Liberty for some or all?

One of the major threats to religious liberty today is the complacency of the American people in the face of government encroachment So says Andrew Leigh Gunn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State

In a recent interview, he cited a number of ways the state–chiefly the federal government–is undermining that historic "wall" between it and the church(es) The National Labor Relations Board, for example, telling the Catholic Church it must bargain with teachers unions in parochial schools, or the channeling of federal funds through churches to build hospitals or retirement homes

It's hard to dispel the complacency precisely because so much of the encroachment is for socially desirable ends Now if federal agents were to physically invade a church as if it were some kind of speakeasy, the breach in the "wall" would be obvious for all to see

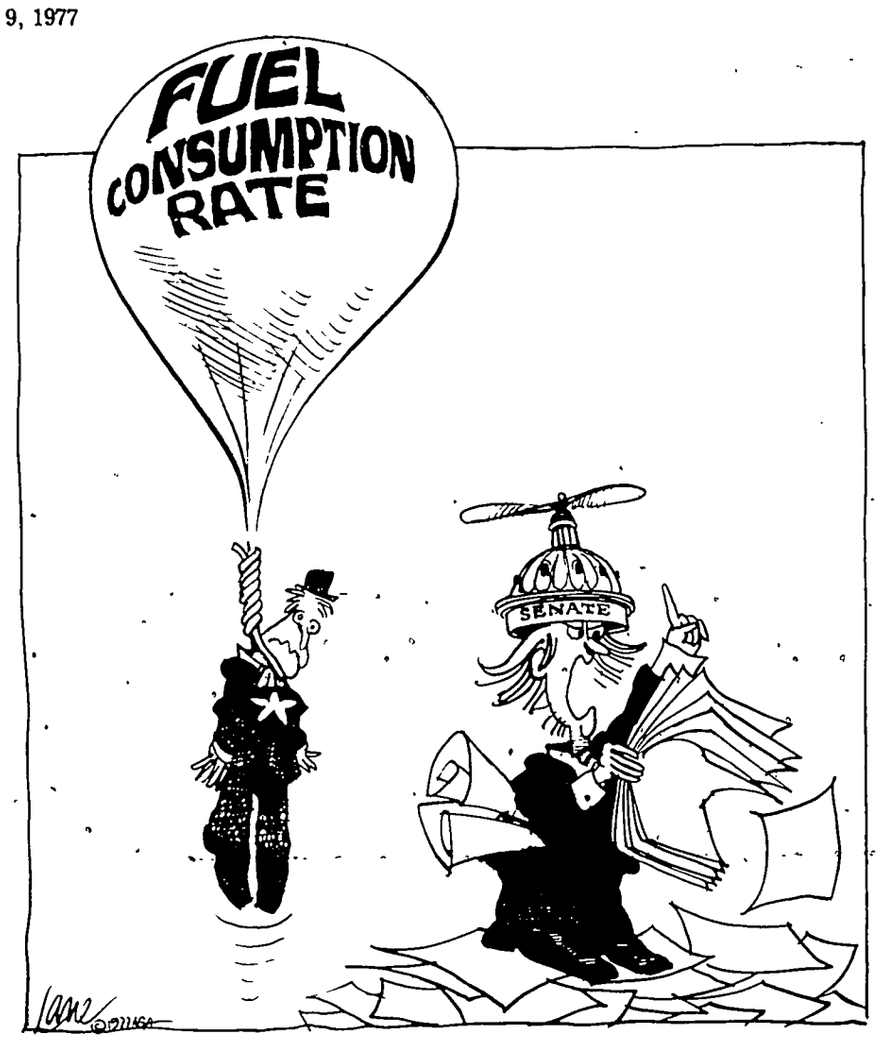
The strange thing is that this actually happened last July, when FBI agents armed with sledgehammers, power saws and crowbars, swooped down on the Church of Scientology in Washington, D C, and Los Angeles in search of documents allegedly stolen from extensive government files amassed during years of scrutiny of Scientology

