

our critics have some good points. That was question number one: "Should we have a constitutional amendment to limit government spending." Simple? No, not so simple. One respondent wrote: "It would depend on what limitations would apply to. If it applied only to state payrolls and restriction on the growth of bureaucracy — I would vote YES. If it would also apply to capital budgets covering services such as roads, airstrips, ports and harbors, hydro-electric projects, etc., I would have to vote NO."

We will keep trying and will probably have more public and political surveys in the future. If the Resource Development Council is to represent a broad based segment of the Alaskan society, we

have to pry and try to learn what Alaskans really want. It would probably help if the state administration would do the same thing and then do its best to work for and represent the people who are really paying for the government to keep going.

We will have more to say about the survey. The final tabulations have all been done and are available at the Council office at 444 West 7th (7th & E) in Anchorage, or by writing to us at PO Box 516, Anchorage, AK 99510.

Some of the general comments of respondents as well as answers to question No. 19, "What do you feel is the worst problem facing Alaska now?" are enlightening and entertaining.

TRANS-ALASKA OIL PIPELINE COLLECTORS' ITEMS

Commemorative plaques and desk weights certified to contain oil from the FIRST BARREL OF OIL received at Valdez, Alaska, from Prudhoe Bay, July 28, 1977:

WALNUT PLAQUES Distinctive and elegantly designed, each plaque is numbered for one of 799 pipeline miles. The map of Alaska is carved in bas relief, set off by inset brass corners and inscribed plate, raised lettering and miniature pipeline containing Prudhoe Bay oil. Size: 12" x 14" Cost: \$100.

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AGC CONVENTION IN NOVEMBER

Some excellent speakers are scheduled for the annual statewide convention of the Alaska Chapter, Associated General Contractors of America, Inc. November 5 - 9, 1980 at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage.

Among them is Mr. Ival R. Cianchette from Pittsfield, Maine, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Cianbro Corporation. Mr. Cianchette is the National President of AGC this year. He will deliver his address Friday at the luncheon at 12:30 P.M.

Included on the same program is Herbert E. Meyer, Associate Editor of Fortune magazine and author of a book, THE WAR AGAINST PROGRESS. Mr. Meyer is a renowned lecturer;

bring your toughest questions because he can handle them.

Mr. Dick DeLine of the Dow/Shell consortium will discuss the petrochemical industry in Alaska as well as a new study.

Friday's program will close with comments from Lt. Governor Terry Miller and hosted cocktails at 5 PM.

Saturday's meetings are all AGC business with adjournment at noon.

An associated story in this issue elaborates on the Thursday combination AGC-RDC breakfast meeting. Lunch speaker Thursday in the Yukon Room is Congressman Don Young.

SPECIAL RDC BREAKFAST

On Thursday, November 6 the regular Council breakfast meeting moves to the Sheraton Hotel where it will combine with the annual statewide convention of the Associated General Contractors. The featured speaker will be Ronald Zumbrun, Attorney and President of the Pacific Legal Foundation based in Sacramento, California and Washington, D.C. Zumbrun will discuss the PLF and its Alaska involvement.

The Council has been promoting a book called THE WAR AGAINST PROGRESS by Herbert E. Meyer, Associate Editor of Fortune magazine. Meyer is coming to Anchorage and will be featured speaker at the noon lunch on Friday at the AGC conference. Attendance at the lunch is by invitation, RDC members are being invited and if you are not a member, you may request an invitation from AGC by calling 272-3417.

Meyer is regarded as a dynamic speaker who is particularly adept at fielding questions during the audience participation in questions and answers. We have had the opportunity to hear him on tape and agree that he is excellent.

WAR AGAINST PROGRESS is a book about the forces Meyer calls "enemies of progress", the "elite" ensconced in academia, the media and government bureaus in particular who wish to stop development in the United States. Because these people have targeted Alaska so vigorously, there is considerable discussion of the Alaska problem included in the book.

Since it is helpful to understand the problem and be able to articulate it vividly, we think you will find it stimulating to hear Herbert E. Meyer. Bring your toughest questions; he loves them.

