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RENAISSANCE FOLDS!

The famed Science Fiction supplement of *New Libertarian Notes* of 1974 and 1975 ceased publication in a last issue published by editor John J. Pierce. The end was brought about by frustration resulting from confusion, poor communication, and a comedy of errors.

"This Is Absolutely the Last Issue of *Renaissance*" (Winter 1976) is the title of this final issue. In the first two pages, Pierce explains what he heard, read and understood.

Pierce explains that *Renaissance* had evolved from an anti-New Wave rallying journal in 1969 to "a sercon zine devoted to serious (but not aridly academic) reviews and articles on science fiction authors and their works, and on the nature and purpose of SF as a whole." It was the earlier purpose of *Renaissance* which attracted the editor of *NLN* to Pierce and his crusading journal. Samuel Edward Konkin III, editor of *New Libertarian Notes/Weekly*, hoped to win SF fans defending the rational/romantic individualistic "sense of life" in SF to expand their consistency to other fields; Pierce hoped to increase his audience by appealing to those whose philosophy should be a likely market.

Pierce notes that "*Renaissance* subscribers stayed away in droves." From SEK3's point of view, the problem was that the *Renaissance* subscribers were not; that is, they were never subscribers. Pierce had built up his circulation with the time-honoured practices of giveaways, trades, and a few collected dollars here and there. When prested with a bill for the goods, the "softness" of the mailing list was exposed. Also, being led to expect Pierce's generosity in subsidising *Renaissance* was inexhaustible, many probably assumed that threats to cancel subscriptions were idle.

Many libertarians reading *Renaissance* through *NLN* complained, but generally because of the dry, crude nature of many of the articles. Pierce's

crusading zeal and belligerent stance had unfortunately dampened by the time of the 1974 merger. Nonetheless, *NLN* subbers did accept or at least tolerate the addition, and some were enthusiastic.

The abortion of *NLN 39* during the West Coast move of New Libertarian Enterprises caused Pierce inconvenience because a review in that issue was quoted by a book publisher and put a friend of Pierce's on the spot. Konkin and Pierce exchanged letters in which Pierce accepted the offer of NLE's typesetting two full issues of *Renaissance* in compensation for the time lost in converting publishing schedules.

Pierce states that he sent a later letter and card to Konkin expressing concern and intention to take matters into his own hands; no such correspondence was received at NLE. Meanwhile, with *NLW* stabilized, SEK3 announced the revival of *Renaissance* under the new Supplement publishing plan. Under this plan, *Renaissance* was expected to not only be covered for backlog, but actually to resume regular appearance as a quarterly and even bi-monthly. Furthermore it would be issued entirely by NLE, thus freeing Pierce entirely of subsidy.

The critical incident in the comedy of errors was a simple bureaucratic error caused by NLE's creation of a separate Circulation Department. While Pierce was dropped from the "Exchange" list, he was not put on (as intended) to the "Life" list. And thus he was not even aware that *NLN* had resumed publication and Konkin's promises were being fulfilled as predicted. Since Pierce already had all the articles and layout done for the next *Renaissance* (aborted from *NLN 39*), no communication had been thought necessary to him by NLE, who assumed that Pierce was keeping up with events through *NLW*.

With the publication of Pierce's last, independent *Renaissance*, containing

KENNEL SENTENCED!

Doug Kennell, libertarian draft resister, received sentence on Monday, March 29, after being convicted on one count for failing to keep his draft board aware of his whereabouts.

He received two years on probation on condition he attend college during that time, or perform "alternative service." He is appealing the conviction.

Kennell's defense fund (The 13th Amendment Defense Fund) has received several hundred dollars to date, but more money is needed for the appeal. [Contributions should be made payable to Shawn Steel and can be sent to NLE, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801.]

Kennell's libertarian lawyer, Richard Deyo, is confident of winning on appeal, and making it a total victory for the long-underground resistance fighter.

New Libertarian Weekly will continue its up-to-the-week coverage of the Kennell case. ■



most of the articles that were scheduled for the *NLW Supplement Renaissance*, *NLW* has been forced to stop work on the Supplement for good. Finally apprised of what was going on by a third party, Pierce belatedly wrote Konkin to warn him of the duplication.

Pierce plans a new publication, bringing in several New York fans who were involved with *NLN* and keeping his *Renaissance* stable of contributors. Tentative name of the new venture is *Tension, Apprehension, and Dissension*. NLE has offered type and Konkin articles. *NLW* continues its weekly SF column, *Speculations*, and Konkin has published (as of press time) 8 issues of a "personalzine" *Clear Ether!* (not available by subscription).

For copies of *Renaissance's* last issue write John J. Pierce, 275 McMane Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922. 75¢ suggested. ■

NOTES & VIEWS

IN THIS ISSUE

Well, my Friendly Neighbourhood Anarchoreaders who have just gone through the cover story, look at it this way: What other libertarian publication would print a scandal about itself?

After all, could you see a headline in *Libertarian Forum* or *Reason* saying "NLW Exposes Itself"?

...IN THE PAST

Now that *NLW* has started its Calendar, don't forget to send us a notice of your libertarian event when you mail out press releases. Anywhere in the world...any world!

ISSUES TO COME...

Lots of goodies coming up!

Next week we run our *TAX IS THEFT!* issue, hand for introducing people you turned on at that demonstration to the Movement. Three weeks later, the long-awaited *Feminist Supplement* should be ready.

New *Supplements* in the works are Revisionism, possible on a quarterly basis, and a series on movement institutions, such as SIL.

How can you possibly stand it all! Relieve the tension by renewing your subscription early and getting your friends to subscribe (so YFNA can pay for it all)!

JUNK MAIL ATTACK

For various reasons, Your Friendly Neighbourhood Anarchoeditor waited over a month before checking a post office box containing forwarded personal mail. In the small pile of goodies he found three separate letters from the "MacBride for President Committee" and all beginning with "Dear Libertarian: I'm writing you thank you for your past support..."

I assume this part of the "Libertarian" Party's vaunted "educational program" is "Rewriting my History 100." But besides deciding my efforts to rid the Movement of this Trojan horse constitutes support, a far more sinister note is sounded.

Anarchofriends, I beg your forgiveness one last time this issue, for it was no less than YFNA who came up with the following historical analogy, hoping that it would lead marginal party-archs into seeing the long-term con-

sequences of short-term thinking. The analogy was between the Libertarian Party and the Free Soil Party of the 1840s.

In the 1850s, the small but ideological abolitionist (and otherwise libertarian as well) Free Soil Party drew abolitionist-minded Whigs from their crumbling Party and joined with many of the American Party ("Know Nothings") to form the Republican Party. In 1856 they ran John C. Fremont ("Free Land, Free Soil, Fremont!") and came in second. In 1860 Abraham Lincoln was on top of the ticket, and running against a split Democratic Party and the rump of the Whigs (Constitutional Union Party), won with 3/8 of the vote. You know the rest.

Substitute LP for Free Soilers, Republican for Whigs, and leave the American Party the same (or "American Independent" in some states) and the analogy is perfect. A perfect nightmare.

Back to the LP junk letter. "Indeed, when I view today's political situation, I'm reminded of a tiny third party, back in 1856 which arose out of widespread public discontent with government policy..." MacBride is wrong about the "tiny party..." Calling itself Republican for it was already a large-scale coalition by 1856. But so help me, the proclamation of intent stares us there as obviously as that of *Mein Kampf* or the *Communist Manifesto*. The LP seeks power, and sees a viable route towards it, and is taking it. The argument that the LP seeks only education is buried forever by this manifesto.

