"Hawke" <desmithers@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:BURMk.14691$xs1.5483@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I almost don’t want to post this for fear of being blamed for inflaming someone's ulcers — particularly Unka' George — but it appears that the $25 billion we just gave the banks is not going toward making loans, but rather toward helping them acquire other banks:

"The dirty little secret of the banking industry is that it has no intention of using bailout money to make new loans..."


I'm going fishing until this is over...

Have you considered the alternative? What exactly do you think was going
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to
happen to the banks that the big ones getting the money from the government bought?

Yeah, I've considered it. It happens that some of the most secure banks in the country are the smaller ones that play things conservatively, and that never bought into the toxic security syndrome. There's one in my town. There's also a Wachovia — the fifth owner of that bank since I've lived here, and now under new ownership once again.

I have no confidence in largeness. Monopolies and oligopolies are still a danger to capitalism. What's happening is that we're winding up with an oligopoly of banks, just like we had an oligopoly of oil companies and an oligopoly of car manufacturers. Krugman's New Trade Theory and other arguments for economies of scale notwithstanding, there also is a danger in consolidating too much power in too few hands. To me, it appears to be the greater danger.

That is the way I'm taking it Ed. Sounds dangerous and insidious. Great stuff for people who get into conspiracy theories.

I say the "$" should be lent to every adult that isn't making money hand over fist at 1% !

Cool, eh. I'd be in line.