

motive" (as opposed to the government's loss motive).

The profit motive ensures that resources are not systematically wasted, as under the political motive, and that innovation, entrepreneurship, and hard work are rewarded. Surely this, rather than the socialist reverse, is the moral system.

"When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered," said King.

The "giant triplets" sounds like a great B movie, but there are enough false dichotomies in that sentence for a Clinton speech. Suffice it to say that it is people who build and use machines and computers, which have much improved people's lives; that property rights are the most important people's right, with their absence leading to economic chaos; and that there's nothing wrong with people desiring material improvements in their lives.

King blamed the capitalist entrepreneur for "thousands of working people displaced from their jobs with reduced incomes as a result of automation while the profits of the employers remain intact." And the "individual capitalists of the West" also invest "huge sums of money in Asia, Africa, and South America, only to take the profits out with no concern for the social betterment of the countries."

But King was advancing a left-wing myth. Foreign investment in the third world has put

bread on the tables of millions. That is real "social betterment." And automation raises standards of living.

Electric clothes washers save homemakers much hard labor, and "cost" the jobs of laundry workers, but so what? Housewives, and society as a whole, are much better off. And laundry workers can get other jobs.

But instead of free labor markets, King wanted job quotas: "If a city has a 30% Negro population, then it is logical to assume that Negroes should have at least 30% of the jobs in any particular company, and jobs in all categories rather than only in menial areas." To bring this about, he advocated "preferential treatment"—a racial test for hiring, firing, promotion, and all other personnel decisions.

The government should also, said King, provide a "minimum—and *livable*—income for every American family" as part of a "radical reconstruction of society itself," including massive compensation "for the two centuries the Negro was enslaved" (and in setting the amount, we should realize that "all of America's wealth today could not adequately compensate its Negroes").

But the slaveowners—and the slaves—are long dead. How

can we tax the innocent to save the unvictimized? And what good can come of looting some

families, skimming the cash in D.C., and then bestowing what's left on other families? Welfare makes the economy less efficient, the recipients less independent, the taxed less productive, and the government bigger.

But King wanted a *much* bigger government. According to David Garrow, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Bearing the Cross*,

King made it "clear to close friends" that "he considered himself" a "Marxist." ■

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P.C. Watch

by L.H.R., Jr.

An Asian Rebel

"The canceling of Auburn's Old South parade by the Kappa Alpha Order is just one more case of great traditions being thrown away to keep some liberals from being offended," wrote Shiu Li Feng to Auburn University's student newspaper, *The Plainsman*, on February 4, 1993.

"The Kappa Alphas should realize that these groups will be offended at anything that does not meet their left-wing politically correct agenda.

"Perhaps because I am an immigrant, I can see Southern culture with an unbiased eye. Although liberal special interests and so-called civil rights groups continually scream about racism, the facts show that they are the real bigots.

"In the six years I've been in the United States, the only time I've been subjected to bigotry from whites is from liberal democrat labor union types who blame us Asians for every economic woe. However, I am continually subjected to hate from blacks because I am an 'Oriental.'

"Real racism is when black rioters attacked and burned Korean businesses simply because they were Asian-owned. Perhaps if they would get off welfare and get a job, they wouldn't have time to riot and loot.

"I have lived in different parts of the United States since I came here, and no place is warmer or more open than the South. I hope Alabamians will not abandon their proud Confederate heritage to the liberal bigots who would destroy every symbol of our state's history."

Your Casa or Mine?

In a recent column, Bill Buckley praised Michael Medved's defense of the old Hollywood, and specifically *Casablanca*. But this war propaganda movie—with great actors but lousy production values—glorified adultery.

Hollywood has been subverting American morals for more than 70 years. Yes, movies like *Casablanca* aren't as bad as the latest releases, but they paved

the way for them. It makes no more sense to praise *Casablanca* for being less explicit than today's films, than it does to praise the New Deal for having a smaller budget than the New Covenant.

