

# RICHARD E. GEIS #1

## A PERSONAL JOURNAL

5-8-78 Jane Goodall, the woman who has been studying chimpanzees for 20 years, has come up with some "disturbing" findings. In a news conference recently at the National Geographic Society offices, she revealed that a tribe of chimps in the Gombe Stream Reserve in Tanzania which had divided into two groups because of population pressures, developed killers; males of the parent group attacked and killed the males of the second group. This is the first time Goodall has observed such behavior.

Biochemically and genetically, human and chimpanzee are nearly identical various studies have determined. And chimps have moved even closer to mankind on the evolutionary ladder since it has been verified that chimps and orangutans possess a sense of self-awareness.

The "disturbing" aspect of this finding of killings of another group's males is the indication of a primal---instinctual?---capacity or program for killing in chimps and by extension, in humans.

War, therefore, is within the human gene-pool? War...genocide... is part of our makeup, if extreme push comes to extreme shove?

This, if verified, shoots down a host of religious and Liberal dogma. It gives a boost to the evolutionists, and makes creationists appear wishful thinkers.

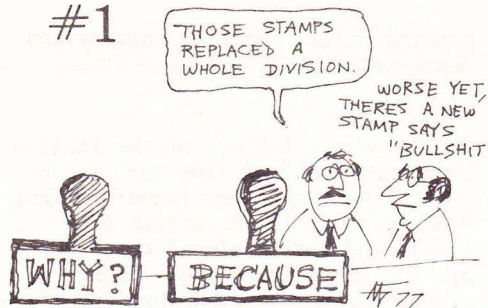
As for society---if we have to admit Sociobiology into our law structure it should be fun to observe the revolution.

The perfectibility of man may be a lost cause...which makes socialism and communism untenable. Man may have to take a long, unblinking look at himself and make laws and morality that are realistic...which deal with man as he is and not insist on trying to make him conform to ideals---what he "should" be.

We may be more rigidly predetermined than we think, and with very little capacity for "molding" or "shaping" by idealists in power.

# This misguided practice by some TV networks, of running exhaustive previews of their major dramas--as in WHEELS last night---is enraging. I don't want to know in advance the key dramatic situations and character conflicts. I don't want to know the plot beforehand!

But NBC, so eager to grab a major audience share, ran the same sequences of high-points again and again. One sequence was so exhaustive I almost turned off the show---I'd been given a capsule version of the episode in a minute of key scenes.



TV networks aren't the only ones guilty of this. I've seen movie prevues which encapsulated the entire film, including the ending, and left me with the thought, "Why see this movie---I've just experienced it minus a lot of busy-work footage."

This type of prevue is the mark of insecurity; the decision-makers are too anxious, too needful of a big audience...and they end with self-defeating hype.

Tantalyze, intrigue...but don't blow the entire story--all the crisis points---in the advertising!

# Review of A CRITIQUE OF INTERVENTIONISM by Ludwig von Mises. Arlington House, \$8.95.

These are articles and commentaries written by this Holy Man of Capitalism in the 1920's, in which he demolishes the fundamentals of socialism and marxism, and shows that government intervention in the economy always results in the opposite of what is desired.

But his main target is statism: the logically untenable position that the state must interfere to prevent anarchy and harm. He saw that this do-gooder premise leads inevitably to the unstated but operative assumption that 'The only reasonable economic order is a social order in which private property exists in name, but actually is abolished, the state holding the final reins over production and distribution.'

Some would say we are approaching that state of affairs now.

Interesting that the social and economic ground covered by economists and politicians in the 1800's and early 1900's is still being spaded, argued, built upon now. The same arguments, the same refutations, and the same avoidance of the refutations.

People hate discipline and want something for nothing. They're perfectly willing to rip-off other classes and nations...other generations to get something for nothing. Self-delusion continues to serve in justifications for the processes.

# The surge in the economy recently has been fueled by catchup activity due to the bad winter and the coal

strike, and (we now learn) by a massive increase in consumer debt---up to over \$4 billion in April. A few years ago a \$700 million increase was cause for alarm. No one cares, now. Business loans are skyrocketing, too.

It is now evident that the buying panic that struck Wall Street last month is a bear trap, and that all those monkey-see, monkey-do buyers are going to be burned.

The only defense against inflation is to keep up with it by somehow earning more money and refusing to save it, under existing conditions.

5-9-78 A SIGN OF THE TIMES AND THE FUTURE? Fred Meyer, Inc., a supermarket chain, has begun selling "no frills" foods and commonly used items.

They will be offered in plain packages without brand names, at up to 30% lower price.

Safeway said they considered this move, but decided against it.

Fred Meyers and Safeway are strong competitors for this city's grocery business.

Speculation: will food stamp users eventually be required to buy only these black-and-white plain labeled foods and common-use items?

Does Fred Meyers know something Safeway doesn't?

# A 23-year-old member of the Hare Krishna sect who was abducted from Portland International Airport on April 17 has apparently filed affidavits with the Marion County Circuit Court saying he is breaking his allegiance to the religion and does not wish to return to Oregon.

Judge Duane R. Ertsgaard gave 'temporary guardianship' of William A. Blackman to the young man's father, Martin Blackman.

William was kidnapped, taken out of the state and has been in the hands of a "deprogrammer" and psychiatrists and psychologists ever since.

Martin Blackman has refused a court order to return his son to Oregon and now has produced a signed affidavit purportedly by the son, and affidavits by 'unnamed physicians' saying that it would harm the boys mental health if he had to return and be seen in court, and questioned.

Judge Ertsgaard did not indicate whether there would be further hearings in the case.

