Every guilty age has its bogey. In the past, to those poor miscreants who committed the sins of seeking temporal pleasure, of thinking, or simply being alive and enjoying it, envious ascetics had served up a host of avenging demons ranging from Jehovah through the incubi and succubi to blindness and dunking stools. Today's bete noire is cancer.

It was not sufficient for those pallid-jowled, chisel-chinned American Gothic handwringers in the Federal Trade Commission to know that, in promising a wooden kimono for all who persisted in their affairs with Lady N, they had thereby shaken several million inhalers right down to their libidos. They had to go a step further, trotting out that classic minuet, "There Oughta Be a Law."

Now, having been forced to dance to this old bromide for the last ten years, aficionados of the weed are being treated to suggestive health warnings on their cigarette packs. And what good has this accomplished? Since the Surgeon General issued his 387-page report ten years ago, smokers' ranks have increased from 50 million to 52 million. And, according to The New York Times, teenagers are latching on to the weed at the rate of 3,000 per day.

So what next? Prohibition? Crusades? Are we to be treated to the spectacle of latter-day Carrie Nations storming into smoke emporiums, breaking pipes, stomping cigars, stripping those dreadful coffin-nails of their paper shrouds and casting the horrendous contents to the polluted winds? (Can a Lucky Strike auctioneer find a new career after 35?) Please.

Speaking of the Puritan School of Carcinogenesis in testimony prepared in 1965 for the House Commerce Committee, Dr. William B. Ober, director of laboratories at Knickerbocker Hospital in New York City, said that many believers in the "cigarette smoking causes lung cancer" theory tell us that smoking causes lung cancer, sexual intercourse causes cancer of the cervix, drinking causes cancer of the throat. ... I think if one starts with the notion that anything a man does which gives him pleasure is probably sinful, it is only one step to think it is harmful, and the next thing to do is to pass a law against it."

In short, some of us reek with a deep-seated need to tack onto each innocent pleasure of mankind, an unwanted, unpleasant, and often disastrous after-effect.

The whole thing's a bad non sequitur---the old post hoc ergo propter hoc. Let it alone. After all, history shows that goody-goodies (Confucius' "thieves of virtue"), for all their projects conceived "in the public interest," usually end up creating a monster.

Who knows? While the smugs sit in the jury box and Lady N cowers on the stand, the real culprit may be floating through the air or in rivers and streams. He may even be residing within the udders of a cow, awaiting his next move to the milk can.

A possible solution to this whole controversy may be found among the natives of the Caribbean Islands, who claim not one case of lung cancer, not even among men who have been smoking over 60 years. And no sissies, they. These birds smoke by putting the lighted end in the mouth.

Dr. Lawrence F. Quigley Jr., head of a team from the Forsythe Dental Center, an affiliate of Harvard Dental School, reported, in 1964, findings on 21 natives who had been "reverse" smokers for decades. In noting the absence of cancer in the lungs and other vital organs of these people, Dr. Quigley suggested a thorough check of environmental and genetic factors which may play a vital role in cancer development. Furthermore, having noted a total absence of tooth decay among these reverse smokers and suspecting that some agent in the tobacco might be interfering with the tooth-decay mechanism, Quigley considered recommending "that some minimal amount of tobacco be incorporated in toothpaste."

Is it mere coincidence that the cruelest men in history happened also to be ascetics? A study of the humorless, life-negating characters of Lenin, Stalin, Hitler and Mao Tze-Tung reveals misanthropy on a scale unexcelled. (One is reminded at this point of the Rev. Davidson in Maugham's short story "Rain." Davidson was a wretch who, due to an unfortunate malfunction of his mechanisms of repression and sublimation, betrayed in the end a vital and basic motivation of the anti-life cult.)

There is really only one way in which cigarette haters everywhere may succeed in their campaign against tobacco, and that is by outlawing smoking altogether. But let them, for Zwingli's sake, do a complete job of it.

First Congress, should pass another 18th-type amendment to the Constitution---this time against smoking. Then spinsters and other crusaders should form anti-weed leagues in every locality. Finally, the churches hop on the bandwagon by whipping up their bored female members to form another WCTU (Women's Christian Tobacco Underminers) to educate us all concerning the evils of Old Nic.

Wait! What of the thousands put out of work when the tobacco factories close? How will the Government cope with a tobacco-workers' march on Washington? Elementary: "bold new programs."

