resources for next to nothing." The Communists, in particular, are his most vocal critics.

"If he can last, he has the talent and the drive to pull Russia out of the morass," the *Times* quotes an anonymous official.

*(Unfortunately, one man's political efforts cannot succeed in Russia without the much more important innovation of a philosophy of reason. — Editor)*

## Greenspan Warns Gov't: Hands Off Payment Innovations

NEW YORK — "Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan called on U.S. regulators to avoid impeding innovation in the broad electronic payments system," according to a *Wall Street Journal* report (March 10).

Greenspan thinks that privacy concerns are preventing more people from taking advantage of already existing electronic payment mechanisms. "The Fed Chairman," according to the *Journal,* "noted that paper currency remains the ultimate protector of anonymity for making ordinary payment at the retail level."

## Salsman to Review Reisman's *Capitalism*

BOSTON — Richard Salsman, founder of AOB and a senior economist at H.C. Wainwright Economics, is preparing a lengthy review of Dr. George Reisman's new book, *Capitalism.* His aim is to publish it as a pamphlet. Salsman's pamphlet will provide a concise, nontechnical guide to the contents and method of the Reisman book, in addition to offering, where appropriate, critical analysis. The pamphlet should be completed by the time of the Lyceum conference in Irvine, California, in August. He will be lecturing at that conference on "The Economics in *Atlas Shrugged.*" Those not attending the conference will be able to obtain the pamphlet, through other channels, starting in September.

*(See related story below.)*

## *Fortune* Reviews Capitalist Manifesto

NEW YORK — *Fortune* magazine (April 28) favorably reviewed *Capitalism* by Pepperdine University economist George Reisman. The reviewer, David R. Henderson, a research fellow at the Hoover Institution, writes, "It's an exhaustive survey and an impassioned manifesto." He quotes from page 61 of Dr. Reisman's 1,046 page book, "The remainder of this book can be summarized as demonstrating a single proposition: In every possible way, with no valid objection, the solution for the economic problem is capitalism." *Fortune* devoted a full page to the review.

*Capitalism* is published by Jameson Books, Inc., P.O. Box 738, Ottawa, IL 61350. Retail price is $95. For ordering information, call 1-800-426-1357.

## Time for Prison Inmates to Pay Way, Writes Correction Officer

MIDDLETOWN, New York — In a letter to the *Times-Herald Record,* AOB-member Scott Renshaw, a New York state corrections officer, writes:

"Space available. College-like campus includes three meals a day, cable TV, excellent medical and dental benefits, many educational and vocational programs, 24-hour security, and state-of-the-art recreational facilities. An equal opportunity employer. Check in at your nearest state correctional facility.

"That's how many of our convicted criminals must see spending time in our lavish state prisons. At an average housing cost of about $25,000 an inmate per year, state correction departments across the country are starting to implement cost-saving policies and eliminating costly programs.

"In New York State, for example, inmates are being double bunked in cells, paying to watch HBO and Showtime, and no longer receiving taxpayer assistance to attend college courses.

"The most progressive reforms, however, are coming from the western states of Arizona, California, Kansas, and Nevada. In these states, inmates are required to make a two dollar to five dollar co-payment for medical services. Some of the services that inmates pay for are no different than what you and I have to pay for on the outside of the wall: doctor visits, dental visits, medications, and emergency room visits. At no time, in any of these states, are inmates refused medical treatment because of their inability to pay.

"When inmates pay toward their medical care they begin to take responsibility in promoting and maintaining their own health. Additionally, the abuse of the sick-call system (visits to the health staff to assess medical ailments) drops dramatically.

"Crime is not supposed to pay, criminals are. It's about time we started making that a reality."

## Russian Space Station Could Be Deathtrap

The eleven-year-old Russian space station *Mir,* wearing out and plagued by gas leaks, fires, and breakdowns, has been home to both Russian and American astronauts. Now NASA is planning on sending yet another American astronaut to relieve the current American occupant of the



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aging space station. According to the *New York Times* (April 4), "NASA plans to deliver a spare oxygen generator aboard the space shuttle *Atlantis* during its mission next month" [mid-May]. The current American occupant, Jerry Linenger, will be sent back to earth. He will be replaced by astronaut Michael Foale. Meanwhile the Russian space program is out of money and is unable to relieve any of the Russian astronauts.

*(Why is NASA ignoring the evidence that* Mir *is ready for the space junk yard? Could it be the lethal mix of politics and bad philosophy? — Editor)*

## Reason and Emotion—Ayn Rand's Solution for a 2000-Year-Old Problem

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts — AOB-member Dr. Edwin Locke lectured at Harvard University (April 9) on reason and emotion. [The following report comes to us from AOB-member Pat Gardener.]

From the Greeks to the recent Heaven's Gate suicides, Dr. Locke traced the roots of the age-old mind-body dichotomy—that reason and emotion are in conflict. Dr. Locke showed that Rand's philosophy of Objectivism offers a new theory of emotions, where reason and emotions are interrelated, instead of at odds. And that emotions stem from an individual's values, conscious or unconscious. Locke closed by reading a Dagney Taggart love scene illustrating the power of Rand's theory of mind-body integration.

As in the past, a stimulating question-and-answer period followed the talk.

## There Are No Tax Breaks

WOODLAND, California — AOB-member Brian Faulker wrote this letter which was published late last year in the *Daily Democrat.*

"The argument that someone is 'given' a tax break is an appeal to ignorance and envy. A tax break does not signify a giving of money by the government to an individual or business, but a quitting of the government to take as much money as it has in the past. If a thief broke into your house last year and stole a TV and radio, but this year



steals 'only' a TV, while leaving a note that says, 'I'm giving you a break this year,' you would know that you haven't been 'given' anything. Whether or not your neighbors have radios and TVs would be irrelevant. But, if your neighbors have been stirred up by news media and politicians to the sickening pitch of envy, they would complain that the thief has not taken enough. A society that comes to believe that the cessation of a negative equals the initiation of a positive is one that is literally losing its mind. Reader, don't lose yours."

## The Philosophy of Terrorism

BUTLER, Pennsylvania — The following are excepts from a letter to the editor sent to the *Butler Eagle* by Amesh Adalja, an *AOB News* subscriber:

"What the press coverage of the Empire State Building shooting and the Army of God's bombing of the abortion clinic and lesbian night club ignores is their similarity. Both criminals turn to faith as their justification with its corresponding philosophical viewpoint: intrinsicism.

"Intrinsicism views things as being good or bad in and of themselves. Philosopher Leonard Peikoff describes it as the view that 'the good is not good to anybody or for anything; it is good in itself.' This doctrine excludes a human mind to evaluate things as being for or against life, good or evil, useful or useless. These things just are one or the other. The only way one is to know the intrinsic value of something is through revelation. When asked how they know things to be so, they respond that they 'just know' or they appeal to religious dogma such as the will of Allah or the Bible. In all cases the human mind is to serve as a passive receptacle for such insight. In reality, the mind is the only means of acquiring knowledge which it does through an active process.

"Both the incidents mentioned have in common the initiation of physical force. You might ask, 'How could an abstract philosophical idea lead to innocent people being murdered and injured?' The intrinsicist position scorns the whole notion of the mind being active. Instead it appeals to revelation or some sixth sense to validate conclusions. As is apparent, they deny the human mode of consciousness. Therefore, rational persuasion, an appeal to the mind, is not an

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