



20th Century Type Coins. Radio Play For Two Characters.

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20th Century Type Coins is a radio play about two characters hoarding coins. The first- Ephraim, is a scholar, an empiricist and a diligent coin collector. The other character- Mungo, is impetuous, anti-authoritarian and a survivalist.

The two characters compare sorting reports and tactics for acquiring coins based on their value as raw material. They talk about metallurgy and the implications of federal control apparatus. Through their conversation they reveal a culture of exchange in which physical and symbolic values are fluid and recombinant, in which the rigid contingencies of currency and valuation are constantly open for negotiation.

The play is formatted here as an animatic video- a roughly animated storyboard. But it can take various forms for presentation and distribution, it can be performed as a radio play with actors or re-formatted as a graphic novel for print.


20TH CENTURY TYPE COINS

RADIO PLAY FOR TWO CHARACTERS


EPHRAIM

AND MUNGO





SORTING REPORT FOR YESTERDAY
2 BRINKS BOXES, 481 COPPERS
7 WHEATS, 19.5% COPPER
NEARLY A TWO-POINT DROP IN AVERAGE.
I HOPE IT'S AN ABERRATION.



I BOUGHT 11 BOXES A FEW WEEKS AGO FROM A REGIONAL SUPPLY BANK. THEY WERE BRINKS WRAPPED AND YIELDED 30.69% COPPER. THE COMPLETE BREAKDOWN IS:

AMERICAN CU: 3,579
CANADIAN PRE-'80: 119
CANADIAN '80-'96: 138

**BRINKS IS TAKING ALL THE COPPER PENNIES
OUT BEFORE BOXING THEM FOR THE FED.
HOARDING MAY BE A THING OF THE PAST IF
THE GOVERNMENT IS USING BRINKS TO PULL
THE COPPER CENT.**



\$69.50 SORTED

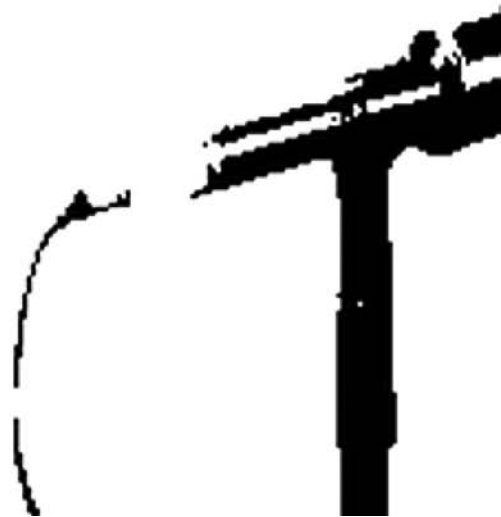
1,334 COPPERS=19.19%

**I'M USUALLY GETTING ABOUT 20% COPPER
HERE IN SEATTLE.**





WE'RE SEEING THE PENNY DE-MONETIZED. BRITAIN PULLED ALL THEIR SILVER COINS BACK IN THE 50'S TO PAY FOR THE WAR. THEY DIDN'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE, BUT IT CAUSED METAL PRICES TO SPIKE AROUND 1960.



**MAYBE WE ARE LOOKING AT THE
SAME THING, COPPER IS AT \$3.40/LB
AND WON'T BEGIN TO PAY FOR OUR
CURRENT DISASTER.**





**HAND SORTED 4 BOXES. 2 CWI BOXES
(1 OF THEM DATED 09-05) AND 2 CWR.**

6,671 Zn

2,684 Cu (INCLUDES 39 WHEATS, OLDEST A PAIR OF '35s)


351 '82s (UNUSUALLY HIGH...)

291 CANADIAN (INCLUDING 5 KINGS, OLDEST A '29) 81%

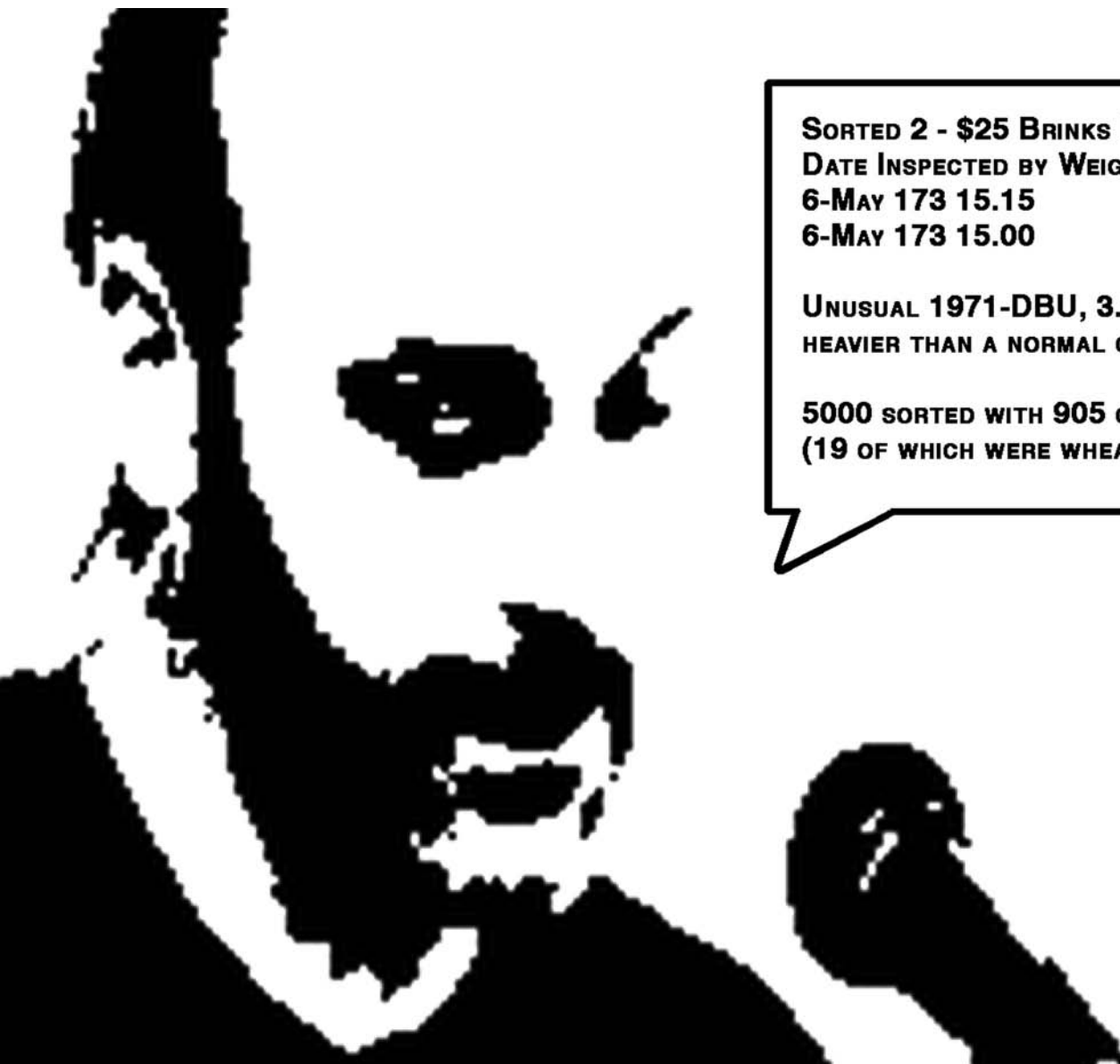
THE PERCENTAGE IS RIGHT AROUND AVERAGE.

