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Thought Crime, Dogmacide, and Intellectual Heresy

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REPAINTING THE IMAGE—WHY?

There is a restructuring going on now, an attempt to repaint Dan Quail as a fairly competent man who unfortunately got off on the wrong foot with the media when he was selected by George Bush to be the vice-presidential candidate in 1988.

We all remember his dodging into his state's National Guard to avoid service in Vietnam, and his appalling gaffes in speeches and interviews during the campaign and after.

Dan Quail seemed, with his wide, empty eyes and vacuous look, to be a handsome, borderline retard who was irresponsibly chosen because of his youth, Midwestern conservatism and obvious malleability. Everyone winked and nodded and figured his very intelligent wife was the brains in the family and would be "advising" his every move and word if **shudder** he was ever elevated into the presidency by an accident, an assassination or a disease befalling George Bush.

Now we have a six-part re-assessment of Dan Quail by the establishment's major newspaper arm, The Washington Post and its two ace investigative reporters David S. Broder and Bob Woodward.

The question that springs to mind is: Why go to all this expensive trouble to rehabilitate Quail at this time?

To help in the coming 1992 presidential re-election effort? Yes, of course, but this seems too soon and too much. This Washington Post series as well as other administration moves to showcase Quail seem to me to exude a smell of emergency, even panic.

What if Quail is being made over, imagewise, because George Bush has an incurable disease—say inoperable pancreatic cancer—and that the decision has been made by Bush and others to forego humiliating and defeating radiation treatments and chemotherapy (when Hubert Humphrey was dying of cancer, he called it 'bottled death') in order to try to last as long as possible, through the election, after which, having won, Bush could surface his fatal disease ("The cancer thing.") and resign while still able to function so that a "smooth, orderly transition" could occur.

That's a scenario I can believe in. I do not believe that collapse by Bush in Japan was due primarily to a case of "24-hour flu", and I'm surprised that the media have swallowed it without a question. That media "silence" is almost proof enough that the owners have told their editors and producers and top anchors and columnists that the highest public interest is involved and it is their patriotic duty to keep silent and uncritical.

If I am right in making this connection and if this speculation is close to correct (good enough for government work), then we'll see other media outlets joining in the attempted repainting of Quail's image. And of course unplanned-for events may dictate radical changes in the above plan.

Could be Sec. of State James A. Baker III or Jack Kemp will want the top spot—if Bush cannot continue the facade of good health through the Republican convention this summer.

Stay tuned.

PERSONAL

My back is better, but not by much. I can walk, but not far, and the broken-glass feeling in my lower spine appears too soon. Hip joints, too, get cranky too soon when I walk or simply stand upright.

And the medicine I was prescribed for "muscle relaxing" purposes, Cyclobenzaprine (10mg.), turned me into a sleepy, lethargic zombie. After taking one in the morning and spending the rest of the day in a minor stupor, I stopped taking them. The doctor advised taking three per day! Christ! That would be Instant Lobotomy.

That was a wasted \$11.40 plus \$7. for the visit. (I'm a member of Secure Horizons HMO: \$7. for an office visit and I pay for my prescriptions. There are visual and hearing benefits, too. They take my Medicare.)

Good news on the vitamin front: news item in THE OREGONIAN today (1-23-92) says large doses of vitamin E (800 IU) per day blocks chemical changes that lead to artery blockages, 'suggesting' the vitamin 'may cut heart disease risk.' Always it is MAY cut, MAY block, MAY cure... Is this caution in phrasing due to fear of legal consequences?

"I took vitamin E for forty years, and I still had a heart attack! They said it would prevent thrombosis! I'm suing that newspaper and professor and university for one billion dollars!"

Also good for preventing sludge build-up in the arteries is vitamin C and beta carotene.

As it happens, I've been taking at least 800 IU of E every morning for...let's see...49 years. I also take large amounts of C (at least 1000 mg. per day) and B-complex and lecithin and a vitamin-mineral tablet to fill in the trace things... Also vitamin A in the form of cod liver oil capsules, and alfalfa tablets.

A couple big swallows in the morning, to get all them down, along with the high-blood pressure beta blocker medical drug (Propranolol ER, 120mg.) and four coated aspirin three or four times a day.

I tell you, staying alive is a chore.

