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A fairly inexpensive source for most of these foods, 'non-organic' as well as 'organic', in Berkeley is Westbrae Natural Foods, 1330 Gilman; 524-0505 (not mail-order, to my knowledge).

At present our overall life-style is a blend of van-nomadism, troglodytism and ammanism, and is moving toward the latter two. Except for one animal we are still experimenting with, we will not be building more completely underground structures in the near future. Our present structures are mostly small, enclosed, and constructed on the surface and probably underground. The shift in our interest is due not only to the problems with underground shelters (especially drainage/condensation) but to growing confidence in our ability at concealment on the surface. While it is conceivable that Big Brother may eventually have surveillance systems capable of detecting our activities on the surface, I don't think this will be a serious threat during the next 20 to 30 years.

We built the basic structure for a semi-underground home/shop last spring/summer. If it over-winters well we will complete the interior and move in this spring.

And move in this spring. Although our shelter problems aren't completely solved, we seem to be close to year-around comfort with a high degree of vomu (perhaps 20 years WIA). We now believe that outside interfacing, not shelter, will be the most difficult part of vomu living. For this reason we are gravitating toward a smum way of life. (There may be an article on smum in VOLUME 73; if not I'll publish it in the next PABOOKS.)

We are becoming more interested in cryptoculture. A few years ago I had dreams of growing pot in hidden patches and selling it. (Apparently quite a few people are doing this.) Now we are more interested in growing potatoes, to reduce transport (we presently import 1200# a year) and interfacing needs (there may be food rationing within a few years).

and within a few years. The movement, such as we do because we are
 interested in the growth of an alternate economy, not just in personal
 retreat/retirement. And I don't believe that from the beginning, the
 products/services at very high prices, mostly until quite a few
 people have secure shelter. Such non-voluntary alternate enterprises
 as food co-ops are still in the infancy stage, and I think only so
 many can be sustained. Too few and small to offer substantial competition
 to fascist (regulated) businesses. There was a big co-op movement
 during the early 30's, too; the survival of it was as registered
 (NYC) (NYC 2-8-85).

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TWO WEEK
Two groups of two people each came during 1972 -- about what we had hoped for -- many more and we would not have had time for other things we wished to do.

Both groups lived during their stay intentionally out of polyethylene film, within fairly secluded (not especially remote) wooded mountainous areas. With one group we erected the shelter on the first day and the other group used a shelter already in place but later put up a small "tent". We supplied any staples and, as Roberta demonstrated many recipes which our foraged wild foods with economical, storable ingredients. We dug up and loathed (buried) a 5-gallon can of simulated valuables. There were many long raps. On days when they were alone they explored the surrounding land, swam, and rested.

Some who came were more knowledgeable in some areas than we, which we expected and happily admitted. In general our clients were well satisfied. Although we felt that some portions of our program were marginal. One criticism was that Tom relied too heavily on words with some subjects (psycho drama was suggested as an alternative). Another was that we did not check-out clients' knowledge of the social skills, such as orienteering.

Our present plans for 1973 are to offer 'custom' services on demand -- give demonstrations, set up shelters or supply caches, consult in a secluded setting. Our rates are very low for services which do not require travel into that society -- we are still rather inexperienced (tho we know of no woman who is experienced).

Now that we are solving shelter problems we can devote more effort to communication. We have tentative plans to live in a 'visitation area' suitable both for vehicle squatting and back-pack camping during one month of summer (most likely early summer) where we can meet people within a day or so without advance notice. We will give details in the next issue.

(Via VORULIFE subscription referral) Background: Still military oriented in So. Cal. area. Currently monogamous. Very technically oriented. He does not plan to become a rural anarchist. Have to decide if he had of 73 to stay on West Coast or go elsewhere. Outside of college, I have roughly 10 months industrial experience, 2 years in military. I prefer the Agricultural context of minor capitalism combined with mobility. Chiefly interested in finding contacts in area.

INTERVIEW: I'm doing PASSCHMIT not because I especially enjoy writing, but, on the contrary, because writing is slow and difficult for me. If I relied entirely on personal letters, I could send brief "Ae are fine. How are you?" notes. But I wouldn't have time to develop ideas, pass on information, or tell about what we are doing.

The cost of offset printing is low, provided a printer has the proper equipment for a job. At least one printer in Berkeley charges only \$2.75 for a hundred copies of an 8 1/2 by 11 sheet, both sides (not mail order). So, with photoreduction, we can save money as well as time by printing that information which we wish to share with a number of people -- postage savings pay for printing cost. Bottom: Every woman a publisher. Those that can write well, write; those that can't, edit.

REDAKCIJA is the second zinet (mini-magazine -- those created by Lan of VI) I've started during the past five years. The first, REDAKCIJA, grew beyond original expectations, changed name to VOZROJENJE, and now, under management of Lan, seems to be becoming the 'Popular Mechanics' of freedom achievers. As it grows, VI becomes more valuable for how-to-to-it info but less useful for making/maintaining contacts. I hope to see more and more achievers who would like

Unlike some zine,ts, PASCRIPT is for vome achievers who would like to meet in person occasionally as well as communicate by mail. For this reason we are limiting distribution to the Pacific Coast. Also for this reason PASCRIPT is traded only for information, not sold for money. We are not opposed to money transactions, but we wish to keep PASCRIPT small and personal.

Small and personal information relevant to you in any form -- written or spoken -- letters, newspaper clippings, loan of books or magazines, publication exchange, conversations, introductions to other women, leads to sources, etc. I will assume I may pass info on to PACSCRIPT without your consent or identifying data such as complete name and address; unless you say otherwise. If you would like your letter (or?) published without editing, please single-space type or print small in BLACK on 8 1/2" paper this size, ONE SIDE ONLY.

WILE paper this time, ONE SIDE ONLY.

World achievers include not only those who are decreasing their own vulnerability to taxation but individuals who offer services which reduce the vulnerability of others such as mail receiving/forwarding, phone answering, storage, boat spots, garden sites, and free-mailing. These services are often provided for a fee which can be as low as \$5, cash pay employment. All forms of exchange are implemented along the Pacific Coast and are most useful to us: troglodytism, which is the exchange of goods and services for goods and services; barter, or the exchange of goods and services for goods and services; and living in phone anonymity. Opportunities for mutually-profitable exchange are often greatest between people with different life-styles.

As stated, and living I hope

different life-styles. If you have a friend interested in out-of-sight/mind living I hope you will introduce me to PACScriPT. Price of a couple of sample copies is a long letter (or?) telling about accomplishments, interests, views, objectives, etc. I ask that PACScriPT not be advertised or listed in other publications.

I will assume that every VMScript reader also reads VMSLIRE and will try not to duplicate information that's in there. On the other hand I will assume intentional duplication of what is in VZE publications from such as VMSLIRE. (VMSLIRE is now an annual book and is available from such as VMSLIRE.) VZE members trade pool papers (personal identifying data) which they compile of some papers from newsletters, and they do the same for me. (See poolage b from VMSLIRE, which is part of this issue, for more info on poolage.) So some of the material I may possibly represent our views.

and printed by others and does not necessarily represent the views of the author.