**THE BAN ON MELTING PENNIES AND NICKELS
WILL BE LIFTED, MAYBE NEXT YEAR. . .
MAYBE IN 10 YEARS, BUT IT'LL BE TOO LATE
WHEN THEY DO AWAY WITH PENNIES AND CHANGE
THE COMPOSITION OF NICKELS.**





WHEN NICKEL WAS AT ITS PEAK, THERE WAS ABOUT 6.5 CENTS WORTH OF METAL IN EACH. I THINK WE WILL DO WHAT THE CANADIANS DID. THEIR NICKELS WENT FROM 99.9% TO 25% TO PLATED TRACE.



SORTED 2 - \$25 BRINKS BOXES-SEALED
DATE INSPECTED BY WEIGHT
6-MAY 173 15.15
6-MAY 173 15.00

UNUSUAL 1971-DBU, 3.28 g, 5.5%
HEAVIER THAN A NORMAL COPPER

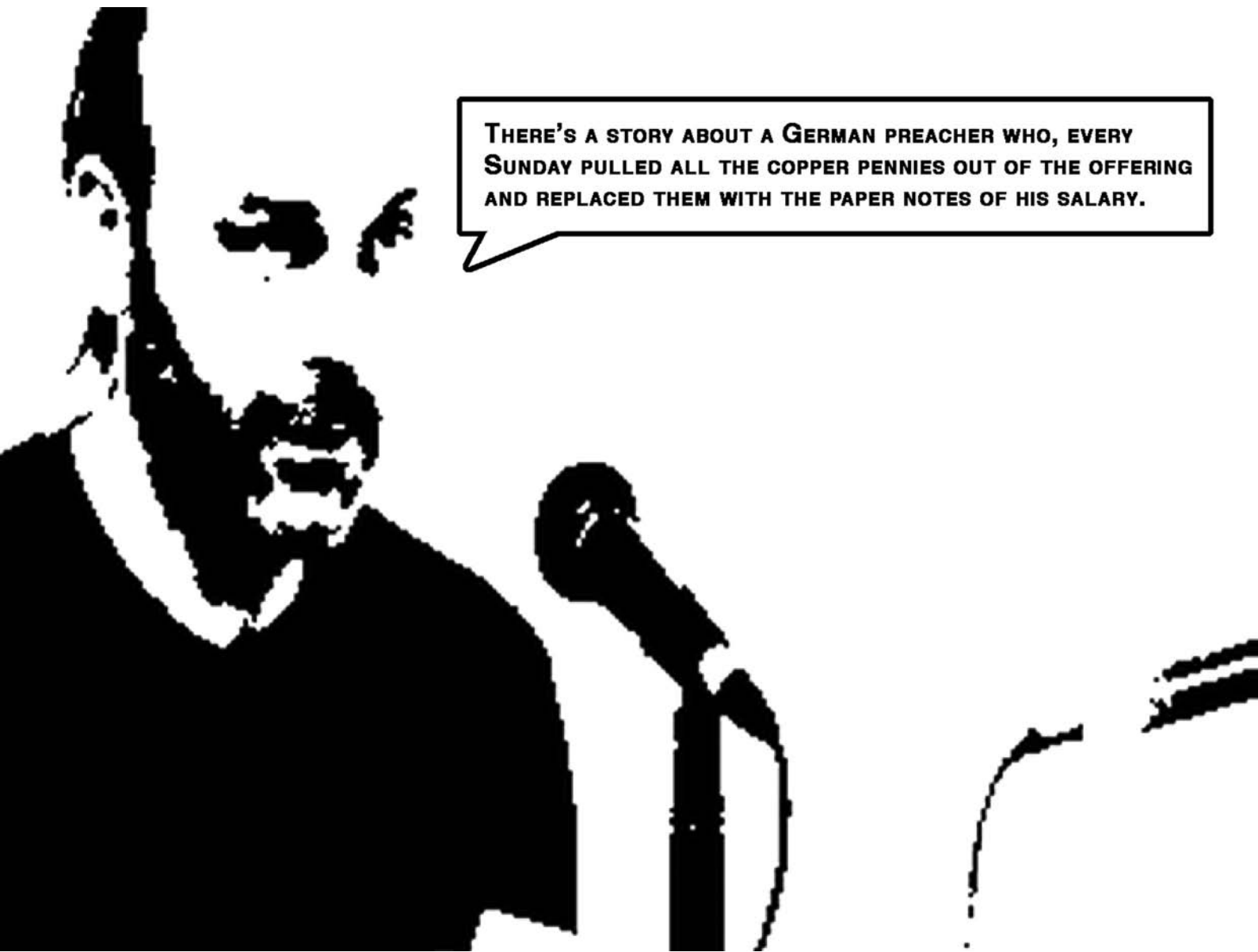
5000 SORTED WITH 905 COPPERS
(19 OF WHICH WERE WHEATS). 18.1%

I AM SURE THAT IF YOU MELTED DOWN ONE OR TWO THOUSAND POUNDS OF NICKELS, NO ONE WOULD BE THE WISER. THE PROBLEM IS THE 5 CENT AND 1 CENT COINS ARE STILL MONEY, AND TECHNICALLY ILLEGAL TO SCRAP.




AS LONG AS THE COINS ARE INTACT THE VALUES ARE PUBLIC RECORD. ONCE YOU MELT THEM YOU HAVE UNIDENTIFIED SCRAP METAL. SAVE THEM UNTIL AFTER THE COLLAPSE.





THERE'S A STORY ABOUT A GERMAN PREACHER WHO, EVERY SUNDAY PULLED ALL THE COPPER PENNIES OUT OF THE OFFERING AND REPLACED THEM WITH THE PAPER NOTES OF HIS SALARY.



**AFTER THE HYPERINFLATION HE HAD A
BATHTUB FULL OF COPPER TO FINANCE
HIS NEW START. GERMANY IN THE EARLY
'20s HAD 200 HOUSES PRINTING PAPER
FIAT, BUT NO COIN PRODUCTION.**



DID YOU NOTICE THAT THE RELIEF ON COINS IS GETTING SHALLOWER?