And it's delivered Junk Mail Class to your door. Sleep well, fellow libertarians.

BRIEFS

Last minute addition to Calendar: Speaker at the April 12 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles is Professor Wesley J. Liebeler of the UCLA Law School. He's a former Director of the Office of Policy Planning and Evaluation of the FTC and was Assistant Council to the Warren Commission! And is now a libertarian. To be introduced by the lovely and talented Anarcholawyer, Linda Abrams... And speaking of lovely and talented, our own Abby Goldsmith has a dynamite pro-countereconomic article on the front page of the latest *Southern Libertarian Review* (Vol. 2, No. 7, 1236 S. Taylor St., Apt. A, Arlington, VA

DON'T VOTE

—IT ONLY ENCOURAGES THEM—

SIMON JESTER

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ANARCHY

IS NOT A SYNONYM FOR CHAOS.
IT MERELY DESCRIBES A SOCIETY
WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT.
NOW, ON THE OTHER HAND,
THE WORD 'GOVERNMENT'...

SIMON JESTER

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Simon Jester

PALM-SIZE STICKERS FOR PUBLIC PLACES. 5 different stickers presently available, 3 more by February. #102, #103 (above); 50/\$3, 100/\$5.50, 200/\$10. Other subjects include taxation, public schools, libertarianism and more. **FREE Catalog.** Simon Jester, Dept. C, 5047 SW 26th Dr., Portland, OR 97201. **NLW**

22204, \$6/year). It's a happy marriage of Stirnerist and agoric theory...Lest I forget, that issue of *SLR* puts Scott Royce's zine in contention for best libertarian monthly of 1976. (Good thing *NLW*'s a weekly now!) Besides Howard Katz's dissection of Roy Childs ("If lying helps, then I say lie!"), and worthy offerings from Scott's regulars, Royce's own revisionist series *Civil Liberties During World War I* is coming to an exciting climax. Subscribe now, ask for the last four issues, and sit back for the conclusion as Scott takes you back to those thrilling days of yesteryear...*NLW* is breaking its rule of not mentioning any political meetings in the Calendar for one exception: the 1976 convention of the Libertarian Party of Canada. It's on the Victoria Day Long Weekend (May 24th). Two reasons for our exception: No libertarian meetings have been heard of in Canada, and we hope that the NLAers and sympathizers will raid the Con to recruit some people and get real activism going; secondly, an accompanying letter to the announcement of the Con specifically invites ex-members with no demand for membership. So to my fellow anarchocanadians (Steve? Are you there?), I say, go...enjoy...infiltrate! (Libertarian Party of Canada,

4866 Young St., Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5N2 for reservations.) . . . Two more libertarian marriages on the rocks in Southern California Movement. —SEK3

Speculations

THE STATE IS DEAD

by Cain Smith

Dear Sam:

The revolution put me out of work for two days. I don't exactly have my old job (abolishing the State does tend to reduce government jobs.) But the Transition Committee needed people to take inventory of the Federal government's assets. And who better for the job than the former Federal employees? I did it for a while instead of going to a Restitution Work Camp, but now I'm getting paid.

It's not a permanent job, of course. But after the inventory, they'll probably need people to help with redistributing the Federal assets to whomever is determined to be the rightful owners.

Dear Sam:

Don't worry, the Transition Committee knows what it's doing. I agree that in the long run, a libertarian society needs no armed forces. But in the short run, there's the Russian and Chinese states to contend with. Not to mention the states right on our border. You wouldn't want to wake up some morning to find yourself living under Canadian tyranny, would you?

As for your sarcastic question about reinstating taxes—the Federal assets will cover these temporary operations as long as necessary. It will cost you absolutely nothing.

Dear Sam:

The assessments are entirely voluntary. They are NOT taxes. As for basing them on income, what could be fairer or more practical? I can see how the withholding provision would bother you, but all you have to do is let the Transition Committee know you don't intend to pay.

Dear Sam:

Sorry to hear about your current problems. But after a few days in the Restitution Work Camp, I'm sure you'll realize you brought it on yourself. All you had to do was pay your Voluntary Assessment like the rest of us, and you wouldn't have incurred a debt to society. —Cain Smith

Francis Parker Yockey Expose PART TWO: MAN OF HATE

by Robert Brakeman

It's really too bad, the way it worked out, because Francis Yockey could have been a force for good in America. Instead, he became the only important fascist ideologue to be produced (or produce himself) in America after World War Two (I exclude the zombies of the American Nazi Party, the National Renaissance Party, and others of their type, as unworthy of attention). Yockey's birth occurred in the Windy City in 1917. His life was unexceptional until in 1946 he served at the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal. The shock of the United States working closely with one of history's two bloodiest dictatorships to condemn the other one apparently triggered something in Yockey.

(It did in a lot of other people, too. Some, like Senator Robert Taft, were concerned about the propriety of America participating in a proceeding which was nowhere sanctioned by our law, and which was flagrantly *ex post facto* as well, in that it called a crime that which had not been one when committed. Others, like probably a majority of conservatives in the nation, and many liberals, saw an obscenity in sitting *with* the Communists to condemn the Nazis—in their eyes the error was not in what we said and did with the fascists, it was in the insanity of letting equally evil types help us do it. [Libertarians, of course, believed the "judges" should be on the same side of the dock as the "defendants."])

Yockey looked at the real objections to Nuremberg and leaped from them into analyses of recent history which led him to conclude that Nuremberg was no aberration, but that America, and the rest of the west, was generally fighting on the wrong side, was generally acting against its own interests. Such a tragedy could only be the result of a master conspiracy, and Yockey concluded that the conspirators were the Jews. In 1948 (he had apparently quit the Nuremberg scene in disgust) Yockey produced *Imperium*, which says all the he had to say. It is a lengthy exposition of the standard components of fascism: anti-individualism, collectivism, authoritarianism, anti-commercialism, Western destiny. And of course it includes (in fact it is dominated by) the additional

factor which defines the particular type of fascism we know as Nazism: anti-semitism.

Yockey secured a private printing of 200 copies of *Imperium*, and they circulated mostly in circles disposed to accept that kind of thinking as reasonable; in 1948, with the memory of the war so fresh, that wasn't very many circles.

The next twelve years are mysterious ones, but the best evidence is that Yockey spent them travelling from country to country. The state department refused to renew his passport in 1952, because, his admirers say, of Jewish pressure. They also claim that he was harassed at every turn by the FBI, because Jewish-Communist forces were terrified that Yockey's intellect had penetrated the insidious nature of Judaism. Yockey was arrested in 1960, and while being held in custody in San Francisco, apparently committed suicide; his idolators of course believe he was murdered.

Like such disparate types as Abraham Lincoln and Joe Hill, Francis Yockey's greatest fame came after his death. He had been visited shortly before his demise by Willis Carton of Liberty Lobby, the Washington activist rightist group, and Carton adopted his memory and has been trying to make a legend out of him. Carton acquired the rights to *Imperium* and brought out a paperback edition which has achieved a good deal of popularity in anti-semitic places.

