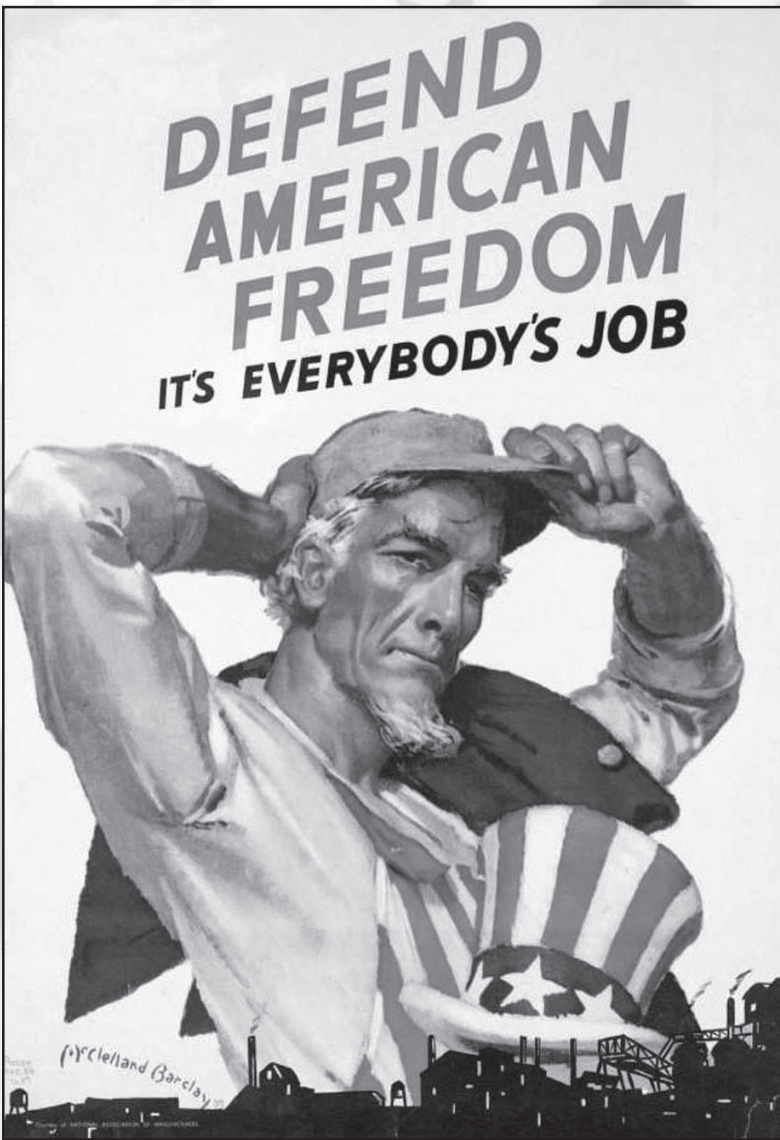


ESSAY | What Is There Left To Say

by Henry Nicolle



My essays for *The Sinner* began five years ago when the Editor published excerpts from a newsletter by Ron Branson, founder of Judicial Accountability Initiative Law. The project goes by the acronymic appellation, "J.A.I.L. 4 Judges". The excerpt was my letter to Ron describing my arrest and jailing, naked in the "Penalty-Box" of the Ventura County Jail. "The Politics of a Burnt-Out License Plate Light".

It was a burnt out license plate light which attracted the attention of a rookie female Ventura City Police Department officer. I refused to sign a property receipt at the jail until I had an opportunity to see the on-duty magistrate (the law in California) or speak with counsel of my choice (also California law).