I'm sending this issue to: personal friends and acquaintances; by some people I have known for 10-15 years, people referred to as PERSONAL by me; and by others, some people who have published letters in VOLKSWAGEN (by you) and/or WOLFGANG (by me). I am sending this issue to you for forwarding (third Via). If there is a big gap without doing anything, I will receive additional letters from people who are PERSONAL to me. I will not receive any green mark, either I do not have your name and address, or I do not know if you are interested. I will not write addresses, or I don't know if you are interested. I will not distribute the issue if you wish to continue to receive copies. Distribution of the issue will probably begin in early summer (likely deadline: next spring).

Hope this

WHAT ARE WE DOING? I'm sitting in our camper on a street in Berkeley putting this tape together, the much of it was written (or printed) previously. I'm doing it now because (1) we have a new mailing address and want to make it known; (2) there is a low-cost printer in Berkeley; (3) I have some spare time over a weekend. Most future issues will be typed, and sometimes mimeoed, in our mountain hideaways.

We are on our annual shop/visting trip to the Big Cities.
then backway along the coast to Los Angeles; then to
Taja (now has another tooth which needs a gold crown); then back to
the north on highway 5 to Tenachapi Mountains; then on
highway 5 to Sankayo region. Temporary addresses:
April 5, Roberta Marshall, c/o General Delivery, Laguna Beach, Calif.
(write us there if you wish contact us while we are in So. Calif.);
from about April 6-8, 5, Roberta Marshall, c/o General Delivery,
Laguna Beach, Calif. (write us there if you wish to contact us while in
Southern California). I suggest putting the letter address on
address on the envelope as return address or pink beans to any place on

address on the 1st non-organic brown rice or pink beans to any place on our coast for \$15.50 and \$15 per hundred-pound sack, respectively. Small black mission figs (non-org.) \$10.50 per 30# box. (Add 2¢ per pound for smaller quantities. Also we have smaller quantities of fitted Iraq dates for 36¢/# and apricots for 50¢/#.

Rice and pink bean prices are only slightly higher than last year: 11¢ and 11¢ vs. 11¢ and 13¢ a pound versus 10¢ and 11¢ in 1972. All wheat is up in price. We bought 100% soft red winter wheat at this year except for 100% organic for some friends in Stanislaus -- about 55¢/#, Deaf Smith Co. wheat is very expensive, 54¢/# -- about 55¢/#, Deaf Smith Co. wheat is about 45¢/#, 23¢/# 50% whole in SF. We are glad to buy it in price so we aren't buying. Powdered milk is expensive and up in price so we aren't buying. Instead we are buying more nutritional yeast at 40¢/#. The last money we bought was a year and two years ago; we are using dextrose (sugar) even in a 50/50 atmosphere. Hulled sunflower seeds do not store well even in a high-oil supplement/condiment. The prices above are for quantities of 50 to 100 pounds.

I like Ragnar Danneskjold best of all Atlas characters. Am straight appearing and can play straight role. May publish my address. Also phone no. 430-4101 can be called after 6 PM. J.G. Peck, 223 Wonju Circle, Camp Pendleton, CA 92055.

Dear Tom and Roberta, (August 21, 1972)

We parked the first 8 or 10 days around the LA area and managed to pull that off fairly well with one market lot exception where we were asked to leave. We've had varying degrees of success since then along the way. This varies a lot with different States, too. By and large we have not been very successful in finding free places where we can stay for a day and night in peace. It is amazing, however, where a rig this size can be placed and can fit into -- even little tent sites can usually be negotiated.

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When I wrote and published this four years ago, I was doubtful that there were enough full-time vehicle nomads in the Los Angeles

About a dozen 'advance surveys' came back: not bad considering the

I believe I was even optimistic as to the degree of seclusion that

One serious oversight was not including a per-trip component in

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Tom

Someone with 'conventional' (statist) attitudes and morals =

I do not have money at present in either ATCOIS or Bank of

Aselle Davis makes reference to vitamin C for

I suppose Al Pry (VL#11) is correct in pointing out that heredit

poorly grounded in the community.

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How good is a Wisco Bavarian 55N air-rifle for hunting small

What do you know about Agorafund (other than articles/advertisements)?

Do you know of any readily-available, inexpensive foam-in-place

Are there any simple, light, cheap microfiche viewers available

The bag has had experience, including tests for rancidity, storing

What is a simple, cheap way of producing CO₂ at a remote location

Any low-cost sources of (or substitutes for) 'space material'

Who sells an in-line water filter for removing microbes and

require replacement of elements in one gear

My suggestion for sending money via postal money orders assumed that the situation was a number of people sending money to more-or-less established businesses (like yours), and hence was oriented towards protecting the sender. One way to protect both would be through an "underground bank." Each account holder would be given a set of four- or five-letter identification codes for withdrawals (to be used one as one wants; or one could specify that some or all were to be used once only). Transfers could be then made from account by the payor in a letter to the "bank." This could be sent by the payor to the payee, like a check, for the payee to note amount, etc., and then forward to the "bank." The bank would have a list of all ID codes alphabetically, giving the name (or just account number) of the owner of each, so that the appropriate transfers of accounts could be made. Access to a computer to generate and alphabetize the codes would be helpful, though not strictly necessary.

The "one-time-use-only" feature of the codes would come in handy if/when the bank was set up to take radio orders. That way, someone overhearing the conversation couldn't use the overheard code(s) to rip off the account. Right now, it looks like there will soon be authorized a new Citizens Band radio service, called "Class E" (vs. the present "Class D"), at a much higher frequency (not that yonams would worry about "autobans" just that that would cause the market to be flooded with a large assortment of cheap gear for this band). This frequency would carry a lot less far than the old Class D (making overhearing by the bludg much less likely), and could be directionally beamed by hand-held devices (instead of a roof full of plumbing, as now required). In an area, cheap transponders that would rebroadcast any received signal could be placed at various places with commanding views (e.g., hidden in the tops of trees, etc.). Monitors (such as the bank) could keep directional receiver antennas pointed towards these (solar cell powered?) relays. Callers would just point their directional antennas, and call. As bludg locate one relay, another could be used, placing new ones from time to time so there would always be plenty. To get fancy, they could be equipped with selective-call systems, like car phones are now, so that they would only respond when the correct sequence of tones was transmitted. A few strategically-placed banks of relays within range of each other around the upper slopes of a peak (naturally, the peak itself would be best; but of course it would be very vulnerable to detection) could cover hundreds of square miles, with only one or two trips a year needed to replace broken and discovered stations. Peak-to-peak relays could tie as much territory as you wanted into a net. With different tone sequences, or maybe just by pointing your antenna at a different spot, you could key into whatever locality you wanted to reach. Sort of like Direct Distance Dialing. Or maybe each area could have its own frequency, with relays in all areas on that frequency to relay calls to (or from) that area from (or to) all the others. The Class E band has room for dozens of channels, and of course you could use the same gear for frequencies lying some distance outside the "official" band. Perhaps some single channel or group of channels would be set aside for communications from individuals to relays in all areas, since the areas would, by definition, be out of radio range of each other (if they weren't, they'd be in the same area).

Ambitious projects, but maybe eventually there'll be yonams enough to make it economically feasible. Something like the "bank" could even be started by mail today. The Atlantis people, with their AICOPS Transfer Orders (write AICOPS, RDS Box 22A, Saugerties, NY 12477), are doing something along this general line, though not really underground. A mail address outside the US (in B.C., for instance) or in England, like the Agave Fund) could even make the sort of operation moderately safe, though how profitable it could be in the near term is another matter.

