

A PROBLEM I'D LIKE SOLVE -

ONE PROBLEM (SOON TO BE TWO) I'D LIKE TO SOLVE IS THAT OF UNEMPLOYMENT. AS I'M SURE YOU KNOW, LARGE NUMBERS OF PERSONAS INHABIT THE STREETS AND SHELTERS OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY. THESE HOMELESS PUT A SUBSTANTIAL STRAIN ON THE COUNTY BUDGET FROM UNEMPLOYMENT CHECKS, WELFARE OFFICES, ETC.. ANY GOOD CONSERVATIVE IS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONDITION (AND POSITION) OF THESE PEOPLE IN SOCIETY. WHETHER OR NOT THEY WISH TO BE UNEMPLOYED, ONE THING IS CERTAIN, A GOOD PERCENTAGE OF THEM STILL WANT TO WORK. THOSE UNEMPLOYED AND/OR HOMELESS WHO WISH TO WORK ARE OFFSET BY THE ECONOMIES HEALTH, AND THE JOB MARKET AT THIS TIME. SO ARE WE TO LEAVE THESE PEOPLE UNEMPLOYED BECAUSE OF AMERICAS OBVIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS? ARE WE TO LET THESE PEOPLE ROT AWAY ON THE BUDGET BECAUSE THEY WISH TO BE UNEMPLOYED?

ANOTHER PROBLEM THAT WEIGHS HEAVILY ON THE HEARTS OF ANY, EVEN BARELY LIBERAL AMERICAN IS THAT OF WASTES AND RECYCLING. OUR LANDFILLS TAKE UP OF SPACE, AND GROWING. RECYCLING IN THE HOME, ONE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES OF THE '90S SO FAR, IS BEING IGNORED. % OF LANDFILL IS RECYCLABLE. BUT WE JUST LEAVE THEM TO ROT, WITH TAKES A MULTITUDE OF CENTURIES, MEANWHILE, OUR DRINKING WATER, OUR LAND, OUR AIR, IS BEING POISONED BY THESE MOUNTAINS OF TRASH. IF HALF OF THE UNEMPLOYED WERE EMPLOYED TO TAKE APART THESE TRASH HEAPS, AND SEPARATE RECYCLABLE TRASH FROM 'TRUE' TRASH, OUR LANDFILLS WOULD SHRINK, AND THE 'UNEMPLOYED' WOULD GO FROM WORK WITH MONEY IN THEIR POCKETS.

FOR THOSE OF YOU PURE CONSERVATIVES WHO SAY HOMELESS WITH MONEY EQUALS DRUNK, ANOTHER PROPOSITION. THE GOVERNMENT BUYS GREAT TRACTS OF LAND ON FARMABLE AREAS. THE PLANTATION EMPLOYS VOLUNTEER 'HOMELESS' OR UNEMPLOYED WHO WORK THE CROPS, IN EXCHANGE FOR FOOD AND SHELTER. THE CROPS PRODUCED GO TO LOCAL SHELTERS. THE PLANTATION WORKERS ARE, OF COURSE, PAID FOR THEIR WORK. I SUGGEST MINIMUM WAGE. THAT MEANS THAT, AFTER ONE HEALTHY SEASON A FORMERLY HOMELESS PERSON WILL HAVE A VERY GOOD SUM OF MONEY TO START ANEW, AS WELL AS FEEDING OTHER HUNGRY PEOPLE