I've long considered my life an experiment in vitamin-nutrition self-medication and experimentation. And if I don't live longer than my mother, who died at

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[WHEN DIGNITY FAILS]



68 of a killer stroke, and/or my dad, who died at 73 of a combo emphysema/cancer/stroke/heart attack, I'll be really pissed off!

Oh, while I was seeing my doctor, he suggested a blood test for prostatic cancer. So they took the blood. I got a call from the clinic a few days ago saying it had been negative. I knew it would be.

IT'S NEVER SAUCE FOR THE GANDER

I see that the Security Council of the United Nations has unanimously adopted an anti-terrorism resolution calling on Libya to hand over two men (to the United States and Britain) charged with blowing up Pan Am Flight 103.

The vote could be followed by sanctions if Libya does not comply.

This is fine if you think the U.N. (backed by U.S. military muscle) should take a bigger role in managing international disputes and subtly or manifestly governing the world.

I might agree if the U.N. were not in turn controlled by five or six Western nations and Japan, and if the United States were not the bully leader of that internationalist pack.

But I keep thinking of international acts of crime and terror by one nation which never are mentioned or condemned or acted upon by the United Nations.

Remember that illegal surprise night bombing attack on the capital of Libya in which—was it 23 people?—were killed, including the small daughter of that country's leader. Recall that? The media tend to neglect that when discussing American-Libyan relations.

It's unlikely the U.N. will call for President Reagan to be "handed over" to a Libyan court for trial.

As they are unlikely to condemn the naked, unprovoked invasion of a country called Grenada by the United States and the overthrow and replacement of the government of Grenada.

Or the contrived invasion of Panama and the overthrow and replacement of that government, with the loss of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Panamanian lives.

So, too, might the initial circumstances of the Iraq-Kuwait-United States war(s?) of recent fame be examined and condemned if a fair examination of facts were allowed and acted upon.

Don't dare hold your breath. The world of international affairs is ruled by cynicism and lies, cheating, bribes, double-dealing, assassination and

naked military power. Expecting fairness and honor, truth and kept promises is to provoke laughter.

I always wonder why a people who allow their government to act as a bully and a murderer with other nations expect their government to act otherwise with them?

THE ENVIRONMENT GETS COMPLICATED

Now we learn from the latest SCIENCE magazine that the effects of increased carbon dioxide emissions worldwide may be masked by the countering effects of pollutants, specifically sulfites, in the northern hemisphere.

So that while most of the rest of the planet warms up because of the greenhouse effect, we in the industrialized nations have not felt the heat as much.

This according to a story written for THE OREGONIAN (1-24-92) by Richard L. Hill.

But of course we are seeing and will see effects in weather patterns. Personally, I have observed warmer and warmer winters in northern Oregon in the past five years, and this winter—my God!—I had to mow the lawn in December and should mow it again now, in late January. In decades past I could count on freezing weather in November to convince the grass to stop growing, and for freezing weather, snow, ice, to keep it convinced all through February into March.

I may live to see sunburn for Christmas as I pick a third crop of raspberries.

Could be Oregon will become a year-around tourist trap. And could be the southern parts of the United States will become a fetid, sweltering hell.

And we don't even know yet if the ice caps are melting, with all those complications.

I suspect we are entering another disagreeable reality zone of Unintended Consequences. The next decades will make for very interesting newspaper reading.

PRO-CHOICE AND PRO-LIFE, THAT'S ME

And on the other hand, I say "A pox upon both your houses!"

It has been obvious to me for years that "pro-choice" should mean that a woman/girl has (or should have) the choice to become pregnant or not.

But once separate human life is started in her womb, she is then a host to that life and should not arbitrarily have the right to kill it.

AND—being "pro-life" should mean wanted life, and that all women/girls must be educated in all appropriate contraceptive methods and must have the means at all times to prevent unwanted conception.

You cannot in fairness tell women/girls they must carry virtually all pregnancies to full term, and also must not be able to control the conception process.

And you cannot tell women/girls that if they get pregnant through carelessness, laziness and/or ignorance they can easily kill that separate human life in their womb. Not if human life has any value.

You cannot tell young people not to have sex who are primed by nature to have sex.

And you cannot tell them inconvenient human life is easily disposed of. Inconvenient human life exists at both ends of the life-cycle, and "encouraged suicide" and "assisted demise" for older, disabled humans may be the next step in that line of thinking.