I sold my business in July and am now back selling my house. In short time I hope to be gone like a great speckled bird. I will use the same address for awhile as these people will hold my mail. I tried Adams idea of planting some crops under beaver dams in hills, got unsatisfactory results. Big problem I had was I couldn't get back often enough, when I did get back in the crops had been destroyed, decays and unusual amounts of rain had either eaten or washed out crop. Also because of rain I couldn't even read sign of animals. I must write to Adam to see how he is doing this. Do you still mail letters for us? (yes, see upper left page 1.) (new mexico)

Dear Lary,
October 16
enjoyed the copies of "I" waiting when we returned after wanderlust through New England and into Canada. We have been parked in one spot for the last month and a half. It's an alley way in the city and the bludg do come down the alley occasionally. So far no contact. Not very invulnerable except I'm living with the expectation of moving on any time necessary. So if you want to change my subscription you may. Al Fry asked about bad spots in the east; we never had any trouble (i.e., bludg contacts, etc.) but we did find likely spots for one night's stopover difficult to locate in southern Vermont. Finally stoned on road to obvious vacation homes and prepared cover story to fit—it wasn't needed. I suspect any area heavily into tourism, etc. might be the same. Never had any trouble using "rest stops" or picnic grounds. Recent motorhome had mentioned get tough policy in white mountain forest in New Hampshire for camping in unauthorized locations. PP Don't quite understand your new publication scheme: will first vouchlink be out in November? Did you mean 1200 words? The general idea sounds admirable. Already checked local offset shop and may send you a long rap when I determine your publication schedule. Well anyway it looks like I am definitely getting out of here in 26 weeks. Would like to get up your way but probably won't head west till next fall at the earliest. P After four months in the bus—it ain't bad. That heater I mentioned in last communication works great. Turn it on in the morning, put water in top, get back in bed. By the time the water is boiling the bus is warm. And cheap old kerosene you can buy in any general store for 25¢ / gallon. Will report when the weather gets colder, but so far it's beautiful.

thommy barton of nonmedia tips makers, star route box 41, Cloverdale, Ore. 97113 writes in a letter in "Mother Earth News". "After one year here I've found jobs to be abundant. The forest service has about 10 different types of contract employment, from piling of slash by hand to road repair and planting (trees). Pays \$3 to \$6 an hour, right in a tipi or whatever, right in the middle of it all. Bid the contract yourself and in your own disciplinary..."

October 20, 1972
Last issue I mentioned that I have never been hassled by the bludg. As I write this (mid sept) I'm lying in the field behind the house we're living in, sunbathing in the nude, drinking a pint of homebrew beer, listening to the crickets chirp, & watching bees flit around goldenrod blooms. If I stand up, I can see the houses of suburbia way over there, but they can't see me down here behind the tall grass. We've lived here for months now; they don't bother us, we don't bother them. It seems I don't have to go off to the wilderness to do my thing, not just yet anyway. I am usually find a comfortable niche near wherever I am.

This morning we walked back behind the house to get some pears. The house we're renting sits on an acre lot, but you can walk maybe 1 mile back thru overgrown fields & small woods. This is good foraging land, land that's in between, no longer being farmed, but not yet cut up for suburban development. The speculators in the city who own this land don't care who wanders around on it, as long as it gives them no trouble. So we can go back & gather the harvest: pears, apples, wild grapes, elderberries, choke cherries, strawberries, sumac, hawthorn, & more. Picked a couple bushel of pears this morning which didn't dent the supply. We'll can some, dry some, & tomorrow I'll take a boxful into the Co-op to give away.

If anyone wants to gather, dry, & sell herbs, I can provide a market. The co-op where I'm coordinating stocks & sales of dried herbs & perhaps I could provide a link to other food co-ops in this area. You'd have to match the quality & beat the prices of our other suppliers. Rayo, we can pay 60¢ per lb for bay leaves, postpaid to us. Let me know if interested & we'll order. Anyone, write to me what herbs you can supply. I'll quote prices & you can pay. (Jim Stumm/Box 29 Hiller Branch/Kennore, NY 14233)

Most banks already microfilm all checks, regardless of fate of Bank Secrecy Act. They also ask for social security number for a checking account. Perhaps one could refuse to give it. It would be less noticeable to make a "mistake" when giving the number, reverse a couple digits or more. Does anyone know coding of s.s. numbers, so one could construct reasonable phonies? There apparently is a pattern which may relate to issue date & perhaps geographic location. I formerly worked in checking acct dept of a bank & I've seen IRS bludg spend days by the microfilm reader gathering info on some "evader." Consider bank records about an secret as a billboard. I will be happy to answer any questions I can about the internal workings of a checking acct dept; just write to me.

I'm really confused now about vouchlink. I don't know how much of what I send you you'll print, or what the readership of anything I send will be. As with others, vouchlink has been useful to me mostly for info, access to other info, & inspiration. But a 2 month wait for another jolt of inspiration is already long. A year between issues would make it useless for that. Sorry to see you dropping photo repro with reduction which I thought a very efficient, flexible technique. Won't miss you much more in postage? I'll continue to send whatever I have, & you can print all or some, or none.

My experience with collective living & observation of others around here indicates that this is an ongoing process rather than achieving a fixed status. There is a constant flow of people, houses, changing relationships. If you need something more stable, this is not for you. But any bludg will have a very hard time trying to trace you thru all the changes. Getting the right people requires a continuous selection process. With non compatibles, you ask them to leave, or you leave. When we have an opening in our house, we all talk to the prospect; any present roommate can veto. You have to be ruthless about telling someone they can't move in, if it won't work. A house should stay small enuf so everyone knows everyone. Then social control will prevent anyone getting ripped off, e.g. you'll do the dishes as a favor for your friends, unless you decide on a more formal work rotation. Any conflicts must be talked about, don't let them fester in silence. The collectives I know are all both sexes, but few children. Sex relations are flexible & tend to evolve over time. Persons are free to work out their relationships as they please. Where all are tolerant, problems are manageable. But collective living is an art. Some are naturally better at it than others, & it does take some learning.

MEMON has a NE address... Preferably mail for MEMON, in a plain envelope marked simply "MEMON," should be wrapped in a sheet of paper (to prevent show through) and inserted in another envelope addressed to: Laisses-Faire Books, 408A Mercer St., New York, NY 10012... P.S. MEMON is seeking people who have somewhat "public places" (like a store or an office) who would be interested in operating terminals on a "transcription System." This would be a sort of "underground post-office" for the confidential, anonymous and safe transmission of letters, money and goods from place to place. For more information write and if possible give Libertarian references and details concerning your facilities.

