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**ECCENTRIC TANTRUMS
 "SHARE THE WEALTH"**

Why are such a huge number of people in the United States stuck in a rut? Millions of U.S. citizens want to do something, accomplish something, go somewhere... but they can't. The pent up desire among people to do something is enormous, but it is going untapped. People live their entire lives from birth to death possessing potentialities that remain dormant forever. The utter waste of human ambition that occurs in this country on a daily basis is a tragedy beyond belief. Meanwhile, the weight of struggling just to keep your and your family's head barely above water takes up all of your time and energy. And then you die. Welcome to America.

This endless struggle combined with the soul-crushing stress brought on by smashed hopes and shattered dreams results in sickness of the body and mind that can be reflected in statistics. We hear all the time how the United States is the richest country on earth, yet we are 17th out of 40 industrialized nations in education. But it's the physical health of the country that tells an even more gruesome tale. The U.S. ranks last or near last on these same lists for infant mortality and life expectancy. We're 15th out of 17 leading countries in death rate due to disease. And last in death by violence, so far below the next country our rate is three times higher than theirs. Nineteen percent of all deaths of American males under 50 are from murder. The levels of frustration that cause such outcomes are off the charts.

So what's causing all this, literally, dis-ease? The fatalistic attitude that must be achieved in order to care so little for your own physical and mental well being doesn't happen overnight. It comes from years and generations of conditioning. It comes from being told this is the land of opportunity where you can achieve anything, before you learn that 10% of the U.S. population owns 73% of the nation's wealth, and they're not parting with a dime of it... at least not without a fight.

Where is all this money and what is being done with it? The net worth of all U.S. households and nonprofit organizations—not even counting regular corporations—is \$65,000,000,000,000. That's \$65 Trillion. There are 237,293,000 adults living in the U.S. So that works out to \$273,923 for every adult person living in America. And "net worth" means you have no debt.
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 Imagine having \$273,923 AND no mortgage, no credit-card debt, no student-loan debt, no debt of any kind.

Why are so many people suffering? This country is drowning in money. The problem is it's not moving; it's not being used in the regular economy. The people who have it are hoarding it. And if they can't think of something useful or interesting to do with it, then they shouldn't have it. We need to establish for money the same laws we have for land with regards to adverse possession, commonly known as squatter's rights.

Many laws in business and real estate are designed to encourage maximum utilization of the item in question. Squatter's rights—or adverse possession—seems like an old-fashioned notion. But it is an integral part of the law, and has actually been strengthened in recent years. The idea is if you are not using or taking care of your land, then someone who is should have the right to possess it. The same should go for money. Give every adult in America a chance to see what they can accomplish with a quarter million dollars and you'll see things happen! As Huey Long used to say, it's time to "SHARE THE WEALTH!"

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**CORRESPONDENCE
 Letters from the Vault:
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LIKES ITALIAN BEAUTIES
 That page of pictures you did on Italian film star Luciana Paluzzi was real good. I've got to compliment your picture editor on knowing a good looking dame when he sees one. Italian girls have classic beauty and warmth. Many of our so-called American beauties are loaded with makeup, dress padding, and other artificial allures. They are too artificial. So keep digging up pictures of Italian film beauties. They are tops!
 —J. Pinto, New York City, NY

POISON IN FOOD
 We have enjoyed and appreciated your excellent articles on dangers to people from pesticides. We hope you will continue these and will include one on the dangers to people, livestock, poultry, wildlife and aquatic life from highly toxic pesticides now being used over hundreds of thousands of acres of the Southwest for control of the imported fire ant. We have been particularly disturbed at the propaganda designed to support this program by the Plant Pest Control Division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and state pest control agencies.
 —Harold S. Peters, research biologist, National Audubon Society, Atlanta, GA

NEW ORLEANS IS STILL RED HOT
 Read your story on the police clean-up on Bourbon Street. Readers got the impression that New Orleans is now one big Sunday school. The truth is that New Orleans is just as hot as ever. The "right" taxi driver can take you to any type of joint you want. Reformers will never be able to kill the excitement in this town.
 —Anonymous, New Orleans, LA

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