Personally, I consider myself very lucky to be alive. Did my mother and dad really want me in 1927? If abortion-on-demand had been available, would I be



here now, writing this? How do you know, dear reader, that you would be here, if you are over 19 years old? The Supreme Court decided 19 years ago that abortion is a constitutional right.

I perhaps escaped extermination in my mother's womb because of strict abortion laws. But I'm beginning to wonder about avoiding euthanasia when I'm bedridden and perhaps unable to talk clearly enough, or write.

We now have a disguised infanticide process to save money and to insure a convenient female work force. Might we not soon have a masked gerontocide system to save money and resources in a world of cutthroat international economic competition?

Currently, humankind are physically designed for low-tech civilization with its early marriage timetables. This leads me to think our present dominant, high-tech, late-marriage civilization will be short-lived and that the inexorable pull of genetic needs will eventually tug mankind back to a more natural life.

My solution to the current abortion problem is to require every child to have a thorough knowledge of contraception in theory and practice, and to have easy access to pills, condoms, etc. from any appropriate age.

AND: Anal intercourse should be forcefully discouraged by all means, even for homosexuals. Vaginal intercourse should be discouraged. If boys and girls want to have sex, solitary and mutual masturbation should be promoted. Oral sex should be reserved for more serious relationships, and advocated as a primary sex activity for marriage, along with masturbation.



"Celibacy" is fine in theory but it sucks in practice. Even young men dedicated to the priesthood suffer the tortures of the damned as they put willpower in opposition to their hormones. The majority of males, less dedicated, will fail to keep themselves "celibate". And why should they?

And incidentally, the proper word to use is not celibacy, but abstinence. A celibate is unmarried (and presumed abstinent?), whereas an abstinent could be married, just not having sex. Thus sayeth the dictionary. Current usage seems to prefer celibacy as the word meaning no-sex.

Why do Christians hate sexual pleasure so much? I consider that hate and its resulting endemic conflict an insane aspect of the Christian religion and its inherently fatal dilemma.

Perhaps there is a jealousy-envy-power angle in the religious impulse to control all aspects of human life, and the fact that most organized religions are ruled by old men who weren't allowed to have sex when they were young, and who in old age cannot hardly get an erection anymore.

As usual, this monologue on abortion has gone astray somewhat. Narrowly examining social problems is virtually impossible...and unsatisfying.

I do not for an instant expect that my suggestions for alleviating the abortion quandary will be adopted.

Certainty and confrontation are much more satisfying.

The likely resolution will be a near-future bio-science breakthrough in contraception devices or long-lasting implants, perhaps one or two for males.

I'd rather not speculate on far-future control of conception and pregnancy: too horrible.

SOCIETY = INSANITY

I suspect an inescapable schizophrenia is involved in the conflict between the individual and the group, as well as between reality and necessary social pretense:

Consider that science is piling up ever more evidence that man's behavior and thinking are formed by and governed by hormones of various kinds at various times in life, directed by genetic schedules according to the DNA, and also shaped by reward/punishment experiences; and consider the structured self-consciousness, the ego, the "I" which insists on considering itself master of its body, captain of its fate, as well as society's need to at once treat individuals as self-directed, autonomous beings, and at the same time to act on the knowledge of society-caused and family-caused and genetic-caused forces in individuals' criminal and anti-social behavior.

We treat the individual as both deliberate criminal and helpless victim, depending on the crime, the circumstances and the law.

How do we ever make sense of this mess? How do we ever become consistent?

Do we come down to treating people as complicated Pavlovian dogs; masses of subtle and strong conditioned responses with a powerless (and thus not to blame) "I" riding in the cab, or do we settle on Individual Free Will and ignore obvious, provable genetic/hormonal/ environmental causes of specific behavior?

It appears for now that State Socialism is the form of economy/government which most treats man as something to be handled and shaped, while Capitalism now is the form of economy/government which emphasizes individual greed, freedom and responsibility.

But of course all economies/governments are mixed to one degree or another.

Thus I think mankind himself is inherently All

Mixed Up, technically insane, incapable of solving this most fundamental structural problem of his existence.

We are obviously still evolving, still in process of change, still becoming. Our fate is still undecided and unpredictable.

