

In this 20th century, Hitler brought back medieval tortures, with another leaf he took from the books of dark age kings. He centralised power, which was formerly with the Landers, the German equivalent of counties. On this model, by acting as "federal" tax collector - really a usurper started by nazi agents to take over America - IRS has pushed 20th century federalism in America.

Crime increases because criminals see themselves as hurt by the State. The fact is we all are. No individual can strike back at an "almighty" State. So criminals avenge themselves on anyone handy. The State promotes this folly, by denying that the victim is hurt. "The crime is against the State." Therefore the State must punish. Only very recently have some begun to show concern for victims, the ones who really are hurt.

The changing paradigm also changed the concept of jurisdiction. In English Law, and in America until recently, a Judge could only take Jurisdiction given to him. Both parties must give him jurisdiction in the dispute, or he doesn't have it. Thus judges worked more like what we now call mediators.

Hitler used schools to indoctrinate young Germans, that crimes are against Society, or the State, not against individuals. With IRS' help, the American judicial system has followed through and expanded this false paradigm here.

How do we get back to reality? VORP (for Victim Offender Reconciliation Program) is doing a lot in local, autonomous, volunteer units. Members of the community, not officials, do it. It works in various ways, according to local problems, and who gets involved in it. Essentially, it is an alternative to today's "justice sentencing," which uses the wrong paradigm.

Sometimes the judge offers it to the offender, sometimes the prosecutor does. Sometimes a VORP mediator will suggest it to the Judge. If the offender agrees, VORP volunteers work to arrange a meeting with the victim. As you may imagine, victims are often harder to persuade. "I don't want to ever see the bum!" is a typical remark, which can preserve the hostility.

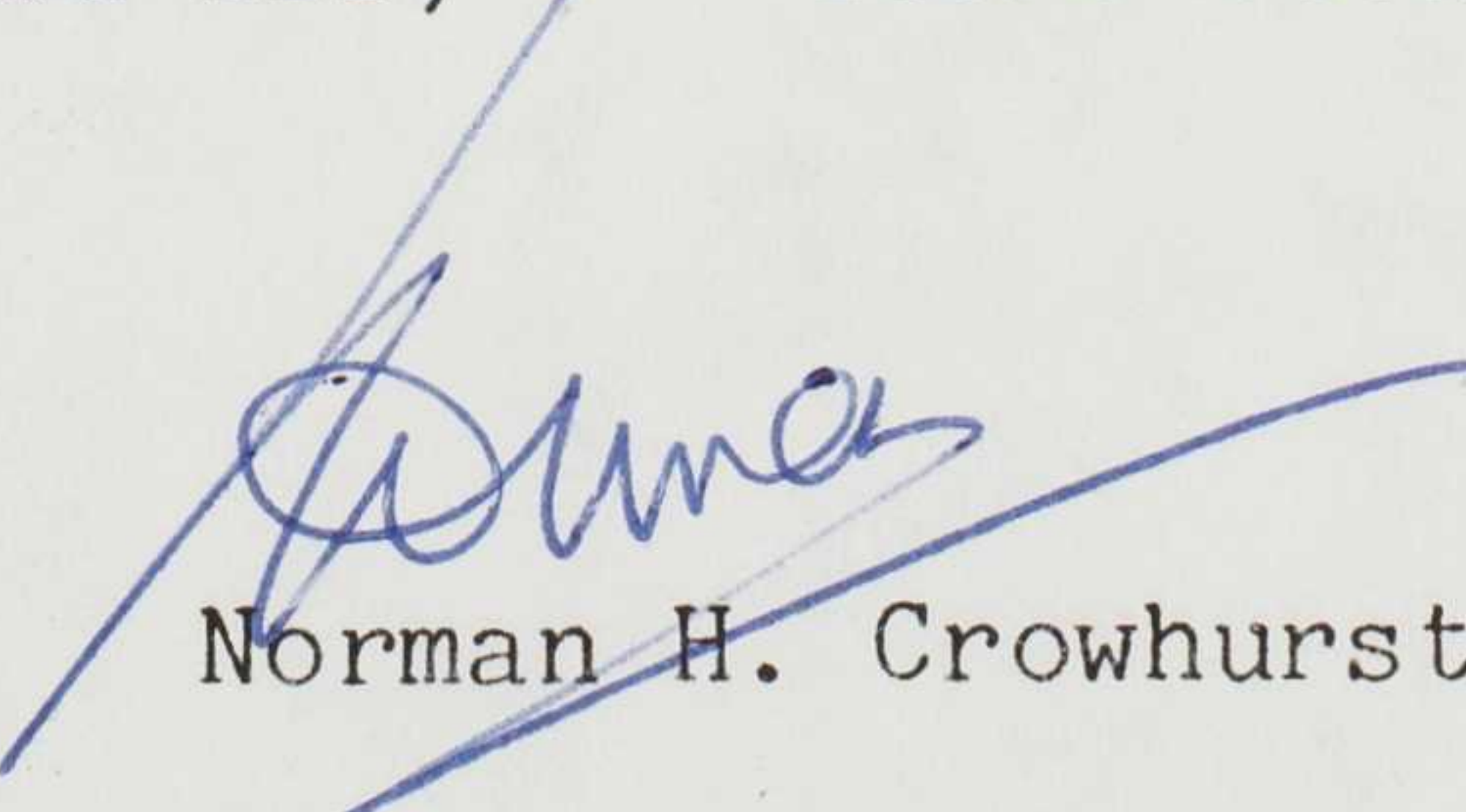
We won't describe techniques volunteers use to "bring it off." Statistics are amazing. Of those VORP brings together, 80% become fast friends: victim and offender - far beyond restitution! VORP recidivism is very low. The data - admittedly ambiguous, with what do you compare? - show that America criminals run well over 50% recidivism. Of offenders handled by VORP, 94% don't repeat that crime or commit any other. What about crimes "government" agencies commit against people? We haven't touched that yet. Any suggestions?

Think about the Biblical qualification for judges (Ex. 18:21). They must know God's Law and realise that they judge in God's place. American judges today pay taxes to IRS, so they fear the whole "federal" bureaucracy.

The Bible standard of evidence is "at the mouth of two or more witnesses," not on examination of a computer printout. Some bureaucrat testifies that the printout is true to "data" in the computer. Why wouldn't it be? The computer feeds out what was fed in. But who fed it in? Where is that witness?

You are before a court. The case is read. You know you didn't do what you are accused of. Who else knows? Who can testify for you? Maybe no human can, and the computer record has been falsified to "frame" you, for whatever reason - maybe so the prosecuting attorney has a good record for re-election! But God knows, doesn't He? So why not make Him your advocate? (1 John 2:1) All you need do, is obey the Holy Spirit, don't make any unlawful oath, and speak the truth. When he realises that God is above him, as the Bible required of judges, the judge will change, believe me. I've seen it happen and heard where it's happened for others, in this time, and down through history.

May God be with you all, Yours because I am His,


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