

SERIOUS NON-SEQUITUR SATIRE

Legal AND Tender

My friend, "Ebbtide", from Down Under (that's Australia for those recipients of a public education who couldn't identify their home state on a globe) sent me an



Australia: The land down under

email announcing that they are imitating the U.S. by spending themselves into prosperity. She just received her economic stimulus package to the tune of \$1,400 (that's Australian, not Federal Reserve notes that we pretend are worth something here in the U.S.). Kevin Rudd, the Australian Prime Minister, as reported in the December 8, 2008 issue of **The Australian**, has urged the nation's pensioners and families to "go out and spend the money" they receive so as to avert a recession. This is really exceptional because the Australians have



Australian Currency Is Colorful

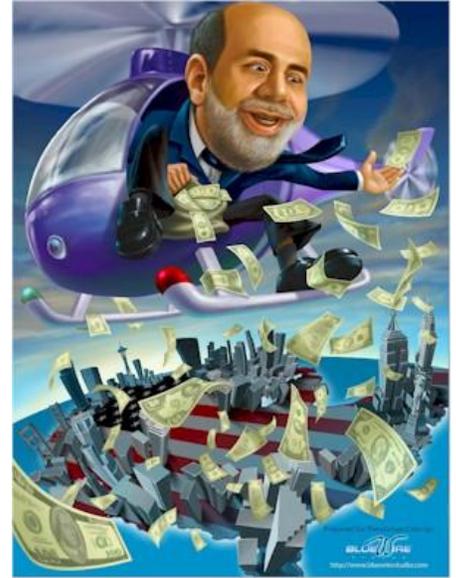
to print their money upside down. The Reserve Bank of Australia has been able to meet this challenge quite adeptly all on its own.

Our privately owned Federal Reserve System works in cahoots with the Department of the Treasury to make it look like a legal operation. The Federal Reserve issues & prints Federal reserve notes while the Treasury Department issues Treasury Bonds & Bills guaranteed by bank credits (or debits, who knows) for money the Federal Reserve doesn't have or something like that. Oh, I forgot, The Treasury Dept. takes care of the small change by making coins. Federal Reserve notes state: "This note is legal tender for all debts, public and private." I understand because of the soft economy, the Secretary of the Treasury will need to modify the note by adding the word "AND": "This note is legal AND tender..."

Most of the bailouts for the banksters will be done using modern and scientific accounting techniques beyond the comprehension of this writer. All I can remember about accounting is that the debits go on the window side and the credits are on the aisle side. Or, is it vice versa? In the interest of saving a whole lot of trees when all that funny money gets printed, I'd like to suggest that the government issue special magic markers to everyone in the U.S., instead of printing new money. Your benefit status



When the notice on bills becomes "legal AND tender" our currency will do double duty!



Certainly the Federal Reserve won't have to resort to throwing money out of helicopters. It's not fuel efficient!

will be determined by the new **BOOST** Department (**Benevolent Operations Official** of the Secretary of the Treasury).

This stimulus package will, of course, be known as a "**BOOSTer** shot". Average US citizens will get magic markers that will allow them to add one "zero" on the end of every bill they own. So, when you buy something for a dollar and pay with a dollar bill, you'll be able to change it into a 10 spot and get \$9 back in change. Is that a great economic stimulus idea or what? If you're an elitist like a bankster you'll get to put 3 or more "zeroes" on the end of every bill you possess with your extraordinary magic marker. In the old sales game that's known as a giant markup.

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