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that DDT was dangerous for humans, or that DDT harmed the reproduction of birds.

"It is not nazism or communism that threatens humanity any more. Now the big threat is environmentalism."

El Niño and the Metaphysics of Chaos

HOUSTON — Warren S. Ross, president of the Houston Objectivist Society has published a very interesting essay entitled "El Niño and the Metaphysics of Chaos" in their January newsletter. Mr. Ross manages to integrate the movie *Jurassic Park,* the latest death in the Kennedy clan, the movie *Forrest Gump*, and El Niño into a convincing argument against "the metaphysics of chaos" which he believes is dominating the news.

Also included in the same issue is an article (also by Mr. Ross) about Chinese dissident Harry Wu's recent speech at Rice University.

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Beware Clinton Child Care

CHEVY CHASE, Maryland — Psychologist Michael Hurd had the following letter published in the *Washington Times* on February 2.

"In his State of the Union address, President Clinton proposed spending tax money on a new nationalized child care program.

"This means that I am responsible for my neighbor's children—in fact, all children throughout the entire nation. If I am responsible for their child care, am I also responsible for their grocery bills? Their new car? Braces for the kids' teeth? Where does it stop?

"By what right do President Clinton and his supporters in Congress force me to pay for other people's child care? I did not choose to have other people's children. Just as those parents are not responsible for my choice to buy a house or attend graduate school, I should not be responsible for their choice to have children and opt for child care services.

"America is becoming one giant collective. In a collective, everyone is responsible for everyone else, but nobody is really responsible for himself. Witness how well collectivism worked in Russia, Eastern Europe and Cuba. Forcing you and me to be responsible for everyone else's livelihoods makes us less able to be responsible for ourselves.

"We wonder why morality and ethics are on the decline in this country, yet a majority of us continues to favor increased government subsidies for child care, health care, college tuition and almost everything else imaginable.

"Politicians such as Mr. Clinton preach the virtue of personal responsibility and then expand the very government programs that undermine it. Why not get the government out of all these areas, return the tax money to the people who earned it, and let each individual decide for himself or herself how to spend it."

Black Book of Communism

MASSSAPEQUA, New York — The *Wall Street Journal* published a letter by AOB-member Leon Suchard on December 26. The text of Mr. Suchard's letter follows.

"Thank you for printing 'Red Blood' (Review & Outlook, Dec. 15). The truth about communism is starting to surface even in France. Many people have compared communism to fascism, but the one who put it best was Ayn Rand. I quote '. . . in practice, there is no difference between them: both come from the same collectivist-statist principle, both negate individual rights and subordinate the individual to the collective, both deliver the livelihood and the lives of the citizens into the power of an omnipotent government—and the differences between them are only a matter of time, degree, and superficial detail, such as the choice of slogans by which the rulers delude their enslaved subjects.' ('The New Fascism: Rule by Consensus,' a lecture given at the Ford Hall Forum, Boston, April 18, 1965. Published in *The Objectivist Newsletter*, May and June 1965).

"The authors of *The Black Book of Communism* did everyone a great favor."

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