

### "THE TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY"

The people should be on guard, not because tyranny does exist, but more-so because of the Power-elite's subtle attempts to create fear of a majority of the people gaining political power. While always a possibility in affairs of government, tyranny occurs far more often when power rests in the hands of the few. Given access to all the necessary information and thru due deliberation, it is expected that reason will outweigh passions.

As the term of office among the L/L is but a comparatively brief tenure, long-term prejudices are less likely to have opportunity to build. For, unknown to one-another before selection to the L/L, and to the various outside lobbies that currently thrive in today's political atmosphere, it is difficult to imagine any serious threats to the welfare of the minority.

It may be well to remind ourselves that it is many times more possible and probable that a political/military/industrial oligarchy often does, and will continue to act against the general good.

So what we are considering here then are the real probabilities. A lottery-generated congress of, for and by the people would serve to only lessen the chances of serious errors by the State.

### \*ON REFERENDUMS, PROP-INITIATIVES AND AMMENDMENTS\*

As to the effect on future referendums, there should be nothing to prevent any measures at any time. The people's voice will continue to be heard. However, since the L/L would more truly reflect the public's view on any given issue, the need for such referendums would be lessened. The only 'lobby' that would be heard would be that of the citizens themselves. Reason, and that great intangible, the sense of the people, would now be the guiding principle of government.

### THE DILEMMA!

IF we should continue to want to elect people to statewide public office, based on their exposure and popularity, then how does one gain that exposure but thru access to the public media today? By using the public media, bought and paid for with private and corporate "contributions", they "run for office". Otherwise, how can we recognize their talents?

In California there must be hundreds of thousands of highly qualified people for public office. It is impossible for all of them to appear on TV for even five minutes to voice their views, have us note their charisma...even if it were offered free! That alone would take a hundred years, even if we watched TV 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (By the time we decided, all of us would have died of old age.) Kidding aside, this leaves us where we are today. Only those with great sums of money, or the access to enormous financial backing can get on TV to gain the absolutely necessary exposure to be elected to almost any public office. And that's the dilemma! It is the money, and the repayment in political favors in return that inevitably corrupt all.

It has been demonstrated with a great degree of mathematical precision that our present methods are, at the very least, highly imprecise!

Eventually we must consider alternatives to today's elections of the many charismatic charlatans offered to us by a financial and ideological Power-elite.



## A NOTE ABOUT LOCAL COMMUNITY POLITICS

WHAT would all this mean to our traditional local political office-seekers? How might they be selected? As with everything else in this paper, this too should be open to consideration and debate among the people. What kind of political future would await the budding politicians if those aspiring to ever higher office were to know that the "buck" stopped at the office of town mayor or county board?

No doubt, out of the hundreds of cities and towns in California, there would be many outstanding community leaders. But none of them would claim, or want to claim as their sole attribute, that they want the job because, for instance, they "can do more for California", a time-worn expression. Note that we don't hire city-managers because of their good looks, speech-reading abilities. We seek and find them because of their education, executive talents and abilities. A great ego would be one's political "albatros"; an impairment to leadership. That would be something new.

Former Lottery/Legislators who have shown a special quality for helping to decide on public issues, may be chosen or elected by their local communities to continue in judicial or administrative office in these communities. Or at a higher level, chosen by the L/L itself to further represent the State in the Congress in Washington.

Water, after all, does seek its own level. Those with the special gifts for serving the best interests of the people, would be sought by an even-handed government.

Those with great egos, good looks, great smiles, could become as noted earlier, our trade emissaries, or take acting lessons and become our new screen-stars. We shall always need entertainers, but not in the Governor's Mansion or White House.

## WHAT SO PROUDLY WE HAILED...

TODAY as we plunge head-long into the 21st century, only in hindsight do we observe the switches in the track we are on, and must only wonder at the political engineers who are taking us to unknown destinations. Were it not for the greed, the egos, the corrupt ambitions to power, the self-aggrandizement of petty men, we should not have seen our great social, economic and political institutions once so proudly represented, - this once-great engine - gone awry.

Reacting late, we can see the future, the calamities of the results of allowing the great wastes and corruption of our resources, our very soul as a nation, by a Power-elite which has become lost.

IS IT TOO LATE? If not, what will it take to correct our course if the people alone have not the will or the way to accomplish this? Time will soon tell.

## FINALLY...

To those who may conclude this is not yet the time or place to try to legally and lawfully challenge the present system...beware!

When liberal societies face great stresses, they do not necessarily become more liberal. Quite the opposite; they become extreme. In our own century we have seen the results of these extremes in Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia - the Right and the Left - each a mirror image of the other.

Those great democratic principles that we still hold dear are not the same as having a true democracy. As long as we keep wanting to believe in democratic government, then what constrains us not to try it?

All of this must and does presume upon possibility that We the People are willing to accept responsibility for democratic self-government. This is the test of where we go next. One way or other the Future rushes toward us.

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