Now would be a good time to establish an open season on the two-legged predators of the Fish and Wildlife Service... I'll bet you thought that the Fish and Wildlife Service was established to protect wildlife. Wrong! Their main duties are to kill wild animals and birds. Last year, the Fish and Wildlife Service wired out 6,000 badgers, 842 bears, 1000 beavers, 89,000 coyotes, 20,000 lynx and bobcats. 7,000 opossums, 7,000 porcupines, 6,000 raccoons, 18,000 skunks, and 3,000 wolves. Mostly they do this by wholesale poisoning, using a poison referred to as "1080." It is put on food and grain the animals and birds eat. Death is lingering and agonizing. Many animals, including the bear, slowly lose their fur and just gradually die. (from unknown newspaper by way of "Accession notes")

For sea dog and city dweller alike, the urge has never been stronger to set a sail on open water - equipped, of course, with as many dry-land conveniences as budget and ingenuity will allow. After spending tantalizing hours at winter boat shows - and an estimated \$3.8 billion for new gear - nine million U.S. boat owners are preparing impatiently for the new season. Among new seafarers the trend is away from the big, sleek yacht to smaller, less expensive boats. Many of the new craft are multipurpose. Among them: a hydroplane-sailboat that frisks along at 30 knots; an air cushion vehicle for use on shore as well as at sea; a sunbather that converts into a speedboat and a house trailer that becomes a bar; floating Aquanauts, small pontoons with fine along the bottom for traction, a mariner (walk) across the water for his mooring. Made in Canada, the new water shoes cost \$19.95. (source unknown, thanks to aren for clipping)

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about vomlink and vomu communication

circulation of vomlink is now over 90, and I've set a limit of 100. my original

intention was to split vomlink by subject matter, but if I do all the split-off sinets (kine-ette - mini-magazine) myself then the information flow is still all funneled through me instead of being decentralized. that isn't good vomu. also I still don't have a way to get mail often. so I don't want to do anything that will increase the amount of mail which needs fast action. so not the looking for ways to nurture vomuist sinets done by other people - sort of cooperative competitors. three of the things I'm thinking about are pool pages, refund insurance, and subscription referral.

pool pages. I will swap, buy or sell 100 copies of interesting material about vomu (details further on). this is a way for a sinet to put out more information for the same cost.

refund insurance. many people are reluctant to subscribe to a new mag because they've been robbed by others which stopped without making refunds.

subscription referral. vomuifere readers are encouraged to subscribe to the sinetmost compatible with their interests. (details further on)

a sinet can get in on any one of these things without writing all 3. but I'll tell how it might work with all 3.

suppose lozon wants to do a sinet for vomuists around new york city who intend to stay here and want to get acquainted. doesn't want to do a whole lot of writing and editing itself. e mostly wants to circulate contact information - maybe a couple of micrographed sheets every few months. put a mag to pay \$6 postage even to mail one sheet to a sinet in the west more sheets in with it. e wants the sinet to be personal and confidential so e doesn't want to advertise. but how can e reach new people if e doesn't advertise?

lozon and the people e would like to reach are interested in a lot of the stuff in vomlink but not much in sinets and sinetmost. e calif. or alaska. also some of them don't write for vomuifere because they don't know who might read it. they want a sinet that's more selective.

so lozon buys pool pages from vomuifere and one other vomuifere sinet - 2 sheets an issue - about 3000 words each. lozon micrographs 2 sheets of e own each issue which adds up to 8 pages total - a nice little bundle of information. if lozon mails all 100 copies postage costs \$8. 200 pool pages cost \$3. paper and the sinet for e or micrographed pages maybe costs \$1. so each issue costs \$15 total. if 60 of the 100 copies are paid for at 50¢ a copy that's \$30 income an issue. so there is a \$15 surplus. whereas if e published that big an issue by itself e would be lucky to break even. maybe after a while lozon starts getting a lot of news and articles which aren't personal and which might interest other vomuists. e can print extra copies of this part of e sinet and swap or sell pool pages to other sinets, which helps pay for printing.

lozon sets new subscribers from vomuifere without advertising. the way this works: when a trial subscription comes to the subscription referral service from somebody around nyc who says e wants to get in touch with others around nyc, the order is forwarded to lozon. lozon can refuse the order if e doesn't want that person as a subscriber. also the subscriber can cancel if e wants after seeing an issue. lozon has refund insurance so if something happens to e then vomuifere pays refunds.

all this isn't just a way for me to get out of some work, or to cut the costs of vomuifere, or to get more information sources for vomuifere, though it's these things too. this is an experiment in vomu communication.

a big newspaper or magazine is centralized. all the information flows through one place. this makes the mag stable and vulnerable and its subscribers vulnerable. the more 'successful' it is, the bigger it gets and the less vomu it is. if it prints something the bludge don't like it can be charged with 'redaction' if the lawyers get it out of that, the fire will come over its books some more. if that doesn't turn up something a fire inspector comes and looks the building over. easier for the editor to print what the bludge want or at most be 'lovel opinion' (which means only a few figure heads) not the bludge who do the dirty work. if the editor is stubborn the stockholders start wondering why there aren't any profits (sharp lawyers, tax accountants, building remodeling, etc. cost money) and get another editor.

person to person correspondence

can be vomu but not very efficient for spreading the word. something may not get relayed. even if it does it travels slow and errors accumulate. sinets are pretty vomu so long as they stay small but costs are high in proportion to the amount of information put out. so i'm looking for ways to get much of the vomu of personal letters with much of the efficiency of a big magazine pool pages, refund insurance, and subscription referral may help.

vomuifere is now an annual book. an annual can be more vomu than a magazine because there is more time to do things and it can be distributed through a lot of different channels. i'm hoping it will be a good way to get how-to-do information people who can use it. but once a year is not often enough for contacts or discussion or developing new sources. for that sinets are needed. my guarantee about present subscribers getting all split-off sinets won't mean anything if vomuifere doesn't formally split. but i also promise 40,000 words a year minimum or appropriate extensions. i chance to several people for the ideas here and to have for their helpful criticism and some of the wording.

more about pool pages - swap, buy, sell?

this is especially to people who put out or may be starting a vomuifere sinet. 'pool pages' are called 'collet plates' in the printing trade. suppose you and i agree to swap pool pages one upon one. here is how it would work. you are putting an issue together. most of the material is of interest only to your own readers. but some would also be of interest to readers of vomuifere (and any other sinets with which you swap pool pages). the most interesting material you print on both sides of a single sheet. you print an extra hundred copies for me since time you print your own copies. you send them to me and i include them in vomuifere. i do likewise. this way you and i can increase the content of both sinets without increasing cost and effort much. this is possible because of the economies of printing in larger quantities. most printers able to photoreduce cost \$2.50 for the first hundred copies. but \$1.35 for each additional hundred (post-paid). of course someone can micrograph to save printing but then e spends a lot on postage and e subscribers complain about the bulk. maybe we aren't swamping one for one. maybe you can print extra for me but can't use any of mine or vice versa. so i will buy or sell as well as swap. my price either way is \$3 a hundred postpaid booklet. this is for an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper (weight of 5 sheets not over an ounce) printed with photoreduction on both sides - at least 4000 words.

if you want to sell and send me a sample first. if i like I'll send you a standing offer. if you want to buy you must make me a standing offer so i can print your copies along with mine. (once the issue comes out it's too late.) whether you or i can cancel on one month notice.

is cheap - 100 sheets for 21¢ a sheet - but slow, and i'm slow recalling. if you want it faster i can get my printer to ship directly to you by parcel post for \$1.30 a shipment extra regardless of number of pages. from now on i will print one pool page sheet (8 pages) with each issue of vomuifere. here are some guidelines to what i like and what i'll deliver. at least 3/4 of contents relevant to vomu* broadly defined, not more than 1/4 ads including ads for your own things. very little 'politics' and religion* broadly defined. each sheet is 8 1/2 x 11 and at least 4000 words. illustrations count but not decorations. no mimeo unless it's very neat and done with a special typewriter which makes very small letters. (i think all my hand-written names and addresses and other identifying information is left out except when authors say otherwise. vomuifere i'll go by 'relative physical invulnerability to coercion' rather than 'out of sight, sound and mind.' some city vomuists are out of mind but not sight - they only out of sight were called this 'urban anonymity' in vomuifere 5.