The warrant for the raid was later declared to be improper by a federal judge and so vague as to be a violation of the Fourth Amendment's guarantee against unreasonable searches and seizures

Back in 1963, the Church of Scientology in Washington had again been the target of federal intrusion when the Food and Drug Administration confiscated the church's "E-meters"–electronic devices used in counseling sessions–claiming they were being advertised for the treatment of diseases The Scientologists eventually won this battle with government also

Since it was founded in 1954, Scientology has gradually won recognition by numerous courts and government agencies, including the Internal Revenue Service, as a bonafide religion whose doctrines are based on a mixture of religious philosophies Nondemoninational and open to people of all faiths, Scientology currently claims membership of more than three million in this country

It would seem that the FBI should have something better to do in 1977 than harass a religious organization whose danger to society–if any–has never been demonstrated



AS TIME GOES BY

Attendance cut

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1937—

Dripping skies and chilly winds cut down the attendance at the first day of the 1937 Apple Harvest Festival .A front page picture showed the first college football team organized in 1887 at Peru State Normal School Nebraska Citians honored Stephen Freel Nuckolls at the opening of construction of a memorial to the pioneer real estate agent The New York Yankees made three in a row, defeating the New York Giants 5-1 in the third game of the 1937 World Series. . .Five employes of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad were killed in a train crash near Bridgeport, Nebraska

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1952—

The undefeated Syracuse Rockets were rated fifth and seventh in the state papers .President Truman while at Shenandoah, Iowa, defended the Brannan farm plan and rapped Dwight D Eisenhower's farm speeches as "unbelieveable" Construction work on Mr and Mrs Clarence Mason's new housing development on Fourth Corso between 17th and 18th Streets was set to begin Fire destroyed a large cattle barn at the Lena Schlichtemeier farm near Nehawka. Glenn Hopkins of the U.S Public Health Service called the Missouri River "the longest sewer in the world"

TEN YEARS AGO
—1967—

Chris Weddle of Nebraska City won the $15 top prize money in the weekly News-Press merchants football contest.. ..Donna Farson, Nebraska City, and Jody Meyer, Nehawka, were among the Peru State College Bobcat cheerleaders A sudden school population growth, an offer on the much discussed carpet job at Northside School and a new hot lunch organizational structure were discussed at the Nebraska City Board of Education meeting Mrs Lucille Geldmeier and her Sixth Street school kindergarten classes and Miss Cheryl Armstrong's Northside kindergarten classes visited the Catron-Miyoshi orchard



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Prostate cancer warning

By Lawrence E Lamb, M.D

DEAR DR LAMB — I am writing this on the most depressing day of my life This is the first day of an extended sick leave leading to disability retirement I am a 60-year-old male A year ago a bone scan showed prostate cancer in several bones My urologist started me on female hormone when he felt the enlarged prostate A prostate operation and castration followed Three months ago I started having nighttime pain in my bones and joints from my hips down The urologist has limited my hormones because of possible side effects such as blood clots

Would aspirin act as a blood thinner and help prevent the complications of female hormones in forming blood clots? Would it be a good choice for my aches and pains in view of this?

My castration and retirement have made it difficult to maintain even the slightest semblance of weight control What kind of exercise would you suggest?

I d like also to give some advice to men over 40 Don't depend upon symptoms you have heard about or your doctor to tell you when you should get your prostate gland checked The classic symptoms may never occur or come on so gradually that they are not recognized

Men over 40 should use age alone as a guide as to how often the prostate should be examined Perhaps an annual check is adequate for men in their early 40s By 45 or 50 a semi-annual check or every three months would be a good thing At the rate my urologist charges for office calls the weekly cost for a checkup every three months would be only $1 25 To learn you have prostate cancer after it is too late for surgery to cure it is a much higher price

DEAR READER — Yours is an all too familiar story I agree that every man over 40 should have an annual examination of his prostate gland and. think it would be wise to have such an examination at least twice a year after age 50

You are absolutely right it is important to find the cancer while it can still be completely cured Prostate cancer is the third most common cause of cancer deaths in American men largely because this simple examination is not done It is just as important to find a lump in a man's prostate as it is to find a lump in a woman's breast

