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10-20-78 On CBS last night some of the shit hit the fan concerning what it will probably cost the U.S. taxpayer to have President Carter play power broker with Israel and Egypt: Israel is now telling us they want us to not only built them two nice new big air bases in the Negev, but we must also pay billions to relocate and house all those "illegal" Israeli settlers in the Sinai.

Tsk. The cost of keeping a President in diplomatic triumphs is getting higher and higher every administration. And we still haven't heard what the Egyptians will cost.

On Sunday last the Congress passed its vaunted tax cut measure and the stock market was so enthralled and encouraged by the cuts (which don't even make up for the new Social Security tax increases and inflation tax increases) that it dropped 22 points on Monday and for the week to date (as of Friday morning) it was down over 50 points.

Of course the continuing bulge in the money supply, the continuing climb of interest rates and the continuing devaluation of the dollar overseas (thus insuring more and more inflation---price increases, that is) had something to do with it, too.

The monetary and fiscal crisis continues.

The Federal Reserve is trying to serve two masters: keep the boom going by pumping more and more money into the banks (who then lend it and create more money in turn by a deposit multiplier-reserves sleight of hand) and stop inflation by discouraging borrowing by increasing interest rates. It's impossible. And foreign and domestic financial hard-heads know it's impossible. But the charade goes on.

I've managed to build seven more container garden boxes---16" x 4', to form a rectangle in the center garden in the backyard. I'll fill them with leaves and garbage this fall and winter, some earth from other gardens, and some steer manure from a sack, and I expect next year to be growing some fine crops in them.

Question: To dry vegetables and fruits in a drier takes 10-12 hours, according to the drier books and pamphlets. How much does it cost

to run a drier that long? In other words, is a drier cost-effective? Or would it be as cheap to buy canned and frozen foods as you need them, from a store? I'm sure it would cost less to grow and dry your own foods, but how much less? And considering the time investment....

Now, I'm of the belief that in a few years because of a credit/debt collapse and a depression, my income will be very low and I suspect there may be a great crime wave, riots, perhaps marshall law and a temporary dictatorship in this country. There will be supply dislocations, slowdowns... Having to depend on the federal or state or even local government for 100% of my food in that event strikes me as idiocy if avoidable.

Five years from now I expect (if not the above scenario) a vastly more powerful federal government dictating who-what-when-where-and-how (if not why) to at least half the people of this country, because the whole of us weren't gutty enough to face a depression and cried out in woe for the government to protect us from want. It will be a master/slave situation, there will be continuing inflation of the money supply---thus devaluation---and continuing warpage of the social fabric and culture.

But I've said this before. And as events bring one of these futures to reality, I'll say it again.

The tax revolt of today is mostly a middle-class revolt against long-term squeezing of purchasing power and status. The numbers of people "on the take" from the state

is ever growing, and I frankly see the present revolt as a last gasp, a reflexive spasm of a corpse. I just don't see anyone around who wants true freedom since that involves self-reliance and self-discipline.

BOOK REVIEW-----

ON THE BRINK is a disaster novel---the disaster being a hyper-inflation of the U.S. dollar by a crazy Chairman of the Federal Reserve, and a cowardly President.

The cast includes a charismatic fundamentalist political leader who is building a movement of youth and common folk, a woman economist on the White House staff, a rich man with a 17-year-old mistress, a sycophantic Secretary of the Treasury...and a few typical households who are used to vividly illustrate what deliberately flooding the country with printing-press dollars does to people and society.

The authors are Benjamin Stein and Herbert Stein. Herbert was the "house economist" for Nixon, as I recall, and Benjamin may be his son. Herbert is the expert on the economy, inflation and its consequences and his experiences in the Nixon White House are reflected in the words and behavior of the President in this novel.

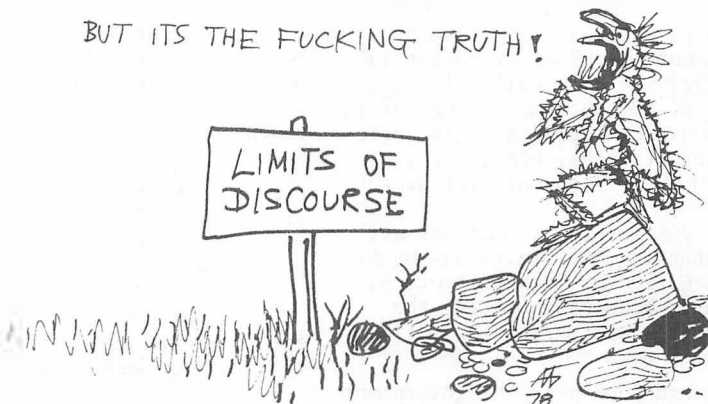
The time frame is 1981---rather soon, I'd say, but who knows? The novel was written in 1976-77.

