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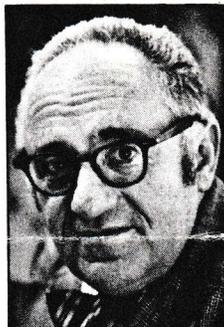
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### *Rothbard in Seattle*

Leading libertarian intellectual, Dr. Murray Rothbard, author of For A New Liberty; The Libertarian Manifesto and many other works will be in Seattle the entire weekend April 19, 20 and 21st. The occasion is the National Committee meeting of the Libertarian Party of the US. Seattle libertarians are also offering the First Northwestern Freedom Conference titled "A Marketplace of Ideas". The three day event will include panel discussions, debates and workshops as well as social events including a Saturday evening cruise on the Puget Sound. Some topics to be discussed are natural resources, regulation of transportation, legalization of prostitution, the issue of 'comparable worth' and everyone's perennial favorite--taxation. Also invited as a speaker is Vancouver's Walter Block.

The conference will be held at the Westin Hotel in downtown Seattle and the cost has not yet been determined. Those interested in attending can contact Skip Barron at 7727 26th Ave., N.W. Seattle WA 98117. If you are interested in sharing transportation or arranging accommodations with libertarians in Seattle, contact Paul Geddes in Vancouver, 689-5260.

The conference will offer a stimulating weekend for discussing and sharing new ideas with new friends. If you plan to attend, dig out your dog-eared copy of For A New Liberty or start Rothbard's latest The Ethics of Liberty. See you in Seattle!



MURRAY ROTHBARD

Appearing in Seattle

### *Tax Protest Day*

by Bill Tomlinson

For the past two years, Libertarians in Toronto have designated 30th April as Tax Protest Day, and have celebrated the day by holding a demonstration.

Last year's demonstration consisted of handing out leaflets in downtown Toronto at several places where people were congregating, such as the Post Office (where they were mailing their tax returns), the bus and subway stations, and even a local rock concert. The activity was reported on favorably by the local press and television and helped to awaken interest in the Libertarian Party, at a time when people were

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# Goodbye Friendly, Goodbye!

I remember growing up in the '50s. It was an exciting time for a kid to be growing up. Television was relatively new and we kids naturally found it fascinating. And every afternoon after school, there would be great kid shows to watch. Howdy Doody, Maggie Muggins, Razzle Dazzle! They were all on five days a week. In Montreal, where I grew up, the local station produced a couple of daily programs for children in the sixties. Magic Tom's Surprise Party, Lunchtime Little Theatre with Johnny Jellybean and the Buddies. All have now been retired to that great big TV Studio in the sky.

Recently, one of the longest running shows for preschoolers joined them. The Friendly Giant has piped his last tune. Rusty will stay buried in his bookbag and Jerome the Giraffe will no longer visit. Why? Because the CBC decided to cancel Friendly due to budget cuts.

All around the country editorialists decried the loss of a Canadian institution. They denounced the parsimonious attitude of the corporation. But their editorials were so much misdirected hot air. They thought the reason for Friendly's demise was budget cuts. They failed to point out the real reason.

I work for BCTV, a major private TV station and when I read that the CBC had cancelled the Friendly Giant, I approached our Vice-President for Production and suggested that this

popular show be picked up by the CTV Network of which BCTV is an affiliate. He told me that they couldn't because it would bring in no revenue. TV stations are not allowed to carry advertising during children's programs. I suggested that it might be worth doing for its public relations value. The reply, "How would you like to get your paycheque in public relations value?" Good PR may make you popular with editorialists, but it won't put bread on the table.

And there is the real reason for the demise of Friendly. All those wonderful children's programs I mentioned carried advertising. Now there is no more advertising on children's shows. The only children's programs are token low budget efforts that run Saturday mornings to appease the CRTC. Several are sponsored and produced by religious organizations.

When the government banned children's advertising, they effectively killed the goose that laid the golden egg. To revive good children's programming, we must bring back advertising for such shows.

Those shows, which are fond memories to me, won't be experienced by my son. He and his friends won't have "a rocking chair for one of them or a big arm chair for two more to curl up in". The Friendly Giant has left us and we'll miss him. Goodbye Friendly, Goodbye!

Marco den Ouden Editor

## Congratulations

Congratulations are in order for Adriaan J. den Ouden, Vancouver's youngest libertarian born 1 February 1985 to his happy and proud parents Marco and Janis. How they found the time between writing articles and editing our newsletter is beyond us!! Good luck Adriaan and welcome to the battle for more liberty.

