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READING ON THE TREADMILL

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Did you know that Alan Greenspan, now chairman of the Federal Reserve was once better known as an acolyte of Ayn Rand? Makes his ponderous utterances resound from a different church pulpit than I once thought, now that I know.

REALLY BIG QUESTION: Why would we tolerate the drugs that are killing our children just to plump up our mutual funds? We do it though. Often I think of American children as being the canary they put down in the mineshafts, to check for poisonous gases. As an expert put it at the Fallon Leukemia hearings, when it comes to regulating dangerous chemicals, we are a nation that would rather sacrifice its young than get down to the real business of protecting them.

Gone, gone, gone from MSNBC website is interview on Sept 14, 2001 with **Alexander Putin, (USSR)** saying: "I ordered my intelligence to warn President Bush in the strongest terms that 25 terrorists were getting ready to attack the US, including important government buildings like the Pentagon." **Gone, gone, gone, like the TV news footage of Bush saying on May 15, 2001** from his Texas ranch, "We have word to expect terrorists to use highjacking to attack big buildings in our country."

More Afghanistan or bust: Oil isn't the only reason the US needed to invade Pakistan. An Opium bumper crop expected in

DISSIDENTS AND DISSIDENCE

Polish dissident, Adam Michnik: The crucial distinction between systems is no longer ideological. The main political difference is between those who did, and those who did not, think that the citizen could—or should—be "the property of the state." **American Colonial dissident, Thomas Paine** fought bitterly and in vain to stop this country from confederating as a slave owning nation. Like Michnik, he said that "Man has no property in man."

I agree and I ask: Are we Americans ripe for manipulation with shallow patriotism? Do they keep us in line with jingoism like, 'subjugate yourself for the greater good', 'the intelligence services know more of the evil in the world so we should let them lead'; after all they are rich and they must be smarter (more dishonest, maybe) than we are; without a healthy business climate... .

We are at war with a phantom

Afghanistan will do much to shore up the US economy—now the suppressing Taleban is out of the way. Shortly after 9-11, the US prison systems ordered 40,000 more beds, causing Wackenhut (WHC WACKENHUT CORRECTIONS) NYSE stock to jump 300%.

Wackenhut is one of two corps that operates the prison systems and people are savvy that soon we will be flooded with opium. And the FBI just transferred all its agents away from drug detail. Oh, well. That drug money is needed to prop up the bottom line of such US corps as General Motors, Hewlett Packard, Ford, Sony, Whirlpool, General Electric, and Phillip Morris. (Not to mention the Las Vegas syndicate holdings.)

enemy without knowing how to deal with our own terrors. How do we overcome the crippling human need to be secure in mass opinion? Instead of sharpening our ploughshares, we must sharpen our wits and listen to that holiest of things, the inner knowing of truth. How do we separate testosterone from... truth. Man is not psychologically, culturally, designed to kill other men. Yet cowardice and fear drive us to do many bad things. The defense industry aside, cowardice, to me, is always the loudest proclaimer for war. **FALL SILENT.**

If you want more info on the argument for and against feeding the world in face of increasing population, diminishing resources such as water, see Frances Moore Lappe (author of *Diet for a Small Planet*, 1971) and her daughter Anna Lappe in their new book *Hope's Edge: The Next Diet for a Small Planet*. They visited Belo Horizonte, Brazil, a city of 2.5 million. Its citizens, under the leadership of the Worker's Party, decided that good food was a human right, rather than a matter of wealth. It is the only city in the capitalist world to make food security a right of citizenship. Belo Horizonte offers a model for communities to solve hunger on a local level. It focuses on programs such as community and school gardens, fresh food delivery to poorer neighborhoods, and linking hospitals, restaurants, and other big buyers to local organic growers.

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