Boogied

During the inaugural festivities, Chelsea Clinton and her friends, reported the *Washington Post* (1/20/93), "settled into the VIP section of an entertainment tent featuring female rap stars Salt-n-Pepa." The 12-year-old "Chelsea and her pals rushed toward the front and boogied down when Salt-n-Pepa broke into 'Let's Talk About Sex,'" their million-selling endorsement of condoms. Chelsea's favorite group, says the *Post*, is the even lewder male rappers, Boyz II Men.

Polly Wanna Trouble?

Wisconsin black state rep Polly Williams was the toast of the neocons and left-libertarians because she endorses school choice welfare, whereby taxpayers are mulcted of even more funds so that welfare recipients can attend private schools. But she hasn't been mentioned recently. Could it be because of her *Washington Times* article (1/19/93), in which she criticizes "political integration" and praises "racially concentrated neighborhoods," and schools based on them, as better for both races?

Marion Barry Is Back!

The former mayor of Washington, D.C. (and cokehead and lecher), Marion Barry, was back in the news, but not in

our nation's capital. The *New York Times*, however, reported (1/7/93) that Barry's car was stolen by a "National Youth Hero."

The young man, named a hero in 1986 for gospel singing by Ronald Reagan, took Barry's keys out of his coat pocket in the city council chambers, where Barry now serves, and stole his car, a \$25,000 "gift from supporters when he left office" in January 1991.

The thief, who had been a prominent helper at Barry campaign events, was caught and arrested for smoking "cigarettes laced with cocaine" as well as the "unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a count that the police said was equivalent to auto theft." But it is not; in fact, the charge is suggestive.

"I don't know him," said Barry. But given his former honor's habits, could the kid have been a supplier who wasn't paid, and took the car instead?

An NC-17 Audience

Forget Camilla Parker Bowles. The Prince Charles Theater in London has installed "love seats, complete with condoms, for romance." Says the owner, according to the *London Guardian* (1/15/93), "Fifty percent of people who go to the cinema are out on a date, so I decided to make it easier for them."

The Times on Adoption

"An Adoption Program That Seeks To Avoid the Slaughterhouse"—that was the startling headline in the *New York Times*, of all places, on December 27, 1992. The *Times* pro-life? Well, yes—for wild horses.

Hanging

Forget the electric chair, the gas chamber, and all other progressivist death penalty methods like lethal injection. Hanging is cheap, effective, quick, and traditional—the Old Republic.

Before child murderer Westley Allan Dodd was executed on January 5, 1993, anti-capital punishment groups had hoped that his choice of hanging would advance their cause, since it was so “barbaric” (unlike raping and murdering three little boys).

The state of Washington hadn’t hanged anyone in so long that it had to use a 19th-century Army manual, but unlike other forms of capital punishment, it was almost instantaneous, snapping Dodd’s neck.

Said Darrell Lee, Dodd’s

lawyer, to a horrified National Public Radio reporter: “Hey, if you are going to be executed, hanging is the way to go.”

The Bunny Hutch

Last year, in discussing why he wouldn’t hire adulterers if he were elected, Ross Perot’s said, “if you’re spending your days planning your nights, you can’t serve the people.” Could this explain the Clinton White House? Clinton’s major activity is screwing. That’s also the major activity

of some of his major advisors, sometimes with him. Aside from moral questions, the promiscuous think of little else. Thus, perhaps, the sense that no one is in charge. Ah yes, baby boomers.

For example, did Clinton’s interview with beautiful Judge

(and ex-Playboy Bunny) Kimba Wood include more than talking? She’s his type. Could this explain the heated charges of betrayal?

Where’s Hillary in all this? She was recently overheard (by the *Washington Post*) telling the mannish Marian Wright Edelman, “I love you very much.”

Les Is Not More

Kimba Wood isn’t the only Clintonite with a Playboy connection, according to Al Kamen in the *Washington Post* (2/11/93). In 1971, Defense Secretary Les Aspin posed in a Playboy fashion show along with then-Sen. John Tunney and Rep. Ron Dellums.

Is this the photo where he’s “dangling a bare foot over the arm of this chair, he’s got a goofy smile on his face, and he’s wearing the most ridiculous suit imaginable?” asked Pentagon press secretary Vernon Guidry. Yes, Vern. “The 70s were a tough time for everyone,” said Guidry. ■

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