The tragedy of Yockey, and of his worshippers (they have their own groups, and they've caused some trouble in respectable conservative organizations) is that in explaining the suicidal nature of so much of recent American history, they've elevated an irrelevant factor, Jewishness, to an important position, to the subordination of the essential one: Leftist-Communist ideologies. The diversion and wastage of energies which that has caused is at least as much a tragedy as our current course itself. —RB

[Robert Brakeman is an incredibly prolific columnist, with a libertarian (praxeological) economic position, though somewhat conservative on foreign policy. His wide-ranging research is often of interest to radical libertarians. —SEK3]

Part one of Mr. Brakeman's expose appeared in New Libertarian Weekly 17, Apr. 4, 1976, at The Book Imperium.]



Emmanuel L. Wolf presents

Sean Connery and Michael Caine Christopher Plummer

In the John Huston-John Foreman film **The Man Who Would Be King**

Screenplay by John Huston and Gladys Hill based on a story by Rudyard Kipling
Music composed and conducted by Maurice Jarre Produced by John Foreman Directed by John Huston

Production Services by Royal Service Company "Technicolor" "Panasonic" A Persky-Bright/Deven Picture

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Based on a short story (12,000 words) first published in 1888-1890, *The Man Who Would Be King* is everything a good movie should be. Like John Millus's *The Wind and The Lion*, *The Man Who Would Be King* returns adventure and romance to the screen in epic scope, and faithfully recreates the storied mystery of India that Rudyard Kipling knew as a young journalist.

John Huston is a master story teller, and a director's director who at 70 still surpasses most of the other film makers today. Onto a gorgeous panorama representing India around the 1880s Mr. Huston has done justice to Kipling's classic short story.

From the opening shots of a marketplace in colonial India, a visual treat in itself, the film proceeds to tell what happens to two tough, wily ex-British Army sergeants turned con artists/soldiers-of-fortune, who journey to northern Afghanistan to carve out a kingdom in primitive Karfistan, a remote and undiscovered territory on the top of the world in the Hindu Kush, a rugged range of mountains filled with frozen peaks and glaciers, where no white man has been since Alexander the Great in the 4th century BC.

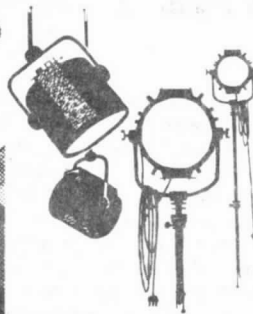
Sean Connery and Michael Caine are terrific as the two inseparable British ex-regimentals/rogues/con artists/soldiers-of-fortune, Danny Dravot and Peachy Carnehan. The last time I saw Sean Connery act this good was in a small film called *The Hill*. And of course Michael Caine is probably one of the most underrated actors today, as anyone who's seen *Sleuth* can tell you. Christopher Plummer is superb as Rudyard Kipling, the English journalist working on a newspaper in Lahore in the 1880s providing the link between us (the audience) and the two irresistible rascals. The music is by Maurice Jarre, whose eighty film scores include two Academy Awards (*Lawrence of Arabia* and *Dr. Zhivago*) and five Oscar nominations. The music is magnificent. Need I say more?

The Man Who Would Be King is sure to join the other classic films (*The Maltese Falcon*, *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*, *The African Queen*) of John Huston. If you have fond recollections of movies like *Four Feathers*, *Drums*, *Jungle Book*, *The Thief of Bagdad*, and *Gunga Din* then most assuredly *The Man Who Would Be King* is for you. ■

Please remember that to get your listing mailed out on time you must have it in at least one week before publication date or two weeks before cover date. All libertarian functions are listed except those which demand secrecy and political acti-

Cinema

by Chris Schaefer



Calendar

of Libertarian and Related Events

April 8, 1976 "Rational Feminism" with Caroline W. White, George and Diane Smith. *Forum for Philosophical Studies*, Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.), Hollywood. \$3.50.

April 10 National Tax Protest Day. Demonstration. Across the country, different times and places. Society for Individual Liberty, P.O. Box 1147, Warminster, PA 18974. Also LP and some local groups.

April 11 Strategy meeting of the Southern California New Libertarian Alliance. 3:00 P.M. Anarchovillage Apt. 3, 1838 E. 7th St., Long Beach. Assistance to the Libertarian Feminist cause, participation in Tax Demos to be considered. Other topics if relevant. Update on CounterCampaign 76. || Southern California Association of Libertarian Feminists (SCALF) meeting at home of Sheila Wymer, 1600 W. Willow #9, Long Beach (near Santa Fe). 7:30 P.M.

April 12 "Economic Roundtable Discussion on the Coming Depression of the 1980s." Washington, D.C. at noon. Call Scootch at 225-6611. || *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles*, Beneficial Plaza Cafeteria, Lincoln and Jefferson Rooms, 2nd Floor, 3700 Wilshire (1 block east of Western Ave.) 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$6.50), 8:30 for talk only (\$1).

April 14 "Bentham and the U.S.A." Lecture by H.L.A. Hart of Oxford U. at the University of Chicago Law School Auditorium, Chicago. Part of series "1776: The Revolution in Social Thought." 4:30 P.M. [Jeremy Bentham was a founder of the Philosophic Radical Party, a proto-libertarian group.]

April 15 TAX IS THEFT! Fifth Annual Demonstration of old and New Libertarian Alliances. This year mostly sticker campaign. Demos expected in L.A., New York, Florida, Oregon, Hawaii, Pennsylvania, possibly elsewhere. Other libertarian groups may be having independent protests.

April 21 "Blackstone and Bentham" by Rich A. Posner, University of Chicago. U of C Law Auditorium. 4:30 P.M., Series "1776: The Revolution in Social Thought."

April 24 "Must Anarchists be Mutants?" SEK3 initiates discussion on Poul Anderson's *Winter of the World*. Combination Frefen meeting with the Speculative Fiction Association of Long Beach (SFALB). 7:30 P.M. Anarchovillage Apt. 3, 1838 E. 7th St. Phone (213) HEAL VEX for directions *Friday night only!* To be followed by Frefanzine 3 collation. (Send out-of-town contributions to Ken Gregg, P.O. Box 2790, Long Beach, CA 90801 at least a week in advance of collation.)

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TAX DEMONSTRATIONS SWEEP THE NATION!

TAX REBELLION!

by Charles Curley

A roundup of events related to taxes and tax rebellion, in a quick summary (IRS agent subscribers: be sure to take *readable* notes—helpful CRC). Charlottesville, VA saw a major tax protest on April 15th, led by *Southern Libertarian Review's* Vincent Drosdik III, several right-wing organizations, and the Virginia Taxpayers Association (Box 663, Lynchburg, VA 24505). Hawaii got both barrels from Jerry Dickson: April 14 saw a noon protest in front of the Federal Building. Interviews and newspaper mentions are expected. April 21 will see a "pot luck" dinner (does that mean that, with any luck, you will get the pot?—CRC) at the home of Jerry Dickson (808/373-0884, & get directions), with a talk on tax rebellion by the omnipresent Jerry Dickson. This is as good a place as any to mention that the Federal taxes on Hawaii have increased from 1954 to 1974 by a mere 702.35%.

Tax rebel & rebellion leader Karl Bray will get a coming out party on April 24, Saturday, at the Airport Century Inn, 5547 W. Century Boulevard, L.A. (near LAX). A mere \$7.00 a head gets you a dinner and the privilege of listening to Bruce LaGasse, a California Partyarch, Hank Hohenstein, author of *The IRS Conspiracy* (Arlington House), and Karl Bray, who will speak on "Gulag, American Style," if the Gulag, ah, Federal authorities let him out in time. For more info call (213) 345-FREE.