The law has no dignity among those who cloak their ambitions under it in America, in our time. So I spent the night and morning naked and taunted by Ventura City Police, Ventura County Sheriff's deputies and a couple California Highway Patrol officers. The peep-hole would open, eyeballs would peer in and note the fat, old man seated naked, leaning against the pale green vinyl-coated wall of an 8 X 10 foot cell equipped only with a barred drain for sanitation and washdown effluent. Next was always, "Who do you have in the Penalty Box?" The repeated and unchanging answer was, "That's Henry Nicolle, one of those 'Liberty People'." The next question, always, "What's he in there for?" Always answered, "Burnt out license plate light." This reply always brought an audible gasp, (Yes, really.) and an exclamation generally "What? Why didn't you give him O.R.?" ("O.R." means release on "Own Recognition after promising to appear at a future date.") The Jailer's reply was "He won't take it without seeing the magistrate or his lawyer." The visitor would answer, "Oh. Those Liberty People are all crazy, anyway."

The experience was not pleasant or necessary. All of it was illegal in California as performed and in violation of American principles for self-governing and offensive to our terms for the existence of the institutions these people serve as defined by the Constitution for California and by the Constitution for the United States of America.

On the other hand, it was an experience planned ahead of time and well-executed as planned from the moment of the red and blue lights coming on, to the final "Guilty!" statement of the Presiding Judge of the three judge appeals panel of the Superior Court of California in Ventura County. The judge's final words, were, "Mr. Nicolle, just where do you think a common citizen has any standing to bring impeachment charges against a judge?" I had filed just such a request with the Senate of California, the

originators of all impeachment proceedings.

I had chosen this venue and process to illustrate and prove some very important points which affect the inherent Rights, Liberty, Property and Self-Determination of Every Citizen of California, and by direct inference, every Citizen of our society.

Point 1. Our State and Country are no longer self-governed. We are ruled by a political class, expressed via the governing/ruling population of "government people".

Point 2. When the policies of power and revenue are challenged, our Constitutions and law are trumped by "policies". We have become a nation ruled by men, not laws.

Point 3. Our policy-makers, law-making representatives and officials have only contempt for our principles of inherent individual Rights, Liberty and Self-Determination. The evidence of this fact is their creation of classes of "law" which on their face betray our Rights and defy our explicit protections of our Constitutions. Beginning with "Infractions" (civil offenses with criminal penalties) and extending to the very latest at this writing, Presidential Fiat, orders with no authority, no documentation and no jurisdiction, yet enforced with abuse of delegated power.

Point 4. There is no effective, objective recourse for these disturbing realities available at our command. All of the civilized processes we established have been rendered moot by our rulers' policies and abuses of power. Voting has become a totally corrupted and useless process through the corruption of the illusionary "two-party-system" and the physical rigging of most elections in America. The judiciary and the legislatures of the States and Federal government are complicit and facilitating in the processes and practices of corruption of our principles and methods.

Point 5. We are left with two options. Submit or fight. These are complicated options with many levels of potential implementation.

In five years, we have lost every remaining pretense by government to recognize individual Rights, Liberty, Property and Self-Determination. Each attempted "success" in defense of Rights and Liberty is achieved at the expense of complete ruin of the individual seeking redress within the "system".

Have you chosen to submit or to fight? Ask me.

PIPER'S PIT

SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS

written by Saab Lofton

"On Earth, there is no poverty, no crime, no war. You look out the window of Starfleet Headquarters and you see paradise." – Commander Sisko, from the *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* episode, The Maquis, Part II

...and how exactly did the Human race achieve such a utopian state of affairs? Well, according to the 1996 movie, *Star Trek: First Contact*...

"[Proof of intelligent, extraterrestrial life] unites Humanity in a way no one ever thought possible when they realize they're not alone in the universe. Poverty, disease, war – they'll all be gone within the next fifty years." – Counselor Troi

... but it's NOT, I repeat, NOT as simple as alien intervention – as Sisko once said in a subsequent episode of *Deep Space Nine* (entitled Rules of Engagement): "We don't put civilians at risk or even potentially at risk to save ourselves. Sometimes, that means we lose the battle and sometimes our lives, but if you can't make that choice, then you can't wear that uniform."