MEMBERS RECEIVE MINERS' NEWSLETTER

By now we hope you've had a chance to read the special convention issue of the Alaska Miner mailed compliments of the Alaska Miners Association. It cost a bundle for AMA to make those copies available, but if it resulted in our members' attendance at the October 23 convention in Anchorage and a host of subscriptions to the journal, we'll be

happy.

The Journal explores mining, land and other issues in a meaningful way. It should be required reading for those of us who care about Alaska's mineral industry and want to see it grow.

You can support the Association's hard work by subscribing today.

**AND
GUESS
WHO
PAID
THE
BILL**

An organization consisting of one person — Naomi Woloshin — staged an "oil spill conference" September 29 in the Endeavor Room of the Capt. Cook Hotel.

It calls itself OIL WATCH; it is an ad hoc committee of AKpirg.

The State Department of Environmental Conservation paid Oil Watch, aka AKpirg, \$5000 to conduct the conference.

The question is: Who was to benefit from such a conference? What was the real purpose? Certainly not to clean up oil spills. If someone spills any significant amount of oil in the water, the Coast

Guard sees to it they clean it up, or pay for having it cleaned up. If there is a land spill, the Alaska State Department of Conservation performs the function the Coast Guard does on water; it sees that the spiller cleans up.

Records show that in the years oil spills in the Cook Inlet have been recorded, non-oil industry sources have been responsible for more than double the oil spills in water than oil industry sources. It makes no sense that oil companies would actually be careless about spilling their product. When a bar owner spills a drink and has to replace it, he lost money on that one.

DEBATE

Just five days before the November 4 general election, incumbent Senator Mike Colletta will face off with his able challenger for his Senate seat in District I, Lisa Rudd. The head-on debate will take place Thursday morning, October 30, at the regular 7:15 AM breakfast meeting of the Resource

Development Council at the Holiday Inn.

Virtually on election eve, this will probably be the final opportunity for these two to get in their licks to try to win voters in this critical Senate race.

Call 278-9615 for reservations.

**SPEAK
YOUR
PIECE**

We thought you'd enjoy some of the comments folks wrote in on the survey taken at the Palmer Fair. These are verbatim.

"You need to make it more understandable so a kid can understand."

"It's a shame it is so hard to get business loans when our lousy government is holding so much money. And I think it's a bunch of crap that our tax refund got held up by two people."

"Oil revenues should be put back into the economy to create more jobs and a stable economy. Our lands should be open to sports and development."

"State participation in developing industries should be limited primarily to those which use renewable resources and then only after research shows these industries can remain self-supporting."

"State government is inefficient and uncooperative in relations with the private sector."

"This is the most beautiful land. Since the rest of the world is being destroyed, let's leave Alaska beautiful."

"The State of Alaska likes to bite the hand that feeds it — namely the oil development companies. More money should be spent to upgrade the haul road to Prudhoe Bay."

"The capital move issue so far has proven to Alaskans the futility of the American citizen's vote. It borders on monarchy when the people no longer have a voice or are misrepresented by their government employees."

"Press coverage on legislature is very POOR."

(Sooner we get the capital moved the better!) What appears in the media is only the tip of the iceberg — too much covering up."

"We must support other development — fishing, coal mining, agriculture, gold mining, oceanography research, etc., to keep Alaska's economy viable in the future."

"The cost of college courses for newcomers is too high. Many are being punished for accepting transfers, paying their bills and working, to be treated thus is enough to make many say go to heck Alaska."

"Let's make Alaska self-sufficient as far as food is concerned."

"We need development but we must protect our environment."

"I believe the state should have smaller government with more free enterprise. The citizen of Alaska is letting the government make too many decisions with our money."

"Environmentalism is out of control. Hold out for our rights or secede from the Union. Alaska first!"

"Government needs to be less parasitic and more productive."

"Alaska's transportation system — rail, water and highway — must improve to sustain long-term growth. Government influence must be curbed and then permanently limited."

"Thanks for being here to ask these questions. If people sit and communicate with each other, Alaska can do it right."

main food supply, the park service blamed pleasure and tour boats. We think the editorial hit the nail on the head.