Letters to the Editor are welcome.

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## Let's Talk About Schools

by Bill Tomlinson

British Columbia's Education Minister, Jack Heinrich, has instituted recently an inquiry into our education system. The process is entitled "Let's Talk About Schools", and offers everyone in the Province an opportunity to express our concerns about the state of education.

Each School District is receiving a grant toward the cost of holding meetings, but even if an opportunity is given for private individuals to offer input at these meetings, it would seem to me that much more notice will be taken of any letters that are mailed directly to the inquiry. The address is:

Let's Talk About Schools,  
University of Victoria,  
P.O. Box 1700,  
Victoria, B.C. V8W 2Y2

There is little doubt in my mind that those who have only one answer to solving a problem - shovel more money at it - and preferable somebody else's money, will be extremely vocal, as will the others who believe that the State should provide "free" services for whatever activity their children should wish to dabble in. Libertarians also have their own views on education, whether it should involve vouchers, tax credits, home tuition, fee for service, etc., but unless we make our views known to the Minister, he is not even going to know we exist. Sitting at home muttering to ourselves about liberty and all that stuff is all very well, but if we really want to make any changes, we have to do a bit more than that. This time, all we have to do is get out a pen and paper and write what we feel about something that concerns all of us, whether we have children or grandchildren at school, or whether we are just helping to pay for it all.

To be submitted to the Committee, your letter must be received by March 15th 1985. All letters will be available to the Committee, which is comprised mainly of professionals

involved in the education system who will prepare a final report for the Minister.

Unless they are made aware of our point of view they will not be able to give a balanced report. I urge you to join me in writing to this Committee. I don't think you have to worry about quoting lots of figures and statistics, somebody else will be doing that already, and in any case, knowing how statistics can prove any lie, who takes any notice of them any more?

Tell them what you care about, whether it's freedom of choice for both pupils and teachers, discipline, religion, or just plain money. We may not have the chance to express ourselves like this again to somebody who may actually be able to do something, for a long time. Please don't pass up this opportunity. Start writing today.

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### TAX PROTEST DAY (from page 1)

really thinking about the income tax they were coerced into paying.

Your executive in the lower mainland intends to hold a similar demonstration this year, but in order for it to be successful, we need to have a good number of volunteers who are prepared to spend a couple of hours on Tuesday 30th April, getting some great fresh air, meeting with friends, and giving authority a polite raspberry.

If you care about what is happening to all of us as taxes increase and government spending goes on out of control, this will be an excellent way to let others know how you feel. We really do need your help and support, so please phone Bill Tomlinson at 980-7270 to join in. Even if you can't be there, thus missing all the fun, you can still help either by designing and making placards, or by making a cash contribution to help defray costs. We do not anticipate that expenses will be high, but as the war chest is empty, a donation to us will help to tell people how concerned you are about taxes

# *Lest we Forget*

BY MARCO DEN OUDEN

Auschwitz! The name alone curdles the blood and makes one recoil with horror. On January 27, eight elderly Jews who survived that hell took part in a candle-lit procession to mark the 40th anniversary of its liberation. They symbolized the four million people who died there at the hands of the Nazis. The eight survivors were all twins, and thus spared from the gas chambers in order to be subjects of experiments by the infamous Dr. Josef Mengele. One of those eight, Vera Krieghel, now an Israeli citizen recalled some of the events she witnessed. "They took little children out of the wombs of mothers and threw them onto a fire. It was terrifying. I remember the shrieking of those poor women."

That these horrible events occurred is incontrovertibly documented. The German collapse towards the end of the Second World War was so sudden and decisive that a wealth of documentary evidence was captured by the allies before the Nazis could destroy them. In addition, there are 42 volumes of transcripts of the Trial of the Major War Criminals at Nuremberg and another 15 volumes of the trials of lesser war criminals.

And so it is with horror that we witness a rebirth of antisemitism at this stage of our history. In the early hours of January 24, the Shalom Temple in Vancouver was firebombed. Rabbi Philip Bregman had reported telephone threats prior to the arson attack. Recently, the FBI shot it out on an island off the Washington coast with a member of a radical anti-semitic Christian sect. The pursued gunman had been a suspect in bank robberies that the sect has organized to finance their revolutionary aims.

In Alberta, school teacher James Keegstra was fired for teaching students that the holocaust was a hoax. He now faces prosecution for his anti-semitic views.

