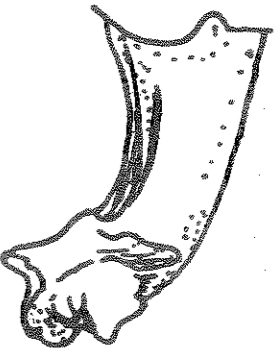


The Barnyard



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THE CAPITALISTIC LEECH!

Once upon a time there was a Little Red Hen who scratched about and uncovered some grains of wheat. She called her barnyard neighbors and said, "If we work together and plant this wheat, we will have some fine bread to eat. Who will help me plant the wheat?"

"Not I", said the Cow. "Not I", said the Duck. "Not I", said the Goose.

"Then I will," said the Little Red Hen - and she did.

After the wheat started growing, the ground turned dry and there was no rain in sight. "Who will help me water the wheat?" said the Little Red Hen.

"Not I", said the Cow. "Not I", said the Duck. "Not I", said the Pig. "Equal rights," said the Goose.

"Then I will," said the Little Red Hen - and she did.

The wheat grew tall and ripened into golden grain. "Who will help me reap the wheat?" asked the Little Red Hen.

"Not I", said the Cow. "Not I", said the Duck. "Out of my classification," said the Pig. "I'd lose my ADC", said the Goose.

"Then I will", said the Little Red Hen - and she did.

When it came time to grind the flour, "Not I", said the Cow. "I'd lose my unemployment compensation", said the Duck.

When it came time to bake the bread "That's over-time for me", said the Cow. "I'm a dropout and never learned how", said the Duck. "I'd lose my welfare benefits", said the Pig.

"If I'm the only one helping that's discrimination," said the Goose.

"Then I will", said the Little Red Hen - and she did.

She baked five loaves of fine bread and held them up for neighbors to see.

"I want some", said the Cow. "I want some", said the Pig. "I demand my share", said the Goose.

"No," said the Little Red Hen. "I can rest for awhile and eat the five loaves myself."

"Excess profits", cried the Cow. "Capitalistic leech!" exclaimed the Duck. "Company fink", screamed the Goose. "Equal rights", grunted the Pig.

And they hurriedly painted picket signs and marched around the Little Red Hen singing "We Shall Overcome." And they did.

For when the Farmer came to investigate the commotion, he said, "You must not be greedy, Little Red Hen,

"Look at the oppressed Cow. Look at the disadvantaged Duck. Look at the underprivileged Pig. Look at the less fortunate Goose. You are guilty of making second-class citizens of them!"

"But-but-but I earned the bread," said the Little Red Hen.

"Exactly," the wise Farmer said. "That is the wonderful free enterprise system; anybody can earn as much as he wants. You should be happy to have this freedom. In other barnyards, you would have to give all five loaves to the Farmer. Here you give four loaves to your suffering neighbors." (Continued on Page 2)

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And they all lived happily ever after. Including the Little Red Hen, who smiled and smiled and clucked, "I am grateful. I am grateful."

But her neighbors wondered why she never baked any more bread.

(Source unknown)

From MIAMI BEACH - THE REPORTER with credit - Kent Godfrey sent this Column from THE DENVER LEADER. Submitted by Arnold Kleiner.

FROM HUMAN EVENTS

WHO NEEDS A DEGREE? - "A man in the contracting business sends us a list of wage settlements agreed upon in the contracting industry in the last month or so. Operating engineers in Peoria who now receive \$5.65 an hour will be receiving \$9.95 in six years under a new contract. Cement masons in St. Louis will be receiving \$9.25 in five years; pipefitters in Kansas City \$9.14 in three years; iron workers in Minneapolis \$9.45 in three years; common laborers in Pittsfield, Mass, \$6.16 in three years, and so on. A man who works full time at \$9.95 an hour would get about \$20,000 a year - without any overtime. It makes you begin to wonder: Why go to College?

Chicago Tribune

\$24 (OR \$125) BILLION? "One of the facts on which professional dogooders grind their propaganda axe for aspering whacks at non-poverty public spending is that the space program since 1961 has cost \$24 billion--and their instant reaction to that U.S. moon landing was that the money could have been put to better use, notably in handouts, here on earth. That argument is effectively refuted by a comparison of Treasury outlays, published in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Washington REPORT. During the same approximately eight years of this \$24 billion space outlay, Uncle Sam has paid out five times as much - specifically, \$125 billion - as interest on the national debt. On that item the do-gooders wield no propagandic axe. To them, the debt doesn't matter. They regard it as a national benefaction."

Nashville Banner

Vivien Does It Again

Wedded to a cause - Vivien Kellems, the spinster who is championing the cause of unmarried taxpayers, refused yesterday to send her quarterly estimated tax declaration to Washington.

