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Government's root: family

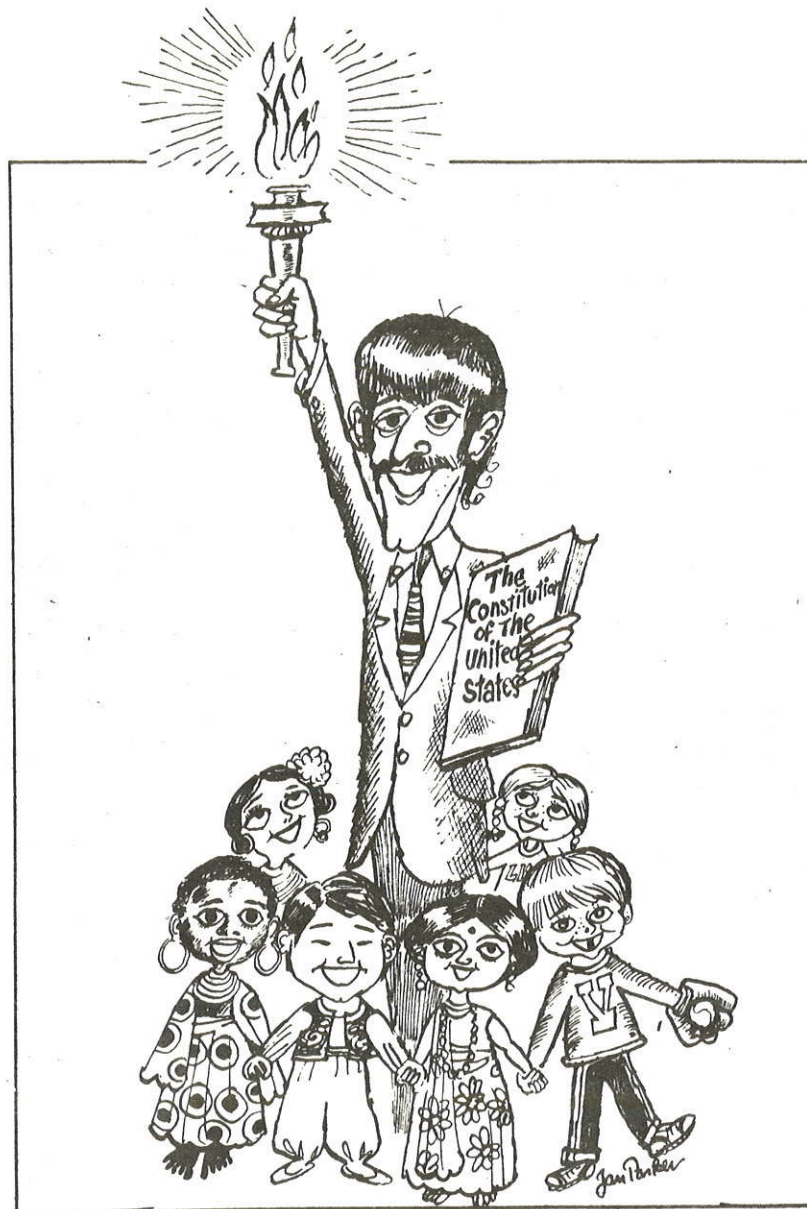
I DON'T KNOW what it's like at your house, but school has been opened two months now and my daughters are starting to bring home those thought-provoking questions. You know, the ones that you studied when you went to school, but have long since expelled from your mind and now must resurrect for your child's sake.

The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States are now the topics of concern at home. I have to admit that it has been a while since I got my teeth into these very precious documents. It was very rewarding to read about our inalienable rights, how governments are created by people, that our country should be a perfect union of states, possess domestic tranquility, promote the general welfare and be blessed with liberty and prosperity.

It took sometime to assist my daughters in their understanding of

the two documents since we had to use the dictionary a great deal for such words as tranquility, prosperity and inalienable. Once we got beyond the meaning of words, we were then ready to get our teeth into the juice of the documents—what are these documents trying to tell us. Well, little Michelle felt that when she gets home from school she has the inalienable right to use her allowance to buy candy at the local drug store. To Elizabeth, the documents meant that the whole idea of having hostages in Iran was stupid and why can't all governments and people get along and be happy.

The net effect of our further investigation of the two documents was knowledge that what we often write down on paper is not always what is practiced in reality. If, indeed, we as a people lived up to our official policy of freedom and the pursuit of happiness, there



would really be no need for a civil rights movement, an ERA, or a host of other provisions to get our country's thinking and practices back on the right track.

When our governments, political systems or economic conditions impact negatively on us, we can be very thankful for the existence of the family that has truly weathered the stormy seas of social injustices. The family has never abandoned its very unique responsibility to give support to its members when there was nothing else to look forward to. Remember when your fourth grader came home to you crying because the other kids in the class laughed at his new braces? This was against school policy I am sure. This was not in keeping with the ideals of our constitution. But the fact remains, your child was laughed at and society was cruel. You handled the situation like a pro, right? Your explanation relieved the pain being felt by your son and he was prepared to return to school to confront his classmates.

Family conference

After 200 years of existence and the development of bureaucracy to assist man in his pursuits, America has found a need to create a conference on families to put a stop, for once and for all, to the hundreds and hundreds of programs, laws,

policies and mandates that, at their inception, were good for this country and its people but now have a very adverse effect on the stability of the family. The White House Conference on Families has taken a very perceptive look at the past and its traditionalism, the present and its inability to cope with such insurmountable political and governmental red tape, and the future with its possible promise of some relief for the practicing family. It has identified problems and will be making very aggressive moves in the next six months to give vitality to the family and once again establish it as the center and responsible unit of society in preparing new life for the challenges of the world in as unrestricted an environment as possible.

It would be well for you to know about the particulars of the White House Conference on Families and what direction it will be going in to implement strategies that have been collected from over 125,000 conference participants. You can get information by contacting The White House Conference on Families, 330 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201. (202) 245-6073.

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