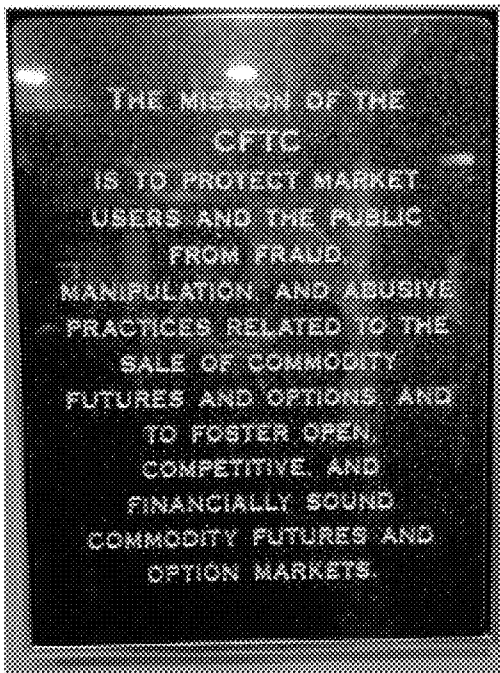


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I swear this is NOT an April Fool's joke. But maybe this is a long standing joke on the American people, ever since 1975.



The Plaque reads:

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CFTC, obey your plaque!

When the open interest in silver futures contracts exceeds 800 million oz., and when the silver on deposit for delivery is a mere 50 million oz., it does not take a genius to figure out that something is out of balance. That's only a 6% backing! Give us a break people!