Unfortunately the public has not been made aware of the importance of early detection of prostate cancer Some cancer literature even suggests that symptoms of prostatic obstruction or bone pain should be cause to seek professional help How shocking! The public needs to be told the time to find and cure prostate cancer is before there are any symptoms I am sending you the Health Letter number 1-6 Prostate Gland, which will tell you more about the gland and its common disorders Others who want this information can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to P O Box 1551, Radio City Station New York, N Y , 10019

You might be able to get some benefit from aspirin but talk to your doctor about it You don t want to start bleeding from an area where the tissue is eroded

For exercise I would suggest walking as long as that is feasible If you like swimming that would be good exercise too

Look into the possibilities of chemotherapy with a cancer specialty unit. Some modern chemotherapy can make life a lot more comfortable

Dr Lamb answers representative letters of general interest in his column. Write to him in care of this newspaper, P O Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, N Y 10019



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Help for the home buyer?

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Internal documents from the files of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reveal that the government privately confesses it has done little or nothing to enforce a 1974 federal law designed to protect home buyers and sellers against excessive settlement costs

The HUD documents legitimately place much of the blame for years of inaction on the anti-consumer attitude embraced by the administrations of former Presidents Richard M Nixon and Gerald R Ford

But the previously unpublicized materials also seek to justify a current practice under which a HUD office already woefully understaffed must divide its time and personnel between real estate settlement issues and totally unrelated energy conservation concerns

Touching off the controversy was a report recently issued by the Washington-based Housing Research Group a unit of Ralph Nader's Center for Study of Responsive Law which charges that HUD has failed to implement the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, passed by Congress in late 1974 and amended in early 1976

Although the department has 15,000 employes, "HUD has allocated three people to (work on) real estate practices — an impossibly small number to grapple with reforms in the multibillion dollar real estate industry," the Nader group told HUD Secretary Patricia Roberts Harris in a letter accompanying its critical report.

Half of that miniscule staff, one person full-time and another half-time, has been detailed to work on the problem of seeking state and local implementation of energy conservation standards for newly constructed housing, the report notes.

The critical study calls for the transfer of the energy-related activities to a separate HUD office and for expansion of the existing staff to deal with real estate settlement abuses

HUD officials reject the argument, but they concede the legitimacy of virtually all criticisms levelled in the report Among them:

Savings and loan associations, banks and other lenders of mortgage funds frequently require home buyers to pay for title insurance, even though it will principally protect the lenders' interest.

A Justice Department study earlier this year found a pattern of title insurers paying rebates, referral fees, commissions and kickbacks to attorneys, real estate brokers and mortgage lenders who were willing to steer customers their way.

As a result, home buyers often pay up to 10 times as much as ought to be reasonably charged for title searches and insurance. And those searches continue to be conducted under an antiquated, decades-old procedures despite the availability of more modern and less-expensive methods

The federal law requires HUD to undertake a comprehensive investigation of current real estate practices and to recommend proposed changes which could save home buyers and sellers hundreds of millions of dollars annually

But the report charges that HUD's "implementation of the studies expressly mandated by Congress has been tardy, slipshod and uninspired." In one case, a study due one year ago still has not been completed and the results probably won't be known until the middle of next year

Until and unless HUD moves vigorously, there is little prospect of reforming an industry which all too often charges exorbitant prices for services which often aren't even needed.

The irony of the situation is that the purveyors of countless goods and services often costing only a few dollars now are required by law to provide guarantees, warranties and other forms of consumer protection. But the buyers and sellers of houses costing $25,000, $50,000 or more are denied those rights.