Going on right now as your friendly neighborhood columnist struggles to meet a deadline on April 10th is an anti-tax demonstration in downtown Los Angeles, with speakers to include

Bob "The Friendly Lion" Lyons, editor of *T.R.U.E. News* (Box 424, Altadena, CA 91001), Dr. R.L. Kuxhaus, of the Liberty Amendment Committee, and Bill Westmiller, formerly LPCa State Chairman, and LPCa Senate candidate Lynn Kinsky. Mike Hall will be there with his libertarian guitar. *NLW* has a reporter on the spot, and we will have a report either in this issue or the next!

Howie Katz reports a turnout of approximately twenty people in front of the IRS building in New York. Howie reports that "nothing unusual" happened, and it sounded like your ordinary, off-the-shelf tax demonstration.

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ROTHBARD & MILLEN RESIGN FROM PARTY!

by Howard Katz

[Near midnight, April 11, Charles Curley played a recorded message on his tape recorder. The news was sufficiently exciting to get Your Friendly Neighbourhood Anarchoeditor out of bed to come listen to. It was from Howard Katz in New York, calling to tell us the results of his check as to whether the rumours he mentions in his article below were true. Indeed, they were.]

Katz was told by Secretary Martin Nixon that he has received written resignations from Murray N. Rothbard, chief theoretician of the libertarian movement and usually credited with its founding, and from Andrea Millen, former State Chairperson of the Free Libertarian Party, one of the first editrices of the Free Libertarian newsletter, and presently National Vice-Chairperson of the Party. How did it happen? Here is Howie's report: —SEK3]

Libertarian Review Unfolds New Look!

The *Libertarian Review* magazine has converted its format to a more marketable-looking "Intellectual Tabloid" size newspaper, similar in style to the *New York Review of Books*, *Rolling Stone*, and other medium-circulation tabs.

The publication began as a book list for *Books for Libertarians* service four years ago. Publisher Robert Kephart had tried to being a "Libertarian Review" full-scale magazine at the time, but fell back on the "newsletter format" when the speculation proved unfeasible. Although acknowledging the continued unprofitability of the venture, Kephart and Editor Karl Pflock say confidentially, "*Libertarian Review* fully intends to make its mark as a serious and important review: a periodical of major intellectual importance and the *only* major review explicit in its commitment to the principles of economic and civil liberty."

As front-page lead story in this historic first issue (March-April 1976, Vol. V., No. 2), G. William Domhoff, the leading researcher today on American ruling class reviews *The Rockefeller Syndrome* by Ferdinand Lundberg. The centerfold spread contains a debate on the merits of the Libertarian Party by James Toole (former Florida Chairman), Samuel Edward Konkin III (*NLW's* editor) and Edward H. Crane III (present National Chairman). The debate is also an historic first (see *NLW3*).

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Sam, you really should have been there last weekend for the FLP state convention. It was knock-down politics with no holds barred. Even the fight over the Victory Fund was not as bad as this.

Going into the convention we had two announced candidates for State Chair—Lee Schubert and Gary Greenberg. Some choice. I had been unable to find anyone willing to run against them. But Friday night Art O'Sullivan and some others persuaded John Deane (an objectivist from the Albany area) to run. Of course their votes were divided, and ours were united; even so John's victory was impressive:

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IN THIS ISSUE

A flurry of activity in the Movement this past week and so Your Friendly Neighbourhood Anarchoeditor will skip his editorial this ish. (Keep down that noisy applause there.) Tune in next week for your dose of witty, brilliant, acerbic commentary.

...IN THE PAST

One of the editorial triumvirs of *Reason* assured us he was quite perturbed at YFNA's charges of bias. He assured me that should I check the *Reason Index*, I was bound to find an article by someone with an opposing view.

For those of you out there who got my point a little better than Our Friendly Neighbourhood Minarcho-competitor, perhaps you could take up the task of enlightening with a few choice letters.

Reason subbers preferably should write with an "Attention: M. Klausner." And don't fear spitting in the ocean; you'd be surprised how four or five letters can be a tidal wave of public opinion to an editor.

ISSUES TO COME...

Late-breaking tax news for Charles, Hawaiian Counter-Economics from Jerry, and a social disease from Scott...er, make that an expose of social legislation concerning disease and we are waiting for a film survey by Chris, more fannish goodies from Cain, *Supplements* from nearly everybody and *Epistles to the Editor* from you!

BRIEFS

Wesley J. Liebler turned out to be quite a "dark horse" speaker at the Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles on April 12. Some personalities not seen all that regularly at LSC included Chuck Estes, Hank Hohenstein, Manny Klausner, and Sy Leon. Liebler supported "burrowing from within" (he formerly worked for the FTC). Asked what his opinion was of the Warren Commission for which he was assistant counsel, he concurred with the Commission's conclusions...New Libertarian Alliance moved to close its strategy meetings to non-members at the April 11 meeting. *Strategy*, the NLA bulletin, has rejected several institutional subscribers for not being

members...SCALF meeting (also April 11) had a discussion of the position papers of the Rational Feminist Symposium (see below). Diane Smith's paper generated the most heated discussion. SCALFers are focussing on their Counter-Economic projects on midwifery and libertarian schools, and "CR." SCALF now has a P.O. Box of its own: P.O. Box 2790, Long Beach, CA 90801...*Rational Feminist Symposium* (April 8) hosted by the Forum for Philosophical Studies contrasted the theory and survey approach of Caroline White with the practical "here's what I do" stance of Diane Smith and the critical appraisal of George Smith. Diane's praxeological approach to sex drew fire from neo-objectivists and George's appeal to look at the macho stance as psychological rather than "sexist" manifestation was counter-criticised from YFNA and several others. Good show.... Some East Coast Briefs from Scott: "The Bilderbergers will be holding their annual secret conference in Western Virginia's mountains at the end of this month...Vincent Drosdick sponsored a speech by David Friedman at U.Va. on March 25. Topic: 'Laissez Faire in Population—The Least Bad Solution'...Scott Royce and David Nickel are among Northern Va. libertarians now working with the state steering committee of Virginia NORML...Arlington YRs sponsored a debate last month on S.I., the proposed criminal code reform bill. ACLU spokesman Jay Miller creamed the representative of the Senate Judiciary Committee...Col-orful attorney James Laughlin of D.C., one of those who defended the FDR sedition case figures [see *NLW1*], passed away last month."—ESR.... And some Hawaiian briefs from Jerry: "In February the film *The Incredible Bread Machine* was shown extensively throughout Hawaii, to legislators, the mayor of Honolulu, and the City Council, to schools, to public assemblies, etc...Susan Love Brown was in Hawaii for a week plugging the film. She was interviewed at length by a daily *The Honolulu Advertiser*, a local TV station, and excerpts of the movie were shown on the news. In general a very good media exposure...I am currently writing a series of book reviews for a counterculture type publication here—*Sunbuns*. Circulation is 10,000 all over the island. It will be interesting to see the reaction to my

hard core review of *Harvey Wasserman's History of the United States*, just published."—JD...Bonnie Briefs from Chicago! (Hmmm...) "Will Kinney is not the new editor of *The Illinois Libertarian* [LP zine]. Kenneth Jameson is. He's a total unknown...Russ Meek's talk at the March *None of the Above* was excellent. He has a radio show and often writes on Gun Control in *Search For Truth News*."—BK.... Would you believe YFNA praising a LPer for hard-core, counter-economic action? Ernst Gehrmann, from Marina del Rey, has organized motorists to ride down the Santa Monica Freeway's Diamond lane. The new law forbids vehicles with less than a driver and two passengers in the lanes marked with diamonds. Needless to say, Ernst is not waiting around to get a majority vote to set up a committee to study the feasibility of drawing up a petition to a legislative committee...ad nauseum. A big Hard Core, there, Ernst!—SEK3