"The National Park Service has announced a

**CONSULTANTS,
SHADOWS
AND
LEACHES**

Shadow government is a new phrase being tossed around. It refers to the countless consultants hired by government bureaus to conduct studies on everything under the sun and to conduct planning for whatever project some government bureau is facing.

Now the question is being asked, "With the thousands upon thousands of people employed by all levels of government, why can't most of these studies, plans and related projects be done on straight time between Monday and Friday by people already being paid taxpayers' money?" Is this asking too much?

How can they really justify using your money to hire people who will then hire others to do their work for them?

It's obvious we're being ripped off, but who do you file your complaint with? Your congressman? Your senator? The President? If you don't already know they are too busy with loftier matters than to operate a police force within the bureaucracy, you'll soon find out.

Ultimately the answer to this, like many other problems, is in the voting booth. Unfortunately, at this time there is good reason to believe most voters

still haven't been adequately motivated, i.e., hit in their own pocketbook directly . . . to force them to put on the thinking cap and figure out exactly who is doing what to whom. You may discover many people don't truly know the meaning of "conservative" and "liberal" as applied to politicians and who don't know which one to ascribe certain typical governmental philosophies. They aren't sure, yet, which one regards more government as the answer to our problems and which one regards too much government as the problem.

There are many people who believe that when we pay more tax it means we are buying more or better government rather than providing government with the means to bring down more problems.

Most unfortunately, it now seems that fewer and fewer people of voting age realize that the American system of government and free enterprise which has made the United States the greatest nation on earth was not conceived or born in a maize of government regulations and laws born of special interests. In the beginning, the country called America may have been conceived in the throes of a revolution, but it was born free.

**FEDERAL
INFORMATION
CENTER
IN
ANCHORAGE**

There is a new government office in Anchorage which you should know about. It is the Federal Information Office, located near the 8th & A Street entrance of the Federal Building. The Manager, Mrs. Louise Thorpe, says, "We're so new, we don't have a room number yet, but our shingle is out." She continued, "We not only help people by directing them to the proper federal agency, but with all the government regulations in Alaska, we actually help with state and municipal questions as well."

Mrs. Thorpe explains that this is one of 41 such offices around the United States. She says they are generally manned with as few as two, as many as 8 people. "Because of the complexities of government regulations in Alaska, this office, which

opened July 15th, started with three people on staff and is funded for three more as the need arises," she adds.

Mrs. Thorpe came to Alaska last June from San Diego where she worked in the same kind of office operated and funded by the state of California.

There is one additional service of this one-stop information center of the federal government: If you have a problem centered in another state, there is a "courtesy phone" in the office which you may use to call anywhere in the U.S. at no cost to you. The feds pick up your phone tab.

The telephone number of the Federal Information office is 271-3650.

**PLF
FIGHT
FOR
PROPERTY
RIGHTS**

You may recall Ron Zumbrun, President of the Pacific Legal Foundation, telling the story of the German immigrant, Viktorio Consiglio, whose application for a permit to build a one bedroom bungalow on her two acres of land on the California coast was denied by the California Coastal Commission even though it is situated in a residential enclave. The Commission said that her house would

impair the scenic view of motorists on Highway I.

Trial in this case, in which Mrs. Consiglio is represented by PLF, is set for November 10, 1980 in the Monterey County Superior Court.

This is an important and precedent-setting case which will have an effect on the lives of many of us. Win, lose or draw, we'll keep you posted on the outcome.

**FAIR
SURVEY**

A fair amount of stimulating debate has resulted from the Council's public opinion survey conducted at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer in August and September. Most people seemed to like it and appreciated an opportunity to express themselves, even if they didn't agree with the wording of some of the questions.

Have you ever tried to put together such a survey? That isn't a defensive question. Most of us haven't. First you determine the nature of the

questions you really want answers to from a large segment of the public. Then you try to word them so's to be objective because if you really do ask trick questions your survey is invalid; you've wasted your time. In our case, a number of people put their minds to questions trying to ask what was proper and we struggled with wording.

