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4-8-80 The government took off its velvet glove today and revealed the iron fist regarding the census.

Just revealed is the full "fine schedule" for non-compliance with the census:

Refusal to answer: \$100.

Giving false answers: \$100-\$500.

Counseling others to resist the census with intent to achieve a false enumeration: \$1000 or one year in jail.

There was not one word about this fine schedule in the advance census package, or in the media until now when some significant opposition is being encountered.

Note that that last offense is in fact a felony; a prison sentence is not a "fine".

Carter broke diplomatic relations with Iran and imposed some economic sanctions.

But these moves are toothless and political because: there was already a de-facto embargo on exports to Iran---imposed by the Longshoreman's union. And in this most recent "pressure" move, Carter weaseled in prohibiting "nearly all" exports: shipments of food and medicines will be "minimal."

To which Khomeini and the civilian government of Iran smirked and replied that they welcomed this severing of ties as a mark of freedom from the U.S.

What a fraud this whole charade is.

I say again that until Iran agrees to keep its money in the U.S. banks where the shah placed billions, there will be no settlement of the "hostage" question. All these moves against Iran are intended to leave room for a kiss-and-make-up settlement. Chase-Manhattan, Citibank, and Morgan Guarantee Bank cannot survive if Iran is allowed to pull its debt-free money from them.

In the meanwhile Iran is being squeezed by internal rebellions, by Iraq, and by the steady decline in its oil production due to pipeline sabotage and lack of maintenance, and the deterioration of its army equipment (American) due to spare parts shortages and lack of maintenance.

Sooner or later Iran will have to capitulate and agree to let the Rockefeller and

Morgan banks keep Iran assets on their books, and give up the hostages and take back in the thousands of American technicians who kept their army, air force, and industry going.

Either that or a Russian take-over is likely.

Khomeini will have to be convinced to be "realistic"---or he will be killed.

4-10-80 Interesting story about hysteria in the paper today. Highpoints:

Dr. C. Robert Cloninger, prof. of psychiatry and genetics at Washington Univ. School of Medicine (St. Louis) says evidence shows---

Hysteria in women tends to run in families which also show a high proportion of anti-social and criminal behavior in men.

Hysteria and anti-social behavior are genetically related.

Hysteria runs in families and in women is 30 times more common than in men. Among all women, about 2% are hysterical.

Hysteria shows itself in these symptoms: a chronic disorder characterized by multiple semantic complaints, occasional unexplained symptoms of blindness, deafness or paralysis for which there is no apparent cause.

Also: excessive fighting, running away



from home, wanderlust, vagrancy, inability to keep a job and poor marital adjustment.

Problems usually start at an early age and persist into adulthood, and are common among men in prison.

Cloninger said, 'We can't do much with them as adult criminals, except with confinement until they are burned out, perhaps in their mid-thirties.

'The hysterical woman is typically dependent and dramatic in interpersonal relations.

Some traits are shared in common in hysterical families: impulsivity, stimulation seeking. They can't stand monotony and need variety and excitement.

Both the antisocial behavior and the hysteria seem to be traits that are strongly inherited.

Another knife in the back of free will and individual responsibility. Another variation of "The Devil made me do it!" If this theory of genetic influence on character and personality is proved---we are virtually forced into genetic engineering of fetuses, with fines and imprisonment for those who conspire to create an "unapproved" socially defective child.

Yes, it probably will be a brave new world, next century.

4-11-80 Saudi Arabia threw some weight around last month: they ordered the United States government not to resume filling those salt caverns with an emergency national reserve of oil.

The Saudi's ordered us to remain vulnerable to an oil cutoff. They ordered us not to even fill those caverns with oil from the Navy oil fields in California.

And the U.S. government caved in (to use a pun) and obeyed good ol' King Khaled to the letter.

The caverns in Louisiana and Texas now have a national reserve of 5-6 day's supply of oil. The capacity is now 258 million barrels (with an eventual capacity of one billion barrels, or 70 day's supply).

The Saudi's threatened to cut their production of oil from 9.5 million barrels per day to 8.5 million---insuring a series of price increases worldwide. And they may have hinted at pulling ten or twenty billion dollars from big American banks and causing a financial panic. That's enough to make a Rockefeller/Morgan controlled administration gulp and back off and say 'Yassuh, boss!'