THE GAY HORMONES STRIKE AGAIN

In his/her review of Brain Sex: The Real Difference Between Men and Women by Anne Moir and David Jessel (Carol Publishing Group, \$17.95), B.J. Seymour writes in the January 16th, 1992 OREGONIAN:

Geneticist Moir and writer Jessel cite studies on rats and monkeys and autopsy examinations on humans in support of their contention that male and female brains are physically different: females have a larger corpus callosum---the bundle of nerve fibers linking the right and left sides of the brain---and the hypothalamus regulates hormones differently in heterosexual men than in women.

Male brains, they contend, have strong spatial skills and concentrate on things---how objects are put together and what makes them work. The testosterone that makes brains male also produces high energy levels and a strong drive for achievement.

Female brains are tied to emotions, relationships and more acute sensory awareness than those of men. Keener senses of smell, hearing, touch and taste augment females' relationship skills and, the authors suggest, may even be sources of so-called "feminine intuition".

....
The studies they cite indicate that gender differentiation happens in stages, and in different parts of the brain. The sex centers, determining physical characteristics, develop about six weeks after conception. In the next, partially overlapping stage the fetus develops mating centers, located in the hypo-thalamus, which control sexual behavior in adult life.

Brain sex is determined by hormones at work on the "gender role centers" in the brain of the developing male or female infant. These hormones determine behaviors such as "masculine" aggressiveness or "feminine" sociability.

Thus because of erratic hormone production sometimes caused by environmental stress on the mother, a child can be formed with a male body and a female brain. Or vice versa.

B.J. Seymour writes: Brain-sex theories, if valid, could explain other phenomena besides homosexuality: Transsexuals such as Christine Jorgenson, Renee Richards and Jan Morris have consistently described themselves as having female brains in male bodies.

And I would add that there must be degrees of hormone effects on the sex centers in the brains of fetuses which produce degrees of homosexuality, degrees of aggressiveness and relationship-sense, etc. in humans, regardless of the gender of the body: "Tom Boy" girls and "sissy" boys.

I suggest this "hormone factor" in basic human sexual character/personality is more variable and extensive than is currently realized, and produces a wide range of people with subtle and sharp mixtures of male/female characteristics.

Why should those humans who had abnormal fetal hormone effects be condemned and mocked and shamed?

Because they're different? **Everyone is hormonally different.**

And a fetal hormone imbalance is not something that can be "caught" like a disease, when you're thirteen years old.

Nor will a fixed-status hormone male be seduced into homosexuality by a fixed-status hormone-feminine

male. Oil will not mix with water.

As fetuses we don't have any awareness or control of the factors which essentially make us what we are. As children and adults we are almost always in greater or lesser natural conflict with unrealistic, clumsy, often rigid social morality and norms. Considering all of the above, how much "free will" and "personal responsibility" it is possible to assume or expect is a bedeviling question which I'll look at sometime soon.

In the meantime, be tolerant of non-violent differentness. There, but for the grace of a specific hormone level, go thou.

Robert Coulson, in a letter of comment on THE GEIS LETTER #1, had this to say:

'In the January AMAZING, Bob Silverberg mentioned a study by Simon LeVay of the Salk Institute which showed that the hypothalamic nucleus is much smaller in the homosexual man than in heterosexuals. The sample was too small to be conclusive; presumably other tests are being done now. And of course the findings were attacked by the homosexual community, which wants to believe in its own superiority, not that its members are physical oddballs. (Maybe if the study had shown that homosexuals had a larger nucleus...?)'



All this is getting very complicated. Now we need to know what causes the hypothalamic nucleus to be smaller in some and thus, I presume, affect hormone levels. But the crucial question is: in future micro-surgery, must the hypothalamus be circumcised?

WORDS FROM A REVOLUTIONARY, TERRORIST, RACIST & SEXIST

"Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth and keystone under independence. ... From the hour the Pilgrims landed, to the present day, events, occurrences and tendencies prove that to ensure peace, security and happiness, the rifle and the pistol are equally indispensable. ... The very atmosphere of firearms anywhere and everywhere restrains evil interference --- they deserve a place of honor with all that is good..."