THE LOW RELIEF ON THESE NEW COINS IS INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL TO THEIR CIRCULATION LIFE. THERE COMES A POINT WHEN LOWERING THE RELIEF TOO FAR WILL RESULT IN MORE COINS BEING NEEDED TO REPLACE THE LESS-DURABLE CHEAP ONES.



**EARLIER THIS WEEK, I PICKED UP 10 ROLLS AT THE BANK,
NOT A SINGLE COPPER CENT.**

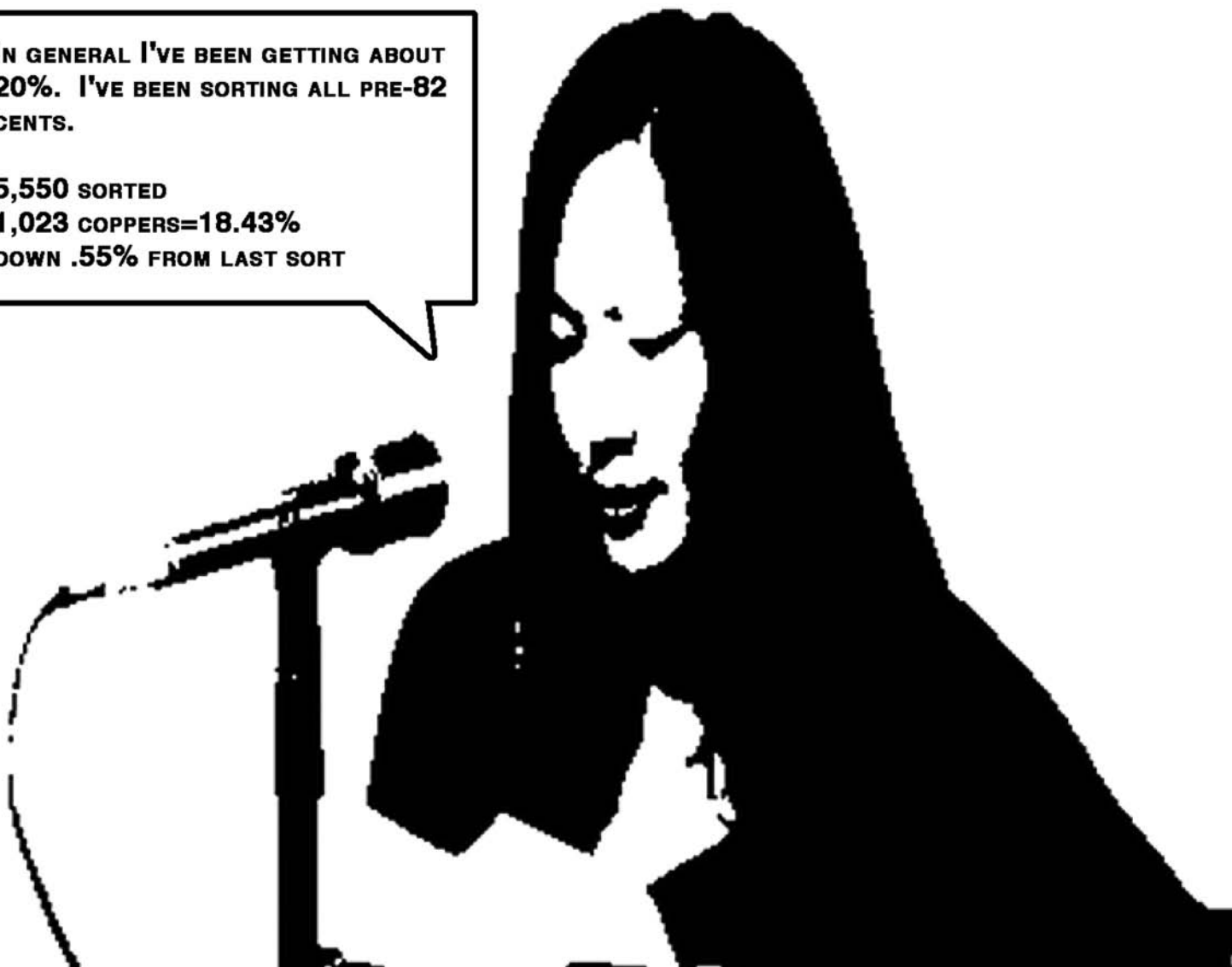


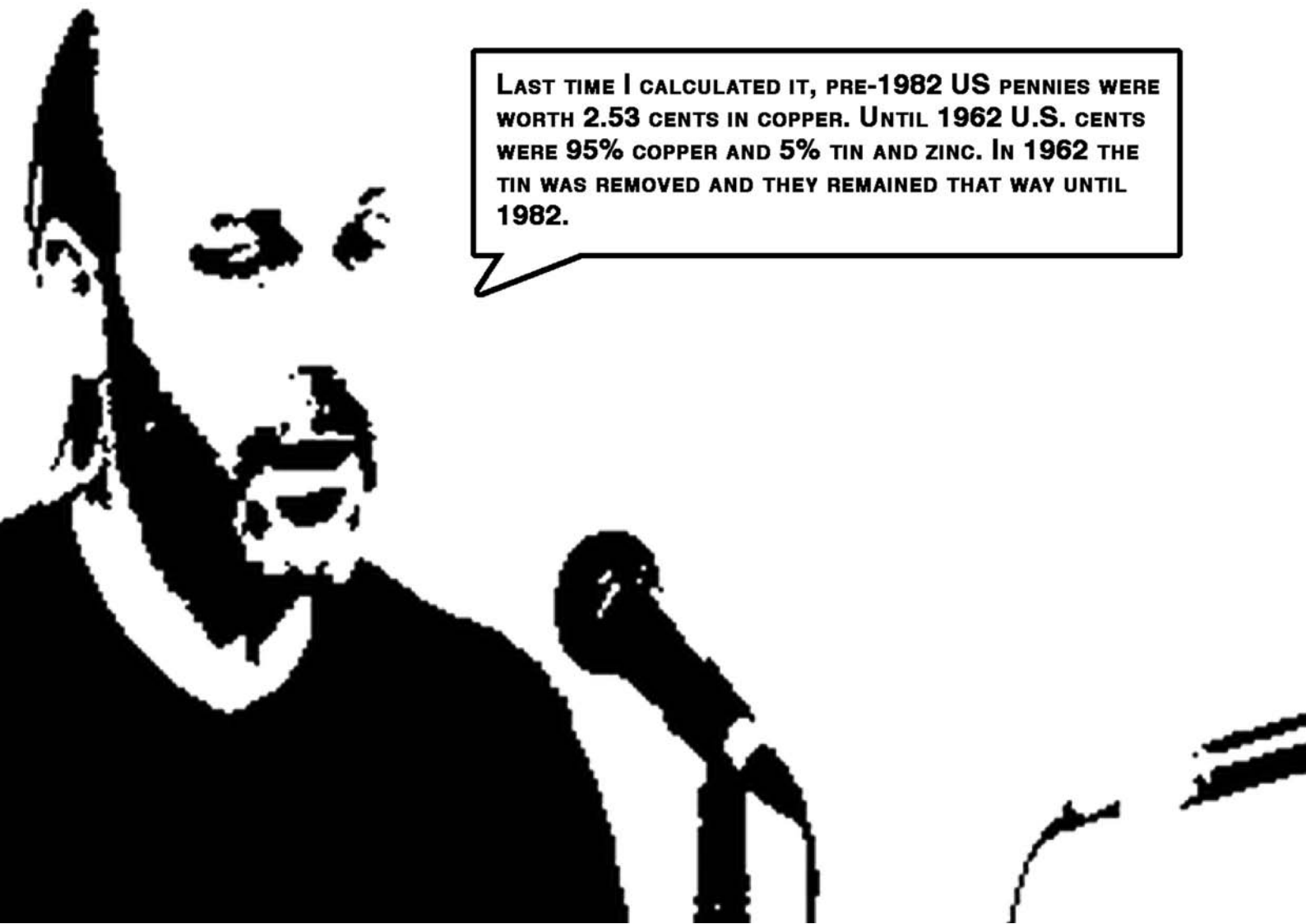
**NOTHING OLDER THAN '83 IN THE ROLLS.
I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT! THAT'S THE FIRST
TIME I'VE HAD THAT HAPPEN. I'VE ALWAYS
PULLED AT LEAST 3-4 OUT OF A ROLL.**