'politics' others call it 'movementism' or 'collective movementism'. this is anything which has to be done by a large number of people for it to have much benefit for anybody. (what's a large number? i don't know. i'm getting more than a dozen to all agree on anything is difficult.) or it's saying, 'this would be a wonderful world if every body would only' or 'we are all doomed unless we all' politics is not what i want. i get a sinet from one fellow who

is very down on voting. so e writes letters to all the congressmen telling them they ought to resign. (isn't that just another way of voting?) religion. this includes any idea that somebody has a direct pipeline to listening 'truth' by reading a certain book. listening to a certain preacher, personal communion with god, etc., dropping acid or whatever. i'm not claiming that somebody doesn't have a direct pipeline, just that i don't want to build my own pipeline direct or otherwise.)

more about refund insurance

this is a guarantee by vomuifere to subscribers of a sinet. if the sinet stops publishing or gets very late and doesn't make refunds, i will either make proportional refunds or substitute sinets and extend subscriptions 50%. i will vomuifere and extend subscriptions 50%. it will then be my responsibility to chase down the former publisher and collect from e. also i will get reimbursement from somebody else, who will be responsible if something happens to me.

more about subscription referral

this is especially for a sinet which doesn't want to advertise openly. maybe the people who write for it are very particular about who reads. i subscription referral works like this. i put a big ad in vomuifere 73 which will go something like this.

COMMUNICATE WITH OTHERS WHO ARE ACHIEVING VOMU

There are now a variety of newsletters and sinets (mini-magazines) for personal contacts, information updating and unedited discussion among nomads, troglodytes, van/camper dwellers, boat dwellers, backwoodsmen, anonymous city people, freetraders, international rovers and others who prefer to live, work or play out of sight, mind or reach of those unwilling to let live. Each newsletter has circulation limited to 100 to help ensure it stays personal and private. newsletters are published by different people in different places. They are about different kinds of vomu or for people in different geographical areas or ways or interests. Some are for territory in the Pacific area. Some are for the Pacific since world war II and are familiar with the customs of the island people.... Negotiations with Tonga are only a part of an overall Plan of Action for the acquisition and defense of the island territory in the Pacific area. First and foremost, if Tonga can be persuaded to recognize the Republic of Minerva the other countries of the Pacific Basin will do likewise. We are attempting to purchase the island area of three other islands from the individual land owners which will enhance our position when we attempt to annex them into the Republic of Minerva.... The new nation is a constitutional republic where government is limited to protect and give recourse to citizens against force and fraud, and cannot engage in any commercial or welfare activities. (from October 1972 "Minerva News" Vol. 1, No. 1) Information, 425 e. Washington, orange, ca 92656. subscription \$150 a year. (that's what it says. cost issue contains about 2000 words.) the Republic of Minerva is a non-militaristic state. some designer of maritime affairs, temporarily c/o international maritime level research, p.o. box 4028 station e, 1723 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio 43609.)

For a trial subscription of at least two issues (maybe more) send \$1 and description of yourself. Tell as much as you can about your present life-style, background, philosophy, objectives, attitudes, interests, etc. (But no need to include personal information such as residential address or name of company or other info uttered.) Tell what kind of sinet you would like to get. Tell whether you are more interested in information which will help you and your present group accomplish your purposes, or in getting to know others doing comparable things. Tell whether you hope to eventually meet others face to face, or if you prefer discussion conducted anonymously at a distance. If you have a residential address or phone number, tell whether or not it may be published. Tell whether or not your letter may be published if name and address are left off. Please also mention any vomuifere, libertarian, back-to-the-land, etc. periodicals you presently read - to avoid accidental duplication.

I will read your letter and pass your order on to the sinet or newsletter which i think is most in line with your interests. (Forwarding is sometimes slow so allow 2 months for receipt of first issue.) all subscriptions are guaranteed by vomuifere. If a sinet stops without refunding, vomuifere will either refund or substitute. **important note.** Most vomuifere sinets reprint extensively from each other. So i recommend against subscribing to more than one at a time. Send \$1 and description to

i pass on subscription orders to participating sinets. i keep 50¢ of the \$1 for handling. i will keep an additional portion for refund insurance unless the sinet is a freebie or has some other backup arrangement. a sinet has the right to reject a subscription in which case the order must be sent to me and i substitute vomuifere or make refund. a participating sinet is mostly about vomu. it contains very little politics or religion. a sinet doesn't print more than 100 copies, except for pool pages which contain no

personal information. a sinet sends me and allows me the option of reprinting in vomuifere or vomuifere up to half of what it publishes, and vice versa. (i'm negotiating on this point.) i will not accept a sinet of vomuifere and subscription referral at any time. so a sinet might start out this way but cut loose if circulation goes over 100. a sinet can split to keep circulation under 100 but not more than 3 sinets are published by any one person or family. if you are interested in subscription referral write and send me sample or tell me about the sinet you have in mind.

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TONGA NEGOTIATIONS. Preliminary details have been worked out for opening negotiations with the government of Tonga for the sovereignty of the Republic of Minerva. Mr. Fred Elliot of Tonga has been appointed Chief Negotiator. Mr. Elliot has lived in the Pacific since world war II and is familiar with the customs of the island people.... Negotiations with Tonga are only a part of an overall Plan of Action for the acquisition and defense of the island territory in the Pacific area. First and foremost, if Tonga can be persuaded to recognize the Republic of Minerva the other countries of the Pacific Basin will do likewise. We are attempting to purchase the island area of three other islands from the individual land owners which will enhance our position when we attempt to annex them into the Republic of Minerva.... The new nation is a constitutional republic where government is limited to protect and give recourse to citizens against force and fraud, and cannot engage in any commercial or welfare activities. (from October 1972 "Minerva News" Vol. 1, No. 1) Information, 425 e. Washington, orange, ca 92656. subscription \$150 a year. (that's what it says. cost issue contains about 2000 words.) the Republic of Minerva is a non-militaristic state. some designer of maritime affairs, temporarily c/o international maritime level research, p.o. box 4028 station e, 1723 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio 43609.)

(from "two-thirds" of the nation's land report of the president's public land law review commission". thanks to Dave for the xerox of recommendation #1 which i am excerpting from.) A general recreation land use fee. collected through sale of annual permits, should be required of all public land recreation users and, where feasible, additional fees should be charged for use of facilities constructed at federal expense.... Because of the wide spread (?) nature of recreation use of most wild land areas, and the general lack of control of access to such lands, it is impractical and too costly to levy and collect a fee only upon entrance to areas either generally or for each use occasion. We believe a general use fee can be most efficiently collected through the sale of annual licenses or permits. Sales can be made effectively and easily through sources such as the post office similar to the manner in which duck stamps are sold, while at the same time permitting sale at entrances to national parks, for example, where annual fees are charged.... The general land use fee should, at the outset, be minimal (\$1-\$3) to assure that it is not discriminatory and to simplify its administration.... Children under 12, welfare recipients, and persons over 65 years of age should be exempted from the payment of any fee.... We recommend that a penalty be imposed for failure of a recreation user to have the permit in his possession on the public lands.