And in Toronto, Ernst Zundel, a landed immigrant from West Germany, is currently on trial for "the delib-

erate publication of false news which may cause public harm". He published pamphlets that challenged the historical accuracy of most accounts of the genocide of European Jews by Nazi Germany.

For libertarians, the cases of Keegstra and Zundel are doubly odious. Our countries fought the Nazi terror to preserve liberty. We fought to oppose a tyranny where dissent was routinely squelched with murderous violence. We fought to preserve the cornerstones of freedom, freedom of conscience, freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

Keegstra and Zundel stand for the exact opposite of the values we uphold. They preach sympathy for the ugly face of Nazism. They sow doubt of the horror Nazism spawned. They are not honorable men. They are not men with whose cause we can have sympathy. This is one reason why these cases are odious to us.

But they are also odious because the prosecution of these men entails a fatal contradiction. By prosecuting these men for their beliefs, by prosecuting these men for disseminating views contrary to what most decent people believe, we are denying the very concepts of freedom of conscience, freedom of speech and freedom of the press that we fought the Nazis to preserve.

Keegstra and Zundel are not charged with firebombing a synagogue. They are not charged with robbing banks. They are charged with having contrary opinions and refusing to hold their tongues or still their pens about these ideas.

There is a devastating irony in the prosecution of these men in 1984, the year in which George Orwell predicted we would be facing the close scrutiny of the Thought Police. Orwell was closer than he would have dreamed.

These trials are only the tip of the iceberg. The Canadian Association for Free Expression reported recently that over 1200 books are forbidden entry into Canada. Few of

these books have ever been the subject of a court case. They include many "pornographic" works, but they also include political books such as Behind Communism, The Journal of Historical Review, None Dare Call It Conspiracy, at least one title by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, and a book by Rev. A.C. Forrest, former Moderator of the United Church of Canada. Also on the forbidden list are The Anarchist's Cookbook (on bomb making) and The Complete Book of International Smuggling. A four-man panel in Ottawa decides what imported reading matter you and I are permitted to read. Amazingly enough, nobody seems to worry that these bureaucrats might be corrupted by the slime and subversion they read in the line of duty.

On issues as important as free speech and freedom of the press, one would hope that the Canadian Civil Liberties Association would be in the forefront of the battle, as its American counterpart usually is in the U.S. Instead, we see the sorry spectacle of both the Keegstra and Zundel cases being defended by an obnoxious Western separatist named Doug Christie. The Zundel case, which is currently prominent in the news, is a prime example of how NOT to defend freedom of speech. The prosecution has been presenting numerous witnesses, all survivors of the holocaust, to testify that those terrible wartime events did indeed take place. Mr. Christie, in a principled defense of the case, would have acknowledged that he doesn't dispute the facts of the Nazi genocide of European Jews but is concerned rather, with Mr. Zundel's right to express his opinion, even if it be false. To his everlasting shame, Mr. Christie has badgered witnesses and challenged the veracity of their accounts, often reducing witnesses to tears and Mr. Zundel's deranged supporters to jeers and cheers. The spectacle is sickening. Public sympathy is with the prosecution while the substantive issue at hand has not been dealt with. Mr. Christie would well draw some instructive lessons from a similar case in the U.S. in 1977.

In 1977, a neo-Nazi named Frank Collin applied for a permit to

conduct a public rally of his National Socialist Party of America in the Chicago suburb of Skokie, Illinois. When Skokie denied him permission, Collin turned to the American Civil Liberties Union for help. The ACLU battled for eighteen months in state and federal courts on Collin's behalf. The lawyer handling the case for the ACLU was David Goldberger, an American Jew. The Illinois Supreme Court eventually ruled that the Village of Skokie was acting unconstitutionally in the Collin case. This verdict was upheld by the United States Supreme Court in a 7-2 decision.

In writing about this bitterly fought legal battle in his book, The Nazi/Skokie Conflict, David Hamlin, Executive Director of the Illinois ACLU chapter that defended Collin, pinpoints the issue at hand in the last few pages. In the United States, free speech is guaranteed by the First Amendment. Writes Hamlin, "The First Amendment to the United States Constitution IS democracy. It protects Frank Collin's right to express his ideas in order that everyone may examine those ideas and accept or reject them.

"If Frank Collin had political power - if he were, for example, in control of a community such as Skokie - Frank Collin would censor those ideas with which he disagrees and he would protect the ideas he supports. That concept is the cornerstone of fascism and the antithesis of free speech.