—George Washington

First President, served 1789-1797

Quoted from PATRIOTS FOR LIBERTY, POB 334, Rochester, IN 46975

GOD DOESN'T MAKE MISTAKES

In Cairo, Egypt, a novelist has been driven from his job, forced to move from his apartment because of death threats, and may be heading for prison (in company with his book publisher and the book distributor).

Why? Because a special court considering charges that the writer's novel is 'blasphemous to Islam' found the book to be "a threat to national unity and social peace" and sentenced the author, publisher and distributor to eight years in prison.

This is a case similar to that of author Salman Rushdie who was given a death sentence by Iranian religious authorities for writing a novel titled The Satanic Verses.

Islamic fundamentalists are behind this latest effort to censor publishing. They are absolutely certain they are right in imposing their views on all others because they are doing Allah's work and following God's dictates.

That line of thinking sounds very familiar.

It wasn't more than a few years ago that fundamentalist Christians were rampaging in this country over "obscene" books and magazines. They were doing God's Work: God's ends always justify man's means.

IF YOU CAN'T BEAT THEM, STEAL FROM THEM

"Much of the old love for Isis, and especially for Cybele, the Great Mother of the Gods, was taken over into the church and translated into worship of Mary, the Mother of Christ." ...

"Similarly the worship of the old local deities was made a part of Christianity. The pagan gods and goddesses were discreetly made over into Christian saints, as is instanced by the case of St. Bridget. Their relics were sold far and wide in Christendom as fetishes guaranteed to ward off evil; and their ancient festive days were made part of the Christian calendar. The Roman Parilia in April became the Festival of St. George, and the pagan midsummer orgy in June was converted into the Festival of St. John; the holy day of Diana in August became the Festival of the Assumption of The Virgin; and the Celtic feast of the dead in November was changed into the Festival of All Souls. The twenty-fifth day of December, the winter solstice according to ancient reckoning—celebrated the birthday of the sun-god of Mithraism, was accepted as the birthday of Christ, and the spring rites in connection with the death and re-birth of the mystery gods were converted into the Easter rites of Crucifixion and Resurrection."

—Lewis Browne,
THIS BELIEVING WORLD

SITTING ON THE VOLCANO

News stories from Algeria tell of the resignation of that country's president "for the good of the nation" so that a hastily contrived State Security Council (unelected, mostly military) could cancel further democratic elections and thus prevent a takeover of the government by fundamentalist Moslem religionists who are bent on revamping Algeria's social, cultural and likely it's economic structure.

The democratic will of the people is thus suppressed and denied—for a while.

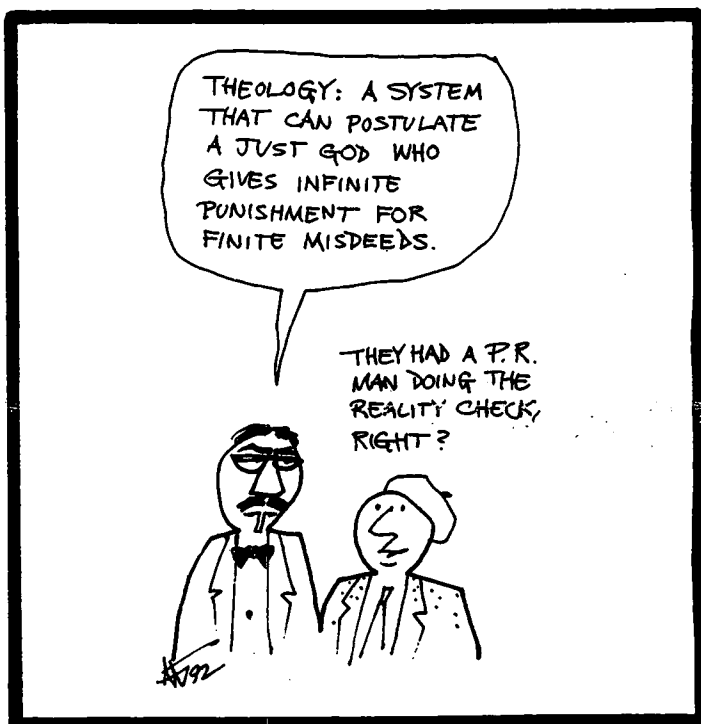
And our "democracy sensitive" administration has only a mild "tut-tut" about it all. There will be no economic sanctions against Algeria by the United States as there are against the military government of Haiti for overthrowing their democratically elected president a few months ago. I mean, that would be carrying principle too far! Words like...Democracy...Freedom...Liberty...are symbols, tools of convenience for

conning, misdirecting and fooling the American people. Get real!

