

LIBERTY TREE

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As of February 6, 2008, the government's unconscionable injunction against the Fellowship is in place. As a result, many of the services made available to members over the years have had to be discontinued.

A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE

However, assistance with state matters and Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act requests *have not* been enjoined. With respect to these services, even the seditious judge couldn't justify any restrictions, and so members can still contact SAPF headquarters for such assistance.

The Fellowship was forced, under threat of criminal contempt (*i.e.*, incarceration), to provide the government with a copy of the membership list, including both full and associate members. Even though the Fellowship's appeal of the injunction is still awaiting Supreme Court review, Chief Justice Roberts refused to stay this unconstitutional infringement of your right to privacy of association, *despite the fact that his refusal mooted this important issue*. So, as of February 5, 2008, the government knows the names and addresses of all Save-A-Patriot Fellowship members.

Of course, the government *already* knew the names and addresses of Fellowship members who had requested Power-of-Attorney letters from the casework department. The Power of Attorney form enclosed with each letter sent to the IRS specifically identified the person as an SAPF member. The government has been collecting such letters for several years, and provided some 8,000 pages of them as part of the discovery process over two years ago. So, for this majority of SAPF members, *no change* resulted from the forced disclosure of the list, since they are already being harassed by the IRS. Of course, such members will now have to rely on their past experience and records in any of their future letter-writing campaigns, rather

than Fellowship assistance.

On the other hand, for associate and full members who have never needed or used casework services, the situation has changed somewhat. Whereas the government knew their names and addresses before (it must be assumed the government keeps multitudes of databases on all of us), it now knows that these members are dedicated to the restoration of the United States Constitution as the foundation and limits of our government, and the education of the public concerning the principles of individual Liberty and limited government.

So, what will they do with this knowledge? This question gets to the core of the whole business; that is, what purpose is served by obtaining information concerning the private associations of individuals? The Supreme Court answered this in *National Association for the Advancement of Colored People v. State of Alabama*, 357 U.S. 449 (1958):

Effective advocacy of both public and private points of view, particularly controversial ones, is undeniably enhanced by group association.... It is beyond debate that freedom to engage in association for the advancement of [political, economic, religious or cultural] beliefs and ideas is an inseparable aspect of the 'liberty' assured by the ... freedom of speech. ... [W]e think it apparent that compelled disclosure of petitioner's Alabama membership is likely to affect adversely the ability of petitioner and its members to

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pursue their collective effort to foster beliefs which they admittedly have the right to advocate, in that *it may induce members to withdraw from the Association and dissuade others from joining it because of fear of exposure of their beliefs shown through their associations and of the consequences of this exposure.*

There you have it! The reason the government forced us to reveal members' names is because it hopes current members will withdraw and potential members will be dissuaded from joining, thus depriving the Fellowship of the support it needs to educate the public about government abuses and usurpations.

We believe the government has overestimated the fear factor, and grossly *underestimated* the moral strength and determination of SAPF members. While the government hopes members will slink away and become docile sheep and slaves, we believe our members will shun that course and redouble their efforts to alert their fellow citizens to the perilous times ahead.

The government wants you to see the glass as half empty, but dedicated Patriots should see it as half full. We are on the threshold of the best opportunity ever to reach the greatest numbers of people with our message of Liberty for the people and Constitutional limits for the government. With continued support from faithful members, and increasing participation from other patriotic groups, Liberty Works Radio Network will soon be up and running! With this real chance to influence the future of our nation so close to fruition, it's certainly no time to rest from your labors to awaken the masses from their mass-media induced stupor. To paraphrase a certain president: if you quit now, the terrorists¹ win!

This is even more true when you consider that your association with Save-A-Patriot is already known to the government. Withholding your support now will only hurt the cause of Freedom, and only abet the continuing destruction of our culture and heritage. On the

other hand, continuing to support the Fellowship will not only bring Liberty Works Radio Network that much closer to being on the air, but it will also show the government that scare tactics are useless against devoted Patriots.