Now... if Saudi Arabia has that much power over the U.S. government, may it also be holding a veto power over administration Iran policy? Over administration Israeli policy? I suspect they are exerting tremendous pressure to make us force Israel to allow an autonomous Palestinian state to exist...and only Carter's need for Jewish votes this fall is holding him back from another get-tough policy change.

The Saudi's are probably losing patience.

We may end up paying \$2. a gallon for gasoline in early 1981---further damaging the economy and lowering even more our living standards and raising the personal, municipal, county, state and corporate bankruptcy rate which is now really beginning to climb.

The collapse of the bond market, the collapse of the silver bubble, may have been this depression's equivalent of the 1929 stock market collapse.

By the way, if a large German bank goes bankrupt, that will be a Sign of extreme danger for American banks; almost daily in the financial press there are warnings that the banking and savings institutions are in mortal danger.

It's becoming more and more obvious that Chrysler won't be able to get enough pledges of private loans to qualify it for that big govt. loan it desperately needs. The steady deterioration of new car sales will force it to finally opt for bankruptcy.

The vast and agonizing destruction of money required to save this country---the liquidation of the terrible debt structure---is now in process. There are bound to be some panics ahead. This coming winter will be very bad.

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5 issues \$3. --- 10 issues \$6.

4-17-80 I find myself slowly---glacially---changing character... No, more like an aspect of my inner self that has always been with me is now gradually---over the past year---increasing in power.

I'm becoming more and more of a hermit/recluse. No, that's not quite it: I see less and less benefit in sightseeing, in trips, in sitting in a car for hours watching the same-old-shit roadside scenery go by in order to spend a few hours at a picnic site where a mountain or a river or a gorge can be seen. Or an ocean. I now consider it a waste of time and a waste of gas. Mostly a waste of time.

Other people consider sitting around home boring and a waste of time. Me, I'm happy as a clam in the backyard with a shovel or a trowel and a packet of seeds.

Nightclubs are an expensive, noisy, irritating bore (even with topless dancers, to tell the truth). And visiting people is also a chore/bore---they almost always trot out the same-old-shit stories, regale you with the same-old-shit problems, display the same-old-shit character flaws....

BORED! with that routine.

I'm more and more self-contained, self-entertained with reading, with the news, with writing like this and commentary.

I may even feel a renewed interest in writing fiction after a few more months---a self-contained, self-created world which appeals to the solipsist in me.

I've a continued interest in art, but a diminishing interest in doing it---mostly because I know I lack the talent and also lack the willingness to be awful while I develop the skills I insist I must have to do the kinds of drawings I want to do.



I sit on top of this psyche volcano and feel the ground shift under me, feel the pressures, the adjustments, and am a little bit terrified. When will it ever end? I mean, it's been going on all my life.

Now the recession, after building up for a year, has "surfaced": housing is collapsing, layoffs are spreading, and the prime rate has cracked.

The prostitute administration economists and spokesmen are still saying the recession will be short and shallow. But these "early" symptoms are so severe that by July or so everybody will be pushing the panic button.

In my judgement this economic contraction will be worse than the 1974-5 recession, which was the worst since the Great Depression. Unless a flood of new money comes into the economy very soon we will hear great screams and howls as bankruptcies get headlines and unemployment surges to 10% or more.

We are far weaker in underlying, fundamental liquidity now than in 1974, which means we are on thinner ice and the sun is hotter.

If an international trauma occurred ---an oil cutoff or a vicious trade war---we'd really face disaster.

4-19-80 I have puzzled for weeks about the Ayatollah Khomeini's motives for keeping the 50 American hostages. Are they worth billions of dollars in Iranian assets? Are they worth the slow deterioration of the Iranian economy? The fracturing of the nation?

No...if he were only thinking of his country. Obviously, he isn't. From the beginning he has been a fundamentalist moslem first, and from the beginning his ambition has been to trigger a moslem-wide revolt against and rejection of Western culture and technology.

I see now clearly he is willing to sacrifice Iran to that end. He welcomes the political and economic sanctions. He wants Carter to blockade Iran's harbors and cut off the oil!

He has been seeking a crisis. He has been rabble-rousing all Shiite moslems in

all the middle east nations. He wants a jehad against the evil western powers and a return to pure Mohammedanism, free of evil Western influences.