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Comment: How lovely for the young man's civil rights. Without seeing or hearing him, the judge granted a third party legal right to kidnap him and take him out of state. He is now, for all the judge knows, being help captive, his affidavid a fake, and the unnamed medical men stooges hired by a rich father.

The judge directed the father to produce the young man, and the father refused. Now the father says his son is too fragile mentally to see the court. The father refuses to tell the court where the young man is being kept/held.

So the lesson is clear: don't be neurotic, don't seek meaning in life from what the newspapers call a 'cult', and don't let anyone know where you are---or your civil rights can be wiped out by an obliging, stupid judge who could care less about the constitution. Think approved, socially acceptable thoughts, dress in approved ways, and believe in accepted anglo-saxon religions and you'll be okay. Deviate and you'll be captured, held captive against your will, brainwashed, re-conditioned, and as a result of the "help" probably made an emotional basket case.

Legal rights? "Mental" cases don't have them. And all someone with money or authority need do to make you a non-person is label you a "mental."

# Review of DOWN AND DIRTY by Frank King (Marek, \$8.95). John Mekker is a homosexual cop. He has twenty years on the force...and abruptly he is told to take early retirement because his secret is out.

Seeking advice and help, he visits a professor friend from old times---and discovers the man hanging by a belt from a light fixture, dead.

But the man wouldn't have committed suicide that way, and Mekker, going to pieces emotionally, continually up and down on pills, pecks away at the mystery...and is involved in an investigation of a series of identical belt hanging suicides by improbably people. What is the linkage?

This is a very good, rough, at times brutal, always gripping murder mystery. Mekker's emotional turmoil seems a bit much, given his 20 years of tough cop life, and the reason for the suicides/murders is incredible.

Nevertheless, the seamy New York milieu is utterly real and is the real star of the book. Mekker abuses his body so much it's a wonder he lasted through the case, and while Frank King wants him to turn private-eye in promised sequels, he can't last another book if he keeps

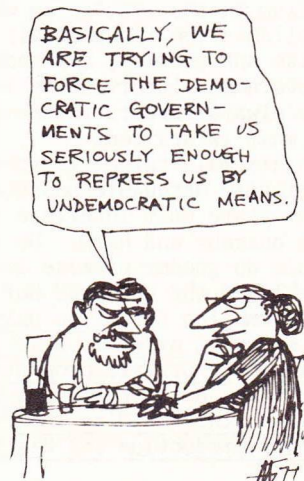
popping pills, swilling whiskey and death-wishing all over the place.

# The abject failure of the Italian government to find Aldo Moro in 56 days of hunting (they found him shot dead in a car in the middle of a city), and their refusal to negotiate for his release (lest other groups decide to kidnap prominent politicians and bargain with lives) has prompted fear and dread in the U.S. government. A White House meeting has resulted in the consideration of a super S.W.A.T. team which could strike fast and efficiently when/if a politician is kidnapped.

Stupid. The solution is Intelligence---undercover work, informants. Spying.

But that solution is illegal and if carried to the point of true effectiveness would result in a de-facto dictatorship and police-state in the U.S.A.

Still---if a few American politicians are kidnapped and executed by fanatics---ANY government, by any means, is willing to protect itself. There is a world of truth in the cartoon below by Alexis Gilliland.



5-11-78 In all fairness, I should do a follow-up comment on the Hare Krishna kidnapping and deprogramming affair I wrote about on May 9.

A story in this morning's Oregonian (with picture of father and son, both smiling) tells that the father did just bring the son to talk to de judge, and de judge, satisfied, dismissed any possible contempt of court charges and etc. except---that if the son intended to remain or return to Oregon (and hence possibly vulnerable to the supposed siren call of his former "cult" friends and instructors) the judge would leave intact the "temporary guardianship" he had granted the father if the father requested it.

Once a "mental", always a "mental." This young man is now vulnerable to his father's concepts of right and wrong for as long as the father lives. (What if the son, formerly of the Jewish faith) should decide to seek salvation in the Catholic church? Are the Catholics a "cult"? Would any judge dare let dad Blackman send in kidnappers to a Catholic monastery? Imagine the stink. Imagine the uproar. Imagine the congressional furor by Catholic legislators. No judge would dare! So it's a matter of numbers of believers, money and power, isn't it? Not at all a matter of constitutional civil rights and freedom of religion.

For instance, would a judge in India grant a Jewish father the extra-legal rights to seize his son from the "clutches" of a major Indian religion?

Here are some quotes from William Blackman as they appeared in today's paper:

"I'm very glad to have my mind back again. I lost it, oh, yes, most definitely." ... "I was interested in God and spiritual life, and they seemed to have many answers to the questions I asked about how to serve God, how to realize the truth." ... "I was convinced. I was brainwashed. I had no input from the outside world, and I read no literature except that by the cult leader." ... 'The cult leaders convinced him that he must follow orders of the spiritual master submissively' "and without mental speculation. Using one's own mind to think about good or bad was a definite hamper to one's spiritual progress." ... Is deprogramming a terrible experience? "Deprogramming is actually and simply taking me out of a controlled environment and giving me the opportunity again to use my mind rationally. It didn't take me long to realize that there had been something very fishy about this blind acceptance of authority."

Gee, does this mean it's okay to yank pre-adults out of other 'controlled environments' which teach blind acceptance of authority and which restrict outside contact?

Like boot camp?  
Like military schools?  
Like drug rehabilitation programs?  
Like prisons?

Oh, those are different?

5-14-78 A British correspondent sent a clip from one of the big papers there:

FRENCH PLAN EASY TRANSPLANTS  
LAW  
Paris --- French Government



published law authorising doctors to use organs of dead persons for transplant without prior authorisation from that person or his family. Under new law all organs can automatically be used for transplant unless dead person earlier filed explicit legal document forbidding use of organs. (UPI)

COMMENT: Since explicit legal documents cost money to have drawn up and filed, 99.999% of the French people will not bother. France has now become the prime source for transplant organs, which should appeal to a certain class of rich people with deteriorating bodies.