I can certainly understand why the present secular establishment in Algeria is willing to suspend the constitution and hold off mandated elections. They face ruin, displacement and extreme culture shock. Imagine: the Islamic Salvation Front's leaders have advocated strict adherence to Muslim tenets, and this would likely mean a ban of alcohol! Separate sexes at school! And stopping the employment of women! The implementation of such radical tenets would stop most drunken orgies, driving while drunk, and most alcoholism. Separating the sexes at school would even cut down on teen-age sex activity and resulting pregnancy. Forbidding the use of women as workers would take away from business its most easily used and abused wage slaves.

But may I suggest another, perhaps more powerful, foreign reason for this dictatorial move?

What if the major international oil companies dictated this course because they have huge oil



holdings/licenses/rights in Algeria which they have reason to believe the Moslem religious leadership will not honor?

There are reports that major oil fields have been discovered in Algeria and have been put "in the bank" until needed.

The international establishment, the true would-be Owners, do not want another uncontrolled Islamic nation like Iran in the Middle East, and especially not on the North African coast. The Israelis certainly don't want it.

So there are a lot of powers-that-be who look with favor and benign indifference on the military stalling the Moslem fundamentalists. The end, as always, justifies the means.

And the voters, all those young, unwashed, poor, who cares what they want? As the title of a British-published book says, IF VOTING MADE A DIFFERENCE, THEY'D ABOLISH IT. Well, they just did, in Algeria.

But for how long? Such a blatant abandonment of representative government by the secular power elite is so clear a message that the leadership of The Islamic

ARTHUR C. CLARKE IS
RIGHT: HEAVEN IS WHERE
YOU GO WHEN YOU EVOLVE.



Salvation Front now must know that the only way they can gain power is by mass demonstrations, strikes, and perhaps armed revolt. Allah knows the U.N. won't lift a finger to save constitutional government in Algeria.

And the people must know it, too, and be mad as hell.

But, realistically, how long can the Westernized governments and the Western social-cultural civilization adopted by the upper classes and imposed on the masses of Northern Africa and the Middle East continue to hold back the deepening tide of fundamental Islam?

This is like watching a repeat of the loss of the Holy Lands gained in the Crusades as the Moslems again gradually win back their people and cities and nations. I am tempted to call today's Western power in the regions The Oil Crusades.

There are massive, deep tides at work in mankind now, in the world, as I suspect instinctual man reasserts his drives and needs in the face of a shallow, hard-hitting (but short-lived?) force of "alien" ways and technology.

It all makes for fascinating points of view and odd-angle perspectives.

THE GAME IS UP: NOW WE KNOW!

Embedded in an AP news story (1-16-92) about CIA Director Gates' testimony to Congress that Iraq is fairly quickly capable of rebuilding its stocks of chemical and biological weapons—and has about 200 Scud missiles we can't find—but also is able, given a few years of freedom to do so, capable of rebuilding its nuclear weapons program—"as long as Saddam Hussein remains in power."

Gates also told the panel the world is enduring "a steady and worrisome growth in the proliferation of advanced weapons."

But Senate committee chairman Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, let the cat all the way out of the bag when he said that halting the spread of mass-destruction weapons is "America's new manifest destiny." And, "Our goal must be to work more closely with other nations to achieve not just a new world order, but a more peaceful world order."

So obviously our hidden masters with global ambitions have shown their agenda and our role: there will be a supreme world government (with each surviving "nation" having a seat in the world congress and a "vote" on supreme international laws), and the United States will be the sheriff; we will be the enforcers of U.N. law, and operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm will be followed by many more "peacekeeping" operations such as...Algeria Rescue...Egypt Take-Back...Operation Nuke Search... And let us not forget the inevitable Last Round-Up and Operation Corral for all of those American "terrorists" and thought criminals who dare to be politically, socially, or culturally incorrect. It will be Camp Homestead for us.

Hey, kids, join the army and see the world!

Side Comment: The only nation capable of thwarting these plans for World Order (read masked empire) is Japan, because only Japan is capable of creating and manufacturing higher-tech armaments which could defend their cities and wipe out our air forces.