One question we thought was simple and to the point turned out to be controversial, and we agree

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**RULED
BY
INSANITY**

A September 26 editorial in the KETCHIKAN DAILY NEWS sheds some light on the humpback whales vs. tour ships in Glacier Bay controversy.

Despite the study showing whales left the area because of a lack of the crustacean krill, their

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95 megawatts on the Washington power grid . . . and they don't think the grid can support it.

The Alaska state legislature appropriated \$500,000 for first phase studies of the Cook Inlet

REGULATIONS IN RETROSPECT

BELTRAN: BASQUE SHEEPMAN OF THE AMERICAN WEST is a fascinating study by anthropologist William A. Douglas (University of Nevada Press, 1979). It is the life story of Beltran Paris who would now be 91 years old and who came to the western United States as a young man from a small farm in the Pyrenees Mountains of France.

His story is really the story of America . . . as it once was. A Basque shepherd arrives in America unable to speak a word of English and with no solid prospects. He quickly finds work, is willing and able to work hard and forego personal comfort and pleasure in order to get ahead. A lifetime unfolds, and then in the final chapter Beltran reflects:

"The ranching business isn't like it used to be. When I started you had a chance to make something for yourself. Even a shepherd could save his wages and get his own outfit. The range was open in those days and you had just as much right as anyone else. But then they put it all under government control. That's when they set up the BLM.

At first it was a good idea. There were cows and sheep everywhere and they had to do something.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Ready for this? The President's Council on Environmental Quality got together with three other government agencies and did a survey of the public to find out if most people want to protect the environment at the expense of economic growth, or if people mostly want economic growth and the jobs that come with it even if it means the environment gets bruised a bit. Guess what their poll says. Yessiree, all those folks out there want to protect the environment; to hell with economic growth, jobs and all that dull stuff.

Not only that, but their poll says that most people want to protect endangered species even at the expense of commercial activity.

HAI ZEE AMERIKAN CAPITALIST DOG HAFF BIN TREEKED AGAIN. HAI

The Privacy Act of 1974 protects your right to privacy, right? Wrong. It must have been enacted on April 1, because it is one big joke.

According to one of the IRS publications (no. 876) you are advised of the privacy act and your rights are read to you at the outset, however a little further into the publication you are told that: "We (IRS) may give the information (from your tax return) to the Department of Justice and to other Federal Agencies as provided by law. We may also give it to the States, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Commonwealths or Possessions to carry out their tax laws. And we may give it to foreign governments because of tax treaties they have with the U.S."

tidal power project. Proposals for conducting the study are due by October 20 and selection of a consultant expected in early November.

For a few years we got along pretty well; the BLM put each outfit in its own place and that helped just about everybody. But then it started to be worse and worse. At first they just charged us a little bit for AUMs, maybe three cents or five cents each, but then it started going up. Today it is \$1.51 for each AUM and they want to raise it to \$1.87.

Now everything is decided by the government. They tell you where you can go and when you have to go there. They keep charging more and more for you to use the range and then they say you can't catch the wild horses that are ruining it. Same thing with coyotes; they won't let you poison them anymore."

In his story, he goes on to relate how, under government management of the land, things got worse. Sheepmen, unable by law to deal with predators, abandoned their lifetime work and found other ways to make a living.

America can be as it once was again, with effort. First, we must all recognize the fallacy of that famous quote: "I'm from the government and I'm here to help you."

Furthermore, the poll says 83% of people want the government to screen new chemicals for safety before they're allowed on the market even if in so doing useful chemicals might be kept from the public.

Last, but not least, 61% say that the nation should concentrate on solar energy more than any other energy source.

Butterflies, snail darters, sunshine and natural elements, that's what we all want more than anything. And if you accept that as an accurate poll of the American people, I have this bridge for sale and want to talk to you about a great business opportunity.

After telling you what your rights are, and then telling you they really don't mean very much, the IRS advisory continues in the next paragraph to explain exactly what can happen to you if you don't knuckle under.

"If a return is not filed, or if we don't receive the information we ask for, the law provides that a penalty may be charged. And we may have to disallow the exemptions, exclusions, credits, deductions or adjustments shown on the tax return. This could make the tax higher or delay any refund. Interest may also be charged."