Certain organs can survive quick freezing, others have a useful life of only a few hours, but with jet transport and a special team of surgeons...

There may spring up in France an underground arrangement of convenient deaths of prime organ stock. These groups may develop international standing orders for young hearts and kidneys...

The day a technique is developed to successfully side-track or side-step the body's immune system to prevent rejection of "foreign" organs, we'll see good health in young people become a liability, and kidnappings for organs will become an international organized crime. (But the first victims will likely be the poor and the "natives" of small, powerless countries. Trouble is, finding really first class healthy bodies among the poor and among the primitives will be difficult.)

With microsurgery married to a super computer, in our lifetimes we may know of the first successful brain transplant. Now THAT is worth saving your money for!

If you had the fee, and you were old and about to die--and wanted to live!--would you be willing to take a young person's body? It would be murder--that person's brain would be destroyed after removal. You can never really answer that question until you have the choice.

# Let me look at the major possible candidates for the 1980 presidential election.

JIMMY CARTER: Having sold his soul to the Tri-Lateral Commission and the eastern money establishment in order to get the Democratic nomination and win the election, he is proving a failure. But his failure is their failure, and he may be used as a scapegoat. I doubt if Jimmy Carter will even seek the nomination in 1980.

JERRY BROWN: is a prime candidate to challenge Carter. But Brown

isn't wearing well: his image is crumbling and his hi-jinks with a young woman rock singing star will not go over well in the midwest or south. He'll be re-elected as Governor of California, but his symbol-manipulation and underlying statism will turn more and more people off.

TED KENNEDY: I believe him. I don't think he wants to run for President.

GERALD FORD: He would like to run again, but now that Betty Ford's emotional and physical problems have surfaced, it would be perceived as a cruel and selfish act to ask her to go through another long, grueling campaign and to face the pressures and duties of a President's wife again.

RONALD REAGAN: If the Rockefeller/Morgan ruling clique had wanted him and his policies he'd be in now. They wiped out Goldwater in 1964 with their media power, and would smear Reagan if the "old-fashioned" small-business and conservative wing of the Republican party managed to nominate Reagan in 1980.

HOWARD BAKER: He's a Rockefeller man, and has charm and a superficial honesty. He wants to be president and may be picked by the Rulers to run on the Republican ticket.

WALTER MONDALE: If Carter is made scapegoat or decides to not run, Mondale is a possibility. Certainly, as a member of the Tri-Lateral Commission and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, he is in the Rockefeller/Morgan bag. Watch his words, status, and if he is protected from Carter's increasingly bad image and record.

#### REALITY IS A CRUTCH FOR CYNICS

5-17-78 It was entirely predictable that Richard Nixon's memoirs wouldn't sell. Nobody would expect him to tell the truth in his book. Everyone expected the book to be self-serving and a dud.

So why did the publisher pay him a small fortune for the rights to publish?

I think it's unacknowledged "fringe-benefits"---a kind of bonus ---given/arranged by the money establishment for services rendered. In short, it's a pay-off, in the last analysis, by Rockefeller/Morgan to make sure he stays quiet and doesn't rock the boat. It's part of his "pension" from them for a lifetime of service.

Kissinger and Ford are likewise being benefited by the powers-that-be. When Carter is let go you can expect similar big money to go to him for his "memoirs" and "services" to the big media.

In fact, a tipoff as to the Rockefeller/Morgan policy line is the trotting out of Kissinger and Ford and other former administration bigwigs in congressional hearings or on the CBS/NBC/ABC network news. The Canal treaties and the sale of fighter planes to Egypt and the Saudis are cases in point.

These men are on call, and loyally mouth the Trilateralist policy as required.

There is now a bit of spadework being done by Vance and others in the administration to change laws so that the U.S. can dabble and interfere in Africa and other places without being hampered by Vietnam-inspired "isolationist" laws.

Carter wants to be able to send arms and perhaps "advisors" without going public with his actions.

The invasion of Zaire's Shaba province by what are called former policemen of the area, from Angola and Zambia, is being used as an example of need-to-act quickly. If Shaba is taken away from Zaire, the copper mining and refining wealth of the area will be either immobilized or denied the central government ---and Zaire will be bankrupt so fast--- And the Chase-Manhattan Bank (among others) will be facing such losses.... The loss of Shaba could be the last straw.

5-19-78 Glug! Researchers at Emory University at Atlanta report that Tylenol, aspirin, chlorpheniramine maleate (an antihistamine), and phenylpropanolamine HCl (a drug that dilates the bronchial tubes) all decrease vitamin A levels in experimental rats.

And here I am taking 12 or so aspirin per day... Well, the only option is to up my A intake a bit in compensation. I'll have to tell my doctor about this item.

# Proposition 13, the property-tax limitation initiative on the California ballot is being watched with fear and trembling by local and national politicians (and government workers) far and wide.

The latest polls show that the older and over \$20,000 per year voters are for it, and the poor, young and renters are not in favor. Since the poor and young are notoriously lax in voting, the proposition is likely to squeeze by. All the property-owners will vote their pocket-book.



I remember when I lived in Los Angeles in the 60's there were periodic attempts to get enough signatures on petitions for a tax-limitation initiative. Nothing happened. The politicians scared the voters and the voters weren't hurting enough.

Now the property-owners are hurting bad with ever-increasing assessments due to ever-ballooning property values due to inflation and a real-estate boom.