Thus if Japan ever gives up its constitutional edicts against re-arming and begins to make nuclear attack defense systems, and nuclear weapons and delivery systems, expect a quick pre-emptive attack by the U.N.

THE SECOND LEG DOWN?

I waited for the latest report on new unemployment claims on Thursday (1-30-92) before writing this issue's commentary on the economy, and if I were a true Pessimist and/or Sadist I'd be shivering with glee about now.

But I have a terrible premonition of disaster and I'm not happy. Fun is fun, but this is getting serious.

New unemployment claims went up in the week ending 1-18 to 462,000, a jump of 24,000.

And Durable Goods orders were down a chunk, another Bad Sign.

And today, 1-31-92, a slew of bad numbers came out: New Homes Sales down in December. Leading Economic Indicators down for December. Consumer sentiment down in December. The Purchasing Managers Index down for December.

And nothing so far in January presages any improvement. The last two 10-day sales reports for New Car Sales were catastrophic.

And one other thing bothers me: this recession has yet to have its stock market collapse. Here the market sits at 3200 plus, with price/earnings ratios at 33-34 to 1 (almost all-time-highs: a normal, safe, traditional level is 12 to 1) and only a few people are shivering in their boots. All the "investors" pouring their money into money market funds which in turn pour money into the markets are betting on the come. They all remember 1982 when the Fed abruptly lowered interest rates and the markets turned on a dime and went up for ten years. All those people are now expecting the economy and the stock markets to leap forward and make them fortunes.

But I remember that in 1982 only a few people called the turn and got in on the ground floor. With almost everybody in the markets now, who will buy and buy and buy in the future? Where will the money come from? Not from Japan, baby.

I frankly, sadly, expect the crash anytime. I have no idea which bit of bad news will trigger the avalanche. But fear will instantly overcome greed for a million people and they will all want to get out at once.

Because of trading restrictions, I expect the crash

GEIS'S COMING ECONOMIC
CRASH IS A PISS IN THE
SWAMP TO THE CRASH
THAT ENDED THE CRETACEOUS!



this time to be a horrible week-long agony which in a way will make the ordeal worse than if it had all been done in one day's slaughter.

I suspect we are now in the next leg down into a Great Depression, and I'm scared.

The best we can expect is a spring surge in building and buying, then a slump this summer and a deepening dive this coming fall.

What is not generally realized is that cuts in the Defense budget to help with welfare and etc. means more thousands of job layoffs in defense industries and cuts in the military manpower numbers. Those announcements will be a cold shower to the economy.

SHORT NOTES & COMMENT

The 'clarified' detail has emerged that when in Japan recently Bush vomited, not on the prime minister's pantsleg, but in the man's lap! This means the president was not conscious when he toppled to his left, vomited, and continued falling to the floor.

What will we learn next?

Social Sidebar: A Japanese entertainer has trained a monkey to bend over and feign vomiting when the words "Bush-San!" are spoken.

Revised New Jersey welfare law, to be signed soon by the governor, denies welfare payment increases to welfare mothers who have more than two babies. N.O.W. says this law "Violates a woman's right to procreate."

No, it just denies them the ability to stick the public with the bill. But at the same time, the state should make sure their mothers-on-welfare know sexual anatomy, know how to prevent conception and have the means to do it. No excuses.

Has anyone noticed how much Sen. Bob Kerrey, a first-term war hero senator who is running for president, sounds and looks like John F. Kennedy? He speaks with the same voice, same cadence, same gestures. Even the same hairdo, except that Kerrey doesn't have as much hair as had Kennedy.

All this is too calculating and manipulative for my taste.

The perfect illustration of the basic contradiction of capitalism: A cartoon by Toles in the Buffalo News shows a factory owner in an empty building saying, "I finally got this place so it could run with no employees, and now there's nobody who can afford my products."

A sub, micro cartoon at the bottom has him say, "Maybe I'd feel better if I gave myself another raise."

Yeah, and borrow the money to do it.

Truth is, debt is the only way modern capitalism can work; the worker and/or new populations of "consumers" must accept ever-higher levels of debt in

order to buy ever more quantities of things and services. The surpluses of wealth created from using natural resources, labor and talent must never be allowed to stay with the worker. He must be taxed and he must be convinced to spend, even to the point of horrendous debt. And the beauty of debt is the interest that can be charged. And the wonder of the system is that if it is worked right, the stupid workers/"consumers" never catch on! They are endless suckers, generation after generation!