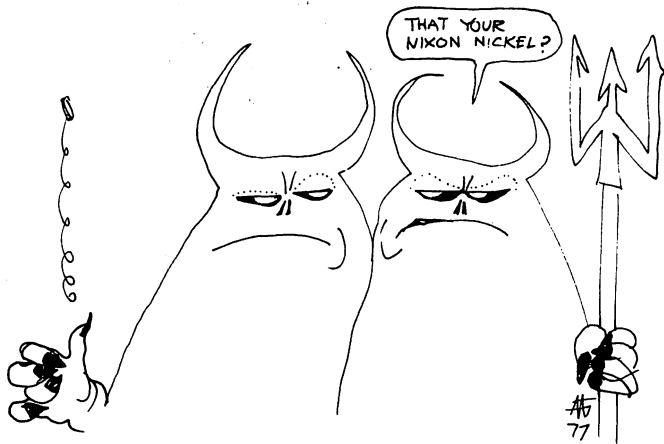
It's a fair novel, professionally written, with not much sex or violence...unless you count the riots toward the end.

Ballantine, \$1.95

BUT ITS THE FUCKING TRUTH!

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Dr. Peter Beter's wild September Audio-Letter contains a blockbuster assertion! He claims President Carter has leukemia and a tumor in his head, and will be in office only another six months.

This is breathtaking if only because it is a flat statement---no hedging---and easily verifiable in time. I mean, in six months Dr. Peter Beter is either a fraud or a man with incredible intelligence sources.

11-1-78 The last three days have been amazing for the stock market and for the financial crisis.

Monday the stock market dropped over 18 points in the morning and recovered in the afternoon for a 5 point gain. Gold rose \$11.

Tuesday the market lost 19 points and Chase Manhattan bank raised the prime interest rate to 10.5%. Great woe was expressed as the D-J Industrial average dropped through 800 to 792 and seemed to point ever lower and a recession in 1979. The bear market trap had snapped shut with a 115 point loss in two weeks, forcing debt selling by those who had borrowed to buy stocks.

Carter's anti-inflation "plan", a charade, was called a fraud by George Meany [a blunt, ignorant labor leader] who then called for total control of the economy by the federal government: controls on wages, prices, interest rates, etc., etc., etc. Total idiocy. A formula for dictatorship.

The Justice Department has evidence that big, multinational banks (Chase, Citicorp, Bank of America, etc.) have been manipulating the foreign exchange markets by selling the dollar down.

Wednesday morning the government announced it had arranged a 30 bill-

ion dollar credit line with four foreign governments [Germany, France, Japan, and England, I presume...or maybe Switzerland instead of England] to borrow against in order to buy with foreign currencies excess dollars overseas.

And gold sales by the treasury are to be doubled in order to soak up more dollars.

And the Federal Reserve Board raised its discount rate from 8.5% to 9.5%, thus making it much more expensive for banks to borrow money from the Fed...thus raising the cost of business and consumer loans another one percent at least.

As a result of these moves the stock market has surged 20 points in the first hour.

COMMENT: The only meaningful move was raising the discount rate to a new historic high. This will definitely discourage a lot of borrowing and start the recession in gear if it is not already moving.

The \$30 billion line of credit and selling more gold is only stop-gap stuff for psychological effect; The government is willing to sell off more hard assets and go heavily into debt (further) in order to give the dollar a temporary boost now in the foreign exchange markets.

#Barry Bosworth, one of Carter's half-assed inflation fighters said the government must concentrate on controlling inflation and not worry about bringing down the unemployment rate further. Translated this means the government will not worry too much when the unemployment rate creeps upward in the months ahead.

These wild gyrations and dramatic moves by the government are the signs of a crisis. There will be more wild swings and desperate moves by government.

It should be noted that interest rates are still not high enough to encourage knowledgeable people

to save. As one money dealer said, what we have now is 'free' money since borrowing at 10% is a bargain in a 10% inflation situation.

The Federal Reserve has still not turned off the credit/debt spigot while making a show of fighting inflation by raising interest rates officially to keep up with the market rate. It's all sham and fakery, and foreigners are not fooled! Only a few ignorant Americans are conned.

In six days there is an election. These symptoms of profound instability are disturbing the electorate. I suspect a lot of ins are going to be out on Nov. 8.

The geo-political struggle going on in the near-east is heating up with further, effective Russian subversion in Iran.

The Russians aren't concerned with the conservative's objections to the Shah's modernization moves as such; they're helping any and all anti-government forces in order to de-stabilize the government and foment a revolution or economic breakdown. They have a strike by refinery workers now which could paralyze the country soon and result in huge oil revenue losses.

Having taken over Afghanistan a year ago, the Russians are now working hard on Iran. Putting an anti-western, socialist government in place in Iran would be a coup of major proportions. It would radically alter the balance of power in the near-east, screw up the oil cartel, and bring the Russians into position to really menace Saudi Arabia.

Look for the U.S. to make some moves to help the Shah.

The decision by the Israeli government to 'thicken' their settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip only confirms my opinion that they do not ever intend to give up effective control of those lands. Egypt and the U.S. will have to gulp, make face-saving gestures, and accept that policy or forget about a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

Prime Minister Begin is not afraid of Jimmy Carter, period.