The ethical principle of non-coercion * (2) can be stated: One should not initiate the use of physical force against a volitional being or against property he has created or acquired through voluntary consent. * (3) Many people espouse this principle. But most arguments for it are mystical or altruistic. * (4) Some are blatantly so; they invoke 'God's Will' or 'the Good of Society as a whole'. Others are more subtly so, and talk about 'natural law' or 'innate rights' without clearly defining these terms. * (5) Some supposedly-egotistic arguments for non-coercivism are merely reformulations of Kant's categorical imperative and thus mystical. One example: "If I deny inviolate rights to all others, I cannot claim such rights for myself." * (6) A critic might respond: "My recognition of inviolate rights of all others will predictably have only negligible effect on what rights, if any, all others consider inviolate (assuming no God who enforces uniform rights)". * (7) Another example: "I don't initiate force because I'd rather live in a world where most people didn't." * (8) A critic might respond: "I, too, would prefer such a world. But I have no reason to believe that my conduct will significantly affect the average conduct of the world's population."

To base non-coercion on rational self-interest, what must I show? Only that I can expect overall benefits from adopting it -- i.e., from espousing, internalizing and habitually acting in accord with it. I need not prove that coercion would harm me in my self-interest. My decision to embrace or reject an ethical principle is not the same as my decision on action in a particular situation, tho the former may decisively affect the latter. An ethical principle is only an abstraction, and like any abstraction, only approximates what it represents. Someone's conception of A is not A -- a map is not the territory. But maps and other abstractions are often useful. * (9) In pure situations initiated force may be in one's self-interest, and holding a non-coercive ethic (internalized as habitual response) will mean loss. But this doesn't prove that adopting the ethic was irrational. Any principle is adopted PRIOR to the situation. The probability of overall benefit or loss, judged at time of adoption, is what is significant. * (10) Similarly, in some undesirable situations one may be apt to survive if not encumbered with a safety belt. But this doesn't prove that habitually fastening safety belts is a mistake. Overall probabilities of survival/non-injury are what count.

Most critics of non-coercion ethics espouse situation egotism, which is: Hold no general principles (except this one); always act according to self-interest in the situation at hand. Such a critic might say: "Why encumber yourself with principles? Why build spikes in your head? Why not play it by ear?" * (11) In reply: At any time I can consciously consider only a very small part of what is around me. I must deal with most of my environment through habit and emotion. So the development of generally-appropriate habits is to my advantage. If I can ask over and over around without deliberating about each step, I can better think about what is around. * (12) An ethical principle, when internalized, becomes habits and attitudes. So the central question of this article reduces to: Is developing non-coercive habits and attitudes in my rational self-interest? * (13) Consider the alternative: Suction egotism. As each situation arises, will I have time to deliberate? To the contrary, most opportunities to coerce are fleeting and require split-second decisions. Xerinye and Strakon * (14) gave two examples. (1) You are one of two astronauts in a spacecraft returning to earth. Suddenly you discover that oxygen has leaked out; only enough remains for one man. (2) You are alone and see a big red of bills lying on the unconscious form in dark alley. If one hesitates -- in the first situation the other astronaut may strike first or barricade himself; in the second situation the drunk may regain consciousness or someone else may come. * (15) In both situations one is most apt to benefit from coercion if one acts quickly, without deliberation. But even these examples involve many considerations. In the spacecraft, more oxygen might be generated by electrolysis of water. Or the man can spend periods in drug-induced coma to reduce oxygen consumption. Even if no alternative to death is immediately apparent, a solution may be found with further thought. Might it not be wiser to chance this, or even to join in some cheat-proof form of Russian roulette, than face possible revenge by the other man's friends and relatives back on earth as well as possible destruction of the craft in a fight? In the second situation: Is the drunk still unconscious? (Is it a drunk?) Might someone be watching from an unseen window? Might it be a trap, perhaps set by non-coercivists to profitably punish or eradicate coercivists? * (16) Karate training emphasizes development of appropriate habitual responses. A combatant who tries to think thru each move is soon disabled. Similarly, someone who hopes to gain from coercion must not only reject principles, he must train himself to spot opportunities and act quickly, else he will miss or bungle them. This is one cost of coercion to the coerced: time/effort/attention which could otherwise be devoted to other pursuits. * (17) * (18)

A second, obvious cost is risk of defense or retribution by the victim or by his friends or agents. * (19) A third cost to the coerced is ostracism. He is not likely to develop close, long-term relationships with people he finds desirable. Even other coercivists would rather associate, between crimes, with those who are mutually non-coercive. Even if a coercivist is never caught -- even if he never actually commits coercion, he gives subliminal clues to his attitudes and habits thru gestures, expressions, inflections, mannerisms, false starts. He may claim to be non-coercive, but in vain. Others will be uneasy when around him and will prefer to avoid him, tho they may not always know why. * (20) How serious is this? It depends on his life-style and goals. If he prefers to drift around the fringes of big cities, forsaking close friendships, his loss may not be great. * (21) But achieving freedom will be very difficult. Freedom, whether thru wilderness vpon, international mobility, urban hideaways and/or black marketeering, is enhanced by close, trusting relationships. Many freedom enthusiasts are especially sensitive to subliminal indications of attitudes and habits, because their freedom in part depends on spotting spies and other security risks. They, especially, are likely to snub a situation egotist. (How big a reward might be offered for information? How much could he rip off? Will he be tempted? Etc.) * (22) Conceivably a coercivist might become such a good actor in his friends' lives that he would never catch on. But this entails the greatest cost of all. He must constantly suppress, inhibit, fake -- and live in fear of a slip giving him away. * (23) I doubt that he can do this and retain a deep capacity for joy. And without it his 'successful' rip-offs will be hollow triumphs.

Could a band of coercivists avoid these problems by agreeing not to coerce each other, only outsiders? This is often attempted. Every State is such an attempt. But, without a general principle of some kind, any agreement is without basis. * (24) Some will turn on others first time they perceive an advantage. And this possibility leads to distrust and sometimes pre-emptive strikes. * (25) I do not claim that adopting non-coercive ethics is in the self-interest of everyone. But I conclude, that for myself at least and probably for most who seek to control their own lives, non-coercivism will maximize efficiency, probable safety, trade opportunities and emotional capacity.