A genuine concern for Human life is what accounts for how there's no poverty or atrocities on Gene Roddenberry's future Earth – a concern for life that's obviously lacking in reality...

"Seven Afghan children perished Sunday in a U.S.-led bombing attack on Al Qaeda fighters hiding in a mosque... A spokesman for the NATO

forces apologized for killing the children... The safeguarding of the innocent is not only a legal and ethical imperative; it is also a basic requirement of a counterinsurgency strategy to deprive the enemy of popular support... The failure of American forces to take the utmost care to avoid harming Afghan civilians is making a difficult mission even harder to accomplish." – *The New York Times*, June 21st, 2007

As the biggest newspaper on the planet put it, a basic requirement of strategy is to avoid harming civilians. Therefore, the next time someone gets on my case about using pop cultural metaphors, I'm going to hurt their feelings, to say the least. Professor Noam Chomsky wrote that, "social action must be animated by a vision of a future society," and he's absolutely correct.

Star Trek inspired the cell phone, but that's technological progress – what We the People need is more SOCIOLOGICAL progress (a LOT more), which can in fact come from works for fiction. Here are three out of MANY examples of this:

1) As I explained during a speech of mine given in Seattle's Westlake Plaza on Indigenous Day, 2011, John T. Williams (a Native American victim of police violence) would still be alive if the pig who shot him had been limited to NON-lethal weaponry

– and the BEST: the ONLY way to promote NON-lethal tactics is to point out how our culture's most famous/popular icons are NON-lethal...

BRUCE WAYNE: No. I'm no executioner.

THE LEAGUE OF SHADOWS: Your compassion is a weakness your enemies will not share.

BRUCE WAYNE: That's why it's so important. It separates us from them... I will go back to Gotham and I will fight men like this, but I will not become an executioner.

– from the 2005 movie, *Batman Begins*

This goes for Sean Bell, Oscar Grant, Amadou Diallo, Timothy Stansbury Junior, Trayvon Martin and countless others.

2) Every October in Oregon, there's an event called Wonder Woman Day – drawings of the superheroine are sold at an auction and all the money raised is donated to battered women's shelters... I've been a proud part of this since 2010.

3) In the fall of 1987 – after starring in *Superman IV: The Quest for Peace* – Christopher Reeve went to Chile, where C.I.A.-appointed dictator Augusto Pinochet had sentenced 77 actors, directors and playwrights to death unless they left the country by a certain date. According to author Walter Oleksy, "their crime was having criticized [Pinochet's] regime in their theatrical works." With his good looks, white-skin privilege and the household name recognition success blessed him with, Reeve literally stood between those 77 artists and armed government troops at a protest. The very next

day, Pinochet cancelled the execution order – knowing full well if anything happened to the man who portrayed Superman, that'd have been his fascist ass on a platter (In fact, a cartoon that ran in a newspaper back then showed Pinochet being carried by the collar with the caption, "Where will you take him, Superman?"). Afterwards, Reeve was given the Obie Prize and two awards for bravery from the Walter Briebl Human Rights Foundation – a group that works with torture victims. In addition, Reeve received the Grand Cross of the Bernardo O'Higgins Order; the highest Chilean distinction for foreigners.

...imaginary characters saving the lives of real people... Sadly, all too many assume I'm supposedly living in a fantasy world, but those who're claiming such a thing ain't worried about my sanity – they're afraid of being expected to take superheroes seriously. Why? Because it's quicker, easier and more seductive to be cynical/apathetic, but superheroes are symbols of hope who strive for ideals, which is harder to do than playing video games or obsessing over celebrity scandals.

A solution to a problem is a solution to a problem – so by IGNORANTLY/ARROGANTLY turning your nose up at a solution ("Eww, superheroes are for kids!"), you condemn Humanity to continually suffer from a problem.