He is running a risk: Russia might be tempted to invade during a crisis/chaos period. But Khomeini knows moslems reject communism and Russia as much or more than they do America; he's betting his followers would fight like tigers against any Russian or communist attempt to take over.

And the Russians would be thinking three times about invasion, considering the trouble they've got in a tiny country like Afghanistan and its moslems.

So the most effective way to fight Khomeini would be to flood his country with Western goodies and evil Western culture. Give it away! Smuggle in free stereos, smuggle in free rocknroll records, tapes, cassettes. Set up clandestine movie houses and show modern American movies.... Give away American jeans, tops, etc. Flood Iran with American books and magazines!

Khomeini would die of apoplexy.

As it is we are playing into his hands, and may end up with a wave of oil cutoffs and revolutions in all moslem countries as his followers try to punish us for a blockade of Iran.

Khomeini is playing a fanatical, dangerous game. He is more likely to be killed by those Iranians who don't want to be used/abused/sacrificed to the greater goal of anti-Western policy. In retrospect, the shah may be looking very good to them.

This could be a VERY interesting summer.

4-21-80 A Boston newspaper broke the story today that when the shah felt he couldn't rely on Panama for security and decided to fly to Egypt, he got in touch with White House counsel Lloyd Cutler. Cutler got in touch with a friend who in turn arranged for a CIA-linked airline to send a jet to Panama to do the job.

So that scotches the rumors that the Rockefeller empire had washed its hands of the shah. Because Lloyd Cutler is a longtime Rockefeller follower and is a member of the Trilateral Commission and the Council on Foreign Relations, both Rockefeller controlled groups from which Rockefeller-controlled Presidents staff their administrations.

4-26-80 In retrospect the rescue adventure into Iran to get the hostages was a long-odds gamble.

Carter now has another failure on his hands and 8 burned-to-death Americans, and a lot of expensive aircraft strewn across Iran.

The most fascinating question is as yet unanswered: how did those 90 or so attack soldiers expect to invade the embassy grounds, overcome the 150 or so guards, and get away with the rescued hostages?

Either they intended to sleep-gas the whole damn area and go in with gas masks, or they had a lot of secret Iranian agents in position to help (up to and including the civilian Iranian government?).

Anyway, the attempt failed, and now Carter is back to a blockade of Iran as his only effective threat/move next. The question is: will Saudi Arabia and Iraq go along with it?

The rescue attempt played into Khomeini's hands...as will a blockade...because of his desire to revolutionize and de-Westernize all of Islam.

The Saudi government must want Khomeini dead, and certainly Iraq does.

Only in-extremis will the militants and/or Khomeini kill the American hostages: they are the only real focus, the only lever, the only tool they have to force America to act further to destabilize the area.

Russia will be used by Khomeini for access to food and other necessities if a blockade comes (and to sell some oil to), but the living standard of Iranians would deteriorate sharply as a result of a blockade...and after a period of fanatic defiance the people's support for Khomeini's hostage policy would rapidly diminish. He would face increasing unrest and counter-revolutionary movements.

There are those in the USA and Europe who see the hostage crisis (and the constant drumbeat of "This is Day 235 of the hostage's captivity in Iran..." on TV and radio and in the flagship newspapers) as a plot by the Rockefeller/Morgan power structure to justify a blockade and subsequent internal (in Iran) counter-revolution to bring a Rockefeller/Morgan agent to power again. That's intriguing, but doesn't answer the obvious question: why are Khomeini and the mili-

tants playing into their hands?

One answer: the militants see internal chaos as a chance for a socialist/communist take-over and are willing to risk a fight for power. And Khomeini, of course, is playing a bigger-stakes, longer-range geopolitical/culturalpolitical game involving the entire region.

They're all playing with the future of the world.

My advice: enjoy your car while you can. In fact, enjoy your job while you can.

4-30-80 Curious that when a policy decision goes wrong, it is (in the Carter administration) the man who opposed it and who was of correct judgement who gets canned or who resigns.

Cyrus Vance opposed the military rescue attempt and was proved correct. He has resigned and the man who was its author, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter's National Security Advisor, is now even more firmly in control of Carter's foreign policy.

Well, all this is a disagreement over tactics, not long-term strategy; obviously the Rockefeller/Morgan power structure is still firmly in control of our government and will remain so.

