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"We have a long fight and a hard fight before us. . . It is a privilege to be engaged in such a struggle. This we may know, that it is but a part of that great, world-wide long-continued struggle in which the just and the good of every age have been engaged; . . ." from "Thou Shalt Not Steal" ––an address by Henry George to the Anti-Poverty Society, May 8, 1887,

POLICIES OF GEORGE II'S ADMINISTRATION

The Republican party needed a representative to travel around the world and throughout the nation to explain the Administration's stand on leading issues. George II willingly accepted that task, always ready at his party's call, never thinking for himself at all (as stated by W. S. Gilbert, in *S. S. Pinafore*). First he announced his repudiation of the Global Warming Treaty on the grounds that "it was fatally flawed" and too costly. It was not made clear what the basic flaws were, but it was obvious that mitigating global warming might require expenditure of large sums by companies emitting excessive amounts of carbon dioxide, thus causing that warming. Similar objections were made as to international agreements-chemical warfare, germ warfare and defense against ballistic missiles. Typical of the support for our positions was U.S. Chief Delegate Donald A. Mahley's statement at an international negotiating committee meeting relative to germ warfare. Mahley stated, "In our assessment, the draft protocol would put national security and confidential information a risk." *Insights* was unable to understand how national security would be damaged by eliminating germ warfare or what national security and valid confidential business information would be put at risk.

As far as land mines were concerned, he surprisingly refused to cooperate in banning these frightful destroyers of arms and legs. It was indicated that the reason for this was that we may be a situation relative to North Korea,as we were in Viet Nam, where we will have to use such land mines However, it was announced that the United States is not taking an isolationist position on major issues.• • • • • • • • • • • • ☞

BUSH, ON DOMESTIC POLICY

☞ Vice President Cheney refused to turn over documents to Controller General David Walker, demanded by Democrats, which they claimed would show that Bush was influenced by heads of various special interest groups in regard to a requirement barring developing nearly 6 million acres of Federal forest, regulations concerning the amount of arsenic allowed in drinking water, and toxic chemical pollution by mining companies. The basis of this refusal was the same as that which Richard Nixon gave during the Watergate investigation. The logic was that the separation of branches of government would be threatened if consultations between executive branch members would be impeded.

Insights observes that to require high placed Executives to enter into their secret agreements by word of mouth, rather than by written documents would not interfere with any legitimate finagling.

As far as oil drilling in Alaska is concerned, the AFL-CIO has switched its position of opposition, after the Administration promised that only union members would be allowed to work on the drilling projects. This promise to exclude non-union members, might well be held unconstitutional.

As far as domestic pork is concerned, it's the same old game described by Tip O'Neill so many years ago, "All politics is local politics." Subsidized housing, local road construction by the Feds, farm supports and other legal swindles will remain to plague us.• • • • • • • • • • • • ☞

☞ This adherence to the old ways brings to mind a heart warming poem written by this writer some years ago and which bears repetition.

A Congressman in our town set out to win renown.
Cutting out bad taxes, going to keep that spending down.
We voters rallied to his side, pledged loyalty without fail,
We asked but for a yacht harbor from which our boats to sail.

The first vote for our yacht harbor gave Congressman McVeigh,
But a vote for higher farm supports got traded on the way.
The next vote for our yacht harbor gave Congressman Frank Slade,
And a big dam in the desert was all we had to trade.

The key vote for our yacht harbor gave Congressman Dick Brown,
And all he wanted in return was that we redevelop his downtown.
Taxes still soar skyward, the standard of living's down
But a lovely brand new yacht harbor now beautifies our town.

Bud Schuster, formerly the prince of pork, did not run for reelection after he was found to be guilty of violation of regulations concerning the use of campaign funds and was reprimanded by an investigating committee. However, the voters in their infinite wisdom replaced him with his equally avaricious son. • • • • • • • • ✍