

root we have the message again: obey, or be punished. And this time, those deadly axes are back in place; and the Guard is supposedly under the command of State Governors, so this conveys the lethal message that it's not just the Feds who are fascist at heart. The student victims at Kent State would understand.

Symbols are one thing, but how about the reality?

It's hard to improve on Aaron Russo's account of how far Americans are now subject to the overbearing authority of the government, at each of its three different levels. Using the machinery of their departments of motor vehicles, set up supposedly to ensure the safest possible standards of road usage, each State government now requires every driver to *renew* his license every few years (something wholly unnecessary for that purpose; once one can drive, one does not forget how) and uses the renewal process not just to extract some useful revenue from fees but also to imprint the license with ever more identifying information – to the extent that “government photo IDs” are now required by all manner of organizations from airlines to banks. As the AF2F movie revealed, plans are afoot for tagging human beings with identifying devices *under the skin*, as if we were dogs needing to be traced if we stray from home; so that government can control when, where *and whether* we'll be allowed to buy food. Mussolini and Hitler could barely have dreamed of such devices, they would have salivated at the news of their development, and are perhaps right now laughing in their graves at the posthumous triumph of fascism in the very country that supposedly defeated it. “Sieg, heil!” (“Hail, victory!”) indeed!