If Iranian oil is denied to the world for very long, that makes it that much easier to the remaining OPEC nations to raise the price of oil. The latest poop is that a 10% increase is in the works for December.

I've spent two afternoons constructing a small tool/gardening supplies shed against the back side of the house. The garage was getting chaotic. I used scrap lumber I had stored in the rafters. In the days

ahead I'll hang the doors, put in shelves, etc. and apply a coat of linseed oil and at least two coats of paint. But these chores are a matter of an hour a day until completion. I got the major work done during the current clear, dry weather.

11-2-78 Huh! The stock market went up 35 points yesterday, the largest rise in one day, ever. This following the previous week's record-breaking drop of 60 points.

Wild swings like this I say again, are symptoms of a crisis and FEAR.

The radical 'dollar-supporting' moves by the administration yesterday are in my view mostly window-dressing. They wanted to make a big splash and wanted the dollar to surge in foreign exchange markets. It did, and it will, for a few days. To make sure it surged the administration bought billions of dollars worth of dollars, using some of those credit lines it has with Germany, Japan and Switzerland.

I'll wait and see what happens when our government stops buying.

The key to what happens to the dollar and this economy is still what the Federal Reserve does about the new debt and new money it has been pouring into the economy; if it really cuts the flow in the next month or two and sticks with it, we'll have a short, sharp credit crunch and a recession. [Cynical thought: Carter and his advisors have decided to take a recession now and re-inflate the economy in time for a good showing of the economy in 1980 and the elections.]

RECENT MOVIES-----

ENTER THE DRAGON with Bruce Lee. I can see why he was a superstar in the orient and has had a following in the West. Great martial arts skill, blinding speed, fair acting ability... [Well, a kind of mannered, stylized individual acting that brought chuckles in places.]

Also on the bill was another martial arts film, MASTER OF THE FLYING GUILLOTINE; a ridiculous fantasy but interesting for its production values---exaggerated sound effects for every karate, kung-fu, ju-jitsu, etc. movement and contact, fast pace and plot structure.

Both films resemble porno in story pacing and emphasis: they are both built to give long, detailed, repetitive display to the ingredient the audience had paid to see.

In ENTER THE DRAGON and MASTER OF THE FLYING GUILLOTINE, you can count on a dazzling display of deadly martial arts fighting every five to ten minutes---dozens of young men are either killed, maimed or badly damaged.

Just as in DEEP THROAT and others of that genre you can expect to see a to-orgasm sex scene in detail every five or ten minutes.

As I said when ENTER THE DRAGON ended, "Once you've seen two of those you've seen them all." A young woman in the row ahead of us turned and nodded agreement.

But they're fun, once. I should think that only a certain type of obsessive/compulsive personality would want to make a steady diet of martial arts films. Although the attraction of a super-hero like Bruce Lee is a heavy ingredient for those who need to identify with that kind of strength/skill/discipline/purity-of-morals hero.

When the stark opening credits for Woody Allen's INTERIORS came on the screen I knew instantly he had indulged himself in an art film of the European kind---a further leg of his journey from his beginning sight-gag/satires like TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN. Woody Allen is now a serious filmmaker and will soon face having to make comedies again in order to have the opportunity to make any film at all, or having to stop making his somber, tragic, character-revelation art film because they bomb and nobody will finance another.

INTERIORS has fine actors and fine acting. But if you listen closely to the dialog you can hear Woody Allen talking to himself.

11-7-78 I managed to get the doors on my shed out back and get the linseed oil on the raw wood and particle board sides before the rains came. No time to paint it.

Now I'm using every spare hour to run off and collate my self-published sf novel, CANNED MEAT. That's a hassle I won't go through again! You can read the sorry details in the next issue of SFR.

I seem to go from one deadline to another. This REG should go to the printer by the tenth. Doubt if I'll make it. I suppose the schedule should become approximately monthly, or irregular.

The continuing financial/monetary crisis fascinates me. High drama. For instance, yesterday and today the dollar has turned around again and begun to lose some of its recent gains. (Has the U.S. government stopped buying?) And gold, which had surged to \$243 per ounce and dropped to \$216, has begun to rise again. And the stock market, so wowed during that 35 point one-day surge, looked down at its chest and saw the bullet hole; the government shot it dead with increased interest rates and it's only now realizing that fact and is sinking again.

Could that big government effort to stabilize the dollar and reduce inflation be a bust so soon? We shall see.

Consumer debt increased \$3.2 billion more dollars in September. This pace of debt accumulation cannot be sustained. New jobless claims increased last week perhaps presaging a rise in unemployment this winter. Once significant numbers of working wives are laid off the new car and retail sales figures will drop like a rock. Home sales will plunge. A great cry of woe will be heard o'er the land and THEN the crunch will be upon Carter and his bosses: take more recession or pump the money/debt into the nation's bloodstream again and start pretending they don't know what's causing the renewed inflation.

HO-HO! I Told You So Dept. Peru is bankrupt and is being



'allowed' to put off paying 90% of its interest-owed on billions of \$\$ of loans from the IMF, private banks and industrialized country governments. These 'pauses' in repayments are to run through 1980. This means the banks can carry these bad debts that long without having to recognize them as dead losses.