Carter's (Brzezinski's?) choice of a new Secretary of State was Edmund S. Muskie, Senator, and of course, a member of Rockefeller's Council on Foreign Relations. He will be subservient to Brzezinski (who called the appointment "superb"). It'll probably be a short-lived job, anyway.

The Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and a lot of other banks joined together to keep the First Pennsylvania Bank from bankruptcy recently. It involves about a billion dollars in loans from the Fed and the FDIC, plus \$175 million from private banks.

First Penn. is the nation's 23rd largest bank.

The Chrysler loan guarantee will now probably go through, perversely, because the company is in worse shape than expected, cannot line up the proper mix of outside loans, and will quickly go under anyway by the end of the year. Nevertheless, the U.S. government will approve the 1-1/2 billion dollar loan---in order to save the asses of a lot of banks. Failing the guaranteed

loans all them banks holding all that lousy Chrysler paper will take even bigger losses.

This is just another example of staving off the inevitable...trying to muddle through. And of course the taxpayers get stuck with the bill. It's called corporate welfare.

Well, that damn peach tree in the backyard has failed to bear any fruit again---for the fifth year in a row. It's fate has been decided; it dies! It'll be firewood in a few days. In its place will be a semi-dwarf red delicious apple tree, or a self-pollinating nectarine tree, or a Bartlett pear tree.... [The Hale peach tree I put in last fall is bearing now, so we'll have some peaches, and more each year as it grows and matures.]

I'm going to widen to four feet the existing container gardens, almost tripling the gardens. That way I don't have to mow as much lawn back there!

The grape vines and the strawberries are looking good!

5-4-80 Some staggeringly bad economic news yesterday: the unemployment rate as of April 18th was 7%---an .8% increase in one month, the largest in 31 years for men of working age.



At that rate unemployment would be 11% by the end of September and would be a disaster from which no administration could recover.

The Leading Indicators fell, too, to a five year low, the steepest one-month decline in decades.

See? SEE? Didn't I tell ya?

But I don't foresee an equivalent increase in unemployment in the months ahead. I do think it'll hit 8.5% in September, and maybe peak next February at around...oh, 11%.

By that time a lot of tax cuts will be in place and a lot of deficit spending will be going on. 1981 ought to be a recovery year...but slowly. I doubt if living standards will ever recover short of a major technological revolution---the switch in a huge way to electronics from paper and wheels/cars.

Moving people will be seen as enormously expensive and will be discouraged as much as possible. All those industries and services now dependent on the auto and tourism will suffer drastically.

I can see entertainment clusters developing in a downtown core area again. Restaurants, movies, stores, etc. The suburbs will die as populations gravitate to the city again.

Basically, we'll see a reversal of all the cultural/social trends operating until 1973.

How delicious that Iran is hoist on its own petard in London, where some dissident Iranians are holding hostage about 19 Iranian diplomats in the Iranian embassy.

Iran is tougher than we are, though; they threaten to kill 2 of the prisoners the dissidents are trying to force the government to free for every hostage killed by the dissidents in London.

The U.S.A. couldn't kill 106 Iranian diplomats in the U.S. hostages are killed...not openly.

Carter has decided that the U.S. hostage situation, and the economy, are no longer serious enough to keep him in the White House attending to business---he's coming out to campaign. Nothing political about staying in a "crisis" mode...or coming

out of that status now, of course... Carter would never play politics with the hostages...with inflation, unemployment...NEVER! He would never lie to us!

The May 5 issue of SPOTLIGHT has an article on the powers of the presidency during a "national emergency". During such a period the president issues Executive Orders---rule by decree---and his powers during an "emergency" are dictatorial.

Congress granted the core of these powers to the presidency during (I believe) WWII and the nuclear war scare.

Nixon, in October, 1969, issued Executive Order #11490, an omnibus emergency preparedness decree, empowering the federal bureaucracy in civil or military "crisis conditions" to:

- # Take over all communications media;
- # Seize all sources of power (electric, nuclear, petroleum, etc.);
- # Control all food resources;
- # Seize all forms of transportation;
- # Commandeer all civilians to work under federal supervision;
- # Register every man, woman or child in the United States;
- # Shift any segment of the population from one locality to another;
- # Institute extraordinary measures with respect to any facility, system or service essential to national survival;
- # Take over all farms, ranches or timberland properties to as to protect, utilize and manage them effectively;
- # Freeze all wages and prices; and
- # Regulate the amount of your own money you can withdraw from your bank or savings and loan institution.

