

"Depressed Minority" Is Really A Lousy Stigma??

By Joel Saperstein

"DEPRESSED MINORITY"... that is really a lousy stigma to live with. I don't mind being in the minority. After all, the Chinese in China are the majority and they don't seem to have it all that hot. "DEPRESSED," on the other hand is a word I really don't care for. It shows lack of ambition, lack of character and maybe a general "I don't care" attitude. So, if I had to wear a tag like "DEPRESSED MINORITY" around my neck for all to see...I would be angry as hell.

A future takes more than hoping. It takes more than government intervention. Governments cannot step in...stir the ghetto pot with a big, fat, law stick...shuffle the kids from one school to another and truly expect genius to emerge. Surely there must be one person in authority who actually knows the difference between a miracle and a fairy tale.

Sure, we all have seen that exceptional individual...he emerges from a wasteland like a radiant bloom. One flower among a field of thorns...a majority of thorns, regardless of any other name you care to call them. Each multiplying their kind. Each rooted in shallow soil. Each wishing for a radiant bloom. Each producing only another thorn.

Nature constantly shows us that species change...they adapt...they assimilate to changing environments...or they perish without ever trying.

Who can be in a more depressed situation than the lowly caterpillar? No one I can think of...the caterpillar has learned to use some inner strength, some greater force, to cope, and to learn and to live...and finally emerge from despair to complete triumph.

There are wonders around us. You can see these wonders ONLY if you try...and you can learn only if you try...and you can succeed only if you try...and YOU WILL SUCCEED only when you try.

Unlike the animals or the insects, our environment is economic...Our success cannot be achieved by instinct alone. Our future depends upon individual perseverance...and education (academic and vocation)...and work...and dreams.

We live in a complex world, very

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small in terms of supersonic travel...very competitive in the business sense...very reluctant to give up its fruits to the undeserving.

There is no other choice...struggle, do without if you must, but get that education AND BLOOM...or remain a caterpillar. Be part of the depressed minority...fighting to escape predators everyday for the rest of your life.

Whether we are in or not in an energy crunch is not the important fact to the average working stiff. All we know is that smelly oil and petrol and electric charges cost an awful lot more...and the damn price keeps going up!

The free wheeling, free spirit American life style many of us have gotten used to over the years is going rapidly down the toilet...our life style is abruptly coming to a sudden halt...without mercy.

Mr. and Mrs. Average will have to hold down a second job in the evening and Saturday...to earn enough money...to afford the gasoline...to run the car...to get to work...to afford the gasoline.... It's a rat race - and we're the rats.

One alternative, of course, is to stay home, or to live at the office. Staying full-time in either location is surely counter productive and doesn't make too much sense...in fact it could prove disastrous.

Days on end in the office without a break can save a few travel bucks, but we're sure to be overworked, over-pressured and after a while under-productive. After a while the after-shave, cologne, deoderant, toothpaste and other personal effects are bound to get mixed up with the office sup-

plies...a mess that would take weeks to untangle.

Hanging around the house seem nice, but after the lawn is mowed for the tenth time...the wash is washed, bleached and dried...and all the odds and ends straightened out, painted or whatever...then ping pong, darts or pin the tail on the donkey if you get real desperate. After that is boredom time...

I don't think that gasoline or gasahol or any petroleum product is the answer to our future problem. Coal, steam or batteries are not the answer either...just temporary solutions to an even bigger problem, later.

The solution lies in science fiction, that may not be fiction at all. We have unlimited resources that are free to all...Water and Air.

Let our imagination fly...think how great it would be if the governments of the world got itself together, pooled all their brainpower...and developed this unlimited source of energy. We could run our cars, our boats, our motorcycles or airplanes without paying for fuel. What an economy stimulant...like a double shot of adrenaline...we would all be on a super high.

Without a dream or the courage to turn fiction into fact, the wheel would still be square...boats would still have paddles...and in effect, we would all be up the creek.

I'm rooting for the great dreamers to pull us out of this inflationary holocaust. Let's stop laughing for a minute and give them an opportunity to show their stuff. Could they do any worse than the

rest of us? I don't think so.

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I can visualize sub-branches and sub-sub-branches of major escort services opening next to every auto rental, at every airport, in every city in the country. This is really

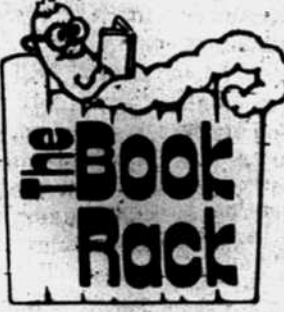
big business.

A sharp businessman can now get a new sports car, custom upholstered, and a new model girl escort custom clothed to match the upholstery...now that's class. I wonder if collision insurance will be extended to cover auto body as well as girl body? I don't see why not.

Every prospective client is in for a treat when you can show off your rentals. It surely will indicate your good taste and advanced breeding. And let's not forget money and success. After all, this luxury can only be offered by the successful person...and everyone loves success.

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