These guys play hard ball; the Godfather couldn't have put it in plainer language.

reduction in the number of cruise ships going into Glacier Bay next season. The Park Service still operates under the illusion that vessel noise is keeping the whales out of the waters of Glacier Bay.

It's unfortunate that the Park Service has adopted this theory on the flimsy evidence at hand. Glacier Bay is an outstanding attraction that anyone can see from the deck of a ship. Most people never would be able to see such splendor by any other means.

What's happening to the whales, and it takes no great scientific research to find out, is that they've gone where they can find more to eat. Recently, for example, a Ketchikan fisherman and his wife ran

GAS CONDITIONING PLANT AT PRUDHOE

John G. McMillian, chairman of the Northwest Alaskan Pipeline Company announced the selection of the Ralph M. Parsons Company, a California firm, to design and engineer the gas conditioning plant for Prudhoe Bay gas. McMillian says costs mandate that the plant be built at Prudhoe Bay rather than at Fairbanks. Fairbanks officials, other

COAL COMPETITION

If America can't, or won't make use of its coal resources, Japan certainly will. Existing proposals are for development of the Beluga coal fields just across the Cook Inlet from Anchorage as well as rail shipments from Joe Usibelli's mining operation at Healy to Seward.

Anchorage and Seward are not just competing with each other as shipping points for coal to Japan, Portland, Astoria, Kalama, Seattle, Grays Harbor and Bellingham are some of the other Northwest

TRESSPASS, ANYONE?

It comes as no surprise that Peg Tileston, Executive Director of the Alaska Center For the Environment takes a mighty dim view of a plan by Representative Mike Beirne and Senators Jalmor Kertula and Don Bennett which would convey 40 acres of land to every Alaskan adult. Writing her comments in the ACFE newsletter, she says the ". . . second verse is as bad as the first."

Her logic makes no more sense than ever,

NOTABLE QUOTES

"The measures that have been passed in the name of helping the poor are a major source of poverty . . . yet the people who have been responsible for the enactment of these measures pat themselves on the back for their compassion and humanity."

Dr Milton Friedman
at dedication of new headquarters
for the Heritage Foundation

"Nuke the unborn gay whales."

Latest bumper sticker seen in Anchorage

"Today the environmental movement is little more than a weapons system in the war against progress. Nearly all of the three hundred or so

into hundreds of the missing humpback whales. They literally ran into one whale which almost sank their gillnetter in the collision.

The whales were feeding in Stephens Passage, a body of water that sees more cruise ships, state ferries and other vessels than Glacier Bay could ever handle.

Park Service employees will be happy only when they have closed up Glacier Bay to all but the Park Service employees. That should be a warning to Ketchikan residents. If we want Misty Fiord to be enjoyed by visitors and residents, we should make sure that it stays out of the administrative control of the National Park Service.

communities and the RDC have pushed for Fairbanks as the site of the conditioning plant.

When the natural gas line is built and conditioning plant goes on line, it is expected to process 2.4 billion cubic feet of gas per day for delivery through the line.

Ports eying the business of bulk coal exports to Japan.

There is a lot of coal in Alaska; it is said Alaska may have the world's largest coal supply. The state needs industry and jobs in the private sector, and the state administration, as well as the legislature, should support coal production in the state with vigorous enthusiasm. For once, let's skip the piles of studies and get down to production.

including one of the closing lines: "We will find out too late that the 'ultimate lockup' is private ownership of land." Let's see now, where did we hear that song before. Tileston says, "It's hard to argue with a NO TRESPASSING SIGN." That is true, Peg, but did you ever try to argue with a BLM agent when you are "trespassing" on one of the Carter/Andrus monuments?

groups that comprise this movement are now working to prevent even the smallest amount of growth from taking place anywhere in this country."

Herbert E. Meyer,
author of **THE WAR AGAINST PROGRESS**
and Associate Editor of **Fortune** magazine

"We'd be much better off if about 75% of the federal employees were sent home. Most of the action at the federal level really hindered the development of alternative energy."