It's happening in Portland, too. This home was assessed at \$20,000 in 1975. The new assessor's valuation received last month (to be applied in November) is \$36,000. My taxes of \$700+ last year will probably exceed \$1,000 this year.

The California initiative would limit tax collections on real estate to 1% of actual cash value.

Personally, I think that's a fair limit. If I had my way, though, I'd eliminate any and all taxes on homes. Let the county or school district bill the parents of each school child for needed monies, and let the parents only vote on school improvement levies (since they only would pay the bills.).

What of the poor parents on welfare? The Welfare dept. would have to pick up the tab of those kids. How to keep welfare mothers from having more and more babies? Pay them a "bonus" to have abortions. Pay them a "bonus" for every six months they remain unpregnant. Compared to the costs of the child until 18 or so (and the costs of the vandalism and crime that results from a percentage of these babies as they grow up) paying women who are on welfare not to have kids is a good deal for society and the taxpayers. Everyone should be educated about sex and contraceptive materials should be free!

But back to the incipient tax revolt hovering in the wings in this country...if the voters in California pass this initiative, and if the threatened "chaos" doesn't happen, and if there are significant savings and cutbacks in government spending in the state... The movement will spread like wildfire and there will be a strong move for a new amendment to the United States constitution for a limit to federal taxes on the individual citizen...probably to 10% or 15% of net earnings. To make it simpler, 10% or 15% of gross earnings. Either way, most people would consider that fair, and it would allow long-term planning, you'd know nobody was getting cheated or off scott free. And such an amendment to the constitution would, if properly worded, limit federal spending and federal power. Hell, simply insert the constitutional requirement that the federal budget must be balanced every year.

Those amendments would cure 90% of what ails this country, spiritually, and physically.

You hear a lot about the terrible example of Watergate and Koreagate as reasons for disillusion in government and politicians. But the most serious immorality of our federal and some local government is in deficit spending and the ensuing degrading of the currency.

If the government thinks it can get something for nothing, why shouldn't the citizenry? If the government has no discipline, why should you? If the government is cheating people of their savings, why shouldn't you? That's the message we've been getting for a generation or more.

At some point the people revolt.



They want basic morality in government--and that is primarily a currency that retains its purchasing power and can with confidence be saved.

You NEVER hear that old, prideful saying, "Sound as a dollar!" anymore, do you? It's a joke. Like the comedian slapping a car fender and saying, "This car is as sound as a dollar!" and the fender falls off.

5-20-78 West Germany and Russia recently completed a 25-year trade agreement. It is huge. It involves more than 120 projects or sub-agreements, and joint, high-technology development in the USSR of an area the size of France. This is a coup

by the Germans and assures their economy a base of orders and work and profit for a generation.

But the massive trade agreement is unknown in this country outside of financial circles and journals.

It represents a victory by the Rothschilds and allies over the declining Rockefeller/Morgan locus centered in the U.S.

Just a few days ago a high German banking official said the U.S. dollar's recovery from recent devaluation lows may be short-lived.

He may know something about upcoming U.S. balance of trade deficits.

The current boom, fed by massive debt, probably is consuming huge amounts of foreign raw materials and manufactured goods. This news will add another mortal blow to the stock market optimism which has been feeding on hope and desperation.

The tax cut proposed by Carter is being cut back, and the terrifying social security tax increase set for January of 1979 is still in place.

The federal budget deficit for the mid-78 to mid-79 period of 50 billion will likely be expanded greatly as the economy begins to falter this fall and unemployment shows signs of creeping up. Suddenly inflation (soon to hit 10%, by the way) will take second place to "getting people back to work" and a stimulative 40 billion dollar tax cut will reappear very quickly. So it goes.

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In 1960, in Iowa, during a campaign drive between towns that had been poorly timed...

'Nixon seethed with anger. He was riding in an open convertible and Air Force Major Don Hughes, Nixon's military aide, was in the seat directly in front of Nixon's. Suddenly,--incredibly--Nixon began to kick the back of Hughes' seat with both feet. And he wouldn't stop! Thump! Thump! Thump! Thump! The seat and the hapless Hughes jolted forward jaggedly as Nixon vented his rage. When the car stopped at a small town in the middle of nowhere, Hughes, white-faced, silently got out of the car and started walking straight ahead, down the road and out of town. He wanted to get as far away as he could from the Vice-President. I believe he would have walked clear across the state if I hadn't set out after him and apologized for Nixon and finally talked him into rejoining us.

---THE ENDS OF POWER  
by H. R. Haldeman  
Times Books, \$12.95



5-23-78 In the back pages of the WALL STREET JOURNAL today is a story of some significance: at an international monetary conference of bankers being held in Mexico City, Henry Kissinger suggested that loans to the Soviet Bloc and the Third World countries should be tied to political objectives.

In other words, tell the ungrateful bastards, no more money unless they stop all that shit in Africa, and unless the small beggar countries stop calling us names and turning to the Soviets they should know their loans will be called and they will go starving.

This is said/suggested by Kissinger in very polite terms, of course. Significantly, he was introduced to the 100 assembled international bankers by David Rockefeller, head of the Chase Manhattan Bank (to which Kissinger is a consultant for a heavy salary).

This call to put political strings on big loans suggests a new "get tough" policy by the Rockefeller-Morgan power group which rules the United States and parts of the rest of the world. I see it as a loud signal to others---a 'party-line' memo to the underlings in media and in other influence centers who follow or are beholden to the Rockefeller-Morgan empire.

Certainly the Carter administration will now begin to "talk tough" to the Russians.

Further speculation leads me to wonder if a propaganda campaign will not soon surface to paint the Russians and Cubans as Enemy and to prepare us for some heavy intervention in Africa.