There will soon be a long string of less developed countries in this same boat, and a longer string of big banks holding umpteen billions of \$\$\$ of dead loans whose corpses will not be allowed to be buried.



A doom that is hard to believe is detailed in the Nov. 4, 1978 issue of SCIENCE NEWS. It's the familiar approaching crisis of mass starvation as more and more prime cropland is used for housing, roads, and spoiled by overuse and erosion.

Reports show that since 1971 food production has failed to keep pace with increases in world population. Since the 1940's expansion of yield per acre, yields have leveled off or declined. New lands added to agriculture are progressively less productive because of poor location, poor rainfall or poor soil.

But last year we in the USA had a bumper wheat crop, and this year we have a huge corn crop.

This in spite of a 1975 report saying, 'a third of all U.S. cropland was suffering soil losses too great to be sustained without a gradual but ultimately disastrous decline in productivity.'

And: 'Soil fertility is also waning.' A number of soil surveys and studies indicate that the inherent fertility of as much as one-fifth of the world's cropland is declining."

So if you believe the reports and the experts, a gradual crisis is creeping up on the world. "Suddenly" a famine will develop because world reserves of wheat and corn will have been drawn down, cropland is yielding less and less, and a drought year in the U.S. and Canada will prevent us from helping other countries (and food will be too expensive to import).

Already the world is seeing lower and lower yields from the oceans as the seas are being overfished year after year.

I've about decided to save my money for a small greenhouse to be positioned against the garage. The coming recession/depression should be a good time to buy. And I'll get a food drier: electricity costs can be cut a bit by using the sun to do as much preliminary drying as possible.

I think next year, after I have enough money to pay the taxes, buy the greenhouse, and assure a few

years' living expenses, I'll cut the publishing schedule of SFR back to quarterly again. Reduced income, but 30-days more time to read, work/play in the gardens, maybe even do some long-delayed art practice. The bi-monthly schedule is too time consuming, especially with REG and the column for GALAXY. Trying to write novels on top of all that is almost impossible.

11-9-78 There were several results of the elections two days ago which deserve comment.

California and Seattle voted not to discriminate against homosexuals. The phrasing is 'sexual preference' and everyone knows that means homosexuals...although it could mean pederasts, bestialists, necrophilists....

The forces of intolerance took a defeat or two this time...and with the example of California and Seattle in existence now (making toleration of alternate sexual life-styles "respectable") the religious zealots will have less success in future attempts to make the Constitution conform to their prejudices.

I'm not impressed with the slight gains made by the Republicans. They won a few House and Senate seats because so few people voted---37% of the eligible voters!---and because the older, more conservative types vote more often and more consistently than under-thirty voters.

The Republicans tried to ride the tax-cut, cut-the-government tide and found the Democrats saying the same things.

I say again: until the Republicans soft-peddle traditional religious morality/conservatism and adopt a modern libertarian outlook that emphasizes personal freedom as well as business freedom, they'll continue to diminish as a party. Their constituency is getting older

and older and death is taking its inevitable toll.

The Republicans need a great infusion of youth, and to do that the party will have to adopt some sexual/cultural/social freedom planks as well as its usual economic freedom and cut-spending dogma.

I think the Republicans cannot do it, however. They are moribund. Their leaders---even if they had the guts to try to reorient the party---could not manage to make their old-fashioned hardcore supporters swallow the personal freedoms policy needed to revitalize the party.

A new party is needed, I suppose. And it will require a well-known socially acceptable charismatic leader.

The odds are that the Democrats will give birth to the new party or the new leader, sooner than the Republicans.

More on the elections: National-ly it's obvious the voters weren't hurting very much [yet] economically. There was no great "turn the rascals out" movement. 1980 will see either a continuing recession/depression or a resurgence to 10%+ inflation as the government inflates desperately to win the election, leaving more and more people with vivid, evil memories of bad times or lives of bad times...and in 1980 I expect Jimmy Carter to either not seek renomination [giving the nomination to Jerry Brown or Ted Kennedy] or I expect Carter to be defeated by Jim Thompson or Howard Baker.

If the hard-core Reagan-lovers manage to get the Rep. nomination for Ronald Reagan, that would make it a very close contest against Carter, and in that event I suspect Carter might win.

But the powers-that-be who have controlled the nomination since the "slip-up" of Goldwater in 1964, will not permit Reagan to be nominated for the top spot. A loyal Republican moderate controlled by the Eastern Establishment will be the choice.

Here in Oregon the voters [with my help] turned out an inept, clumsy Democrat governor and put in a moderate Republican.

Also: we returned to office Sen. Hatfield and all the incumbent House members. No great dissatisfaction shown. That great phoney and statistic, Al Ullman, was re-elected by a huge margin.

#We had a carbon-copy-of-Proposition 13 on the ballot to cut property taxes, and we had a legislature-devised con job, Measure #11, as an alternate choice. #11 would have cut home taxes and retained business property taxes while allowing increases in income taxes.