We are at a critical juncture. The injunction operates as a two-pronged financial attack. First, it deprives the Fellowship of the funds previously generated through bookshop sales (*Just The Facts, Piercing the Illusion*, etc.)² and casework. Second, it discourages potential members from being involved, thereby reducing funds from membership fees. Yet to keep the doors open long enough to see the radio network project through, the Fellowship's operating expenses remain, at least until Liberty Works becomes self-supporting. This 'bridge' period may well mean the difference between success and failure. While we build momentum for LWRN and the membership which will result, we

must depend on the contributions of current SAPF members. With the Member Assistance Program enjoined by the court order, we hope members will consider contributing the amount previously sent to fellow Patriots in distress to help us meet expenses during this period.

A second way to help is to become a member of the Liberty Works Radio Network Fellowship. Remember that while LWRN Fellowship is a subsidiary of SAPF, memberships are separate and distinct.

That is, a member of SAPF is not automatically a member of LWRN Fellowship. This was purposely done so that there would be no connection between LWRN Fellowship members and any activities prohibited by the injunction against SAPF. If you

haven't yet signed up for LWRNF, please send 99 FRNs today and get on the bandwagon!

LWRN's promotional video is posted on several websites, including www.libertyworksradionetwork.com/online-video.html, and is being linked on more sites every day. A DVD is also available for distribution to your friends and neighbors. Get as many copies

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¹ Terrorism has been defined as a political weapon, using force or threats to demoralize, intimidate, and subjugate (See Webster's Dictionary, 2nd collegiate ed.). The government is likely the largest terrorist group in existence today, with virtually every action calculated to dismantle our Constitutional republic and merge us into a global fascist dictatorship.

² As their schedules allow, the Fellowship's attorneys are reviewing SAP's various bookshop offerings to determine whether or not the injunction actually prohibits them.



JURY HUNG AFTER BENNETT TRIAL

Attorney Larry Becraft blocks DOJ persecution

News from

Truth Attack

Honolulu — The news came through right on the heels of the Snipes verdict and did not garner the attention that partial conviction received, but it's all good news from Hawaii. Lucky Bennett, accused of conspiracy and tax evasion walked out of the courtroom after a trial that was on and off since it started on January 8, 2008, leaving as innocent as he had entered. Unlike the Snipes case, Bennett took the stand and explained how he came to discover that the income tax had no application to him and Larry Becraft delivered a brilliant closing, pointing out that the only evidence of Bennett's belief at the time of the "crime" was Bennett's testimony.

Larry argued to the jury that the government has the burden to prove Bennett's belief and intentions as of April 15 of each year for which he was charged, that proof required evidence. Holding his hands out like a scale he demonstrated that the government must shift the scale all the way over, not just tip it — beyond any reasonable doubt. He pointed out that Lucky gave his sworn testimony as to what he believed as of those April 15's — the scales move to his side. But what evidence has the government shown you about Lucky's beliefs or intent on those dates? Still holding his "scales" out, "Did you see it move? I didn't see it move."

Obviously, some of the jury understood that. From one who has been in this system for nearly four decades it is almost impossible to convince a jury that firmly believes the earth is flat that anyone who says otherwise truly believes that it is round. A hung jury is a monumental achievement. It is a loss by the government, who walks away empty handed, no head to display on

its lance.

Whether the government will take a second shot at Bennett remains to be seen, but although they could not tip the scales they have tipped their hands, and that means Lucky Bennett knows what they have up their sleeves and will be even better prepared and able to mount his defense.

Well done, Lucky! Well done, Larry!

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ALERT: Got your letter from the IRS yet?



Now that the IRS and the Department of Justice have the names and addresses of SAPF members, be aware that it is common practice for these agencies to send threatening letters to people who are members of organizations under injunction. Expect such letters to imply that these agencies will be watching your future actions; they may also advise you to file tax returns.