Miss Kellems simply sent a blank form-as she did on her annual income tax return in April-and enclosed a petition signed by 500 Connecticut taxpayers objecting to the heavier tax burden on single persons.

Miss Kellems told Treasury Secretary David M. Kennedy she will not pay any more taxes "until you refund to me the sum of \$73,409.03 which the Internal

Revenue Service has stolen from me over the past 20 years because I am single."

"It is unconstitutional to impose a penalty tax of 40% on me because I have no husband", she said in a letter accompanying her blank tax declaration."

Two-thirds of all poor live outside the central cities of metropolitan areas, according to "Changes in Urban America." a report issued by the U.S.Dept. of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"An arbitrary seizure of another's wealth under duress by anybody is ordinarily called theft, robbery, pilage or rapine. When such seizures are made by governmental agencies, the term used is taxation. This in principle, having no better standing than robbery or rapine, has over the ages taken on sanctity whenever the taxpayers have been able to imply that their confiscations were of wealth improperly gotten."

William D. Stowe, AICPA
THE PUBLIC REVENUE

SOLUTION TO THE FARM PROBLEM

This is the title of an excellent short discourse sent to the Secretary of Agriculture, Congressmen, Senators of Farm Organizations and farm papers by a farmer, Woodrow Williams of Ohio. Farmer Williams knows the land problem as well as the farm problem. A few copies of his article are available-will be sent to anyone requesting them from the HGS-NJ.

Howard M. Thomson, formerly a member of the Faculty and a Trustee of the Henry George School of N.J., now living in North Andover, Mass, is President of the Massachusetts Citizens Rights Association, Inc., which organization is currently campaigning for an amendment to the Constitution of that State consisting of only eight words: "THE FLUORIDATION OF DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLIES IS PROHIBITED." A 12 page pamphlet on the subject put out by the association bears this quotation: "It may be a long, long struggle, but to see the truth and do what one can to spread it brings its own independent and rich reward."....Henry George to George L. Rusby, July 1897.

The Afternoon Discussion Group will meet at Headquarters, 149 So. Harrison St., East Orange - second Tuesday in November - the 11th at 1:30. This is Armed Forces Day - holiday for some, but the group will meet then.

Anyone who can attend this daytime activity is most welcome. Lively and interesting discussion.

A CONSERVATIVE TIDE?

By Oscar B. Johannsen

It will be interesting to watch this year's election to note if the conservative tide continues to grow. That it has had a startling growth is obvious. As an example, the Republican mayoral candidate in New York City is a conservative, while the mayor, a liberal, who was elected as a Republican is running on the liberal and independent tickets. For the Republican candidate to have been a conservative just a few years ago would have been an impossibility.

So powerful has been this turn toward conservatism that the liberal establishment is beating a hasty retreat. To confuse the issue as between liberals and conservatives, the liberals now tend to call themselves "moderates". This is a measure of how tarnished the label "liberal" has become.

How much of this turn toward conservatism is for the good remains to be seen. It is hoped that it indicates a recognition that the market economy is a far more efficient allocator of scarce resources than any group of bureaucrats sitting in Washington who attempt to direct an economy on the basis of their economic models.

It is also hoped that it is a recognition that the increasing role of government in the people's affairs has been at the expense of the freedom and initiative of the individual and a reversal is in order.

The danger is that this turn is more a reaction to the crime and disorder throughout the nation and is a demand for the government to be less discriminating in the use of its police power.

Everyone, of course, wishes peace and order. But the danger is that when crime and civic disturbances become intolerable, in exasperation the people will demand that the government use its mailed fist indiscriminately. But when this happens, we are in a grave danger of having a Hitler or Stalin-type government. Such a government will keep order, but at the expense of the liberty of the people.

As of now, those men who are running or have won office as conservatives, in the main, appear to be reasonable and intelligent men who are well aware of the danger of a police state. If they are elected and can contain the crime and disorder that the conservative turn has been a great blessing. If, however, they are elected and cannot control the criminal and disturbing element with reasonable means, then

either the liberals will return to power, or demagogues will arise who will not hesitate to use brute force. Which shall it be? Only time will tell.

SENSE & NONSENSE

It's an old story but it bears repeating. In checking up on the title to a piece of land, the owner had given information only back as far as 1803. He was requested for further information. He replied:

"Gentlemen: As you know my property is in New Orleans, and I am sure you are aware that Louisiana was purchased from France in 1803 by the United States. France obtained it from Spain by conquest. Spain acquired it by right of discovery in 1492 by a sailor operating under its aegis named Christopher Columbus. He had been given the right to seek a new route to India by Queen Isabella Queen of Spain. As she was a very pious lady I am sure she obtained the Pope's blessing before she sent Columbus on his voyage.