* (1) This article was prompted by and is in part a reply to "Every Man For Himself", artists Xerinye and W. Strakon, July/71, *Invictus*. * (2) This is sometimes called the libertarian ethic. I use avoid that term because many who agree with non-coercion, including myself, reject other elements of libertarianism, especially its strategy and politics. * (3) This gives rise to complex and controversial boundary questions such as: What constitutes force? What is a volitional being? What constitutes property, especially in the case of land and inventions? What constitutes initiation? But herein I consider only black-and-white cases of coercion/non-coercion. * (4) With boundary problems, this seemingly simple concept becomes very cluttered. I wonder if there is an alternate formulation (set of general principles) which handles boundary questions more elegantly. (ontology, epistemology and open/closed frames of reference for astronomy.) But I don't think rejecting ethical principles is the answer. * (5) But altruism can always be resolved to either *zyticism* ("It is my duty to society, country, race, humanity") or *egotism* ("I enjoy helping others"). * (6) The Categorical Imperative is in the self-interest of everyone. But I conclude, that for myself at least and probably for most who seek to control their own lives, non-coercivism will maximize efficiency, probable safety, trade opportunities and emotional capacity. * (7) If I grant to all others the right to rape me, then I can claim the right to rape anyone." * (8) Xerinye and Strakon * (9) hold no religious "natural rights" as an invalid concept. I prefer to avoid the term rather than attempt to salvage it. * (10) But if 'subculture' or 'tribe' is substituted for 'world' this becomes an argument based on *egotism*, since one can choose and be chosen by a subculture/tribe. * (11) I doubt that a situation ethics -- ABSENCE of principles -- can be easily internalized. More likely I suspect, someone who claims this as his ethic is influenced by ethics (attitudes and habits) he has picked up from other people, especially as a child. It's easier I think to replace habits and attitudes with different ones than to simply drop them. * (12) Alternatively he can choose a career in a form of crime (mail-order fraud) not requiring split-second decisions. But this also involves much time. * (13) Some of these points were raised by previous *Invictus* articles responding to Xerinye and Strakon. * (14) As a potential friend or business associate, a situation egotist may be considered less desirable than a traditionally religious person who, while not consistently non-coercive, is at least fairly predictable. * (15) About internalization: Conscious conclusions about what I ought to do, strongly affect my attitudes but with a time delay of several years. Assuming such a delay in others, I would expect a newly-avowed non-coercivist to so act consistently, and would tailor any association accordingly. * (16) This is also an argument against 'conventional' living arrangements for voluntarists and applied libertarians, which involve spending most time around hostile people. * (17) An association (and agreement) among a band of coercivists could be and often is on the basis of the general principle: One should not associate with anyone who has coerced him or his fellows (but it's okay to associate with people who have coerced outsiders). Such an association will continue only so long as it is anticipated that benefits of future association exceed benefits of coercion against a fellow. This depends in large part on differences between fellows and outsiders. The most durable governments and lesser criminal syndicates have been those different in culture or race from their subjects/victims. A wayward member could not easily be effectively isolated from his subjects, especially its lower-echelon functionaries, with either or both of the following beliefs: (1) The enemy is significantly different -- not really human and therefore 'fair game'. (2) The enemy is really the aggressor: the State acts in self-defense. In either case the State is trying to invoke general ethical principles. (The author stipulates that this article may be reprinted by anyone, without special permission, provided *INVICTUS* is credited and address and price are given.) (Originally published in Dec. 1972, *Invictus*, Box 58425, Hollywood, CA 90021; 75¢ for sample.)

THOUGHTS ON FREEDOM STRATEGY: VONU/ACTIVITY TRADEOFFS by Rayo 12/72

Occasionally, especially when some project isn't going too well, I ask myself: Can G and I achieve enough vonu for vonu to be attractive on more than an experimental basis? Or have we reached a point of diminishing returns beyond which a vast effort will yield only a small improvement? * (1) To conceptualize this better I made the following graph. The vertical axis represents vonu expressed in terms of mean time to harassment (KTH). Each vertical unit is approximately a ten-times increase in KTH. * (2) The horizontal axis represents amount of activity; also difficulty of concealment. The units are: * (3) Summer survival -- Tent and bedding sufficient for sleeping, eating, reading. Occupants are one or two able-bodied adults. The occupants hole up; eat only stored food. The occupants come and go not often than once a season. Several months supply of food is on hand. * (4) All-weather survival -- Shelter adequate for survival, (not always comfortable nor convenient) the year around. Maintenance and trips are during good weather; only secondary activities and minimal housekeeping are done during cold/wet weather. Several years supply of food is on hand; there is no foraging. Occupants are able-bodied adults who come and go not often than four times a year. * (5) Comfortable home -- Size and overall family which may include small children or a non-able-bodied person. The people come and go not often than once a month. There is some foraging, hunting and pot-holes, but they live mostly on stores. They have no export products except possibly writing or art. * (6) Small workshop or laboratory -- 400 ft² floor space. Electric power from water, sun or wind and/or considerable cryptoculture. Frequency of communication to outside at

least weekly; transportation at least monthly. Export products may include research/development, fabrication of small special-purpose devices. One family, perhaps large, per site. • Small manufacturing of items with high value to weight ratios. Aggregate floor space is 1500 ft² (may be several, separate units). Communication with outside comparable to telephone/telex. Transportation at least weekly. Considerable export and/or produces most of food. More than one family involved; perhaps two dozen people. • Light industry -- many products possible. Also heavy fabrication for local use. Daily transportation. • Extensive outside commerce. Up to several hundred people. • Heavy industry and/or communication/commerce center. Up to 40,000 people. There is nothing insurmountable about this clustering of activities. Thus someone with only summer survival skills might have a clandestine radio link comparable to telephone, while a group capable of manufacturing might still import almost all food. But I have attempted to cluster together activities which seem to be comparably difficult to conceal, concealment. Thus, a camp and supplies sufficient for summer survival can be easily hidden, whereas concealing heavy industry (such as a 'conventional' steel mill) would be extraordinarily difficult. Other levels of activity are intermediate in difficulty of concealment. Within the shaded area vonu is not likely to be worthwhile -- i.e. total costs of being vonu will usually exceed the total benefits. The boundary between viable and non-viable situations slopes downward to the left, at least under present conditions. This is because (1) the lower levels of activity require much less equipment and thus a higher probability of confiscation is acceptable; (2) the lower levels of activity are less suspicious and thus unlikely to lead to serious loss even if discovered. Thus a vonu with only a summer camp will not be lost or act much differently than someone on vacation, and is unlikely to arouse suspicion if discovered. At most it will be ordered to move. Whereas a factory found deep in the woods (or otherwise hidden) will almost certainly be the subject of an intensive investigation. Even if the operators elude capture, the equipment will most likely be confiscated. Almost certainly the factory will no longer be able to operate. If three years are estimated time to amortize the initial cost of a factory (typical), the factory will not be built if estimated MTH is less than that. Exceptions involve illegal products such as drugs, with a very high profit margin and a correspondingly short time to amortize equipment cost. The diagonal lines represent levels of capability one order-of-magnitude (10X) apart. Six years ago, when I was becoming seriously interested in vonu but had little experience, my competence was roughly represented by line A. Three years ago, after experience with living in a van, competence had increased to line B. Today our competence level is approximated by C. Thus, at present, we can choose among the following: a small tent, adequate for summer only, in a remote place with 100 years MTH; a larger tent and more equipment and supplies in a place with year-around access and a 10 year MTH (the larger tent is also more visible). When we want a home with amenities comparable to a city apartment we must move back to the van, and the best we have been able to do with it is one or two years MTH. If I needed a year-around workshop right now, I'd have to rent space in a conventional building somewhere. Choosing a good situation and taking reasonable care, chances are I could operate for a month before some bludg came around and asked to see my license (etc.). With our present capability (line C) we really aren't able to enjoy a comfortable home the year around and be vonu. The price of living in the van is some submission to the bludg -- maintaining a driver's license, paying attention to the legalities of parking in a particular area, etc. With the van we are, in large part, enjoying liberty (local interaction), not vonu. And laws and their interpretations often change. So long as we have C-level capability we can trade-off between increasing vonu and increasing activity. But increasing both requires more capability. C-level vonu is attractive (except in a disaster survival situation) only to experimenters in vonu ('pioneers') who are interested in vonu for its own sake. We are somewhat analogous to experimenters with aircraft before 1910. These people built and flew aircraft (or tried to) not to get somewhere faster (trains were faster than the first experimental planes) nor even for aerial observation (balloons were more reliable) but simply to fly. Of course they anticipated future