There will be seen a need to 'free the President's hands' of the post-Vietnam war restraints imposed by congress. (Whatthehell, if the French and the Belgians can send in paratroops, why can't we? Are we a paper tiger? We have to have a strike-force or nobody will respect us! We must be able to play the role in the world that our strength and vital interests requires!)

#### # POLITICAL NOTES

----I hear on the news that former Federal Reserve Chairman Arthur Burns has suggested that one way to set a good example on the inflation-fighting front would be for President Carter to voluntarily take a 10% pay cut...to \$180,000 from \$200,000, and that congressmen should do the same.

Hah! That puts them on the spot! This may be a lovely little revenge by Burns on Carter for not reappointing Burns as Fed Chairman.

----Poor Sadat of Egypt. He felt so insecure that he staged a special referendum on his power and popularity, and with 98% of the people vot-

ing for him, promptly cracked down on fringe leftist and rightest political opponents. They were bad-mouthing him, pointing out massive economic problems, and he just couldn't stand it!

----And Trudeau of Canada has put off the expected summer general election because the polsters show a recent rise in strength of the conservative party. But this sign of weakness can only do further harm to him and his party, and the inflation and mismanagement of the past few years will not go away. Probably only get worse. But politicians---living for the moment, chewing on hope---always expect something to turn up that will save them.

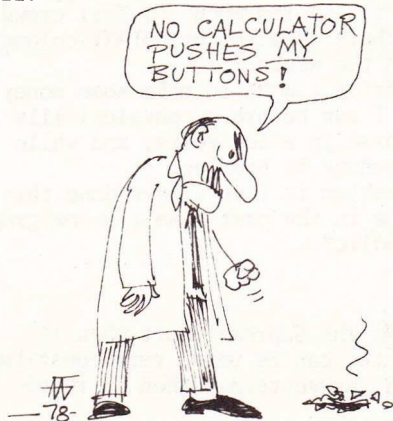
5-25-78 As you may know, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter's national security adviser (and organizer of David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission, and the man who picked Jimmy Carter for membership in that exclusive Establishment group) has been visiting China the last week.

In the past few months David Rockefeller Himself visited China, followed by his fellow-thinkers and agents Ted Kennedy, Sen. Henry Jackson, Sec. of State Vance, and now Brzezinski.

Something is cooking. A more solid "understanding" and alliance with China, against Russia, is most likely it, plus opening the way for more trade and/or exploitation of China's oil (much more there than was formerly believed), and assured supplies of China's tungsten ore (of which they have 90% of the world's known reserves. Tungsten is absolutely vital for a modern industrial nation).

The price we pay will be some kind of recognition that Taiwan belongs to China, though assuring no interference with the huge multinational investments in Taiwan.

We may end up selling China modern weapons. They may end up selling us and Japan a hell of a lot of oil.



# An SFR reader commented recently in a letter that he was fascinated with my low-income lifestyle.

I don't have what I consider a low-income lifestyle. If I cut out the newspaper, the trash pickup each week, the phone, and if we cut back on use of hot water, and if we used the wood stove for 80% of the heating and cooking...and if we didn't go to movies once or twice a week, and eat out once or twice a week (\$1.00 and \$1.25 admission theaters, pancake and low-cost restaurants), and if we really grew as much food as we could...if we did all this...then I am sure we could live on about two hundred dollars a month.

And it may come to pass that if the international and national financial structure collapses and all is foodstamps and anarchy, then we may have to live the minimal income life.

But I still need some extra tools and self-sufficiency items.

Foremost is a good, long-lasting food dryer/dehydrator. And a cost/benefit figure; it does no good to dry your food and store it for the winter if the cost of electricity to run the dryer makes the food more expensive than buying it from the store.

Sears has a \$44. unit, rather small, with four drawers 12" x 16". Depends on how long it takes to dry food.

# Over the past year especially, I've been afflicted with a yen to try yet again my lurking desire to pursue... Gad, what a sentence. I want to learn to draw and paint, is my problem.

However, I do not have the steadiness of hand necessary to go with oils or acrylics in the usual easel manner. And my expectations and demands for skill and quality in myself will not permit "amateur" slop work.

I've worked out hand/wrist steady-ing methods and devices in my head, and experimented with different techniques, and mediums. I know what I want to do---spend at least three or four years learning anatomy and perspective and etc. to my satisfaction. Teaching my hand to draw what my eye and mind see. Learning color. Learning it all. Trying it all, until I find my best medium and mode.

Basically, what I want to do is be able to draw realism well and then add fantasy so that the fantastic elements are convincing and real because they have the same realistic detail and because they are involved with realistically rendered people or backgrounds.

Also there's a desire to "possess" beautiful young women by creating them and by recreating them on paper...a lovely bank teller? A day later she's



on my drawing board, nude. A movie actress? Same fate. The President's wife? HA! This leads to exquisitely detailed sex acts between famous people. POWER!

(I suspect this sort of thing already goes on. There may be a secret underground trade going on in porno and scatology circles, collectors, who pay high prices for renderings of Jack Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe.... Etc.

Of course doing art to my required level takes persistence and time. Each day. And I don't have that time now. Not with SFR, REG, novels, the GALAXY column...

So ART is being put off till... I've got a small but growing library of artbooks, art how-to books, and cut out pictures from magazines.

When will I get to this ambition? When I phase out SFR, I think. And I intend to continue SFR at least three more years. That'll be, I think, just as the next Great Depression starts to bite deep.

I'll always write, though. As of now I expect to continue REG forever, and maybe do one or two novels a year. (Provided I can sell them.)

