

difference in the two courses of action. The sellouter is morally evil; the retreatist, in contrast, is, to put it kindly, terribly misguided. The sellouts are not worth talking to; the retreatists must realize that it is *not* betraying the cause, far from it, to fight against evil; and not to abandon the real world.

The retreatist becomes indifferent to power and oppression, likes to relax and say who cares about material oppression when the inner soul is free. Well sure, it's good to have freedom of the inner soul. I know the old bromides about how thought is free and how the prisoner is free in his inner heart. But call me a low-life materialist if you wish, but I believe, and I thought all libertarians and conservatives believed to their core, that man deserves more than that, that we are not content with the inner freedom of the prisoner in his cell, that we raise the good old cry of "Liberty and Property," that we demand liberty in our external, real world of space and dimension. I thought that that's what the fight was all about.

Let's put it this way: we must not abandon our lives, our properties, our America, the real world, to the barbarians. Never. Let us act in the spirit of that magnificent hymn that James Russell Lowell set to a lovely Welsh melody:

*Once to every man and nation
Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood,
For the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God's new
Messiah,
Offering each the bloom or blight,*

*And the choice goes by forever
'Twixt that darkness and that
light.*

*Though the cause of evil prosper,
Yet 'tis truth alone is strong;
Though her portion be the scaffold,
And upon the throne be wrong,
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow
Keeping watch above His own. ■*

Is Clinton a Bastard?

by M.N.R.

We instinctively knew it all along, but now it looks like it's confirmed: our beloved President, William Jefferson Blythe IV Clinton, is indeed a bastard. It turns out that old rascalion Bill Jeff Blythe III was still married to Wanetta Alexander when he allegedly tied the knot to Virginia Cassidy, who bears the enormous weight of historical guilt for giving birth to that Creep in the White House.

But if Bill Jeff III was married when he hitched up with Ginny, this makes him a bigamist, and it makes that Man in the White House a bastard.

Here's some grist for the office betting pool: when will the next half brother/half sister of Bill Jeff IV turn up? Talk about "traveling salesmen stereotypes!"

How many RRR readers don't know how many siblings they have? Is this a Jukes family in the White House, or what?

Do we want a bastard in the White House? Impeach Clinton! ■

Where Intervene Next?

by M.N.R.

It must be fun being an interventionist these days. The world is his oyster, and it presents a cornucopia of riches on where to intervene next. So many tempting opportunities to "cure starvation" or impose "democracy," to kill "warlords" and other bad guys, to bomb and strafe and feed and occupy.

Somalia

There is the bipartisan Bush/Clinton Somalia caper. It began last fall, if you remember, as a purely "humanitarian" operation. The problem was that there was "anarchy" in Somalia, no regular government, just a bunch of battling warlords, and it became the U.S. armed forces' mission to go in there with food and CARE packages to pacify the war lords and feed everyone. Purely short-run mission. Out by Clinton Inaugural Day. It was supposed to be a perfect mission for America's New Model Army, a "sensitive" army that doesn't kill any more, just hands out food to starving children, the sort of army built for today's sensitive soldiery.

Well, things immediately and predictably began to go sour. We at RRR might have written the script. First starvation increased, because the blundering free aid screwed up the Somalian food supply system. Second, the happy Somalians, who first greeted the American/UN army as liberators and feeders, began to turn sullen, especially since the U.S. decided that among the