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Attn: Ms Angela Hunter
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Dear Journalists:

I still can't quite believe it! But yesterday morning you actually telecast a one-hour speech by Madalyn Murry O'Hair and the American Atheists. My congratulations to one and all. I had come to believe the First Amendment was dead.

For more than a year I have been asking the media for time/space to offer a means to legally challenge our present political system. The mainstream media won't touch it, much less respond except in silence.

As you read the attached paper, you may understand why. My own instinct, perhaps somewhat paranoid at this point, is that the media may fear a substantial revenue loss in paid political advertising.

The Power-elite in our country has gone to great lengths to convince the people we have a "democracy". In point of fact, the Power-elite doesn't really believe the people capable of governing themselves, hence the invention and maintenance of the "two-party" system.

KQED Radio (NPR) in San Francisco and The San Jose Mercury News see no "groundswell" for this idea thus far, hence will not give me voice here. Yet, how does an idea gain support if it cannot be exposed? It is CATCH-22.

Quite frankly, we need your help here.

Respectfully,

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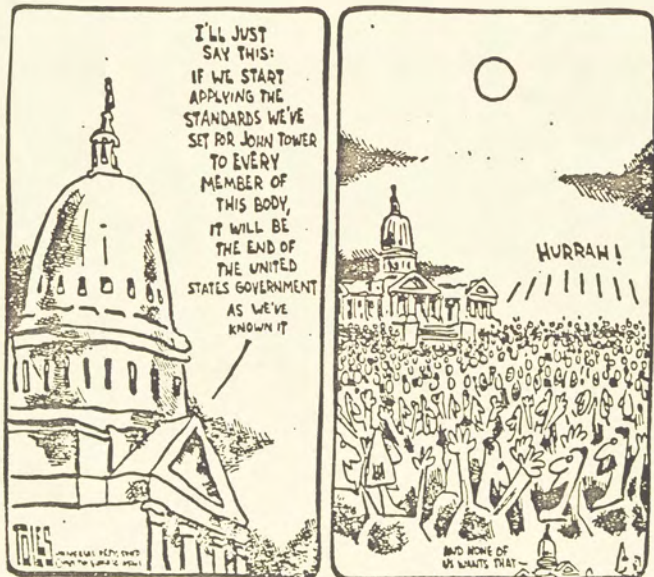
P.S. LITTLE KNOWN FACT: Someone lent Benjamin Franklin the funds to buy a printing press. That's how we all got here.

THE LOTTERY/LEGISLATURE
PROPOSAL FOR A PROP-INITIATIVE
FOR THE 1992 CALIFORNIA BALLOT

A NEW DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENTS

BY

CITIZEN Arthur Dennis
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"The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves...Fellow citizens, we cannot escape history...No personal significance or insignificance can spare one or another of us. The fiery trial through which we pass will light us down, in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation. We shall nobly save or meanly lose the last best hope on earth." -- Abraham Lincoln, 1862

In all the great cultures, many philosophers and a few statesmen have seen the need of new morals and new men if civilization is to survive. Never yet has mankind proved capable of achieving the transition. Without it, all adventures in civilized living stumble at last into the dust. Man's hope is vanquished. Man's fate remains a tale of ultimate grief. Whether it must always be so is an inquiry best deferred to those who truly understand and believe in democracy.

This paper then has been written for them.

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Chairman

In a recent interview with Professor Noam Chomsky of M.I.T. conducted by Bill Moyers on National Public Radio, Prof. Chomsky deplored the present political process we have, yet felt there was no viable alternative today. Therefore we have drafted one possible alternative, a copy of which is enclosed here.

What is attempted is an outline of a new method of selecting our representatives and administrators for the State of California thru the introduction of a Prop-Initiative for the 1992 California ballot.

In order to do so, we must first gain the attention and consideration of the people. Having no fund-raising apparatus in place thus far, we are asking your help in bringing this measure before the public, so they may judge the merits of this proposal.

We would be most appreciative of any public airing and exposure that can be obtained. A true public awareness and debate are most needed here.

Thank you for giving this your early consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Dennis,

Thanks very much for sending me the latest version of your proposal to change the election process. It certainly contains a lot of interesting and challenging ideas that merit thought and discussion. I hope that it will serve to encourage exactly that, and I'll be quite intrigued to hear what the outcome is. I'll be wanting to think about it myself some more. On first reading it certainly looks interesting and quite promising.

Sincerely,

Noam Chomsky
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