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*Choron, Boatman on the River Styx**Pulitzer Prize nominee*REAGAN'S AMERICA and
An Ethical Tax System - A Great Social Reform

REAGAN'S AMERICA is an illustrated psychohistory of foreign and domestic immorality, ignorance and stupidity. Reagan cut the 79¢ a day meal allowance for retarded children on the day that Twentieth-Century Fox "bought" land he owned for \$ 2 million - over double its value. As governor, his California budget more than doubled. Statistics of the Congressional Joint Economic Committee, on increased mortality during recessions, extended to the present, show 150,000 additional deaths attributed to Reagonomics - a figure greatly exceeded by adding those due to budget cuts aimed at the tens of millions of women and children helped by government programs, and deaths caused by reduced environmental protection, aid to philanthropic organizations, loss of health insurance by the unemployed, deaths in undeveloped countries affected by our recession, and many similar actions. "there existed 'a record \$ 80 billion pile of ready cash' available for investing whenever the demand existed and that money shifted to the wealthier part of the nation at the expense of everyone else would only dry up demand further and produce lower, not higher, investment...investment plunged rather than rose."

Reagan had the Federal Reserve Bank freeze the money supply from April to Oct., 1981, bringing on a recession. At the brink of collapse, he had the Bank let the money supply grow at a 15% annual rate, the discount for borrowers dropping to 8.5%, the lowest since 1978. The wealthy "alone benefited from the three-quarter trillion dollars in tax cuts... 'likely to go down in history as the single most irresponsible fiscal action in modern times,' according to former Budget Director James Schlesinger." Senator Laxalt: "'If there had been a secret ballot in the Senate last year, there wouldn't have been more than 12 votes for the tax cut.'" Executive salaries up 12% in recession 1981, a rise in sales of expensive cars, swimming pools and Manhattan co-ops. Stockman: "'The hogs were really feeding.'" Donald Regan: "'Where are the new research and development initiatives? Where are the new plants? Where are the expansion plans?' That business had no conceivable motive to expand production when demand had dried up and industrial utilization had been reduced to 67 percent seemed to escape...economic experts."

To gain PATCO votes, Reagan promised to support their demands for staff levels and work days required for better safety, including a strike, for bargaining purposes; then abruptly dismissed the 12,000 members, and bankrupted the union. Naval exercises were planned for the Gulf of Sidra, off the Libyan coast, testing Qaddafi, NEWSWEEK being encouraged to feature an article on it, a week before, to ensure confrontation. Two Libyan planes were downed when they rose to protect what they considered their territory. "It was our first taste of blood under Reagan, wholly unnecessary...but vital as a question put to the American people as to whether it would be allowable to attack small nations in the future in order to make us feel good. The media:...an exultant 'yes.'" TIME: "'A YANKEE DOODLE DAY: Victory In The Air, Fun At Sea'" THE DAILY NEWS: "'RON ON LIBYAN INCIDENT: 'WE'VE GOT THE MUSCLE.'...Now we really were Reagan's America, united in blood guilt...for the sacrifices to come." Unemployment reached 10.8%, plus dropouts and the partially employed. The only corrective action was to increase the pain where possible, with further reduction in civilian spending.

To introduce violence into Central America, justifying "a conspiratorial outside power," we moved 17 of 18 Vietnam people to Central American desks, poured military equipment into "'motley bands of rebels'" and death-squad leaders in several countries, and weren't surprised at fights in Nicaragua and El Salvador. Thousands of articles and books began claiming that there was a worldwide conspiracy, ultimately threatening us, convincing most. After supervising the PLO withdrawal from Beirut, we sent our Marines back, (only to be sacrificed?) advertising their unloaded guns on patrol, sleeping together on an ammunition depot, with no S-shaped barricades. A truckload of explosives went through an open gate, killing 241 Marines. 1,000 missiles could produce a "nuclear winter," ending photosynthesis and all human life. "Nuclear options" and "limited nuclear exchanges" require psychotic thinking. "Careless" security caused us to "lose" tens of thousands of pounds of fissionable materials and complete atomic warheads. 65 or more

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With surplus jobs, none would expose himself.

11/11/82: coming in from the cold. (2 million homeless) *anyway you, we*

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Reagan: Many "by choice" However, Apple sellers believe terrorist threats of nuclear weapons in the U. S. alone. Nuclear materials have been shipped to many Third World countries. Weapons buildup in Europe is suicidal, turning decisions over to computers, because of short reaction time.