"Political censorship is no better a theory of government when Frank Collin advocates it than it is when put into practice by the Village of Skokie or the Chicago Park District or holocaust survivors. Whether it comes wrapped in a swastika or an American flag, political censorship merits only rejection."

What we need in Canada is a Civil Liberties Union with the moral conviction and courage of its American counterpart, a Civil Liberties Union that will fight unpopular cases and fight them in support of a principle, the noblest principle of a free society, freedom of speech.

## Popular Politics

Jack Davis, Socred MLA for North Vancouver Seymour, and former Liberal cabinet member, has sent us a copy of his book Popular Politics; How to Make Democracy Work. This is the book the NDP have accused Mr. Davis of having published with the help of our taxes. Such an act would not jibe with the principles outlined in the book.

Many of Mr. Davis' prescriptions for an ideal society are libertarian - deregulation of industry and commerce, elimination of tariffs, elimination of grants to cultural groups. He believes in individual rights and loathes the false concept of group rights. He believes in the rule of law, not of men. All of his recommendations are built on practical, utilitarian grounds. Morality and fairness are seldom mentioned. But there is some strong feeling in Popular Politics. In the chapter titled "Human Rights and Wrongs", Mr. Davis states "I do not want my taxes to be used for group purposes including cultural survival. A pox on it. Those who wish to continue the customs of their homeland must do so at their own expense."

Less libertarian elsewhere, he advocates a flat rate income tax of 20%, and he advocates the voucher system for all levels of school. He believes, mistakenly, that public works projects should be undertaken during recessions and that they be self-financing on a user-pay basis. But history has shown that if we allow government to spend during a recession they will continue to spend (and spend, and spend...) when the recession is over. And a self-financing public works project is a rarity.

Truly against the grain of libertarianism are Mr. Davis' ideas of using government power to force companies to go public and sell half of their shares to local residents. He also wants to spend our money to provide research and development grants to small business.

Popular Politics reads as if random sentences and paragraphs, written over a ten year period, were hastily grouped and printed in book

format. Mr Davis has terse style, which lends itself to a small book covering many subjects, but some of his conclusions do not flow smoothly from the body of his arguments. Some ideas change through the course of the book. On page 70, for instance, we find a suggestion that government should compete with private industry in some areas. Yet, on page 140 is written "governments should never engage in any business which can be run by entrepreneurs in the private sector."

Personally, I liked Popular Politics overall, and I agree with 90% of what Jack Davis says. He is a well-read man and he speaks from many years of experience in industry and government. Five university degrees and a Rhodes scholarship attest to his intelligence.

If you would like a copy of Popular Politics then write to the Hon. Jack Davis, MLA, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

reviewed by Martin Macdonald

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## Supper Club

Speakers: Walter J. Boytinck and Mary Otto, census fighters  
Topic: The Census; Come celebrate with some heroes in the battle for liberty  
Place: Salons A&B, Century Plaza Hotel, 1015 Burrard St., Vancouver  
Time: Saturday March 9. Cocktails at 5:30 and Dinner at 6:30.  
Dinner: Roast Beef, Scalloped potatoes, vegetables, onion soup, rolls, ice cream, tea or coffee.  
Cost: \$15.00  
Reservations: Paul 689-5260  
or Bill 980-7270

In the 1976 census, Vancouver lawyer Walter Boytinck refused to fill out his census form and the federal justice department came after him. Thanks to a technicality he found in the law, Boytinck forced Ottawa not only to let him go but also drop all other census prosecutions that year as well.

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# First Northwestern Freedom Conference "A Marketplace of Ideas"

## Libertarian Party National Committee Meeting

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Endangered Species:	Murray Rothbard
Whales or Government?	Walter Block
Is Taxi Regulation a "fare" deal?	Andre Marrou, L.P. State Legislator, Alaska
Smokey the Bear:	Charlotte Twight, Economist
Bureaucrat or Entrepreneur?	Ted Griffin, author "Namu"
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In the 1981 census, many local libertarians, Walter Boytinck leading, once again refused to fill out their census forms objecting to big brother probing into private lives. But it was Tsawassen housewife Mary Otto who defeated Goliath in court this time. Otto defended herself without a lawyer saying she was prepared - if necessary - to go to jail to prove her point. The federal justice department appealed and Otto

won again, this time boasting of "a victory over government bureaucracy's invasion of privacy."

Unfortunately, the 1986 census is just around the corner. The Tories looked like they were ready to cancel it, but at the last minute decided they couldn't. Let's celebrate with Walter and Mary on March 9th as we prepare with determination for the census fight of 1986!



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