uses, but these would be profitable only after considerable experimentation and improvement. Someone would have been all advised to build a plane in 1910 in order to (at that time) travel more quickly between LA and NY. Similarly our present capability at vonu has limited usefulness. Most people prefer a comfortable home that is relatively non-vonu to 'spartan survival' with relative vonu. We probably would too except that (1) we believe we can increase our capabilities, as we gain experience, to where we enjoy vonu and comfort the year around; (2) experimenting with vonu is, for us, an adventure -- fun. A minimum of D-level capability is necessary for vonu to be attractive to many people other than experimenters. B-level is probably minimum for development of such an 'alternate economy' worthy of the name. How easily/quickly can we increase our capability by another order of magnitude or two? It is tempting to project past progress and assume we will keep advancing one level every three years. On the other hand we might be at a point of diminishing returns. My present expectations are that G and I can progress to level D primarily by refining present techniques -- living mostly above ground and importing most supplies. Progressing beyond D will probably require fully-underground shelters and 'new' access techniques. (I'm more optimistic now (m73) than when I wrote this (m72). At mid-winter our plans structure was doing well. And I've conceptualized some life-styles which ease interface problems.) Of course during the past six years we've plenty of mistakes which slowed us down; there was no one (we knew of) to teach us so there was much trial and error. Today we could probably guide an inexperienced but highly motivated person (what I was six years ago) to our present level in a year or less. But we aren't especially attractive enough to justify a 'recruiting/training' effort. Vonists disagree about whether one should first seek greater activity or a greater MTH. Some believe that a neophyte should first try to build up a large and profitable but non-vonu (conventional) business, then attempt to vonu it. Evidence is inconclusive but I believe the opposite approach is more promising: become vonu at a relatively low level of activity, then attempt to increase activity while maintaining or increasing vonu. Points: the more people involved and the more interactions with that society, the more difficult any change of life-style. A non-vonu enterprise is apt to have little in common with a vonu enterprise; experience gained doing the former will probably not be particularly helpful when doing the latter. Concealment is not the only means of being vonu; there is also deterrence and mobility. But someone who employs deterrence without concealment is essentially just a would-be rival state. Mobility is valuable only in conjunction with some kind of concealment or deception; it can be easily traced and identified wherever it goes, nothing is gained by moving. To some, deception/concealment seems so difficult or unpleasant that they opt instead for liberation -- playing 'legal interstices' while remaining otherwise 'conventional' and visible. For myself, I'm not especially interested in liberation, partly because millions of people are already playing those 'games' for all they are worth. I don't believe I could come up with gimmicks much better than what thousands of tax lawyers, accountants, draft advisers, etc. are doing. And 'legal interstices' are transitory -- as quickly as many people discover a dodge the bludg move to close it. Of course a particular vonu may not offer permanent security either: there will be new detection, and counter-detection techniques. But once vonuans get 'below' the 'noise level' of environmental change caused by animals, weather, and/or non-vonuans, the bludg and their detectors will be at the point of diminishing returns. In the short term certain forms of liberation have their attractions and are worth using. But I believe vonu has greater long-range potential.

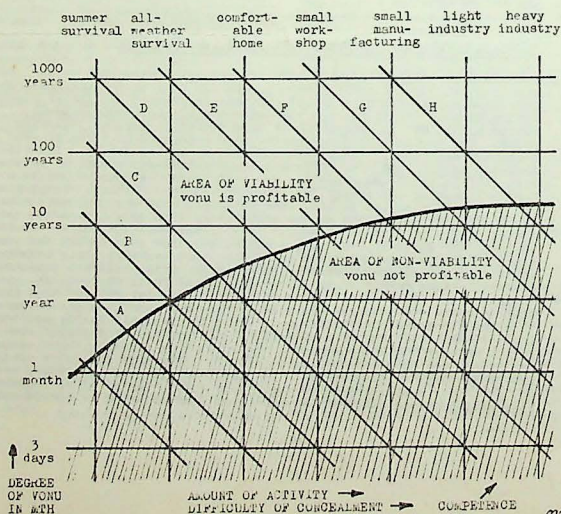
BOOK REVIEWS

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VONULIFE 73, edited by Len, Vonulife, Box 248, Paradise, CA 95969, v.l. I haven't seen a copy yet but I had an opportunity to read many of the articles submitted. I'm not exactly an impartial critic. I edited a section on wilderness shelter and wrote several other articles. Haelin did the food section which is a condensation of her forthcoming book: OUT OF SIGHT EATING. I don't believe that VONULIFE 73 equals the advance announcement -- "A handbook and directory of vonu topics" -- at least judging from the articles I saw; some important topics are covered little or not at all. Nevertheless I can easily say that it's the best 'how to become freer' book/magazine ever, and second only to THE LAST WHOLE EARTH CATALOG as a general 'self-liberation' aid.

HOW I BECAME FREE IN AN UNFREE WORLD, Harry Browne, Macmillan, \$7.95. I've only skimmed/read a friend's copy, so far. It's similar to Lee and Skye's "What if there was a millenium and no one came?" article, which was in LIBERARIAN CONNECTION and VONULIFE; but much expanded. It's the best vonist philosophy/psychology theory book I've seen. How I BECAME FREE... is not really a how-to-do-it book. Browne's own experience seems to have been limited to slipping thru a few of the cracks in urban society. Specific suggestions are few (the only one I recall is: try to work as a 'subcontractor' instead of as an 'employee'). Emphasis is on liberating one's mind from the beliefs and attitudes of others as a prelude to becoming free. But as a psychological 'self-help' text it is excellent. Browne's narrow experience shows in his recommended reading list, which contains only theoretical books plus a few investment letters such as Harry Schultz's. Browne is not even aware of such sources as E3 and E4A. (I don't think it's a coincidence being aware but hostile. Browne recommends the similar but obsolete SCHNEIDER'S BIBLIOGRAPHY in his earlier book.) This book is expensive but comes from a major publisher and so is likely to be ordered by libraries.

HOW TO LIVE IN THE NEW AMERICA, William Kaysing, \$5 in paperback. This is another book I've only had an opportunity to scan. The sections on motorcycles and publications (how to prepare copy) seem to be good, reflecting the author's own experience. Otherwise, it seems to be a hasty, stale rehash of material published elsewhere. The nomadic section consists, in large part, of two long excerpts from vintage-1968 RECREATION WEEK. Vonulife is listed under its old name RECREATION as a 'commune' at an address it left four years ago. Much of the book is on acquiring land for small farming. It contains little how-to-do-it info; some where-to-get-more-info info, but doesn't come close to LAST WBE as a source for sources.



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