Box #6 and #11 were defeated; both were unsatisfactory. The new governor (who supported #6) will ask the coming legislature to put a modified #6 on the next ballot.

#The voters ignored over \$500,000 in propaganda and campaign ads by dentists and dental organizations and passed a 'Denturists' referendum measure, making it legal for dental technicians to make and fit false teeth. This was approved overwhelmingly. Regular dentists will now have to drastically lower their prices in the face of heavy competition.

#The voters decided, narrowly, to continue to let the state pay for abortions (for welfare people). This was mainly a matter of voters not liking the idea of killing human life, but liking even less the prospect of paying ever-more taxes for welfare to support these unwanted children. A \$200 abortion is cheaper.

A newspaper clipping from England, sent by a friend, quotes an English psychologist as advocating that children have the option (legally) of divorcing their parents if they're not happy with them.

Thereby, if carried out, making the state the new legal parent. There was no suggestion that the children might then divorce themselves from the tender mercies of the government if that loving alternative proved not to work out for the kids.

No mention, either, of the possibility of parents divorcing their children....

Of course in the U.S. we do have the equivalent of child/parent divorce. The state can declare a child abused and in an unfit home and take it away from the parents...and a set of parents, faced with an uncontrollable child, can turn it over to the juvenile authorities for disposition.

If a child wants out of a terrible home situation it can go to the authorities itself, or can use the

"incorrigible child" behavior pattern for release and be given an other set of parents and another home by the state.

Similarly, if a set of parents finds a child inconvenient and a hassle, they can mistreat the child in public often enough to bring that behavior to the attention of the authorities who will then obligingly take the unwanted child from them. This can all be unconscious motivation, understand. These are the games played by people who are unable to face their real wishes or are unable to admit or face the real reasons for behavior which brings about an admitted desire.

As Eric Berne discovered, there are "games" suitable for every masked purpose.



Dr. Walter C. Alvarez wrote a book titled NERVES IN COLLISION in which he suggested that there is a form of epilepsy which is sub-clinical and nonconvulsive. This theory is based on his experience with 274 patients who he felt had this type of disease.

The symptoms of subclinical, nonconvulsive epilepsy included:
Alcoholism
Stomach pains
Headaches
Violent tempers
Sexual failures
Fits of terror or "nerves".

Especially significant to me is that 53% of the 274 reported that they flew into rages with little provocation and often inflicted beatings or destruction. Later, they expressed great remorse.

A psychologist or psychiatrist would have a field day with these people. But Alvarez found that a small maintenance dose of Dilantin was enough to bring relief from these symptoms and behaviors.

All this says to me that there are probably hundreds of thousands of people who have some degree of undetected nonconvulsive epilepsy in our population, who "innocently" perform a large percentage of certain types of crime and who are and will be jailed, untreated, for these acts.

Further, all "problem" children should be given complete blood and brain tests to detect this type of epilepsy and correct it or compensate for it.

What may cause this "almost" epilepsy? Brain damage at birth is one possible explanation. Head injury as a child, or blood chemistry imbalances of long standing caused by faulty digestion or absorption of food nutrients and/or a bad diet.

A lot of criminal behavior is clearly caused by biological or structural defects in the brain. Most criminal activity is caused by anti-social conditioning by parents and others in the first ten years of a child's life. Unnnnn...make that anti-social conditioning and lack of discipline and failure to crack open the child's natural solipsistic shell.

11-11-78 In a very real sense, Jimmy Carter has got himself suckered into a position in re the Middle-East Egypt-Israeli peace treaty talks: he dares not let them fail because he has so much prestige and popularity invested in their success.

If the treaty talks flop, he has flopped. His image will be smeared with another, major failure.

So he'll use every weapon he can to get a treaty signed. And, up against a tough, realistic Begin of Israel, he will if necessary bribe and be blackmailed.

Some of the price for Sadat's signature is now revealed: loans for food for Egypt [which will of course never be repaid].

You may recall that two hours before Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated the Memphis detective who had been assigned to bodyguard King was withdrawn from that duty.

Now, testifying before the House assassinations committee, that de-

tective, Edward A. Redditt, says his job was not protecting King but spying on King, and that he was pulled out because it was feared his real mission had been discovered by the King party.

Sure.

And also, it's consistent with conspiracy thinking, that he was pulled from the area because if King was assassinated (or wounded, or shot at) while he was on duty in or about the Lorraine Motel then he would have had to investigate immediately. The assassin or would-be assassin would not have those precious extra minutes to get away.

The committee says it is going to conduct public hearing for the next two weeks on the allegations that the Memphis police and the FBI collaborated on the King assassination.

But we all know that these public hearings are being held for the purpose of proving that a King assassination conspiracy is pure fantasy. And, as in the case of the previous Kennedy assassination public hearings, my interest is not in the end conclusions [which are already known, written, and predictable], but in the inadvertent goofs and glitches which reveal more than the committee wishes, and in the studied way the mass media ignores these evidences-which-damn.