A "leaseback" had been worked out between England and Argentina which "would take ten minutes to solve if both sides were willing." England encouraged Argentina by denying British citizenship to Falklanders, and by withdrawing its warship. The U. S. poured arms and training into Argentina. Jeane Kirkpatrick: The Argentine invasion was "not armed aggression because Argentina already owned the islands." The Argentina foreign minister told Alexander Haig, who had encouraged the invasion, that, "If there's a war, it's all your fault." Our later condemnation was a shock and betrayal. Mrs. Thatcher's approval rating, sunk to 30 %, soared. Our Air Force had sent planes almost daily over Soviet territory, causing the scrambling of fighters and the firings of more than 900 ground-to-air missiles. "Over 25 aircraft had been under attack or destroyed and more than 120 Americans killed in the past three decades" in these sorties. DEFENSE SCIENCE: Korean Air Lines "regularly overflies Russian airspace to gather military intelligence." BOSTON GLOBE: KAL "was essentially a military company, all of its pilots being military officers with high security clearance." KAL 007 was delayed 40 minutes, to arrive at the Soviet test site at the same moment as our spy satellite. It was deliberately permitted to risk being shot down. News: "REAGAN RIDES THE CREST OF AN ANTI-SOVIET WAVE." We planned the Grenada invasion for six months, practicing near Puerto Rico. Students were in no danger. 500 parents wired Reagan, requesting no provocative action. Only 100 armed Cubans there. No evidence of intended invasion. We invaded with 7,000 troops, 11 warships. Dozens of planes pounded the island for four days, bombed to rubble a hospital for mentally retarded and children, gunned down unarmed Cuban construction workers in their dormitories. "It was 'one of the United States' finest hours,' said one Senator...over 8,000 medals were given out. We had successfully snapped the tentacle of the Russian that threatened us." Reagan: Our dead require no prayers, "because they are safe in God's loving arms." (Vietnam's 13 million dead?)

An ethical tax system consists of ending monopoly favors - thus monopoly - and the replacement of taxes on production with full ground rent assessment, including natural resource revenue; adequate to meet federal, state and local demands, repair crumbling infrastructure, provide all needed social services, and annual payments to every household. By absorbing the now unassessed part of ground rent - capitalization of which is the basis of sale price - all sites become available at a nominal price, equalizing for all the cost of this vital factor of production, and so assuring surplus residential and work opportunities, minimizing an infinity of evils and costs. Open plat evaluations would assure equity. Collection cost would be 4 %, down from 25 %. Slums would disappear, recreation areas, at no cost, will be ample; none will lack a home, or eat dog food or garbage. Our major crime rate will shrink from one every two seconds, to almost none. Prosperity is the major anti-crime, anti-drug antidote, better than brutalized prisoners at \$ 100,000 each. 29 % of our idle are now compensated. Italy's get 80 % of wages; no limit. Our underground economy - world's seventh largest economy - would be legally tax free.

TO THE VICTOR...Cites enormous campaign funds, generating many times such amounts in favors. Congressmen exchange boondoggles, nationwide, for votes. Local parties sell jobs for funds, and administrations trade patronage for election votes, and support for Bills. Surplus jobs, and campaigns conducted through free media air time and printed space would enable government to serve the people, and at a fraction of today's cost. MISSILE ENVY shows our superiority over the Soviets. As conventional war (Da Vinci: "the beastly madness") would lead to obliterating nuclear, it is logical to limit the military to maintenance. We should end robbery, starvation, torture and slaughter in our neocolonial empire, and urge full ground rent assessment, making exploitation, at home or abroad, impossible. All would be free to work for themselves, leave work on nuclear power, any weapons, unneeded dangerous chemicals or other pollutants, cutting down of vital rainforests, and find sane work elsewhere. Worldwide terrorism, of all kinds, would disappear in the solvent of surplus jobs. Economic security would free us from the domination of the power drunk, and cleanse us of the psychoses of nationalism (Einstein: "the measles of society"), and exultation in the crushing of the weak. Medical admonition, do no harm, applied to all living creatures and the environment, would permit nothing destructive, industrial or military. Equal access to the earth will allow us individual initiative, with sanity, civilizing today and saving tomorrow.

End our 160 years of Latin American Terror, exploitation, with filibusters.