The Federal Government organizes a new job corps, retrains these workers and, at the completion of their studies, hires them as "revenoors" and special officers to sniff out the bootleggers, racketeers and smoke-easies that will have been spawned in the meantime. All of which should be enough to turn a good smoker to drink.

Mencken said it all when he defined Puritanism as "the haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy."

Aficionados of the weed have so far successfully resisted ten thousand Puritan-hurled insults to the brain. But now they're trying segregation and pariahship.

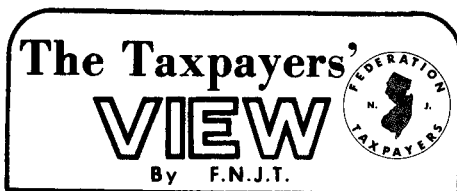
In case we weaken, and the day of no-nic tobacco, no-alc liquor, no-taste food, and non-orgasmic sex arrives, one can only offer the wise advice of the Great Emancipator: "Hold on with a bulldog grip, and chew and smoke as much as possible."

And let 'em put this in their pipes and smoke it: When Prohibition hit New York City fifty-odd years ago, 15,000 saloons were replaced by 32,000 speakeasies. Cough!

Joseph Jordan

Tobacco is a dirty weed: I like it.  
It satisfies no normal need: I like it.  
It makes you thin, it makes you lean,  
It takes the hair right off your bean;  
It's the worst darn stuff I've ever seen:  
I like it.

G. Hemminger, Tobacco



Although known to very few citizens, legal yet simple means are available to citizen-taxpayers who wish to halt excessive government spending at the local level.

Few governing bodies care to admit it, but a New Jersey Statute does exist which permits taxpayers to oppose local indebtedness by referendum. Title 40:49-27, available in public libraries and through municipal clerks, specifies the right of taxpayers to petition in such matters.

Title 40:49-27 provides that any municipal ordinance which authorizes an indebtedness (bond issue etc.) must be submitted to the voters for a binding referendum if a petition signed by taxpayers (property owners) whose combined signatures represent at least 10% of the assessed valuation of the municipality is presented to the borough clerk.

Note that signers of the petition are not required to be voters; the only requirement is that they must be taxpayers of the municipality. Where a property is in joint ownership, the signature of one owner will suffice. The signer should sign as his name is listed on his tax bill.

As soon as a governing body introduces an ordinance authorizing the incurring of an indebtedness, a petition should be drawn up immediately and circulated for signatures. Do not permit the petition to be passed from house to house. It is vital that the petition does not leave the hands of those who are obtaining signatures. The petition should read somewhat similar to the following:

Hon. Mayor and Council, Borough of \_\_\_\_\_  
We, the undersigned taxpayers, hereby register our protest against the Borough's incurring of an indebtedness as proposed by a bond ordinance to finance (\*) and request said ordinance be submitted to a public referendum.

\*Be specific, but brief, in stating the purpose of proposed indebtedness---a swimming pool; municipal building; library expansion; youth center, etc.

Time is of the essence. Petitioners have only 10 days from date of publication of final passage of an ordinance to submit their petition to the borough clerk. Sheets should be numbered and copies kept. The amount of assessed valuation represented by each signature should be checked, if possible, at the assessor's office or at the county seat. Be sure that all properties of the signers are listed on the petition.

It is recommended that the ordinance number and amount of indebtedness be NOT SHOWN on the petition. This is so because some members of governing bodies may go to extremes to deny taxpayers their right to petition; they might change the amount of indebtedness or ordinance number, or both, in an effort to invalidate the submitted petition. It has been known to happen.

The Federation recommends taxpayer petitions, pursuant to Title 40:49-27, as the best course of action for citizens who want to STOP THE CRAZY GOVERNMENT SPENDING. Already, Bergenfield taxpayers have used this tactic to defeat a \$900,000 bond ordinance for financing a so-called "self-sustaining" municipal swimming pool. Paramus taxpayers have submitted a valid petition to place on referendum a \$430,000 bond ordinance for library expansion. Paramus politicians are exhausting all means possible to invalidate the petition; however, it is believed legal precedents have been established which uphold validity of the petition.

Stewartsville taxpayers did not learn about Title 40:49-27 in time to stop a bond ordinance for approximately one-third the cost of a new municipal building, which the taxpayers considered far in excess of town requirements. They consider the proposed building simply a way to "use up" revenue sharing funds which would pay approximately two-thirds the cost. Now a drive is under way to get a local law on the books to prevent issuance of any bond ordinance without referendum by the people.