BUSINESS WEEK (Nov. 20, 1978) has a story about how some big "insider" U.S. multinational corporations were tipped off ahead of time concerning Carter's surprise moves, Nov. 1, to support the dollar. Those multinationals [not identified!] made a killing in the foreign exchange markets by buying dollars at the then low price. The next day the dollar surged and the multinationals had made a tremendous profit.

I'd bet my eye teeth those "insider" companies were Rockefeller-owned or controlled.

Remember my reporting on page 2 of this issue that the Justice Dept was investigating reports that the big multinational banks had been selling dollars and speculating on the foreign exchange markets against the dollar? They had been systematically driving down the dollar for months.

Now it appears they have sprung their trap and with their pipelines into the U.S. administration have reaped huge profits with their advance knowledge of administration dollar-support moves. [I have a lurking suspicion that the Rockefeller forces may have the ability to dictate ('suggest') U.S. government fiscal and monetary policy.]

Incidentally, since that support

operation was announced, the U.S. government has spent over five billion dollars (good money after bad) buying dollars overseas to prevent the dollar from losing value again. So far the Fed is holding its own, but that \$30 billion it can use to maintain the dollar won't last long at this rate.

I was amused by a new TV lovemaking technique as demonstrated in the TV movie BETRAYED, in which Rip Torn (the horny, unprofessional psychiatrist) made a pass at neurotic, terrified Leslie Ann Warren. He talked as if he were caressing her breast when his hand was covering her hand (which was covering her breast). That's a tiny step toward even more realistic sex on TV, I guess. There is hardly a taboo left as far as mentioning or talking about or theme in TV sexual material. The TV censors still draw the line at top-front nudity for white women [black "natives" are okay, as in ROOTS], and won't permit real breast touching.

Some TV dramas have shown nude backs and just a flash of side-breast visibility. Nude buttocks are still verboten for live people. Statues can be totally nude on Sunday culture shows. [And there are occasional clinically cold medical TV shows that show breast operation disasters.]

I will be watching the changes as the economy deteriorates and the networks use more and more sex to attract and hold audiences. Violence is out, so tits and ass are in. Nipples are now accepted as they poke out against blouses, dresses and sweaters. The braless jiggle is now essential. Seeing the skimpiest bikinis is common on TV.

I suppose the next step is brief long-shot nude breasts. Then, gradually, the glimpses would become longer and the distance shorter....

The earliest the government will have decided on a nuclear waste disposal system will be 1988 or 1992.

The questions to be decided are where to bury the stuff, how deep, and at what cost.

Given bureaucratic dithering and losses of nerve, it might be even 2001 before some president decides to dump as much of the radioactive stuff in salt domes as is possible, and then spend more decades exploring the possibilities of burying it in the ocean beds. [Fish don't vote, but the costs would be enormous.]

In the meanwhile the anti-nuke movement will not go away and will to its ultimate power make the cost of nuclear power generation as high as possible, by physical demonstrations and by non-stop legal means.

Letter in SCIENCE NEWS suggests that the real reason people living near major freeways and highways have higher-than-normal cancer rates is not because of breathing fumes, but from breathing particles of tire dust.

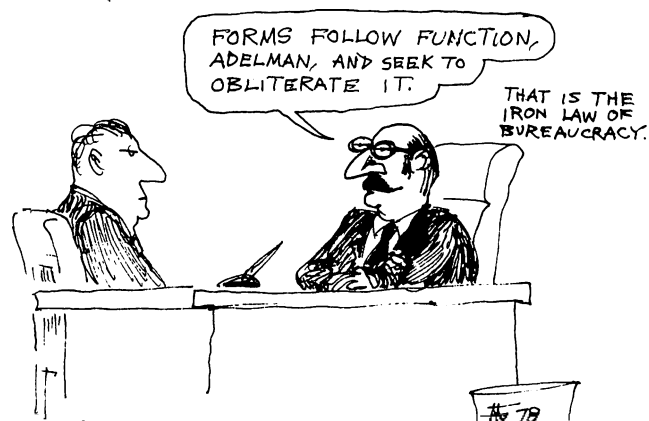
A news story you probably won't see in your local newspaper: During the five-week strike by doctors in Los Angeles in 1976, the death rate in that city went down from a "normal" 19.8 deaths per 100,000 population, to 16.2 during the strike.

After the doctors went back to treating sick people the death rate rose to 20.4 for the next five weeks.

The assumption is that a lot of elective surgery was put off, and thus that normal mortality rate from surgery was postponed till after the strike ended.

Still, the death rate only increased slightly after the strike, thus leading to the conclusion that some other factors were at work. Such as that the "minor" trauma of a hospital environment may be a major trauma for some, and may trigger enough anxiety to cause premature deaths. Add the body trauma of medications and you have a script for what might be called stress death.

I'm inclined to think it better to be an outpatient if at all possible, for as long as possible, if hospital technology and treatments



are absolutely necessary. In other words, stay home in your comfortable, familiar, secure home surroundings as long as you can if you are ill.

"Inadequate" treatment in the home may be as good or better than "excellent" care in a hospital.

For myself, that will be my view until proven wrong.