**IN GENERAL I'VE BEEN GETTING ABOUT
20%. I'VE BEEN SORTING ALL PRE-82
CENTS.**

**5,550 SORTED
1,023 COPPERS=18.43%
DOWN .55% FROM LAST SORT**

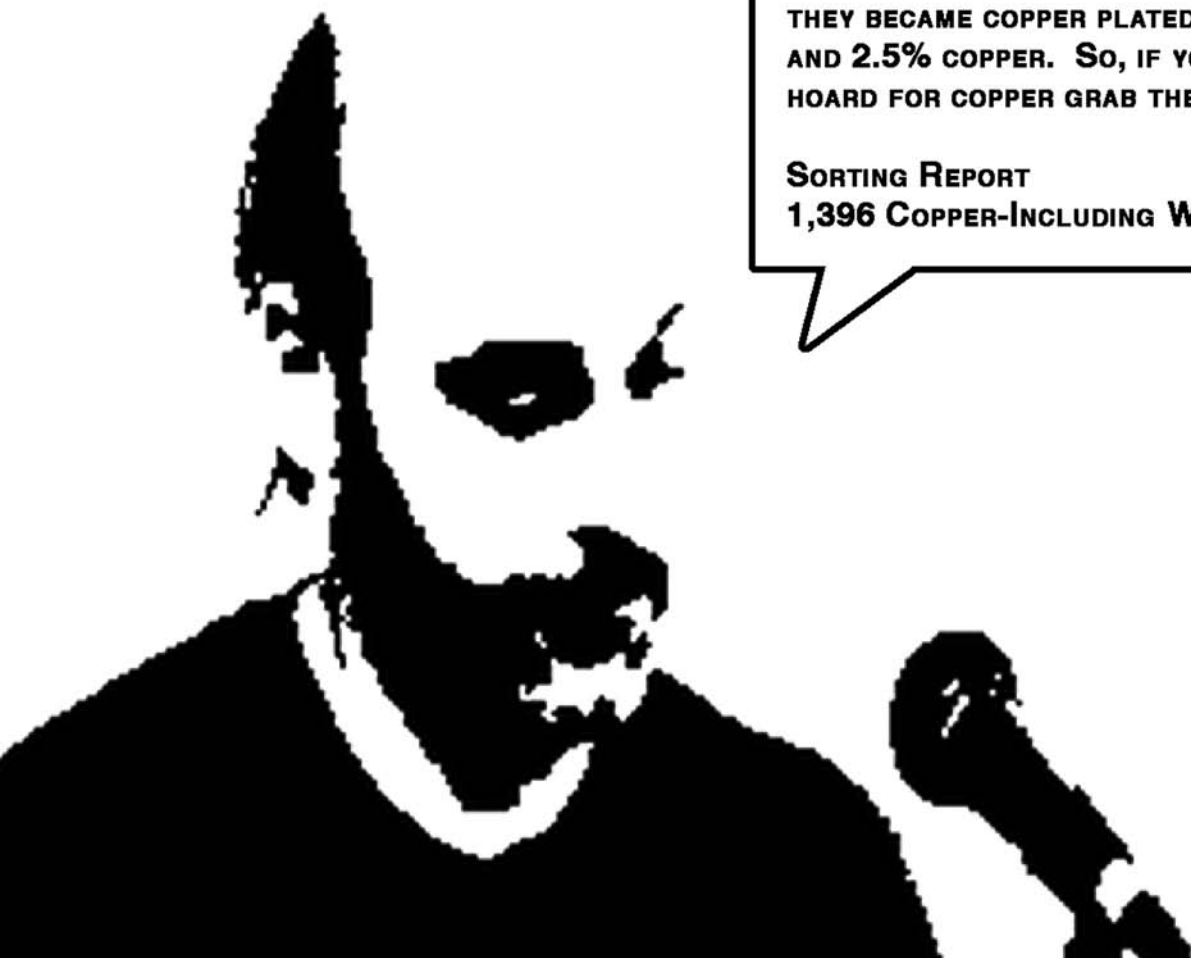




LAST TIME I CALCULATED IT, PRE-1982 US PENNIES WERE WORTH 2.53 CENTS IN COPPER. UNTIL 1962 U.S. CENTS WERE 95% COPPER AND 5% TIN AND ZINC. IN 1962 THE TIN WAS REMOVED AND THEY REMAINED THAT WAY UNTIL 1982.




SOME PENNIES FROM 1982 HAVE 95% COPPER. YOU CAN TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO BY WEIGHT, OR BY SOUND WHEN DROPPED, BUT AT THIS POINT IT'S NOT WORTH THE EFFORT.