Jimmy Carter, in a Presidential Review Memorandum #32 (June, 1979) [Marked 'Secret' or 'Confidential' and never published in the Federal Register] set up a 'national administrative reorganization project' called FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) which is the administrative skeleton of a second government---a dictatorial government. It has chains of command set up in all the major government agencies.

Now, get this: to head FEMA, Carter chose John Macy, a veteran Rockefeller loyalist and a senior policy advisor for the Council on Foreign Relations. (Macy also assisted the Chase Manhattan Bank in blueprinting a so-called natural resources development plan for Iran in the 1960s and 70s.)

To chart priorities for FEMA in an emergency, the president also established an Emergency Management Committee within the National Security Council. That committee is headed by good ol' Zbigniew Brzezinski.

SPOTLIGHT says: 'The Carter directives and dispositions establishing FEMA have now taken effect, with the force of law.' 'FEMA has already undergone its trial run in the freezing of Iran's assets under the national emergency order of last November, and the resulting damage to U.S. fiduciary probity and the world financial system is still growing. The control of American youth through the return of the draft fits snugly into the scenario of approaching war and dictatorship.'

There is no definition of 'National Emergency' in the laws giving the president these powers. All he has to do is declare a national emergency.

Of course a president couldn't do that capriciously---a real or a believable emergency situation would have to be in place or imminent. We are all aware at how skilled the government and the oil companies are at creating phoney gas and oil shortages. It wouldn't take much media hype and manipulation to promote some food or job riots (during the coming depression) into a 'national emergency'---a few big banks can go belly up for a while, by design...a major corporation or two says it is broke and lays off its entire work force... Another oil cutoff is manufactured by calculation....

Once a 'national emergency' is in place and the president's dictatorial powers are used---democracy is out the window. Elections could be cancelled. (Certainly an imminent...one year away, or so...national election would be postponed.) And once dictatorial powers are in use an emergency can be self-perpetuating. Total control of the media would assure that.

But first---they've got to scare the hell out of the people---so the people will appear to demand extraordinary government action.

5-9-80 With interest rates tumbling, and consumer demand contracting convulsively as wage-earners cut out "luxuries" and desperately save against the very rainy day they fear is just around the corner, I just got a letter from Sears telling me I had the ability to charge up to \$1500 on my Sears charge card and please feel free to do so!

And I note a local savings & loan company is again advertising Visa credit cards.

And my bank just sent a warning: "Recently there has been a tremendous increase of stolen and forged business checks. We suggest that you give your supply of blank checks the same security as you would completed and unnegotiated checks by locking them and the protectograph up at the close of each business day."

In other words, employees are stealing checks and....

Signs of the times.

I see that the Carter administration is almost ready to present to congress a vastly complicated and expensive gasoline rationing plan. It would cost \$600 million to set up and \$2 billion a year to operate.

The gas coupons issued to each motorist would be a kind of currency, since the coupons could be traded, bought and sold among the public. The administration anticipates a degree of fraud and cheating.

I guess! Specifically, counterfeiting would be rampant!

Okay...we have the draft coming on, gas rationing being readied, and a "recession" that looms in its early stages as worse than the decline of 1974-75. We also have the arabs increasingly pissed off about the lack of progress on a homeland for the palestinians, and continuing trouble in Iran. Saudi Arabia is mad about our planned use of a TV documentary drama about the beheading of a princess who fell in love with a commoner---or something. (I forget the details.) The Saudi King is furious about this insult to his country and culture. [Never mind that the story is true.]

Everything is in place for another oil "crisis", a tremendous crimp in the economy in addition to the current slump, and a need to place troops in the Middle-East.

I do hereby declare a national emergency being concocted.

Ah, the sweet nectar of paranoia.

Has anybody but me noticed that sweetheart NBC story on the likelihood of Reagan's age being a serious factor if he wins election as president? They said he'd have an ex-chance of living out two full terms!

And notice how certain bigwigs in the Demo party are badmouthing Carter?

And how Anderson's "independent" candidacy for the presidency is going ahead so well? Anderson can only hurt Carter and help Reagan.

Why, it's almost as if the-powers-that-be are setting the stage to dump Carter [as a flawed tool, no

longer of any good use] and are subtly setting up Reagan to win.