Dr. Paul P. Craig,
professor at the
University of California

**NOTABLE
QUOTES
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"We hear a great deal these days about restoring the natural balance. But there can be no natural balance when man is arbitrarily excluded from nature. There can be no natural balance when the odds are heavily weighted against man's attempts to better his lot. There can be no natural balance when the lousewort, the snail-darter, and the grasshopper routinely take precedence over man."

Pacific Legal Foundation publication

"The wheels of agriculture will continue to turn on oil for at least 20 years. Solar, geothermal and wood energy must be more heavily explored, but cost of environmental problems hinder their immediate large-scale production; hence, the dependence on oil."

William C. Sage,
Director of Northern Tier Pipeline's
northwest region.

**HELP
AT
THE
FAIR**

A few of the unsung heroes (heroines) of the Alaska State Fair at Palmer this year who helped gather nearly 500 public opinion surveys for the Council were: from Talkeetna Harriet Hansen, Dorothy Jones, Valerie Heffner, and Minnie Swanda. From Anchorage: Dawn Jones, Dolly Fleming and Cheri DuBois.

Thanks, ladies. The fruits of your efforts are now published and will, we are sure, have their im-

port in several areas, such as government; Council efforts and the private sector which happens to be considering Alaskan investment.

Some of the results seemed a little surprising to us.

A similar survey with only minor changes has been sent to all political candidates in the state. Returns are good and information helpful.

**PACIFIC
LEGAL
FOUNDATION**

The Fish and Wildlife Service has, according to the Pacific Legal Foundation, listed the green pitcher plant as an endangered species in "flagrant violation of procedural requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973."

The PLF filed a complaint on September 22, 1980 in a Federal District Court in Alabama challenging the listings by FWS. Named in the complaint were: DeKALB COUNTY COMMISSION et al vs. ANDRUS, et al. PLF is representing the DeKalb County Commission, several northern Alabama Chambers of Commerce and an individual landowner.

Now that the plant is listed as endangered, the Act requires that each federal agency consult with FWS to ensure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by an agency is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the plant or result in the destruction or modification of its habitat. Activities such as residential, agriculture, and silviculture development, strip mining, flood control and road construction will jeopardize the plant, according to the position already taken by FWS.

Shades of the Tennessee snail darter, here we go again.

**ROYALTY
FOR
ALASKANS?**

A plan to use the state of Alaska's 1/8th royalty share of oil to provide all the people of the state with a dramatic decrease in the cost of their petroleum fuel products has been devised by Wally Hopkins, Democratic candidate for state house, District 10.

The plan calls for the state of Alaska to pass on to all suppliers of gasoline and fuel oils in the state the portion of the state's royalty oil that is consumed in the state and the savings would then have to be passed on to Alaskan consumers.

Hopkins says that if these savings were accrued to Alaskan consumers, it would conserve at least 50% in energy costs. Heating fuels would sell for about 50 cents per gallon and gasoline would be 50 to 60 cents a gallon.

In addition to reduced costs to individual Alaskans, thereby adding to spendable income in the marketplace, Hopkins points to reduced shipping costs, fuel costs for Alaskan fishermen, reduced costs to the ferry system which, if passed on to tourists, would stimulate tourism in the state. State and municipal buildings as well as schools would be cheaper to heat and property taxes could be reduced.

Based on a population of 500,000, the savings would amount to almost \$1,500 per year for every man, woman and child within the state of Alaska, according to Hopkins' calculations.

Republican Bill Sumner had a similar plan which is still on the back burner. Maybe it will all come true some day.

**TEENAGER
SURVEY
A
MIXED
BAG**

In its September 29 issue, U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT published the results of surveys of high school students across the nation. Nearly 2,500 surveys were completed and the result is a mixed bag of encouragement and some unsettling answers to those interested in the perpetuation of the free enterprise system.

In most cases those answering "Not Sure" represented a large enough number yet to reach con-

victions that one can take heart for the future.

One question with answer which might be surprising to some: "Which is the greater national priority: Economy, 65.6% . . . Environment, 34.4%."

On the other hand, nearly 15% believed that oil companies should be nationalized and 56.9% believe oil companies should be regulated more strictly.