**I RECOMMEND ALL 1982 CENTS BE CASHED,
JUST SAVE THE 1981 AND EARLIER. AFTER 1982
THEY BECAME COPPER PLATED ZINC. 97.5% ZINC
AND 2.5% COPPER. SO, IF YOU'RE GOING TO
HOARD FOR COPPER GRAB THE 1981S ON DOWN.**

SORTING REPORT

1,396 COPPER-INCLUDING WHEATS - 27.9 %




ZINC WAS PHASED IN BECAUSE MAKING PENNIES OUT OF COPPER WAS CONSIDERED TOO EXPENSIVE. WHY CONTINUE PRODUCING A COIN WITH A MELT VALUE OF ALMOST A CENT, PLUS PRODUCTION COSTS?

**THIS IS STILL ONE OF THE MORE
SPECULATIVE PLAYS AROUND.**



SORTING PERCENTAGES FOR TODAY:
1 Box BANK WRAPPED CENTS
467 COPPER
18.68%





**THE US NEVER SOUGHT TO RECALL
OR DEMONETIZE COINS OF OBSOLETE
METAL CONTENT. THEY PREFER TO
LET GRESHAM'S LAW DO ALL THE
EXPENSIVE WORK.**






THE ONLY TIME THE GOVERNMENT AXED A COIN WAS WITH THE 1943 STEEL CENTS BECAUSE OF CONFUSION WITH THE DIME AND CORRODING EDGES. THEY SPENT A COUPLE YEARS DUMPING '43 PENNIES INTO THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

I HAVE A QUESTION TO ASK ABOUT MELTING.
THIS IS ASSUMING OF COURSE THAT IT BECOMES
LEGAL IN THE FUTURE.



SINCE PRE-1982 PENNIES ARE WORTH 2.6 CENTS, \$1000 FACE VALUE IS WORTH \$1260 MELT VALUE. BUT THEY'RE AN ALLOY OF COPPER (95%) AND ZINC (5%). ONCE THE COINS ARE MELTED, THE COST OF SEPARATION COULD OVERRIDE THE PREMIUM IN THE METALS VALUE.





PRE-1982 COPPERS MELT AT 1981 F, AND THE ZINC BOILS OFF AT A MUCH LOWER TEMPERATURE, SEPARATING THE METALS IS NOT AN ISSUE. ZINC GASIFIES WHEN IT MELTS, AND BECOMES ZINC OXIDE.



IN SMALL AMOUNTS IT IS RELATIVELY HARMLESS, BUT ANY WHITE SMOKE OR VAPORS COMING OFF YOUR MELT SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

IN AN ELECTRIC FURNACE $.4746 \text{ kW} \times .07 \text{ COST PER kW} = 3.3 \text{ CENTS TO MELT } 1 \frac{3}{4} \text{ POUNDS}$



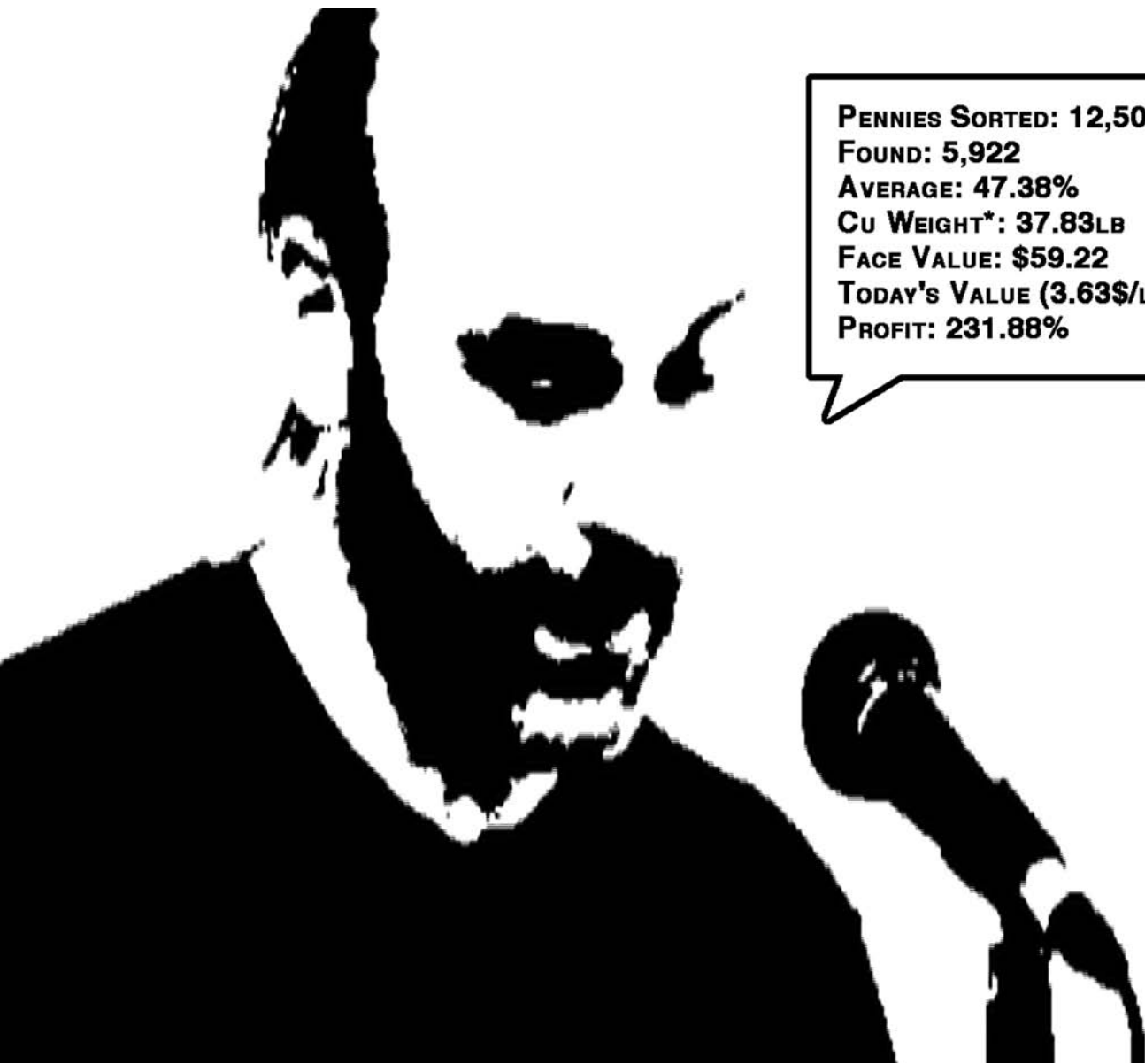


MANY YEARS AGO, BEFORE THE NEW LAW, WE TOOK ABOUT 75 CENTS WORTH OF PRE 82's (ABOUT 8 OZ. AVOIR) AND MELTED THEM IN A CERAMIC CRUCIBLE WITH A LONG METAL HANDLE AND POURED IT INTO A FLUXED INGOT MOLD.