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'WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY FROM THE TIME THREE DECADES AGO WHEN F.A. HAYEK SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THE ROAD TO SERFDOM. A SERF WAS A PERSON WHO DID NOT OWN HIS OWN LABOR. ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT HIMSELF OWNED BY ANOTHER ---THAT IS, HE COULD NOT BE BOUGHT AND SOLD LIKE A SLAVE---THE FEUDAL NOBILITY, THE STATE OF THAT TIME, HAD RIGHTS OVER THE SERF'S LABOR. WHEN WE SAY THAT A PEASANT WAS ENSERFED, WE MEAN THAT HE OWED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF HIS WORKING TIME TO THE STATE. OVER TIME AND REGIONS THIS OBLIGATION AVERAGED ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF A SERF'S WORKING LIFE.

'THE SERF'S POSITION PROVIDES A PERSPECTIVE THAT LET'S US SUM UP THE REACTIONARY FORCES IN THIS CENTURY IN SIMPLE ECONOMIC TERMS. IN 1929 GOVERNMENT IN THE U.S. HAD A CLAIM TO ONLY 12% OF THE NATIONAL INCOME. BY 1960 GOVERNMENT HAD A CLAIM TO 33% OF THE NATIONAL INCOME. BY 1976 GOVERNMENT HAD EXTENDED ITS SHARE TO 42%. IN RELATIVE TERMS OUR POSITION TODAY IS WORSE THAN THAT OF THE MEDIEVAL SERF WHO OWED THE STATE ONE-THIRD OF HIS WORKING TIME.'

---Paul Craig Roberts  
"Disguising the Tax  
Burden", HARPERS,  
March, 1978

Brzezinski used MEET THE PRESS to make his headlines. In this New York Times News Service story it is also revealed that Brzezinski "advised" HEW Secretary Califano not to go to Russia on a June 10 scheduled trip. The real power is beginning to surface, now. Califano will obey.

Another sign of the Russia-Is-Now-The-Enemy (and we must have the ability to intervene in Africa and elsewhere, and we must not cut defense spending) campaign was the TV news footage telling of severe disagreements between Carter and Gromyko in their face-to-face talks. SALT is in trouble.

Plainly, the Rockefeller-Morgan Establishment is worried sick about Russian-Cuban activities in Africa. There are a lot of big loans at stake. Zaire's copper and cobalt production is going to be at least halved for a year or more due to the recent raid by Katangans trained by Cuba and equipped by Russia, harbored in Angola and helped by Zambia. Angola and Zambia would like to take over Zaire's Shaba province, of course.

Zaire is now in effect unable to make payments on its debts, and a new rescue attempt may be mounted by the banks or IMF.

(Turkey is in the same position, by the way, recently having to require its international debt be renegotiated.)

"Renegotiating" loans can go on for a hundred years, on paper, to keep from having to declare loans actually in default and billions lost. But investors will not be fooled.

# The second great New York bankruptcy crisis is due in June. It's such a tangled mess that the city may actually end up unable to pay its bills for a while. Every effort will be made, however, to keep throwing good money after bad.

# I keep taking on more work than I can easily handle. A bi-monthly SFR I can handle. A REG I can handle. But writing a novel simultaneously (and scheduling the completion of a sex novel partial if the publisher wants it) is too much. I feel crowded. There is also the GALAXY column due in two weeks....

Partly I want to make some money while I can before my physical ills get worse in a few years, and while the economy is booming.

Problem is I've always done this routine in the past. Am I a low-grade workaholic?

that the first amendment does not give newspapers, TV, other publishers---anyone!---any special immunity from search and seizure by police who are looking for evidence concerning a crime, if the police have a valid search warrant issued by a judge.

The case ruled upon was appealed

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'ALL OF US HAVE BEEN BORN TO THE STATIST GOSPEL THAT GOVERNMENT IS THE INSTRUMENT OF SOCIAL PROGRESS. ANY CLAMORS FOR TAX REDUCTION ARE TRANSLATED INTO PROPOSALS FOR TAX REFORM, WHICH ARE FURTHER TRANSFORMED INTO PROPOSALS FOR SECURING MORE REVENUES FOR GOVERNMENT. AS WE HEAR THE TALK ABOUT TAX REFORM AND "EQUITY," WE MIGHT PAUSE TO CONSIDER, IF OUR CULTIVATED PROGRESSIVE IMAGE WILL ALLOW, THAT "EQUITY" MEANS MORE TAXES ON THE PRODUCTIVE TO PROVIDE THE REVENUES THAT BUILD THE SPENDING CONSTITUENCIES OF CONGRESS AND THE FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY. WHAT IS OPERATING IS NOT EQUITY, BUT THE GOVERNMENT'S SELF-INTEREST.

'THE ADVENT OF SEVERAL MAJOR TAX INCREASES IN TANDEM WILL DESTABILIZE THE ECONOMY, BUT FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S PERSPECTIVE THAT IS DESIRABLE. THERE WILL HAVE TO BE MORE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS TO DEAL WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF INSTABILITY. EVERY SOPHISTICATED PERSON IS AWARE OF HOW SPECIAL INTERESTS USE THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS FOR THEIR OWN BENEFIT, BUT THE SAME SOPHISTICATE IS BADLY SCHOOLED IN HOW THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS FURTHERS THE SPECIAL INTERESTS OF THOSE IN GOVERNMENT. INFLATION LEADS TO THE IMPOSITION OF WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS AND CREDIT ALLOCATION, ALL OF WHICH INCREASE THE SPOILS, MONEY AND INFLUENCE DIVVIED UP IN WASHINGTON. UNEMPLOYMENT MEANS MORE CETA JOBS AND PUBLIC WORKS, AND WHAT MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT CLASS IS HURT BY THAT? PUT SIMPLY, INSTABILITY INCREASES THE DEMAND FOR THE SERVICES OF BUREAUCRATS AND FOR PORK-BARREL LEGISLATION THAT BUILDS THE SPENDING CONSTITUENCIES OF BOTH CONGRESS AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. IT ADVANCES THE CAREERS OF ACADEMICS AND TECHNOCRATS WHO MOVE BACK AND FORTH FROM THEIR THINK TANKS AND UNIVERSITIES AND IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT.'