Although SAPF is enjoined from giving tax advice to members (something we have never done anyway), SAPF is concerned about the effects that scare letters or phone calls may have on members. If you are contacted by the DOJ and IRS with such letters or calls — or with summonses or subpoenas — please let SAPF know and provide a copy of any documents for SAPF, so that we can monitor these agencies' actions with respect to Fellowship members.



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as you can (see page 4) and recruit concerned citizens into the Liberty Works Radio Network Fellowship.

The glass really IS half full, and with your continued support, it will overflow. Best of all, once we shine the

bright light of Patriot-controlled media on the government's misdeeds, they will be the ones slinking away, and we will be that much closer to restoring Liberty in our land.



Exceptional Opportunity for Members!

If interested, please send a self address stamped envelope to SAPF HQ, P.O. Box 91, Westminster, MD 21158, and you will receive the information in the return mail. **Mark your envelope "Attention: Opportunity."**

The two HALLMARKS of the IRS

Two recent internet news snippets reveal that as the American economy falls apart and tax revenues fall as well, the IRS is returning to the "cowboy" tactics of the early 1990s.

SECRECY. February 11, 2008 — The IRS is flouting three court orders to provide a nationally recognized researcher with statistical data for her studies. Susan B. Long has used the data for over 30 years to examine how the IRS enforces the tax laws. Long has filed a motion requesting that District Court Judge Marsha Pechman enforce two of her own court orders against the IRS, as well as the original 1976 consent agreement on this issue.

Starting in mid-2004, the IRS began withholding more and more data. In the current filing, Long said the agency had largely ignored the court's 2006 rulings. According to Long, "the unlawful actions of the IRS have worked to prevent the American people from seeing how the agency is enforcing the nation's tax laws. The agency's activities are unconscionable. How can the public have confidence that these critical laws are being enforced in an equitable and effective way when this powerful agency itself chooses to flout the law, and openly disobeys very clear court orders mandating what the IRS is required to do?"

Source: <http://www.citizen.org/pressroom/release.cfm?ID=2606>

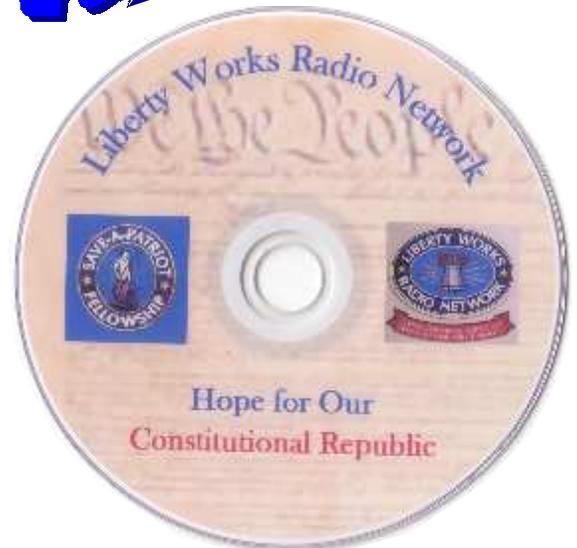
BRUTALITY. February 20, 2008 — The DOJ is planning a crackdown on the so-called tax protester movement. [The protestors] are growing to include white-collar professionals, and they are costing the government millions in revenue, officials say. "Too many people succumb to the fallacy, the illusion, that you don't have to pay any tax under any set of conditions," said Nathan Hochman, the head of DOJ's tax division. "That is a growing problem."

The movement has been given a boost by the faltering economy and politicians' vilification of the Internal Revenue Service. The Internet has also spurred interest. ["Tax protester"] advice is "easy to believe" and is often followed by the naive, Hochman said. "These cases pop up in virtually every jurisdiction in the United States."

The DOJ plans to bring many new criminal and civil cases against promoters of the illegal schemes and their clients, Hochman said, and IRS Enforcement "is going to be amped up." Since 2001, the DOJ has obtained orders from judges barring more than 300 individuals from preparing tax returns for others or promoting illegal tax strategies.

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