Safety Valve

". . .boycott, yes. "

EDITOR NEWS-PRESS

There is no doubt that a lot of the farmers are in a difficult situation at the present time I think it is time that we discuss all the problems

First what caused it? There are many reasons — The embargo on our exports when the Unions refused to load our grain Harry Truman would have never allowed that to happen This forced our overseas customers to look somewhere else for their beans and wheat These countries had built large crushing facilities for beans and they needed the oil so these factories had to operate

At that time they were buying around three per cent of their beans from Brazil Today the figure is close to 40 per cent Now let's face the facts Our large grain companies in order to prosper must handle large quantities of grain Their profit is sure-so much a bu or a cwt, for every bit of grain they handle

The livestock dealers are in the same class You pay the dealers the same commission regardless of the price your get. So the experts told the farmer you have to produce more and sell more to make money on your investment They said destroy all the timber land and plow up your land from fence row to fence row

The same thing happened in the 1920's after World War I, only in those days we never had the massive bulldozer and construction machines we have today But the farmers listened and plowed up their prairies and grazing land and produced themselves into bankruptcy

In 1933 when Franklin Roosevelt said we have to get farms back into the ownership of farmers who will live on the farms and farm the land themselves So the government set up a program and loaned the farmers practically every bit of the money needed at a low rate of interest on a 40-year basis

If the farmer had to have extra money he could borrow the money at the banks and the government guaranteed the repayments. Needless to say but the whole country started to prosper The situation today is different Thousands of acres are owned again by non farmers - corporations - professional people and people living in large cities that were never on a farm in their life Most of these farms are managed by agents. There is nothing illegal about this operation

Now what are we goig to do about it?

Strike No Boycott yes

Stay out of your towns for 2 weeks all over the U.S pay no bills buy no gas or oil, just sit idle and that will draw their attention to our problems This will back up into the factories and people will get laid off and it will effect all our economy Then when we have their attention let s get our tax set up changed

One of the most unfair things about our tax situation is this. A professional man or an executive who is in the upper bracket of income can buy a farm and lose 20 or 30 thousand dollars in the operation of this farm which can put him in a lower income bracket, so he pays no income tax at all, but he owns a farm

I have always said that should not be allowed The income from the farm should be from the income from the professional income if that income is larger than the income of the farm The late Robert Kennedy agreed with me if this nation is to be strong and remain that way those things would have to be corrected

Now let's see what will happen if the government sets a guarantee on all our production

Everyone will have a quota for his farm You will be told exactly how many acres of each crop you can plant, how many hogs-cattle you can raise how many you can feed for the market, how much grain you can sell how much can be feed, and a inspector will visit your farm several times a year to check on you He will be what I call a book farmer

At least 90 per cent of our farm land must be farmed for a number of years before you really know which fields will produce the best crops Then the farmer would have a guaranteed income Sounds a little like Russia doesn't it?

I really think the only answer is boycott and wake up the consumer and if we work together I am sure these problems can be solved

Let them know that for the first time in the history of our nation the biggest part of their food dollar goes to labor and this is more than the farmer gets for producing the food.

Sometimes I think a lot of these young farmers are just purchasing themselves into a lifetime of debt and confusion.

BOB KREIFELS



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Welcome to Nebraska City

Something new —

Welcome to Mr and Mrs Tom Funke, new owners of the Sears Catalog Store at 7th St. and Central Avenue. They purchased the dealership from Mr and Mrs Roger Peterson.

Tom comes home to Nebraska City and brings with him many years of experience as manager of the Youngtown store at Southroads in Omaha.

Mr Peterson has returned to Control Data and his wife will be helping out at the store until later in the week.

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The town is growing —

Dan Gruber, manager of Godfather's Pizza on So. 11th St., remembered when he was in high school in Nebraska City there wasn't much of an evening variety for fast foods as there is in town now.

The Omaha owners of the new Godfather's looked at the potential of opening such a business in Nebraska City and moved with eagerness.

Ed Mines and Mike Sutton said Nebraska City is a growing town and they feel their business will prosper.

They were given a royal welcome the other evening by Chamber President Garry Ailes, Mayor Fenstermacher and a host of other business people.

Welcome to town

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Your help —

One of the oldest organized drives in Nebraska City is under way this week directed by Nadine Frakes of Farmers Bank and Harlan Frazier of Frazier's.