I see that my old friend/associate Percy Foreman, has testified before the House Assassinations Committee that James Earl Ray was

1. Convinced that he would be hailed as a hero for having killed Martin Luther King, Jr. (hailed by whites, that is), and

2. Convinced that a white-dominated jury would convict him for having killed King, and therefore his best move was a guilty plea to avoid a jury trial and a probable death sentence.

That contradictory set of beliefs doesn't compute---and I suspect good ol' boy Percy Foreman is lying when he asserts it was Ray's decision to plead guilty and seek a reduced sentence.

It is reported that Committee members don't want to have Ray before them again for further testimony or defense, because they object to his having Mark Lane represent him. Mark Lane is into this for exposure and publicity, of course, but his job is to protect Ray's interests and he does that too well to suit the Committee. If Lane had the opportunity to cross-examine Committee witnesses the Committee purpose would really be in trouble. What is going on here is a star-chamber public trial of Ray conducted to smear him and find him guilty of killing King in the public mind. He can then be returned to the Tennessee prison for the rest of his life. He'll probably die in prison one way or another.

AP reports China's leading newspaper is against smoking by young people. The newspaper is blunt and honest about why: cigarettes cause health problems that can cut productivity.

The State in China has not yet learned subtlety and misdirection. It is saying that its property is indulging in behavior which can cost the State money, and said behavior should stop.

In the U.S. the State doesn't mention lowered production and profit loss as reasons for people to be healthy. It stresses the shortened life and pain and social problems for the individual which comes from bad diet and excess drinking and smoking. Very clever, these capitalists and statist. But the real reasons are there underlying the propaganda reasons.

To return to the story from the PEOPLE'S DAILY: the newspaper's dislike of smoking by the young was expressed following a letter to the paper written by a Peking resident who said the smoking students' marks and discipline were poor and their minds easily led astray by "enemies" of the peasant working class.

Interesting reasoning. It follows that if the students stop smoking their other misdeeds and bad inclinations will stop. But rebelliousness and anti-authoritarian tendencies come to most youth, and the only way to stop that is to give them heavy tranquilizers for twenty years, or a lobotomy. Those solutions to the problem of individualism and instinct seem counter-productive, to say the least.

I wonder when, if ever, a government will "go with the flow" of human nature and consciously provide outlets for natural social, cultural and physical drives? Such a government could rule forever by cleverly "co-opting" all discontents.

But instead the Statist mind runs to control and force. And it

is at its worst when it hypocritically clothes itself in the robes of 'caring' for people.

Such as the consumer affairs committee of the Americans for Democratic Action who called for the Consumer Product Safety Commission to ban skateboards. They say last year there were 140,000 skateboard injuries and 25 deaths.

Unfortunately, the Commission had to note out loud that there is nothing unsafe about skateboards. The problem is how kids use them.

How about banning kids?

No, those kids are current consumers and future producers. The ADA theory (unspoken, perhaps unconscious) is to "protect" its future and current producers and consumers from harm and thus protect current and future profits.

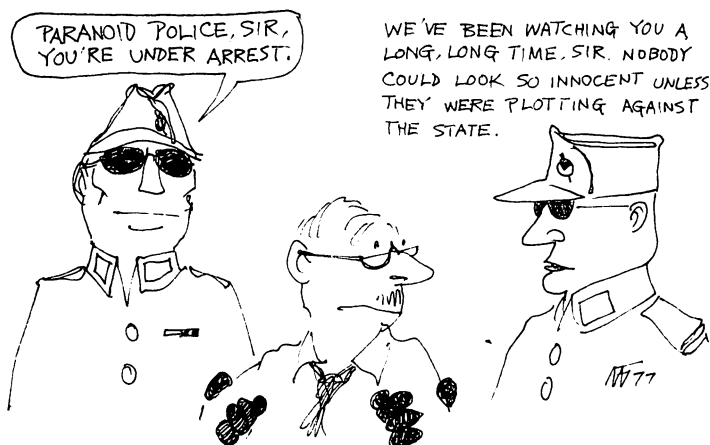
These people would love to ban personal cars, not because of the waste of gas and other increasingly precious materials, but because personal cars are machines which give people too much freedom and which kill and maim too many production workers.

Statists want people controlled in as many ways as possible. Maybe Statists are mainly anal-retentive types whose basic need to keep their shit is warped into a need to retain both things and people---to regain control of the universe they enjoyed as an infant. The solipsist ego-mania of the infant is rarely washed completely away by reality; it retreats into the unconscious and sets up shop there, in a sheltered little nest treasured by the adult, and once in a while it becomes the secret drive of certain types of minds, the secret master. The unknown master. And you get a Nixon...a Hitler...an Idi Amin Dada.

11-15-78 Al Ullman, the typical lying, statist politician who is chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee (Democrat from a rural district in eastern Oregon) who was re-elected this month, waited until after the election to point out the fatal flaws in President Carter's plan to ask Congress for employee 'real wage insurance' to act in conjunction with his pressure-laden "voluntary" wage guideline of 7% for next year...

What Carter wants is for the federal government to give workers tax credits for the difference between the 7% wage increase limit and the actual inflation-caused increase in living costs.