NEW LOOK UNFOLDED

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Ralph Raico writes a birthday (50th) greeting and appreciation for Murray Rothbard. Other reviews include *Show Me!* (sex education), revisionism on DNA research, and *Illuminatus!* (also reviewed in *NLW3*). Walter Grinder's news column "Libertarian Cross Currents" is badly out-of-date but has a far higher concentration of academic news than any other movement publication.

[Grinder's reply to a letter by Bruce Ramsey in the "Afterword" section is a masterpiece of hard-core logic, worthy of *NLW*, and an excellent example of what the Murray Rothbard of 1969 was like. Worth the price of the issue by itself.—SEK3]

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Speculations

Prozine Reviews by Cain Smith

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Roger Elwood, sf's prime entrepreneur, first became known for his role in the original-anthology boom.

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His greatest success has been persuading a highly competent publisher of lowgrade women's novels that sf would be the equivalent for men. Now he's persuaded the publisher of *Saga* and *UFO Reports* that an sf magazine would fit in with the latter. "For those tens of millions... who thrill to the adventures seen on *Space: 1999*, and are still gripped by the exploits of *Star Trek*..."

Elwood seem to have bought names; bought anything so long as a well-known sf name was attached. Hence a quartet of stories Ray Russell wrote when he was nine or ten. Less of an insult to the reader, we have Robert Bloch's *Worldcon Report* as told by a Funny Alien; something Bloch could have sold previously only during the prozine boom of the Fifties. (Since there's a reference to SFWA, it was written more recently than that—but why?) And a typical Barry Malzberg story; though the techniques and mannerisms Malzbergs imports from the high-literary genre wouldn't seem appropriate for the intended readership.

Someday I'll Find You, Thomas N. Scortia. On a dying world, the head of government is trying to maintain power long enough to get his people offworld. A good beginning for an adventure story. There is evidence of another intelligent race somewhere; an incredibly ancient probe with such markings as "USA" and "NASA." If Scortia had not chosen the most banal possible surprise ending, it still might have been salvageable; despite clumsy writing, cardboard politics, and characters made of laminated chicken fat. I'm told it is highly probable that only the markings given would be left on such a probe, incidentally; and it is alleged to come from a world circling a G0 star, when Sol is actually G2.

Jeremiah, Born Dying, Joseph Green. The protagonist searches the Galaxy for the secret of immortality. He returns home to find the Bluebird of Happiness. Corniness need not kill a story. However, the nearest thing to originality in the background is use of a Simak-type robot rather than Asimov's model. And there's the feeling one is being told *about* the story rather than being told the story, which alone would be fatal.

The Prisoner of New York Island, "Federick" Pohl. Two members of a group marriage are searching for the body of their fiancée. If they can find just a fragment, they can clone from it a child which would be him in body if not in mind. The background is late Sixties model post-catastrophe; which dates a story almost as badly as refer-

ences to Vietnam would. But still a decent story.

Bind Your Sons to Exile, Jerry Pournelle. The first step in establishment of an Asteroid Belt civilization. (I suspect it of being the start of a series.) I found myself cheering for the colonists as they separate themselves farther from Terran repression—even though it takes a great deal to persuade me to suspend my disbelief far enough that I can accept a naval vessel as the model of a free society. The protagonist is well-drawn and plausible, rather more so than most sf heroes (including most of Pournelle's). The only real mistake Pournelle seems to have made is to put prologue and epilogue in third person with body of the story in first. (That someone at *Odyssey* left out the word "prologue" and all signs of separation from the body didn't help.) Pournelle presumably knew what he was doing; which does not mean he was wise to do it.

Beneath the Hills of Azlaroc, Fred Saberhagen. An interestingly strange world, and nothing worthwhile done with it. The story is hackneyed; the effects of the basic strangeness hard to keep in mind; and the scientific doubletalk implausible.

Silverbob's Book Review Corner, Robert Silverberg. Wherein is explained how Silverberg is able to choose for praise precisely the sf I would pass up. He prefers what he calls fourth-generation sf. Briefly: first generation: "Naive, wide-eyed stuff, full of innocent rapturous wonder at the glories of the boundless universe..." "It was the accomplishment of the second-generation writers to reinterpret the material of the pioneers..." "In the third generation, this preoccupation with literary technique became obsessive..." "Fourth-generation writers have assimilated all the storytelling tricks, but they have lost all faith in the plausibility of the stories."

Not one word about science. Nothing said about the sociopolitical concerns which sf writers since Wells have chewed at. And most certainly, not a word about the possibility of *new* material. In a world which since 1926 has seen such advances as Keynesian economics, molecular biology, LSD, suitcase nukes, pocket calculators and the beginning of spaceflight, surely there's room for newer technological and social speculation?

Silverberg ends by making it clear he's reviewing for those who have "grown and deepened" (precisely *not* the sort of reader *Odyssey* is aimed at, of course.) I consider that I've grown and deepened since I eagerly read

Silverberg's early work; but apparently not in the same direction.

Odyssey's ads have brought well-deserved derision. However, it has much more advertising than any other sf magazine. If the publisher can keep this up (quite likely; the ads are the same ones run in their other magazines), *Odyssey* may have a much longer life than its quality would earn it. —Cain Smith

FLLP CONVENTION

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Deane-36; Schubert-15; Greenberg-11. After the victory Carolyn Keelen rejoined the FLLP.

I expected the next test of strength to come on resolutions. We had submitted our declaration on tactics as a resolution in order to force a vote on it. Roy Childs was running for State Committee-person-at-large, but since we had five signers of the declaration running and since only seven people were running for five seats, I saw no way we could keep him off. Here our votes would be divided, and theirs would be united.

CHILDS DEFEATED

To my surprise, and despite some bullet voting for Childs, he finished seventh out of seven. The vote was: Guy Riggs-23; Serena Stockwell-23; Charlie Blood-23; Carl Hastings (a new arrival from Florida)-22; Dennis Schuman-21; John Caulfield-19; Roy Childs-18.

At the defeat of his protegee Murray left the Convention; I do not think he will return. [Confirmed!—See above!]

But during the nomination for Senate (won by Marty Nixon) Murray and Andrea (and some others) got to Charlie Blood. I don't know what they said, but evidently they conveyed a great deal of anger, and, although Charlie did not concede the issue about lying, he felt that some conciliatory move was needed to prevent a split. Without telling me what he was going to do, he asked for the microphone and announced that he was resigning his State Committee seat and urged the Convention to nominate Roy Childs.

All Hell broke loose. When I started to argue against Charlie, Andrea walked out of the Convention; I do not think she will return either. [She didn't. Again, see above.] Nominations were reopened. Roy Childs and John Caulfield were put in nomination. Neither was present at the time, but just before the voting Caulfield showed up. He promptly urged everyone to vote for Childs.