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tly. Only 8.7% favored decontrol.

For party affiliation, Democrats and Republicans shared nearly identical numbers at a little over 29% each, but the Independents, "Other Parties" and "Not sure" totaled 41.4%.

On domestic issues, as might be expected, they were strongly opposed to the draft, but nearly as strongly favored drafting women as well as men. Strongest opposition was to assigning women as

combat troops. They were for ratification of ERA and opposed to a Constitutional amendment prohibiting abortion. Opposed to busing, for national health insurance and opposed to legalizing marijuana, although the total favoring and the "Not Sures" outnumbered the opposition.

We'd like to see such a survey in Alaska high schools and universities. It would be interesting to compare results.

**EDITORIAL
by
Bob Fleming**

Land use planning as perceived by government agencies is, simply stated, police power by the government to determine what use can be made of the land; government land and privately owned land. When government invoked land use planning takes place, individual and personal property rights as well as certain basic freedoms of the individual no longer exist.

The U. S. Congress has rejected land use planning legislation as such, but it now exists anyway. It exists under other labels such as Public Law 92-500, Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, also known as Wetlands. It exists under Coastal Zone Management, it exists in your own community as planning and zoning. It exists anytime a private citizen is told by any level of government how he may or may not use land which he owns and considers to be his private property.

The insidious characteristic inherent in all legislation which can be considered "land use planning" is that much of it has come to be accepted as absolutely necessary by a large number of people who have not recognized the relationship between government control of private property and loss of freedom and property rights. Instead, this police power is more often seen as protection; specifically, protection of property value. How quickly we forget that protection is not a free service whether it comes from government, legitimate private enterprise or the mafia. If we receive protection, we will pay for it with our own freedom.

Abraham Lincoln told the Workingmen's Association on March 21, 1864: "Property is the fruit

of labor; property is desirable; it is a positive good in the world. That some should be rich shows that others may become rich, and hence it is just encouragement to industry and enterprise. Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another, but let him work diligently and build one for himself, thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence when built."

Property and the freedom to use it at one's own discretion is now under assault by a very vocal, but well placed, minority -- the social property advocates. Their theory of property is a regurgitation of long-rejected feudalism, a bankrupt philosophy that decayed and was discarded centuries ago as the world emerged from the Dark Ages.

The cherished and long-held American Dream may never again flourish on this planet. As Robert J. Ringer put it in his book, RESTORING THE AMERICAN DREAM: "To restore it, we have to recapture the spirit that exemplified it -- the spirit of individualism, of self-reliance, of risk taking." ". . . for nearly fifty years we have acted like naughty, irresponsible children, grabbing things without permission." "Freedom or free lunch -- which will it be? Ultimately, freedom must be achieved or it must be forever lost in the pursuit."

The first step toward that goal is mass recognition of the difference between the American way and cradle-to-grave security . . . of sorts. Then each time the choice is yours to be made, choose the independent, individualistic American way even if it involves some risk. What you stand to lose is paltry compared with the prize for simply making the right choice; freedom.

**TIDEPower
STUDIES**

It could work out that eventually Cook Inlet's famous tides will be harnessed and provide the additional power the Anchorage area must have if ever there will be manufacturing and big private industry in the state. Susitna Power is needed to supplement domestic supplies of renewable electric energy, but cannot provide sufficient power for industrial use as could Inlet tidal power.

Along with additional power from the Inlet, if the Baron Edmund de Rothschild plan is adopted, would come a Knik Arm crossing, saving non-renewable vehicular fuel in travel and shipping between the Anchorage port and inland areas of the Mat-Su Valley and Fairbanks.

It seems that people have always underestimat-

ed their future needs for power. For instance, at a meeting of the Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA) last summer, the featured speaker noted he happened to have been on hand at the formal opening of Grand Coulee Dam many years ago, and he distinctly recalled that in speeches by the prominent folk in attendance, all commented" . . . while we can be proud of this grand new structure, the state of Washington can never use all the power it will generate." Since then eleven more dams have been built to supplement its power and right now one of the arguments being used against Northern Tier Pipeline's oil port at Port Angeles is that it will place additional power demands of something like

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