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We thought you might enjoy an anecdote from Spencer MacCallum of how his grandfather, Spencer Heath, refused to be hooked on either horn of a dangerous dilemma. Spencer Heath was a noted engineer, attorney, philosopher, and author (Citadel, Market and Altar). Writer MacCallum is a social anthropologist who envisions an open society of contract in his book The Art of Community.

You asked for a favorite story of mine about the way my grandfather responded to an unacceptable government order. It illustrates the common fallacy of the "false alternative," in which we assume our options to be limited in some circumstance to equally bitter alternatives. My grandfather had a happy way of not assuming circumstantial limitations on his options. He assumed instead that his options were limited only in his imagination. In any situation, therefore, innovation was always an alternative.

During World War I, Spencer Heath manufactured airplane propellers in Baltimore. He had developed the first machine mass production of propellers shortly before the war, so that when the war began, he was in a position to turn them out in quantity. His factory therefore produced more than three quarters of the propellers used by the Allies during the war.

All of the propellers turned out for the military were not always of his design; frequently the Army would order propellers made to its own specifications in his plant. On one occasion, when specifications for a large order came in, he noticed a flaw in the design that would make the propellers have a tendency to break up in the air. He gave a lot of study to it, and came up with a small modification of the design that would make them safe. When he approached the Army, however, they would not listen to him. He persisted, and tempers soon flared. The Army adopted the stance that he was a "war profiteer" attempting to change specifications in order to reduce his manufacturing cost and to profit from the war effort. Their final word was blunt and to the point: "Mister, this is wartime. You make those propellers or we'll shoot you."

What would you have done? Was he to make the propellers, knowing that they might cost the lives of our pilots, or was he to resist orders in time of war? Well, he made the propellers exactly to specification. They passed government inspection and were crated on the loading dock ready to go out on an early morning train. After hours, Mr. Heath returned to the factory with one workman. Together they opened every crate. With a rubber stamp and ink pad, they stamped the hub of every

propeller, and then carefully closed up the crates again. In the morning, the propellers went out on schedule.

The stamp is in my possession. Here it is:

**MADE UNDER PROTEST  
CONDEMNED BY MANUFACTURER**

Spencer MacCallum reports that years later, Mr. Heath learned by accident that the propellers had not gone overseas after all, but had ended up in a warehouse in Texas, where they may be yet.

FOR PITY'S SAKE

POLITICOHOLISM - a crippling disease of the brain and emotional system, has been named by the League of Non-Voters as this nation's Number One hazard. "The unique characteristic of this disease is that those afflicted do not experience pain, but all with whom they come in contact, or 'seek to serve,' suffer varying degrees of pain and discomfort. The politicoholic becomes an addict in little ways: participating on committees, helping candidates, working for political parties; etc. At the outset, the addict thinks he can 'quit' any time he wants to; his activities are only 'part-time'; he is trying to 'do his part.' Slowly, imperceptibly, comes the irresistible urge to offer himself as the sole salvation for a community, city, state, or nation. Politicoholics have been grievously harmed by the general public through their repeated injections of attention, recognition, and acceptance."

The LNV suggests that we be more compassionate toward politicoholics. "We ought to withdraw our respect and extend pity, for they need help. To help prevent politicoholism, write Box 1406, Santa Ana, CA 92702."

LIBERTARIAN CONFERENCE - ATLANTA

The Southern Libertarian Conference will be held April 28-29 at the Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel, speakers to include Stephen Halbrook, Samuel Edward Konkin III, John L. Snare, and Joseph Stromberg, admission \$5.00. Send inquiries: S.L.C., Box 37553, Sta. 7, Atlanta, Georgia 30327.

SUPPER CLUB SPEAKERS

Sy Leon, president of Rampart College, will speak on "Communication of Libertarian Ideas" on April 3 at the Libertarian Supper Club meeting at Taix Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, dinner 7:15 p.m. On May 1, Harold Demsetz, professor of business economics, U. of Chicago, will speak on the problem of concentration of industries. For reservations phone Lloyd Licher 213: 397-4848 or 390-4499.

## PUBLIC SERVANTS QUESTIONNAIRE

Answers to questions should be put down by taxpayer. If, at the end of the questioning, the public servant declines to swear or affirm to the truthfulness of what he has answered, this fact should be noted and the forms sent off as directed.