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The vote was Caulfield-11; Childs-9. John then announced that he was resigning effective at the end of the Convention and that he hoped Childs would be chosen in his place. By this time Childs had been notified of events and had arrived. He declared that he would not accept a seat on the State Committee and that he was thinking of leaving the FLP.

That ended matters for the time being. Since then I have heard a report that Murray, Andre, Gary and Roy Childs are leaving the FLP. [No resignations have been received from Greenberg and Childs as of this time.]—HK

TAX DEMOS

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Sunday, April 11th saw a Bicentennial Tax Conference at the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago. Speakers included Rene Baxter, editor of *Freedom Fighter*, attorney John J. Matonis, tax rebel Paul Stout, and LP VP candidate David Bergland. As Matonis has been critical of the methods which Baxter advocates, this should have been a lively confrontation.

Also scheduled for Chicago was an April 15th evening demonstration in from the Chicago Post Awful. Organizer Bonnie Kaplan says, "Bring your own signs." The U.S. Snail usually has a main P.O. in major cities open evenings on April 15th so that last-minute filers can get their returns postmarked in time. This demonstration can be expected to reach a lot of pissed-off taxpayers! Call 312-0412.

Scheduled for the same night at the main Post Office is a San Diego demonstration. Call the Libertarian Alternative for more information on how it turned out.

Lawrence Samuels, of the Society for Libertarian Life, reported to us on the Orange County tax demonstration in the Santa Ana Civic Center Plaza, the location of the IRS office. About forty people showed up to hear talks by Donna Noble, Karl Bray's wife, Dave Bergland and SLL vice-chairman Rod Boyer, a former SLL rep. After the speeches, a funeral march was presented, with a coffin labeled "Tomb of the unknown taxpayer," and "Death of Freedom." Four pallbearers carried the casket, compleat with wreath, to the courthouse and jail nearby. Considerable attention was attracted, and reporters from the *Santa Ana Register* and *Anaheim Bulletin* were there. This demonstration rates three black flags (■ ■ ■) in our opinion.

Scheduled for that evening is a reception for Karl Bray, who was expected to be out of the Bastille, er, Terminal Island Federal Penitentiary, but is being held still. Bray will be out on appeal, but has been hit with a \$50,000 bail, which Bray believes to be the highest ever for a misdemeanor. Isn't it nice to know you're wanted, Karl?



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of Libertarian and Related Events

April 21 "Blackstone and Bentham" by Rich A. Posner, University of Chicago. U of C Law Auditorium. 4:30 P.M., Series "1776: The Revolution in Social Thought." || Pot Luck Dinner with Dickson on Tax Revolt. At home of Jerry Dickson, Honolulu, Hawaii.

April 24 "Must Anarchists be Mutants?" SEK3 initiates discussion on Poul Anderson's *Winter of the World*. Combination *Frefen* meeting with the Speculative Fiction Association of Long Beach (SFALB). 7:30 P.M. Anarchovillage Apt. 3, 1838 E. 7th St. Phone (213) HEAL VEX for directions *Friday night only! To be followed by Frefanzine 3* collation. (Send out-of-town contributions to Ken Gregg, P.O. Box 2790, Long Beach, CA 90801 at least a week in advance of collation.) || "Laissez-Faire Homecoming '76" honouring Karl Bray with Hank Hohenstein, Bruce Lagasse. \$7 at door. [Warning: money goes to Libertarian Party.] Airport Century Inn, 5547 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles. || "Worker's Management vs. Bureaucratic State Capitalism" Mike Hargis of IWW (and SRAF). 9 P.M. College of Complexes, St. Regis Hotel, Clark and Grand, Chicago.

May 3 "The Relationship of Self-Esteem to Politics and Social Philosophy." Talk by Nathaniel Branden at Fullerton College Theater, 321 E. Chapman, corner of Lemon. \$2. Sponsored by Society for Libertarian Life, Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92631. (714) 526-1873.

May 6 *None of the Above* (NOTA) social meeting. (1st Thursday.) 8 P.M. Phone (312) 935-0412 for location.

May 9 Southern California Association of Libertarian Feminists (SCALF). Topics include Counter-Economic Midwifery, Libertarian pre-schooling, consciousness-raising. Home of Sandy McIntosh, 2116 W. Spring St., Long Beach.

May 10 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Gordon Smith on Post-Galambosianism. Dinner now \$6.95 at 7:15 P.M., talk only \$1 at 8:30. Beneficial Plaza Cafeteria, Lincoln and Jefferson Rooms, 2nd Floor, 3700 Wilshire (1 block east of Western).

May 13 Forum for Philosophical Studies "Sexual Myths and Misconceptions" Bill Peeler, therapist with the Bio-Centric Institute, specializing in sexuality. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

May 16 Pre-NOTA Brunch, noon. \$1.50. 607 W. Wrightwood, Apt. 703, Chicago, IL 60614. Reserve by May 10. || *None of the Above* Talk 2:00 P.M. "Scientific Revolutions and How The Market for Ideas is Precisely That" by James D. McCawley, professor of linguistics at the University of Chicago and candidate for U. of Ill. trustee. Donation requested. For location phone (312) 935-0412.

May 19 C.S. Lewis Society of Southern California "Mini-topics on C.S. Lewis" One by Samuel Konkin on "C.S. Lewis: Rational Individualist." Also Mythopoetic Society BNFs Glen Goodknight, Antoinette Brenion. 7:30 P.M. University of Southern California Religious Center, L.A.

May 21-24 LPC Convention '76. [Warning: Money goes to Libertarian Party of Canada.] Includes Sunday Luncheon with Richard Needham of the *Toronto Globe and Mail*; banquet with Yankee statist (Louisiana legislature) Woody Jenkins; dance, seminars, political workshops and partyac. \$35 includes all events plus printed program book. Holiday Inn, downtown Toronto. Reservations from Libertarian Party of Canada, 4866 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5N2.

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SUPREME COURT AIDS TAX REBELLION!

by Charles Curley

On March 23, the Supreme Court handed down a decision which the tax rebellion movement will welcome with open arms. *Garner v. United States* (44 LW 4323, case #74-100) states that once you have filed a Form 1040, the information in it may be used against you. The Court stated, however, that you may elect not to file to preserve your Fourth and Fifth Amendment rights.

Roy Garner was a professional gambler, and was tried for gambling. In the process of the trial, the IRS was subpoenaed and produced Garner's income tax returns for several years, on which he had listed his occupation as "gambler." Garner, of course, appealed to the Supreme Court on the grounds that his Fourth and Fifth Amendment rights were being violated.

Under *United States v. Sullivan* (274 U.S. 259, 1927), the Supreme Court said that one may claim a Fifth Amendment privilege on one's return. In *Garner*, this principle was expanded. For one thing, the Court pointed out that, "Given *Sullivan*, it cannot fairly be said that taxpayers are 'volunteers' when they file their tax returns."

Since *Sullivan* allows the government to use the defendant's income tax return in a proceeding, the Court reasoned that, "The information revealed in the preparation and filing of an income tax return is, for the purposes of Fifth Amendment analysis, the testimony of a witness..." This, of course, means that you are in the position of a witness when you file, but you also get the benefits! One of these benefits is the right against self-incrimination, the great Fifth Amendment privilege.