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5-29-78 The campaign is on. Today two front-page stories show that Russia is getting the treatment in the media: 'Brzezinski Lashes Soviets' Global Adventurism' and 'Study For NATO Warns Of Buildup Of Soviet Power.'

6-1-78 The Supreme Court when it wants to, can be very, very constitutional, as yesterday when it ruled

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by the Stanford Police after they had invaded the Stanford University newspaper offices and searched for photos (they hoped had been taken by a newspaper photographer of an anti-something-or-other demonstration).

The state court and a federal



appeals court had ruled the search illegal...unconstitutional...and that the police should first have subpoenaed the hypothetical photos.

But the Supreme Court reversed this, saying that police searches through private files and possessions is okay if they have a warrant.

They feel, apparently, that such are not 'unreasonable searches and seizures' as prohibited by the constitution.

But everyone knows that there are always obliging judges who are in the authorities' pocket, who will automatically give the police a search warrant on demand...and worry about the constitution later, if ever.

So this ruling gives the state a handy-dandy weapon for intimidation and smear whenever they care to use it. When they want to put pressure on an embarrassing anti-establishment press, all they need do is pretend they think the press has in its files evidence they need...and they came go on a not-so-subtle fishing expedition in the editors' notes, files, papers... In the press' financial records...

And they can do this as often as they want. All this without claiming that anyone who works for the press or is associated with it in any way has committed a crime.

At the same time [same day] the Supreme Court ruled that a search warrant must be obtained by fire inspectors if they wish to return to the scene of a fire and examine the site, even if only a few hours have passed since the fire was put out.

As I mentioned above, the current Supreme Court can be very strictly constitutional when it wishes. But it still thinks "obscenity" is not protected by the first amendment, although it did recently decide that a community must judge 'community standards' in re "obscenity" on an adult level. No fair including children in the judgement if the material was intended only for adults.

This back-a-step move will make obscenity convictions harder to get, I imagine, and will mean that fewer and fewer District Attorneys will want to bother with such prosecutions. Only the extremely sick and objectionable porno will get attention, in other words, and the common fuck-and-suck books and films will be let alone. Provided the sellers are discreet. And use over-18 actors and actresses. [Bee-Line Books now are requiring writers to avoid interracial sex, and no character may be under 15.]

By the way, did you know that in many cities the longest running film ever, eclipsing THE SOUND OF MUSIC and STAR WARS, et. al., is that film classic name of DEEP

THROAT?

By the way, whatever happened to Linda Lovelace? Is she living in obscurity under another name, with a husband and kids? Is she somewhere in Europe or in an Arabian sheik's harem, doing her thing?

# The inflation rate is now 10.8% and likely to hold in the double-digit area for several months.

The value of the dollar has begun to fall again on the foreign exchange markets.

Interest rates are creeping up and a credit-crunch is likely unless the Federal Reserve starts printing money again at a great rate.

The conventional wisdom is that the next recession will start in the winter of 78 or the spring of 79. I think it's just beginning now and won't be recognized until October or November.

People have been spending a lot of their savings to beat price increases due to surging inflation. This buying splurge will end soon. Watch new car sales as a clue.

6-3-78 Anybody but me notice how quickly that story was given to the press? Russian electronic surveillance gear found in American Embassy in Moscow.

Part of a calculated desire by the administration to stall or chill a SALT agreement? Carter just had apoplexy denying the Washington Post story to that effect, but the pieces fit. The arguments with Gromyko, the trips to China, the viewing-with-alarm the Russian/Cuban operations in Africa...

Carter seems at odds with his top advisors who represent the Rockefeller/Morgan ruling viewpoint.

It's not surprising that a President should have an occasional policy difference with his bosses. The question is: how basic a difference and how often?

The latest poop is that Carter may after all take a trip to China,

after having said the top Chinese should come to us once in a while, and it's their turn. Anyway, a China trip would be good politics for Carter and it's probably what his bosses want.

# I am bemused that Gulf Oil seems to be in such constant trouble with the Federal watchdog agencies, especially for bribing foreign governments, and now I read that a Gulf agent in Washington spread five million dollars to campaigning politicians in the past few years.

Sen. Henry Jackson for one, and Jimmy Carter for another. I begin to wonder if Exxon and others are not trying to "get" Gulf...force it to sell parts or all of its operations...something like that. It wouldn't be the first time the 'weapon of government' has been used by the insiders against rivals and competitors.

The money given to the then would-be Gov. Carter, and Sen. Henry Jackson was small potatoes and could not have been a serious attempt to buy them; it was just "touching base" with a possibility and shaking hands with an established senatorial power.

# I'm sure you'd like to know that Peru has just defaulted on its billions of dollars of international government and private debt. Seems its ruling military clique loves planes and tanks and guns so much it is willing to bankrupt the country to get them. The people are pissed off and there may be a revolution, probably bloody, since those arms will be turned against the people without qualm.

# I'm trying watering individual plants now, instead of turning on the sprinkler hose garden watering system and (to my mind) wasting 90% of the water on unused dirt between plants... (It only helps the weeds.) This takes more time in the case of tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash, melons, but taking a specific interest in each plant makes one observe the plant when watering, and that

OH, I'M PARANOID, RIGHT ENOUGH. THEY ARE OUT TO GET ME.

ONLY I DON'T CARE ANY MORE.