The uproar over Gov. Clinton's adultery (which he refuses to directly deny) is not that he done it, but that he's trying to dodge and dissemble. His adultery is relevant to his running for president because a voter must wonder: If this man has been willing to violate a sacred vow before his god and his wife, then lie about it to her (or hide it from her) for as long as possible, then how do I know he won't as casually violate his most sacred vows to the voters and to the constitution if he is elected?

Besides, to me he **looks** like a Good-Time Charlie.

William Rotsler responded to TGL#1 with a clutch of cartoons and fillos, and with a note that he will be using my "The Unofficial Prime Directives of Big Business and Big Government" in a book of quotations he is preparing. That gives me a strange, warm feeling the whole length of my overactive bile duct. Why, I think it may be happiness!

PERSONAL—ON WRITING FICTION

This will be free-fall self-commentary, the kind I like to write when I have the guts. I used to do it fairly often in my Santa Monica-Venice days in Southern California, in my personal journals of that 1965-72 era. It's fun to do—until I hit the ground.

Looking back on my novel-writing and short-fiction writing career, I notice certain things: I had been an avid science fiction and fantasy reader since age 10, and had become an avid SF fan, had been an avid letter hack in **THRILLING WONDER STORIES**, **STARTLING STORIES** and other SF zines with reader letter columns, and had published an award-winning SF fanzine or two.

Yet...yet I didn't turn to writing science fiction when I finally started to write fiction. I began to write sexy short stories for **ADAM** and its brethren, in 1959.

And then in 1960, after easily selling about 100 short stories (some of them sexy science fiction-fantasy), I sold my first attempted novel, also sexy, and went on from there. I've lost track of how many novels I've sold. Over 110. Under 125.

I seem to have a talent for writing sexy fiction. Just lucky, I guess.

I figure something deep in my psyche dictated that career direction. Am I possessed by a kind of talent/interest schizophrenia? I didn't tire of writing sexy novels. I still, when opportunity/editor knocks, write sexy novels.

And at the same time in the '60s I wrote a supposedly humorous column for **GALAXY**. A previous incarnation of **THE GEIS LETTER** title (six issues) was devoted exclusively to science fiction/fantasy/horror reviews.

And I am now writing a commentary column in the new, revived **SCIENCE FICTION REVIEW** published by Elton T. Elliott.

Obviously I still have an interest in science fiction and may in the future write SF novels.

But what I intended to say...is that I never see a SF novel of a kind I would write if I wrote one. Because I'd be impelled to be too sexy and violent and 7 sarcastic and quirky and pessimistic for the

market-dictated tastes of current and past editors and publishers in the field.

I have written a Geis SF novel---ONE IMMORTAL MAN---and self-published it in SCIENCE FICTION REVIEW when I was publishing that title in the Sixties, Seventies and to 1986. But nobody in the professional markets wanted it. Too much of all of the above and racist as well, since its hero was an immortal white man disguised as a black man in deepest Africa thousands of years from now after the Nuclear and Bio-Wars had wiped out Western civilization and a new ice age was beginning. I mean, how dystopian can you get for a young white male SF reader in "We are the glorious future" America?

So there is no professional outlet for my SF fiction.

But I still have the urges. I'd still like to get it out of my system. I'd like to leave a (har-har) legacy of Geis-SF novels in some kind of print---probably self-published---as a statement of some kind. As a further bid for a vestige of literary immortality. (Well, I'll settle for a couple hundred years.)

Psst: I secretly see myself, sometimes, as a latter-day weirdo like H.P. Lovecraft. Indulge me, it's a small delusion, a tiny flame burning in the back room of my misanthropic soul.

So don't be surprised if I surface, puffing and blowing, someday, with a bizarre novel politically, socially, culturally and morally incorrect, and offer it to you with trembling hands, quivering lips and pleading eyes. Oh, the shame!

You see what happens when I bare my breast and indulge myself this way?

Now, if I can only force myself to print this out and paste it into this issue.

"Wild horses couldn't keep you from doing it, Geis!"

Who said that?

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