That would say that They control Reagan. If he starts getting a better and better press I'll buy the above scenario. Especially if Reagan starts naming his cabinet in advance and chooses Rockefeller men. That is always the clincher---who get the posts of Defense, CIA, State, National Security Advisor, and Treasury...and Energy.

If Reagan is now married to Rockefeller/Morgan and will be the next president, I would expect him to be the one to 'act' to stabilize the country during an economic/oil/war crisis with Emergency Power measures.

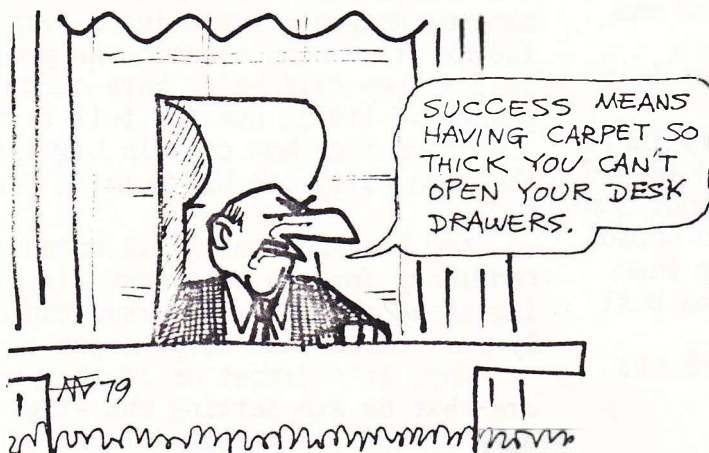
5-19-80 The economy has 'rolled off a cliff' and is in free fall. Announced layoffs for June are mounting, and the feedback is cutting retail sales even more...

Thus auto sales are down about 50%, with Chrysler and Ford the worse affected. It appears that Chrysler will be eating up great gobs of that 1.5 billion dollar loan guarantee very soon. June-July-August will see terrible sales in basic industries. House sales and new housing starts will sink below the million-house-per-year rate.

Real costs continue to rise--witness the oil price raise by Saudi Arabia last week, with more to come by the "price hawks" in OPEC.

I was at a K-Mart "Sidewalk Sale" a few days ago---marked down goods, factory seconds, etc., and picked up 2000 #6 envelopes for 44¢ per 100. This is far below the rate charged by the big discount paper & office supplies company I usually buy from.

There'll be more and more of these sales in the future as big and small retailers struggle to survive---by cutting profit margins.



I bought a \$15. chaise lounge for the patio for \$9.99 at Ward's discount outlet near here.

But the real bargains will come later in the year, in big-ticket items like stoves, refrigerators, and furniture, as many retailers are forced to sell their stocks at no-profit levels. Especially before taking inventory for tax purposes.

Did you notice how Ford raised prices about \$150. per car one week, then the next week offered \$500. rebates for each car bought? It's cold sweat time in Detroit.

Portland continues to be blessed; we will not get any of the ash and mud and gasses that have spewed from Mt. St. Helens yesterday and today. Prevailing winds carry all that shit to the east.

The eruption of the mountain---a titanic event---is like the detonation of a 100 kiloton hydrogen bomb. And the "plume" of ash fallout that is carrying over into Idaho, Montana, Wyoming....is an indication---a "dry-run"---showing about where and how much radiation fallout would occur if Seattle were atomized.

If Portland got it, too, all the mountain states would be poisoned.

The only safe places, in my view, are on the coast [the WEST coast] or in southern Oregon and northern California. And my intent, along about 1990, is to sell this house and move to Grants Pass or Roseburg in southern Oregon. I expect an all-out war with Russia in 1991-95. That may be cutting it too close; I think, depending on circumstances, I'll make the move in the late 80s.

I expect every major city in the country to be wiped out when that war hits.

But back to Mt. St. Helens: if the current eruption continues for long the ash fallout---as the winds spread it past the Rockies---threatens to harm a large portion of our crops and will alter the weather in ways we know not.

And if other till-now quiet or dormant volcanoes in this area become active.... if Mt. Hood went up, if Crater Lake blew again....

How nice to live west of these peaks.

The feds have raided a "kiddie-porn" dealer in another state, and a company here in the county looking for evidence of that type of porn. They seem to accept "normal" porn, now.