THE MELTING POINT OF 1981 F IS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN 24K GOLD. THE 5% ZINC LOWERED THE MELTING POINT. ADDING .5 TO 4% GOLD TO THE MELT, MAKES PURPLE, OXIDIZED JAPANESE SHAKUDO AND A MIX OF- 75/25 Cu/Ag MAKES SILVERY PINK SHIBUICHI.






PENNIES SORTED: 12,500
FOUND: 5,922
AVERAGE: 47.38%
CU WEIGHT*: 37.83LB
FACE VALUE: \$59.22
TODAY'S VALUE (3.63\$/LB): \$137.32
PROFIT: 231.88%

FOREIGN AND ILLEGAL OPERATIONS WILL BE SET UP TO PROCESS THE METALS AND IT SEEMS LIKE THERE ARE MORE THAN A FEW INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WAITING FOR THE 'GO' SIGNAL. THE ECONOMY IS CANNIBALIZING ITSELF AND THIS IS JUST A PART OF THAT.

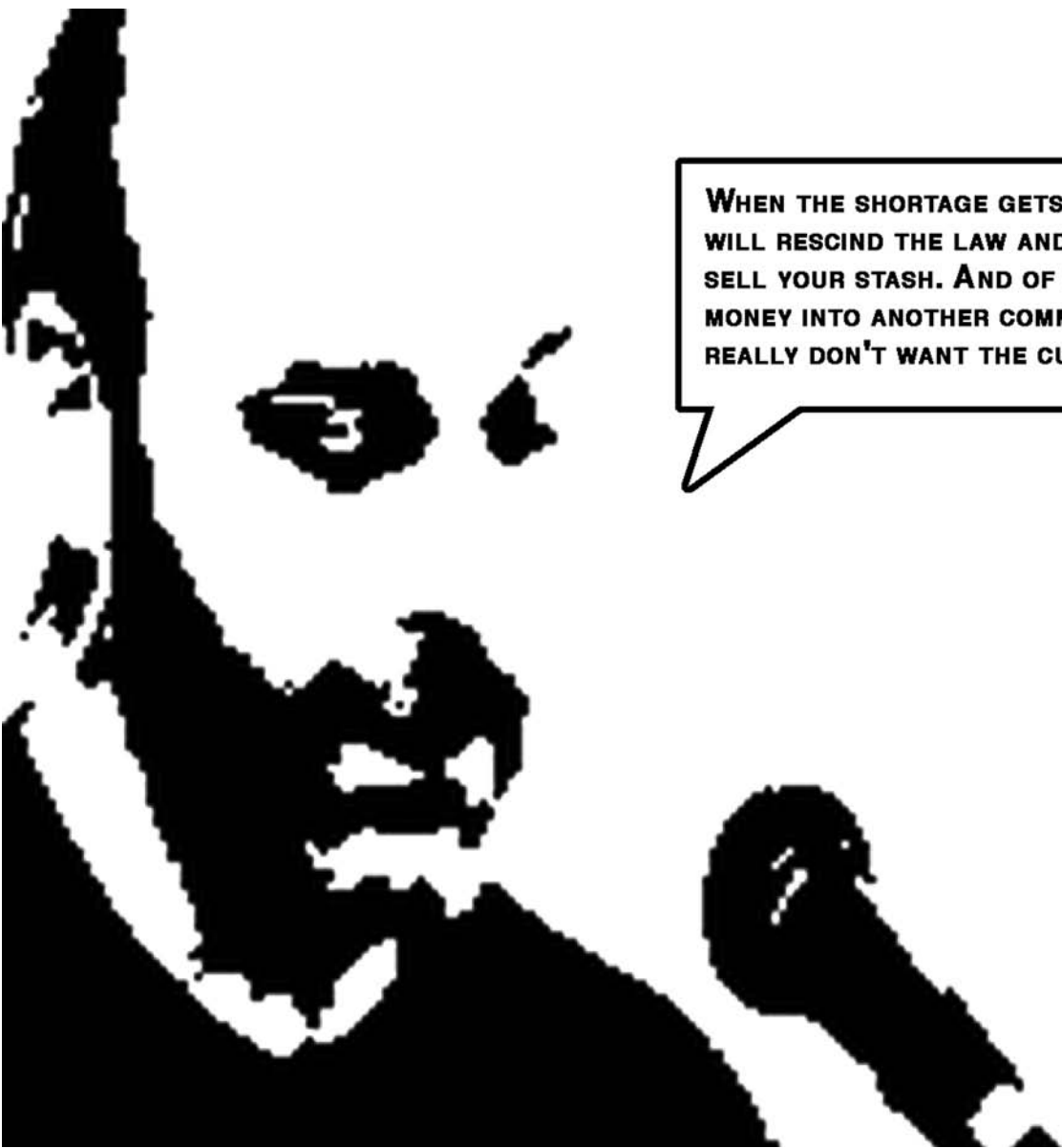


1490 COPPER-INCLUDING WHEATS 29.8 %
6 CANADIAN CU
3 CANADIAN OTHER
16 WHEATS
1974 - WITH KENNEDY IMPRINT FACING LINCOLN





**IT MAKES NO SENSE TO MELT COINS
WHEN THERE IS A LAW AGAINST IT.
HOARDING AND THE LAW BOTH WORK
TO INCREASE THE COPPER SHORTAGE,
MAKING PENNIES MORE VALUABLE.**



WHEN THE SHORTAGE GETS ESPECIALLY TIGHT THEY WILL RESCIND THE LAW AND THAT IS THE TIME TO SELL YOUR STASH. AND OF COURSE YOU PUT THE MONEY INTO ANOTHER COMMODITY BECAUSE YOU REALLY DON'T WANT THE CURRENCY.

THERE IS ANOTHER POSSIBILITY: THE ISSUING GOVERNMENT GOES TOES UP. IN THAT CASE YOU STILL WANT TO BE HOLDING COINS AS THEY WERE ORIGINALLY ISSUED BECAUSE THE CONTENT IS KNOWN.



**BRINKS Box #1 FOR THIS MORNING:
242 COPPER MEMORIALS
6 COPPER WHEATS
41 1982s- 31 COPPER, 10 ZINC.**



11.2%. My PERCENTAGES KEEP GETTING LOWER.



A man with a beard and mustache, wearing a dark t-shirt, is seated at a desk. He is looking towards the camera with a serious expression. In front of him is a professional microphone on a stand. To his right, another microphone on a stand is partially visible. A speech bubble originates from the man's mouth, containing text about copper prices and inventory.

**COPPER IS STILL ONLY 8000 FRN'S A TON.
WE HAD OUR FIRST INVENTORY BUILD IN WHAT,
TWO WEEKS?**



HIGHER ENERGY PRICES THIS SUMMER WILL BE IMPACTING MINERS, AND THE DECREASED DEMAND FROM A SLOWING ECONOMY, PROBLEMS IN CHILE AND SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD HAVE SOME EFFECT ON THE PRICE, IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. IT DOES SEEM TO HAVE AN UPWARD EMPHASIS.



