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1000 Watergates = 1 Foreign Aid Bill

We've all heard more than enough about Watergate, but there is a necessity to make a few remarks on the Republican's errant James Bond effort.

First, it is an event of minor significance. Bugging and wiretapping are something the government has been doing to private citizens for years. Why is it that it only gets attention when done by one political party to another? Maybe because it's a violation of the code of 'honor among thieves'. Part of it, also, may be the unusually high esteem that politicians hold themselves in these days. For example, most new attempts to revive the death penalty are aimed at prescribing it for the murder of police and, of course, politicians, but not private citizens (who are evidently expendable). The indignation one senator displayed over being frisked before he got on a plane is another example of this (he claimed that it was an insult to frisk senators, who are 'above reproach').

Also, it's hard to sit still and watch a bunch of self-righteous senators badger some guy for 'mishandling' privately donated funds, and then call time-out to go vote several billion dollars of money which was forcibly extracted from the taxpayer for the latest "progressive" boondoggle.

Whispers of impeachment are in the air, and so what? Certainly the President should not be above the law, but everyone, except the media, knows that Watergate is small bananas. Impeachment might even have the negative effect of validating all the real horrors of the Nixon administration (Vietnam, Wage and Price Controls, record deficits, attempts at Guaranteed Annual Income, etc.). After all, there was no impeachment for those actions, so they must have been O.K.

If only there were some point to it all.

THE BASIC PREMISE OF A FREE SOCIETY
 IS THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL HAS THE RIGHT TO
 LIVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS OWN HAPPINESS.

FUND-RAISING PICNIC

John A. Goodson will be guest of honor at a fund-raising picnic to be held by Larry Totams on Saturday, August 18, 11 a.m. to ??? at 7 Mayfair Court, Breton Woods, Bricktown. Edibles will include hotdogs, hamburgers, sausages, beer and soda. Admission is \$5, and all are invited. Directions: take exit 91 east from Parkway past Bricktown Shopping Center, take extreme left at Dairy Queen onto Mantoloking Road, turn right at blinker, travel one block and turn left, travel two blocks and turn right. Phone number is 920-9562.

"The government consists of a gang of men exactly like you and me. They have, taking one with another, no special talent for the business of government; they have only a talent for getting and holding office. Their principle device to that end is to search out groups who pant and pine for something they can't get and promise to give it to them... Nine times out of ten that promise is worth nothing. The tenth time it is made good by looting A to satisfy B. In other words, government is a broker in pillage, and every election is sort of an advanced auction sale of stolen goods."

- H. L. Mencken

TODAY, CALIFORNIA; TOMORROW...??

The motives are unclear (1976 may have something to do with it), but the results may be exemplary. Ronald Reagan is trying to write into the California Constitution a permanent limit on the percentage of money the legislature can confiscate. The state now collects 9 % of total personal income in taxes and fees. If the amendment is adopted, the take would drop progressively to 7.15 % by 1989.

The 'Democratic' opposition in the legislature would not agree to let the people vote on the proposed amendment, so Reagan started his own petition drive and succeeded in getting the 520,000 signatures necessary to get the amendment on the ballot. And Reagan is saying all the right things: "Are we destined to tax and spend, spend and tax indefinitely until the people have nothing left of their earnings for themselves? Have we abandoned or forgotten the interests and well-being of the taxpayer whose toil makes government possible in the first place? Or is he to become a pawn in a deadly game of government monopoly whose only purpose is to serve the confiscatory appetites of runaway government spending?"

The November results will be interesting, since people do not always vote in their best interest (but we think they're learning). At least California citizens, unlike those of NJ, have the constitutional power of referendum to get such things on the ballot.

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NOTES.... John Goodson will hold a formal press conference to announce his candidacy on August 25th, 2 p.m. at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark. We hope that TV will cover the event, and it would be nice to have an enthusiastic gallery, so you are welcome to attend (although if there is a good turnout by the press, you may not get a seat).....Hope you enjoy the campaign pamphlet which is being mailed with this PREMISE. If you'd like to hand some out at a shopping center or whatever, let us know and we'll try to get some to you (no charge, but keep in mind that they cost us about \$2 per hundred to replace).....The following is an excerpt from the Goodson news release which announced the appointment of Lydia Longinotti as campaign manager: "...the traditional campaign is both far too long and almost obscenely tedious. We have, therefore, planned only a ten-week effort which is to begin in late August. We hope (but do not expect) that the other candidates will do likewise. It would be refreshing, we feel, for the voter to be able to read a newspaper or turn on a television without being bombarded by news of some political hack either: describing the unimaginable wonders of his next reign, gumming an indigestible (but ethnic) snack, or being arrested.".....About 20 people attended the party meeting in July. The by-laws were finally passed, allowing us to become a corporation. A motion to form an ad-hoc committee for the impeachment of Nixon was tabled until after the election.....A mail solicitation was made in early August to about 400 NJ residents with objectivist or libertarian leanings. The mailing included our campaign pamphlet, and was aimed at getting new members, and contributions to the campaign. If the results are very good, there is a list of about 3000 names available from Books for Libertarians for \$100 which we may try.