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leads to caring for it in small ways: thinning, dusting, keeping the soil loose...and makes for greater pride and a more productive garden. I only wish I could semi-retire and spend hours out there.

6-7-78 Proposition 13 passed with a whoop and a holler in California, and now grim-visaged politicians, smelling defeat in November if they don't do their jobs, are gulping and saying they'll do their best, the People-have-spoken, etc.

All across the country cold chills are in Liberal Democratic hearts. The Money Machine is being dismantled. The victims are revolting. Where initiatives are in the state constitution, initiatives of the Proposition 13 type for drastic home-owner tax cuts are being started (or have already been started---and as in Oregon, the voters are signing the initiatives by the thousands.)

The politicians---the local and state establishments and the special interest groups who stand to lose jobs and patronage if severe budget cuts are required---are not yet really convinced they have to get off the gravy train. They'll try to cut police and firemen, and education and pathetic crippled children programs first, to show what TERRIBLE a thing the voters have done.

Mark my words. ONLY when incumbents are turned out of office in droves will there be serious, permanent cuts in budgets. Only when people are elected who keep their cost-cutting promises will a new era begin in this country.

The average age in this country is going up, year after year. The middle-aged are reasserting their power.

I suspect that a long period of conservatism and Republicanism is about to begin. It will be powered by the so-far-and-no-farther aspect of the American people, and it will be given a huge shove by an economic downturn of very serious proportions.

# It appears now that Zaire will require 100 million in new loans to keep going. In addition it is now too obvious that Mobuto's army isn't worth shit. The mineral-rich Shaba province will have to be protected by Moroccans, Gabonians, Senegalese, and equipped in part by (of all people) Sadat, of Egypt, who is sending some old Russian tanks he had laying around, rusting.

Moroccan troops were used a year ago to guard people and installations in Shaba, after the last rebel invasion.

I presume Morocco is a USA bought and paid for country...and that the

other "Pan African" countries sending troops are in the same money bag.

This has been a very rewarding operation for Russia and Cuba: They train and equip a few thousand rag-tag rebels, send them in for a few weeks of fun and games, have them shoot some precious whites, and the Western World goes ape, the financial markets totter...

You can bet your bippy that the rebels will be back in another year or two.

# I laughed when I heard that Sadat had said if the Israelis didn't toe the mark and make some peace moves to his liking he would go to war again.

The man amazes me. The sheer bravado... The Egyptian economy is in a shambles, he is dependent on the USA and the Saudi's for eating money, and he talks about taking back the occupied Arab lands.

The Israelis are going to make the West Bank and the Gaza Strip part of Isreal by osmosis; over the next fifty years or so they'll settle more and more Jews on those lands, and when they have 51% of the total population they'll hold a plebiscite....

Again, why should they give an inch? The Arabs are weak and divided.

# The Saudi-Arabian oil minister, Yamani, said that beginning in 1979 there would be a series of small oil price increases imposed by the OPEC nations, for our own good. No point in freezing the oil price beyond 1978 because inevitably, he says, the price hike would have to be sharper and more painful.

It is reported that U.S. officials agree with this strategy.

So in addition to the massive Social Security tax increase set for 1979, we will get steady gas/oil price rises.

It occurs to me that much current high retail sales and subsequent prosperity is due to a beat-inflation philosophy and a buy-while-we-can outlook by people because they feel rightly that after this year times will be tough. Get the new car now! Get the washer now! The trip to Hawaii now! Fix up the house now!

If this is the motivation for the vast increase in debt and spending of savings by the public, then the steam will really go out of the economy next winter.

# MOVIE: THE END. Burt Reynolds is "hot" now, and he has the perfect combination of self-mockery and seriousness to carry this story of a man with maybe a year to live. He and his friends, lovers, wife, doctors talk frankly and humorously a-

bout death, dying, the best way to live those precious few months.... He decides to commit suicide to avoid the horror of it all, and fails. He tells a madman to kill him, and the crazy tries hard, but....

It's a funny film because of its light touch and the comedy talents of Reynolds and Dom Delouise (I misspelled his name, I'm sure.) And I respect the film: Reynolds, who produced it, didn't cop out and save his character from inevitable death by means of a medical mistake or something.

# More and more biology is answering questions and getting results that are beyond the 'soft' sciences of psychology and sociology.

Latest is research showing that human aggression probably has a biochemical aspect: three brain neurotransmitters---specifically, and most important, serotonin levels, seem to be critical to violent, aggressive behavior in humans.

These brain neuro-transmitters are affected by genetic factors, diet, and early life experiences.

Lithium has been shown to boost serotonin levels in animals. And other drugs in existence or in the future may have 'violence-control' potential.

1984 approaches like a steam-roller.

# An American Civil Liberties study has shown that when giving diagnosis and expert opinion in court, psychologists and psychiatrists agree with each other on a given matter only about 54% of the time. The study goes on to assert that the professionals are likely to agree only about 40% of the time on whether a particular patient has a specific functional disorder, such as schizophrenia, paranoia, depression, or passive-aggressive personality.

Further, the statistics show that predictions of dangerous behavior are wrong about 95% of the time.

And they call laetrile a fraud!

# It was reported that a powerful new strain of marijuana has been developed and is being grown extensively in southern and eastern Oregon. The stuff is up to five times stronger than ordinary USA-grown pot.

No way the authorities can keep a lid (pardon the pun) on this new plant. Seeds are probably being spread even now throughout the world.

I predict a great tourist invasion of Oregon this year.... Nature walks in the dry hills, along the wet coast...The least the state could do is post signs showing the leaves of poisonous plants: THIS IS POISON IVY--DO NOT SMOKE IT!

See you next issue.