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Ban The Babies

The population of the United States is something over 210 million. If a miracle occurs and the air or water pollution does not wipe the people off the face of the earth, then over population could really be disastrous.

For each successive generation of Americans to replenish itself, a birth rate of 2.1 children per woman must be maintained. However, with the immigration problem USA experiences, the rate per woman must be somewhat lower than 2.1. In 1967 the birth rate was 2.9 children per woman. This fact may seem encouraging, but one then has to consider that for Z.P.G. (Zero Population Growth) to occur, the level of 2.1 has to be maintained for seventy years.

What has to be done to achieve this magic Z.P.G. or even a slightly negative growth? Naturally, people should not have so many children. Now, omitting this author's personal opinion in hopes of stimulating response, a few suggestions from the Z.P.G. people should be mentioned.

A tax could be placed on all children born after the second child the family produces. An alternative that would have the same effect would be to abolish any tax relief for any child past the second one per family.

Birth control drugs and devices should be made easier to obtain and easier to use. The public should be well informed as to their use. Of course, the Catholic Church opposes such advice, but this is a moral decision everyone should make for themselves.

Some Z.P.G. advocate the sterilization of the female after the birth of the second child. Some people suggest the same procedure could be applied to the male after the conception and birth of his second child.

Still more violent people feel that more than two babies produced should be a crime punishable by death for both parents. The logic goes that a new, probably hard life should be exchanged for the life of the parents. The crime of an obviously unwanted life should be punished by an equally unwanted death.

Is this realistic? Is it immoral? Is it inhuman? It may be any of these, but these possibilities will be faced by every parent in the '70's and the '80's. The time is at hand when people must make a decision voluntarily or not.

Briggs Petway

Excerpt From Reames & Price's Notes On Canterbury Tales

... Explication of line 3 to better clarify that Geoffrey Chaucer's outlook on life, as expressed in Canterbury Tales, is not as deeply involved as many feel.

Master Chaucer found the style of life he was leading necessitated his undertaking the Pilgrimage, thus Chaucer came into direct contact with the

drudgeries of the long march to Canterbury. After his own pilgrimage, Chaucer sought to lighten the load for his fellow "pilgrimage goers" by setting up a well-guarded secret distillery that existed in branch officers along the route. The fact that "ole" Geoffrey liked to sample the fruits of his labor accounts for his style of writing when he recorded the interviews with those he met as they passed his home office on the main artery to Canterbury.

The line that reads "and bathed every veine in swich licour" was Chaucer's code that was carved into placards suspended above hollow stumps or tree trunks along the roadside. This code meant that a person could leave the equivalent of one dollar and after a brief walk return to find a gallon of "swich licour" or Chaucer's Choice.

Editor's Note

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Streetcar Fighting In Bolivia "Where Are You Now Che?"

"And what is good, Phaedrus
And what is not good —

Need we ask anyone to tell
us these things?"

So I look out my front door as I've done a thousand times before and watch the river flow. Nothing much to do, nothing that I really want to do. A car pulls up and stops in front of the house. It's strange! I don't know them, why have they stopped? They're two freaks, long hairs or something like that. Their car has a flat tire. It's kind of funny. Suppose I should go out and help them but watching them is funnier. You see they are high and neither one of them is able to function in the matter that is

required to manipulate the mechanical procedure of operating a jack. But they don't care for at this moment nothing matters. Both of them stare down at the now completely deflated tire for several seconds. Then one of them, the tall one, says, "Big deal, who cares?". And with that remark being completed, they both get back into their vehicle and drive off. Excellent, I thought, Camus was right—"True debauchery is liberating because it creates no obligations". In many respects it is almost complete freedom. And in many ways complete freedom is usually something that most people tend to shy away from. It's not that the freedom isn't there, it's just that

many people are afraid to reach out and grab it. And I've always wondered why that's the way it is. Because really the only thing you have to do in this world is die. For you see, we all are born with a terminal disease. But other than that, we can do anything we want. We may have to accept the responsibility for our actions but still the choice to make the decision is ours and ours alone. I guess by now they've probably ruined their fire, their rim but they made their decision. They acted where many of us would have hesitated. So they ruined their tire, that's their problem. At least they were not afraid to act.

C. WHITNEY ALDRIDGE

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

How are the seeds of revolution spawned?

1. When the social conditions in a country become so unbearable for the majority of the people that they are no longer able to cope with day to day living and

2. When the government in power fails to offer any sign of alliviation of the masses suffering.

Well, for the first time in almost four decades this country may be faced with just such a crisis. Dissatisfaction with our now frail government has vastly outgrown the ghetto riotors and draft card burners of the sixties and is now reaching into the very heart of America — the working middle class.

With a hard winter predicted for 1974, Americans are finding this country in the worst shape it's been in since the great depression of the thirties. Heating oil rationing has already become a reality for the upcoming months and you can be sure gasoline won't be any easier to get either. This economic strangulation, a new form of warfare being waged against us by our cold war enemies, may prove to be more effective in defeating our already shattered system than ever imagined. Now oil is one thing, but food is another. This has been a tragic year for the midwest's farming industry with summer droughts and early

frosts claiming much of this year's supply of vital grains. Now when the workers of this country begin to feel the bite from these ever increasing problems, they will turn to the government expecting a quick solution. If in turn, the government continues to handle these situations with the gross inefficiency which has become the rule rather the exception in this steadily floundering bureaucracy, the course of action will become clearer and clearer for the rapidly growing impoverished middle class. Especially when people used to comfortable affluency begin to feel the pangs of hunger within their own family unit. More and more people will look with disgust upon the super rich who not only hold the workers of this nation in an economic vise-grip, but also have bought their way into the government institutions which the silent majority in the past held so dearly, bringing their traditions of graft and corruption into the very framework of American government. The middle class who once truly believed they did have a voice in our government are beginning to realize just how blind they've really been.

When the government no longer performs in the true interest of the people, it is time to make a change. The American system was a great experiment in democracy but now has become dated, with its

beauty and inner wisdom sold down the river by the greed and power of big businesses. The mandates of law and order has become but a tool of the government used to tighten its grip of power over the people. A country is not truly free until it transcends the need for law and order building its foundation instead upon a higher level of individual dignity, placing the value of human life far beyond the value of materialistic wealth. Until the time comes when our government abandons its selfish drive for power and domination, working instead for the universal good of all humanity, revolution will be inevitable.

Sincerely yours,
John Stout

Dear Editor,

On behalf of my family and myself I would like to take this means to express our heart felt thanks for the many offers of help from members of the administrative staff, Dr. Wenger, Miss Mildred, faculty and all the dear students!

I would especially like to thank the organizations, clubs, fraternities, and sororities who have so graciously and willingly offered their aid in my time of loss.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all is my prayer.

Your friend,
Tweetie

Why Shouldn't I Be Queen?