## The Beatle Plot

(Presumably a response to last month's lead article Repressive Tolerance)

It was John Lennon who said that the Beatles were more popular than Jesus Christ. No one needs to worry about the power of the international Church, but one should be aware of the Beatles' ambitions. It was no accident that the Beatles played up the death of Paul McCartney to have him come back as the new messiah.

Isn't it strange that their strong competitors, like Jim Morrison, Brian Jones, Janis Joplin, Jim Hendrix, and even their manager Brian Epstein, have died before time? Could the Beatles be hungry for their money too? The reason why the Beatles supposedly broke up is that four separate artists can sell more than one group. Have you noticed that two of their albums never come out in the same month? Another reason they broke up was due to the fact that some intelligent people like myself were becoming aware of their ploy, and this would be a good decoy. John and Paul fighting each other on their records is just another plan to sell more Beatle records.

The Beatles may also be involved in an international capitalist plot. Was John Lennon's marriage to Yoko Ono due to her being a member of a wealthy Japanese family? Could Paul McCartney's marriage to Linda Eastman be owed to powerful interests of Eastman Kodak Company? Are the Beatles going to take us on a magical mystery tour by employing their imperialistic army of longhairs headed by none other than Sergeant Pepper? Beware of their collectivist song, "All Together Now."

George Harrison jumped into the Bangladesh controversy; now with money he made on the concert, record, and movie, he would be able to exert his influence in controlling this new and weak country. Now the Beatles can have a home country from which to carry out their imperialistic plans. They were quick to respond in their actions to the Doors' lyric, "We want the world and we want it now." John and Paul are looking to Northern Ireland as their next potential conquest. Both have written songs to compliment their plans: John's "Luck of the Irish," and Paul's misnamed "Ireland for the Irish." Meanwhile Ringo created an undersea empire with an octopus garden.

The Beatles' influence is here, there, and everywhere, and when they take over the world it will truly be a Hard Day's Night. And in the end, their plot will be accomplished when they stretch their empire across the universe. For the time being watch out for the catchword of the Beatles' Revolution: "HELP."

Fred Stein

"Love me or like me but don't ignore me."

Fred Stein

BSFC II BOB STEINER FOR CONGRESS

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Bob's campaign of the 12th Congressional district is aided by the capable Jeffrey Scott Burslem, National board member of YAF, and inadvertently aided by an unnamed force of Bob's opponent, Rinaldo, who pulled a classic: on the side of Bob's headquarters one can see a large Re-elect Rinaldo sign. It will probably do his campaign more good, in the long run, than Bob's own sign on Route 22.

Bob, a Westfield accountant, is active in the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers (First Vice President), and was one of the leading fighters against the proposed New Jersey state income tax. How does he manage? "I finally figured out how to run my business and run for Congress--I have mastered the art of doing totally without sleep." I knew it!

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Ah, yes.....at the September 22nd meeting of the NJLP, Bob read the speculators an article from the Kentucky LP newsletter, part of which went,

There's evidence in some states that personality conflicts between organization members and candidates for office are causing serious disruptions in campaigning. Such conflicts and internal bickering can only demean the Party, and certainly do nothing to promote the image of professionalism which we need so badly. How can we expect to run the country if we can't even run our own organization?

---Paul L. Stiegler, Libertarian Front,  
Newsletter of the Kentucky Libertarian Party,

"....as the meek and gentle Savior he was....incomparably more atrocious than ever he was when he was at the very worst in those old days!"

"Meek and gentle? By and by we will examine this popular sarcasm by the light of the hell which he invented."

Mark Twain, Letters From the Earth

#### CORRECTION

Ralph Rucetola, editorial albatross par excellence, and one of the State Commoners who suggested I use a deadline, has notified me seven days after deadline of the following:

SEMINAR ON ECONOMIC SURVIVAL info, page 2, is as correct as can be, but the location is

Van Dyke Hall -- Room 211  
Rutgers College

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North Arlington, NJ 07032  
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## PLATFORM of the NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

### THE PARTY OF PRINCIPLE

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

We hold that each individual has the right to exercise sole dominion over his own life, and has the right to live his life in whatever manner he chooses, so long as he does not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live their lives 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 life of the individual and seize the fruits of his labor without his consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that the sole function of government is the protection of the rights of each individual: namely (1) the right to life -- and accordingly we support laws prohibiting the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action -- and 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 -- and accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support laws which prohibit robbery, trespass, fraud and misrepresentation.

Since government has only one legitimate function, the protection of individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. Men 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 on a free market; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of man's rights, is laissez-faire capitalism.

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