SORTED
2500 TOTAL
2053 ZN
5 CANADIAN
2 WHEAT
440 CU
17.6%



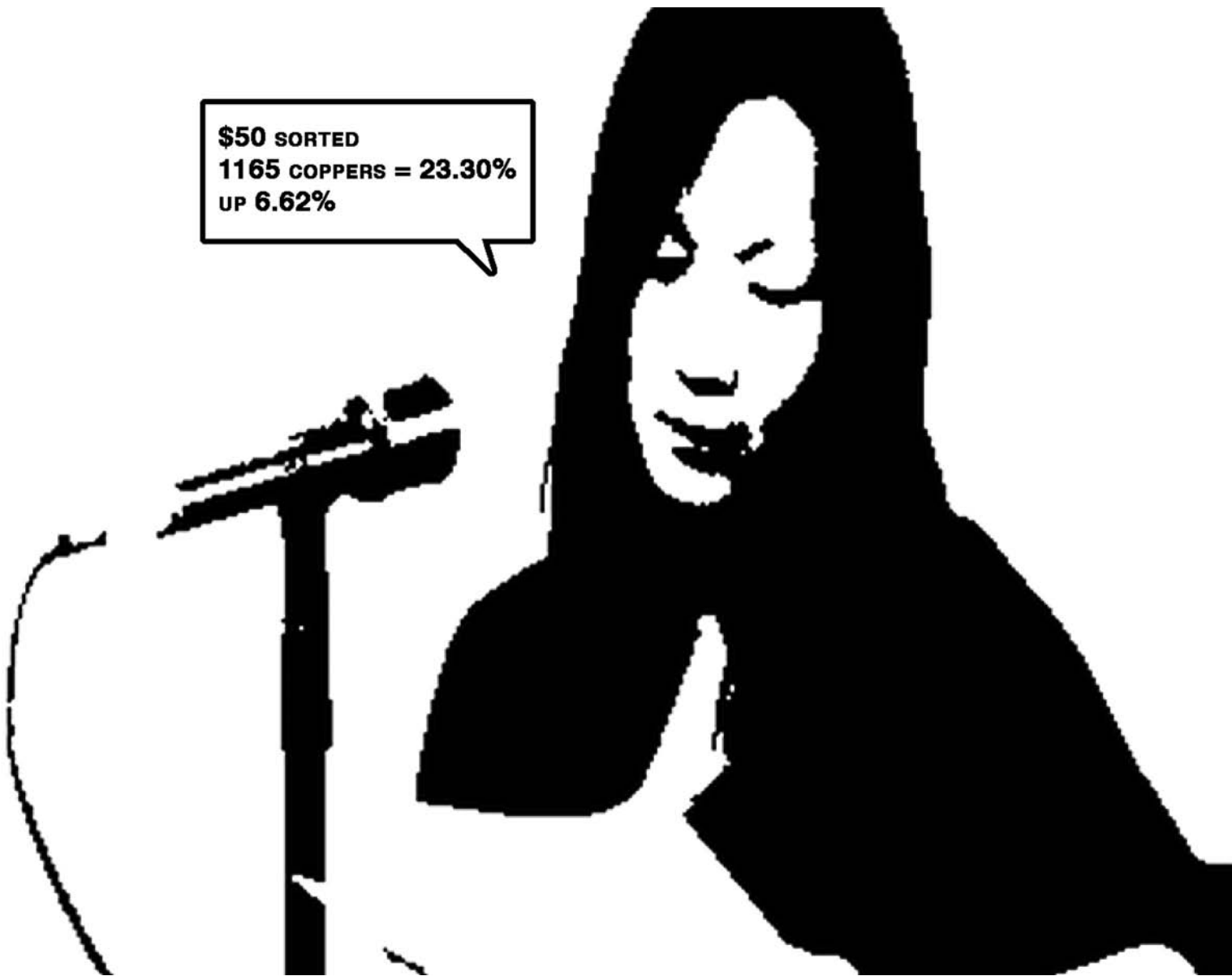
REFINERS CANNOT SIMPLY SMELT MORE METAL. IT TAKES YEARS TO GET A SMELTER UP AND RUNNING.