"Only the witness knows whether the apparently innocent disclosure sought in an investigation of himself may incriminate him, and the burden appropriately lies with him to make a timely assertion of the privilege. If, instead, he discloses the information sought, any incriminations properly are viewed as not compelled." In other words, *once you've let the government have any information, that's it: they can use it against you in a criminal case!* Obviously, you must not give them the information!

But what about 26 U.S.C. 7203, the section of the IRS code which requires you to make a return? The Court spits it out: "A sec. 7203 conviction cannot be based on a valid exercise of the privilege..." Furthermore, the Court has held that an individual summoned by the [Internal Revenue] Service to provide documents or testimony can rely on the privilege to defend against a sec. 7203 prosecution for failure to 'supply any information'."

In a concurring statement, Justice Marshall said, "Since a good-faith erroneous assertion of the privilege does not expose a taxpayer to criminal liability, I would hold that the threat of prosecution does not compel incriminating disclosures in violation of the Fifth Amendment."

Should you make a "good faith assertion of the privilege" by filing a Fifth Amendment return, *a la* Porth? Well, the Court turned to two previous cases, *Marchetti v. United States*, 390 US 39 (1968), and *Grosso v. United States*, 390 U.S. 62. As cited in *Garner*, "Since submitting a claim of privilege in lieu of the returns also would incriminate, the Court held that the privilege could be exercised by *simply failing to file*." (Emphasis added.) Need we say more?

—CRC

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**Flu Needle Is
Federal Ripoff!**

by Eric Scott Royce

The administration's swine influenza vaccination program, sold to Congress and to the public as a vital emergency health measure, appears upon reconsideration to be just another Washington boondoggle. The program will prove to be merely a multi-million dollar subsidy to pharmaceutical companies and to egg producers.

*[Continued on page seven]***Report on Tax
Demonstration!**

by Bob Cohen

A seminar organized by Tax Reformers United Endeavor (T.R.U.E.) was held April 10 and 11. The first day, Saturday, sessions were held at the Ontra Cafeteria in Los Angeles. The second part of the seminar was held on the Queen Mary in Long Beach. On the first day the speakers were Robert Lyon, Walter Froemberg, Gary Cipponeri, John Schmitz, John Kelley, Armen Condo and Martin Larson.

*[Continued on page three]***Anti-War Folk
Singer Dies!**

by Eric Scott Royce

Karl Hess once told an anarchist conference in New York that although he had wandered all over the political spectrum, there was one thing he was thankful that he had never been—a liberal. Phil Ochs, a folk singer/writer popular during the 1960s, sometimes expressed the same disdain for those on the Left who were unwilling to accept his more radical commitment to basic changes in the American system.

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IN THIS ISSUE

As we roll you are twentieth number, dear anarchoreader, we thought we'd give you an extra high. A taste of what *NLW* could look like every week. (And better—when has your ever-lovin' *NLW* staff rested on their anacholaulrels?)

We'd like to put issues like this in your hands every week, and special issues would be bigger and better. Photos. Art. Cartoons. More money for writers. (Cut that cheering down back there.) And more and better for you and the Movement.

Sound great? Well, it's up to you, friendly Neighbourhood Anarchoreaders. We could be starting out by next month, and have it all by the end of the year.

So what can you do? Well, first of all, of course, renew! Would you believe no less than *three* of our small list of Life Subscribers sent in *additional* subscriptions? And a doctor after seeing his first issues recently promptly bought a second sub for his waiting room. (Try to imagine what the average patient must be thinking.)

But that alone just keeps us where we are. We need more readers, which give us more circulation and that will not only give us more subscriptions, it will get us more ad money and take the burden off our faithful subbers.

Heck and gosh-darn, if every one of you got us one more subber, we'd not only be able to start on those improvements but could start an advertising campaign for even more circulation.

Tell you what. Get *two* new subbers for your ever-lovin', blue-eyed, blackinked and black-flagged favourite anarchozine and sit back and take it easy, knowing you have not only done your part but did it for some poor, struggling widow and her twelve anarcho-brats who can't get out as much as you... or do it just for the egoistic hell of it!

Onward, upward, and excelsior! (End of hype.)

MURRAY & ANDREA & HOWIE & SERENA & ED & ...

The resignations of Murray "Mr. Libertarian" Rothbard and Andrea

"Ms FLP" Millen from New York's Free Libertarian Party is confusing to most libertarians and partyarchs outside of New York. In the travels of Your Friendly Neighbourhood Anarchoeditor, I have found that New York is the Inscrutable East, and this latest fracas is no different. Here's what to focus on:

- Anarchists have left the FLP almost entirely. During the heyday of the **radical caucus** the FLP was overwhelming anarchist in membership. The **rc** forged a coalition with the Upstater (mostly Poughkeepsie) who were largely minarchist and the Downstate minarchists (Howie Katz and friends). But remember that the **rc** was fighting "pragmatic" anarchists from a radical, consistent *anarchist* viewpoint—a civil war. With the **rc** withdrawal in 1974, Katz and Co. worked to keep the coalition going by gnawing away at the anarchist ranks, pushing an idealist line, and putting the rank and file in the position of voting for Big Names and Big Plans (pragmatists) or ideals and principles. It should come as a surprise to no one they chose the latter, for they could have the former playing *regular* politics. And now the *pragmatic* anarchists are leaving!

- Roy A. Childs—the symbol of political lying, not the "person"—was repudiated. No way around that. By doing so, the Party chose to run an upright, moral political party and campaign... which is an impossible contradiction. Which Murray Rothbard knows. Which is why he left. YFNA has questioned Rothbard's *use* of the Party—not his understanding of it. He knows exactly what he's doing.

- From our reports, the only figures who attempted to be "moderate and realistic" ended up with egg on their faces. Blood and Caulfield stand guilty of trying to idealize political compromise (resigning to keep Roy Childs in the Party). Sorry, kids, but you ought to stand back and see how funny you look.

- Howard Katz pulled it off. Katz picked up the old **rc** drumfire without missing a beat. He made only one alteration—dropping the option of working outside the immoral, political structure. Instead of the Party as an *entity* being immoral, it was limited to the Party as *personified* by its *establishment*. And the beat continued, year after year (since 1973): "Party? Not

Party! Immorality? Morality! Them? Us! ..."

- Two important symbols of the New Order: John Deane, the new State Chairperson, is an Upstater. The Manhattan establishment has fallen. And Serena Stockwell, the editrix of the *Free Libertarian* is a walking embodiment of what whupped the Manhattan pragmatic anarchists. She's an old **rc**er who stayed behind, an Upstater (Sandy Cohen's campaign newsletter), and close ally of Katz.

- Rothbard and Millen remain in the National Libertarian Party. MacBride's campaign goes on. But the seeds of a National schism are now well-watered. Imagine a coalition of moralists and minarchists on a *National* basis. Say Westmiller in California, Harroff in Ohio, the Katz machine in New York, maybe Toole in Florida... nightmares, Murray? Where *can* you run, then?

- There is a rumble coming on the National level. Ed Crane has compromised, taking a "middle-of-the-road" stand with Rothbard and Co., even to taking Andrea Millen as his running mate. The moralists won't forget that. And if the MacBride campaign falls on its face, the moralists will feed on the discontent and sweep out the *ancien regime* in a replay of New York's Convention. Sleep well, Ed.