The Community Chest goal is for $23,190. Budgets for the agencies requesting funds are reviewed by the board and then the final figure established for the annual drive.

The Chest drive has had its ups and downs in campaign successes over the years, in terms of a lengthy campaign, but it is hoped that again this year, the drive can be wrapped up in a short time.

An interesting point in that line is the fact that 71 people have volunteered to serve on the committee Wirth Davis of Jessup's is president of the Chest The behind-the-scenes worker is Wilma McIntire. She has probably been involved in more money raising campaigns than anyone else around

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Blue rock —

We joined with other sportsmen the other evening at the Otoe County Wildlife club and pumped a little buckshot in the air at those teeny-tiny blue rock If the clay pigeons had been pheasant and quail, we can assure you of long lives if their destiny depended on my marksmanship

Meanwhile, it was fun A couple years ago the club had a father-son type novice shoot. We discovered our marksmanship hadn't improved much, but the trusty 20 guage responded consistently

Kenny Gress was pushing the "pull" button and he wasn't helping matters any by sending the rock different directions, Orville Carlisle (he's having a super year in marksmanship) was no hlep because he said I had to aim and shoot by myself and Mrs Ralph Reed wouldn't fudge for me on the scorecard

And to make it worse, there's always some teen-age boy (or girl) who hardly looks strong enough to withstand the kick of a 12 guage, and then shatters rock consistently after shouting a squeaky "pull"

Somedays .you just can't win.

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Congratulations —

.to Mrs Robert (Helen) Nichols, Brock, for being named recipient of a 1977 state 4-H award

Mrs Nichols was the Otoe county home extension agent for three and a half years and really got into the 4-H program the like of which they only have at the Otoe County Fair

She has been active for many years in the pork producers associations and served as vice president of the National Porkettes She also worked with pork producers in helping publish the annual October Porkfest edition

This year, Mrs David Guhde and Mrs Dean Biere are co-chairmen of that project for the Capitol Pork and Southeast Quad County Producers. That special edition containing pictures, stories and pork recipes, will be published October 10 and 11

Co. A recruits —

The National Guard unit at Nebraska City has a unique recruiting program going on now.

New recruits to the Nebraska City based guard unit are given a .22 caliber lever action Ithaca rifle as a bonus. The guard unit needs some community help to increase its ranks.

Sgt Allen Barrett said the unit has approximately 80 guardsmen in uniform, about half of the complement The men are trying to get some interest going Contact Sgt. Barrett or the armory for information.

The guard unit also produces a sizeable payroll for the men in uniform and that payroll is felt in the community.

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She loved it —

We attended three volleyball games the past week at the Syracuse tournament and were pleased with the enthusiasm shown to the players by the pep band and fans

The late Mary Ellen Slack loved the sport, coached hundreds of girls and competed against anything to get crowds to watch her girls play She would have loved it the other night in the championship play with the pep band, the cheers and the pep with school songs

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Oct. 9, the 282nd day of 1977. There are 83 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1934, King Alexander I of Yugoslavia was assassinated by a Croat student in Marseilles, France.

On this date:

In 1701, Yale College was founded.

In 1760, the Russians captured Berlin.

In 1871, nearly 1,200 lives were lost in a forest fire which destroyed Peshitgo, Wisconsin

In 1910, there were 400 fatalities in forest fires which swept through six towns in northern Minnesota.

In 1958, Pope Pius XII died at the age of 82.

In 1973, Israeli jets attacked the Syrian capital of Damascus

Five years ago: There was fighting between Vietnamese forces within 12 miles of Saigon.

Today's birthdays: John Lennon, formerly of the Beatles, is 37 years old. The owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Walter O'Malley, is 74.

Thought for today: The generation which commences a revolution rarely completes it - President Thomas Jefferson, 1743-1826.

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Between

10 - 14

WHO WOULD LIKE TO EARN SOME

MONEY

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Route 22 — South Half Kearney Hill and South Third Street Area.

Route 27 — 4th and 5th Corso from 15th to 19th Street and Park E-Z Trailer Court

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