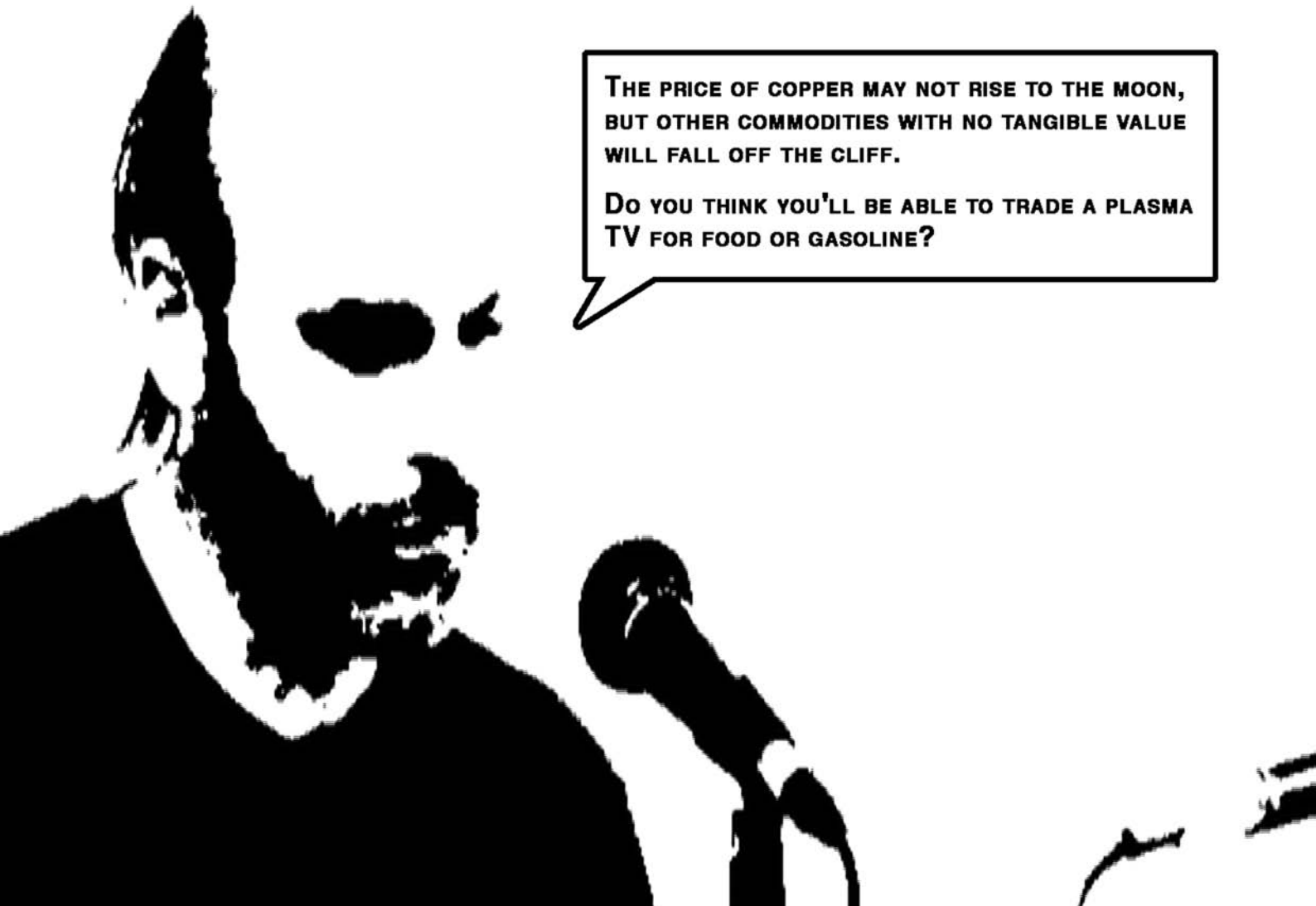


MINERS ARE UNABLE TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT EXTRACTED FROM THE GROUND WITHOUT RISKING ACCIDENTS.



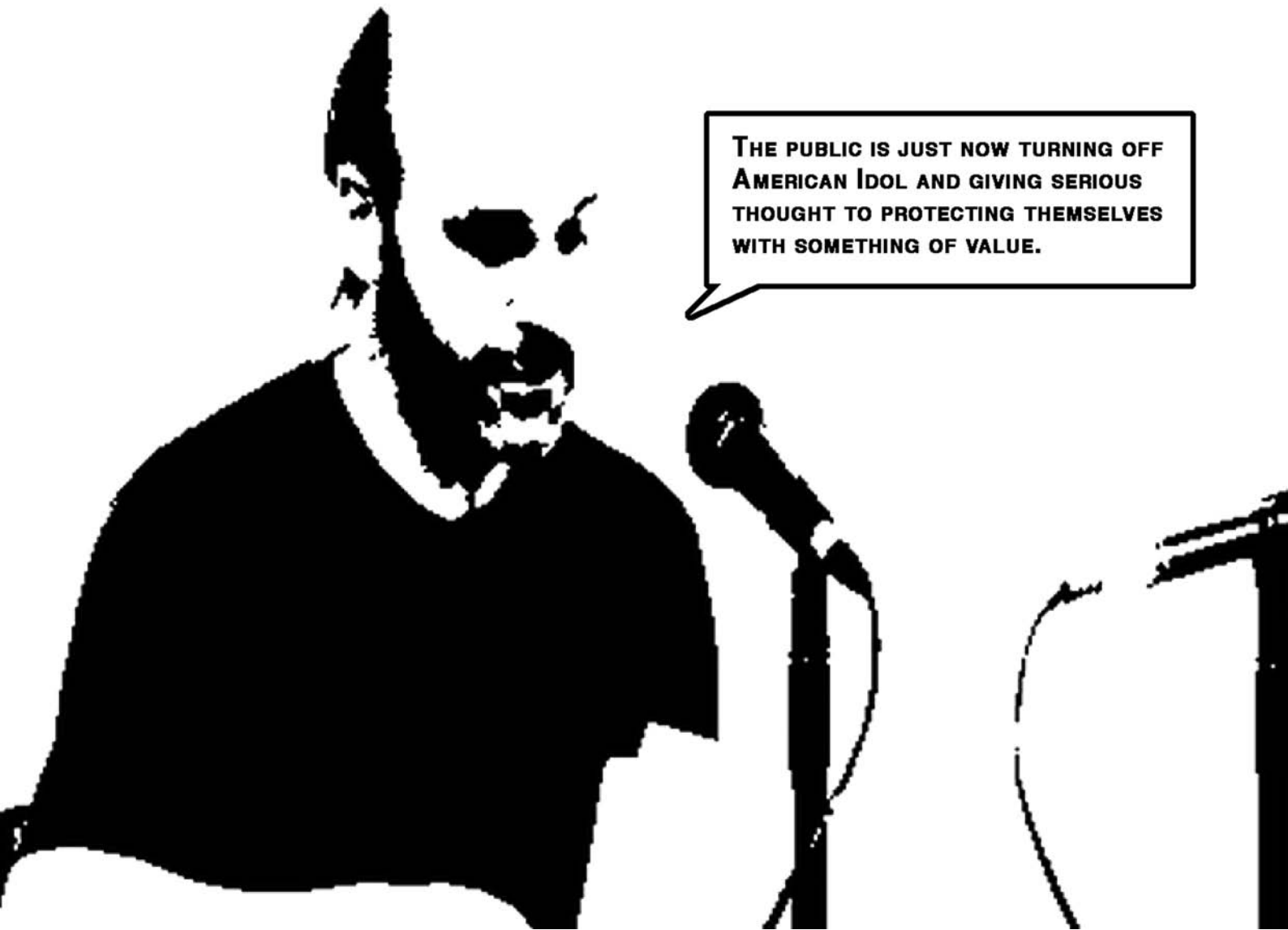
\$50 SORTED
1165 COPPERS = 23.30%
UP 6.62%






**THE PRICE OF COPPER MAY NOT RISE TO THE MOON,
BUT OTHER COMMODITIES WITH NO TANGIBLE VALUE
WILL FALL OFF THE CLIFF.**

**DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TRADE A PLASMA
TV FOR FOOD OR GASOLINE?**



**THE PUBLIC IS JUST NOW TURNING OFF
AMERICAN IDOL AND GIVING SERIOUS
THOUGHT TO PROTECTING THEMSELVES
WITH SOMETHING OF VALUE.**



**THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS FLOWING INTO
PRECIOUS METALS AND OTHER COMMODITIES
INCREASES DAILY.**





JUST WAIT, I DON'T THINK WE HAVE SEEN ANYTHING YET.



NICKELS

SORTED: 215,080

FOUND: 51,750

AVERAGE: 24.06%

NI WEIGHT: 517.50 LB !!! QUARTER TON!

FACE VALUE: \$2,587.50

MELT VALUE (26.44\$/LB): \$13,682.70

PROFIT: \$10,982.43

PROFIT %: 528.8%!

**WE ARE THE AGENTS OF GRESHAM'S LAW. WE ARE
THE AMERICAN ASSET RECOVERY PROGRAM.**