"The Pope is the vicar of Christ. Christ is the Son of God, and God made the world. He, therefore, must have made Louisiana, and I hope to heaven you're satisfied."

A monetary student asks, now that "paper gold" is here, can "wooden nickels" be far behind?

New York City is suffering from lack of adequate housing primarily because of rent control makes investors reluctant to involve themselves in housing. To this has been added another problem. It finds that perfectly adequate housing is being destroyed, making the problem that much more acute and causing considerable discontent by people being evicted from these buildings.

Hospitals, universities and religious organizations are responsible. They have been taking over property in order to take care of their own expansion problems and in doing so remove the property from the tax roles as they are non-profit institutions. The New School for Social Research, the Jehovah's Witnesses and Mount Sinai Hospital are among some of those responsible.

The needs of these organizations are perfectly legitimate. Mt. Sinai Hospital needs land on which to erect housing for their personnel, as nurses and the staff.

This problem would not even exist if rent controls were abolished, but no politician seems to have the courage to advocate their removal. The result is something as above, which no one anticipated.

This points up that humans can never anticipate the result of their actions, particularly in the field of politics. An Enactment which is supposed to remedy a wrong, may not only be worse than the evil but create ancillary problems which did not exist before.

That economics is a mixed up science, as it is taught today is evidenced by the prevailing attention to inflation. Bad news is considered good news. When the unemployment rate goes up, and business seems to be slowing down that is supposed to be good news, for we are told it indicates inflation is getting under control. Actually to control inflation all that is needed to be done is to decrease the money supply. At the same time, if production is increased, it is so much the better for with a smaller money supply and greater production, prices will fall much faster. So unemployment is still bad news, not only to those unfortunate enough to be unemployed, but to all of us, despite what the economists may say.

Now is the time when college graduates learn that you cannot get rich by degrees.

THE EVENING NEWS - NEWARK, N.J. -
October 18, 1969: "The Newark Office of Economic Development this week released its revised and updated economic report, which according to city economist P. Bernard Nortman, shows the city is badly shortchanged, as compared with other communities in the state, other cities in the county, and with the amount of money it pays to the State.

To remedy this, the administration projected 15 recommendations which will put the city on a sound financial footing, and relieve Newark taxpayers who must pay \$8.30 for every \$100 of value attributed to their property.

Only one relatively novel point actually came out of the report at all, and that isn't even new since it has been an academic thought for years and is in effect in several other American cities. That was to reverse the traditional burden of property taxes, placing a heavier levy on land than on improvements.

THE SUNDAY NEWS (NEW YORK CITY) on October 19th - "TAX REFORMS ARE OFFERED BY ADDONIZIO - "Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio has made public 15 tax Recommendations to the governor and Legislature....The tax document, prepared by city economist P. Bernard Nortman and the city's Office of Economic Development also recommends amending the city's tax structure to allow taxing land more heavily than improvements on it.

This is a move which would stimulate owners to convert slums into new housing...Put unutilized and under-utilized land to maximum improvement.", Addonizio told UPL.

SALT OF THE EARTH

Dieter: One who wishes others would not laugh at his expense.

As F.P.Jones once said: "Some people have to be out on a limb before they will burn over a new leaf."

Father to college son: "I wish all I had to worry about was the world, and not taxes, mortgages, rising prices, the cost of college, and your mother's dresses."

Dad: Son, please mow the lawn before you go out on your date.

Son: Sure, buster.

Dad: That's no way to address your father! Come on, let's have it done properly. Do you have time to mow the lawn?

Son: I'm afraid not, Sir.

Some people act like blotters when it comes to gossip. They soak it all in but get it all backwards.

When returning to your boyhood town, you find it wasn't the town you longed for, but - your boyhood.

Financial Success: Man whose pay raises stay ahead of the tax rates.

BRIEF QUOTES FROM -- THE QUIET REVOLUTION BY Edmund A. Opitz THE FREEMAN - Oct. 1969

Quoted from John Burroughs - "The great beneficent changes come slowly and silently. The noisy changes, for the most part, mean violence and disruption."

"Like the secular liberals and collectivists, churchmen expect to overcome economic disabilities by political interventions. They'll never achieve prosperity by taking this tack. Poverty can be overcome by increased productivity, and in no other way; and a society of free men is more productive than any other. It follows that we maximize production and minimize poverty only as men are increasingly free to pursue their personal aims--including their economic goals--within the framework of law. Prosperity, in fact, is a by-product of liberty. Limit the government to its proper competence, so that men are uncoerced in their interpersonal relations--including their economic arrangements--and the general level of well-being rises."

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NOVEMBER 4th is ELECTION DAY!