To be executed in quadruplicate. Original for taxpayer's files. Second copy to head of department from which public servant was sent. Third copy to taxpayer's attorney. Fourth copy to public servant. Taxpayer will assume responsibility of mailing to appropriate persons.

Name of public servant.....

Resident address..... City..... State.....

Name of department of government, bureau or agency by which public servant is employed:

# Blank for Taxpayers

Blank for taxpayers

Its mailing address.....City.....State.....

Did public servant furnish proof of identity?..... What was the nature of this proof?.....

Is the name given by public servant his right name? .....

Has public servant ever employed an alias or assumed name? .....

If so, what will Revenue people or other departments of our giant bureaucracy,

Has public servant ever served time in prison for a misdemeanor? \_\_\_\_\_ A felony? \_\_\_\_\_

A crime?..... If answer to foregoing is "yes" in any case, give reason for public servant's incarceration.

Will the public servant furnish a copy of the law or regulation which authorizes the investigation?

Since it is now quite clear that government intends to leave

How long has no stone turned acquiring knowledge of us, it is equally clear months

Has he ever been employed outside of government or outside of a government agency such as a welfare bureau, a government school, etc?

and as taxpayers we have certain rights and privileges.

What are his qualifications for conducting this investigation? (Cite special training, degrees held, special aptitudes, etc.)

tion, it is important that we not be set upon by imposters; that

Is the investigation we are treated courteously; that promises made to us in the course

Note: By "general" is meant any kind of blanket investigation in which a number of persons are involved because of geography, type of business, sex, religion, schooling, income, and so forth, but in which no individual person or persons are specifically named or named in such a way that they are not involved.

Name of private person (if any) who suggested that investigation be made.....

Was private person paid for turning in the name of taxpayer?..... How much was he paid? \$.....

Address..... This Public Servants Questionnaire is for your use in dealing.....

Note: Amendment VI of the Constitution says: "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and place where the crime shall have been committed; which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense." Since government investigations are frequently followed by criminal prosecution, the taxpayer has a right to know the names of his accusers and to also be informed of the nature of the accusation brought against him. Also, Amendment VI requires the investigator to inform the taxpayer of his rights and to obtain consent from the part of the investigator to satisfactorily answer the foregoing may provide grounds for refusing to answer questions. See a lawyer, if questions remain in your mind on this point.

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**at 25¢ for \$1**

Will he (the public servant) guarantee that the information requested will not be used by persons in departments, bureaus or agencies other than the one by whom he is employed?..... If not, why not? .....

Has the public servant been courteous and cooperative?..... Has he made any threats?.....

What is the nature of the threats?.....

### AFFIRMATION BY PUBLIC SERVANT

I swear (or affirm) that the answers I have given to the foregoing questions are complete and correct in every particular.

Must be signed in ink and the signature should be witnessed by two people. Taxpayer may administer an oath if he so desires.

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Witness .....

#### OUTCOME OF "SAN DIEGO ELEVEN" TRIAL

Fines of \$50 to \$1,000 and suspended sentences of six months to three years were meted out March 5 to nine Californians who protested an I.R.S. seizure of private property without a court order. One member of Tax-payers Anonymous will appear for a new hearing May 8 (a mistrial was declared); the case of another had been dismissed.

#### TAXATION: "LEGAL ROBBERY"

Students for a Libertarian Society, P. O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632, offer a new bumpersticker (10¢): "DON'T ROB = IT'S A CRIME TO COMPETE WITH GOVT. Repeal Legal Robbery - Taxation."

Financial Book Digest (Jan. '73 issue) recommends: "Read it...memorize it. The insights you gain about money will pay handsome dividends in new understanding. We promise." The book? Rothbard's What Has Government Done to Our Money? Order from Rampart College Book Service, \$1.25 (plus 25¢ postage/handling, California residents add 5% sales tax), 104 W. Fourth St., Santa Ana, CA 92701.

#### STUDENT COMPETITION NOW OPEN

Students (college and high school) are now competing for scholarships for the 1973 Comprehensive Course to be presented by Robert LeFevre August 19-26. Winners will receive tuition, food, lodging, books (\$575 value). Write to Rampart Registrar for details.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Robert Rosborough, Anaheim, California, a trustee for Rampart College for six years, died March 7. His wife, Debby; son, Douglas; and daughter, Carol, have also participated in Rampart courses. Founder Robert LeFevre and fellow trustees paid tribute to Bob Rosborough as "friend of freedom" and cherished personal friend, at their quarterly meeting.



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