The government could stand to "lose" tens of billions of dollars that way. [The workers would lose,



too, since part of their tax credits would be eaten up by the increased tax rate on their (assumed) 7% increase which would probably shove them into a higher tax-rate bracket.]

This device is a sleight-of-hand gimmick to make wage increases seem to be different than they are, and to in fact link wages to the cost-of-living index in a highly rigid way. This would, if applied, freeze wages at current real-purchasing-power levels.

Congress won't go along with this scheme, and labor won't go along with it. Business is only too happy to go along, since it in effect freezes wage costs and shifts part of the cost of labor from the employer to the federal government. That is, from them to the whole of the tax payers.

So why am I cursing Al Ulman for opposing this scheme? He also wants to lower the Social Security tax bite scheduled for 1981 and to compensate add a sales tax to the manufacturing and distribution of "nonessential" goods. This simply means all people who buy anything other than food and medicines will pay an extra hidden tax to help finance the Social Security system. Yet Ulman is opposed to using general tax revenues to help finance the SS system because that method is too visible and too obviously admits that the SS system is really divorced from its pretended link to individual insurance and separate SS accounts. SS is in fact a giant welfare system only tenuously linked to a fair relationship to pay-in and pay-out for the individual worker. There are simply too many freeloaders and too many ways for the government to cheat the worker of his paid-in money. And government-caused inflation is causing a tremendous amount of distortion and inequality and unfairness in the system.

The problem is that the current crop of workers is rebelling against the killer tax rate imposed to keep SS from foundering soon in a sea of unfunded obligations. The SS system is living from hand to mouth now, simply taking in SS payments from workers one day and issuing SS checks to retirees and disabled and etc. the next day.

Because of inflation, the current working force is "earning" very high payouts in the future when they retire, thus putting an ever-increasing burden on future workers. The implication is that the government must continue to inflate--keep the game going--to avoid a technical bankruptcy of SS and/or a full-fledged tax revolt by workers.

And that is also why the government cannot permit a deflation or even a steady-state no-inflation condition in the economy for very

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long: their debts will catch up with them very fast.

Yet if the government does re-inflate again in late 1979 or early 1980 it will face all the problems it is facing now--a worse monetary/debt crisis which will in turn be insoluble and a resort to wild "solutions" which will involve more and more controls and depression and loss-of-purchasing power/lower standard of living for the people.

Watch them wriggle and squirm and attempt to slip the responsibility. [Note how quick and eager Carter has been to take credit for the decline in the unemployment rate and the huge increase in jobs. Note in a few months how he will avoid taking credit for the rise in unemployment and the shrinkage in jobs.]

Auto sales were down over 5% for the first ten days of November. The recession has begun.

More and more oil is being discovered in and offshore Mexico. They're sitting on a sea of oil probably larger than that under Saudi Arabia. And Mexico will sell that oil and natural gas to us; otherwise we'll find an excuse to invade the country and force them to sell to us.

We would never stand still for them to make an alliance with Russia and load up on Russian arms and Russian advisors and give Russia land and sea bases.

We won't permit it, that is, unless we let them get so far ahead of us in space and nuclear technology and weapons systems that we dare not object.

Evans and Novac report in their syndicated column today that Russia is surreptitiously arming Cuba with MIG-23 aircraft of a type capable of carrying nuclear bombs.

This is a clear violation of the Kennedy Doctrine established in the Cuba missile crisis of 1962. Kennedy forced Russia to pull out their bombers and missiles. Now they're coming back to test Carter's guts in a new power balance worldwide in which Russia is at least as strong as we.

There are powerful forces in the Senate and the House who will not permit Carter to avoid this issue.

Carter dares not appear to be caving in, to being pushed around by Russia, and he dares not permit Cuba to be a base for Russian nuclear-capability planes. He would be committing political suicide.

I'm curious what he will be allowed or required to do by his secret masters.

Johnson and Nixon were used and sacrificed by the leaders of the ruling establishment, and I suspect Carter will be, too.

The megafortunes with such exposed, leveraged power and wealth may see doing business with Russia and China as the only avenue open to them to avoid ruinous war and/or depression. They might have decided to placate Russia and sell them anything, to become the totally necessary source of food, technology and machines needed by the inefficient, incompetent Socialist system. By acknowledging Russian/Chinese world military superiority, we could save many billions in defense costs by assuming a fortress America posture and letting them rule the rest of the world [provided they let us have the raw materials needed to keep us, their vital source of technology, in Twinkies and TV and let the multinationals keep operating as they have.]

This is a speculative analysis. Subject to revision or total loss if proven wrong by event or fact or both. The above assumes the Establishment in fact has a strategic long view and is not actually drifting in indecision and blue funk.

I note in passing that Sadat has backed down a bit more and is now almost pleading for a face-saving crumb from Israel; he asks that they give the Gaza Strip back to Egypt for administration as it was before the 1967 war.

Maybe some weasle words can be strung together to save his public image and save his political life. A good puppet is hard to find, and should not be permitted to be ousted.

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