And whoever loses and leaves the Party, YFNA will be waiting to greet with open arms back into the One, True Libertarian Movement. —SEK3

BRIEFS

Some of you may be wondering about the absence of the usually ubiquitous J. Neil Schulman from *NLW*. Well, Neil's been working on a novel describing a Counter-Economic revolution taking place in the near future, catalyzed by a crack-up boom. He should be finished by the time you read these words, and back in *NLW*. He has been helping on staff work since we started.... Seems YFNA owes a bit of an apology to *LibSig* (*NLW*9), or at least to its editor, Dick Radford. While the "Chair," Bob Steiner, may be a partyarch, editor Radford is strictly anti-politics and hard-core. He has a nice plug for *NLW* in the March-April ish, and several interesting articles and notes. The issue is worth it if only for the comment on Steiner's 1974 congressional race: "He won; that is to say, he

wasn't elected." (*LibSig*, Radford Associates, P.O. Box 77067, Los Angeles, CA 90007, \$3/year—6 issues.) . . . Vic Koman is mailing off press releases on CounterCampaign '76 amid reports that another "Vote for Nobody" campaign has started in Denver and already got news mention. Send your money to the *original*, and ask him about his new cards, bumper stickers, buttons, etc. (CounterCampaign '76, Box 4190, Malibu, CA 90265) . . . And it seems Scott just can't keep his hands off the YRs: "The Young Republican Federation of Virginia, meeting in convention in Falls Church, Va., April 10, adopted a libertarian-oriented platform calling for such things as replacement of governmental postal service with private service, re-establishment of the gold standard, elimination of waste in the defense budget, elimination of energy controls, rejection by all GOP candidates of federal campaign subsidies, abolition of the Commonwealth's monopoly on liquor sales, and much more. Conservative attempts to include such planks as an endorsement of the Angolan meddling were turned back. The floor fight for the platform was led by Scott Royce and Vincent Drosdik, who had served on the committee that drafted it, and by J. Keen Holland, former Virginia LP chairman. Also participating actively in the discussion were six other delegates who had been active in the LP in Virginia and Florida."—ESR . . . See you next ish. —SEK3

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TAX DEMO/SEMINAR

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The seminar started at 9 A.M., broke for lunch at noon, at 12:30

some of the attendees went to a tax demonstration at the Federal Building in L.A. co-sponsored by the Libertarian Party. Bob Lyon led a procession for the dead IRS in a casket and announced that it was time it should be buried, considering that it was born stillborn with the so-called 16th Amendment, in 1913. At 1:30 the seminar was resumed back at the Ontra.

The first speaker at 9 A.M. was Robert Lyon, who is the publisher of *T.R.U.E. News* and organizer of this seminar and the T.R.U.E. Victory Club. At this seminar Lyon continued his talk on the Magna Carta and reminded us of an important sentence, "No man shall be taken without a trial by his peers and according to the law of the land." Lyon believes every court in the U.S. should say on it, "No man shall be taken . . ." He also discussed the Lechmer case of 1761, which he maintains brought about the birth of the United States. In this case lawyer John Adams defended James Otis against the Crown. Adams argued against Writs of Assistance which were general, non-specific search warrants. From this case we get the expression, "A man's home is his castle and no man has the right to violate another man's privacy." The case was lost but the USA was born.

The next speaker was Walter Froemberg who talked on "How to Fight Tyranny With Case Law." Walter is the author of a book called *A Partial Compilation of More Than 350 Court Decisions, A Few Laws, The United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights*. It sells for \$10.25. One case he highlighted deals with how to legally inflate IRS form W4, the withholding tax statement. When inflating the W4, state on the form "See exhibit A," which you attach to the W4. Exhibit A then says, "It is my firm conviction that the IRS is unconstitutional because all of its procedures violate the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 13th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution." The case to cite is U.S. vs Snyder 502 F 2D 645 (1974) in which Snyder successfully claimed 3,000,000,000 dependents who receive Federal aid in one form or another. This case was decided in the 4th Appeals Circuit Court.

The third speaker was Gary Cipponeri on "How Trusts Can Protect Assets." Cipponeri is author of a book called *What About Your Future? Financial Salvation, What is Right For You?* The book sells for \$10.00. He discussed constitutional trusts which he says are easy to set up and that he is able to personally advise you on how to set one up. These trusts are renewable every 25 years and the trust never

dies even though the trustees dies and are replaced. These trusts avoid probate and inheritance taxes and are also immune from IRS seizures.

The fourth speaker was ex-congressman John Schmitz. Schmitz reviewed a book called *Diary of the American Revolution*, by Frank Moore and Peter Decker (1860 ed.). It is sold by Arno Press (330 Madison Avenue, New York, NY, for \$38.00). It is about the history of money in the U.S.A. and equates Tories of the revolutionary period with socialists of today. It also referred to inflation then as monetary depreciation instead of today as a general rise in the cost of living. If the critics of inflation today can argue the same way that the critics did then, we might be able to show the absurdity of calling for wage and price controls as a solution to monetary depreciation.

The next speaker was John M. Kelley who is author of *The Anglo-American Jury: Keystone of Human Rights*. It is a handbook for all Americans who may serve on, or be called to face, a jury. This book sells for \$1.00. Kelly spoke on "Restoring Our True Jury System." He argued that juries have the right to nullify unjust laws and cited various cases including the first jury in the John Peter Zenger trial.

The sixth speaker was Armen Condo who spoke on "U.S. Constitution vs New Constitution." Condo is author of the booklet *1776 We the People — New States of America 1976?* He discussed the constitution written by Rexford Tugwell and claims that if a new constitutional convention is held its purpose will not be amending the present constitution but approving the Tugwell constitution which will repeal the Bill of Rights, grant the government additional powers whenever the government decides there is an emergency situation (the government will decide what an emergency is). The present Constitution says nothing about emergencies.

The last speaker for the day and probably the most widely known was Martin Larson. Martin is the author of many tax rebellion books including *The Great Tax Fraud and Tax Revolt USA*. Larson told of his struggles against the state for about the last forty years.

For those who wish to attend the T.R.U.E. meetings, the Ontra is on Vermont between 7th and 8th streets in Los Angeles. There is no charge but but you are expected to buy some dinner at the cafeteria. The food is inexpensive and quite edible. Sessions are on Saturday and Tuesday, and begin at 6 P.M. Newcomers should start with a few Saturday sessions. ■

Counter-Economics

Counter-economics: "The study, science, or practice of free exchanges in an *unfree* market regardless of State intervention." Those individuals whose society is defined by counter-economic acts create a *free society* amongst themselves, and as this market/agora is extended, so is the resulting anarchy. This path *automatically* leads to a libertarian society, often without conscious political awareness of the actors, and counter-economic entrepreneurship is the *only* means (strategy) consistent with the libertarian goal as of 1976.

—Samuel Edward Konkin III

by Jerrold D. Dickson

REEFER MADNESS

It is a common criticism by those who know no better that capitalistic institutions such as commodities futures markets are artificial instruments of the dreaded "speculators" to somehow exploit the "common people" while earning unholy profits themselves. Additionally there is a frequent objection raised to the counter-economy approach in libertarian activism as being unrealistic as it will only succeed in relatively simple person-to-person exchanges and never really be of use to the non-libertarian element. It is argued (honest!) that the collectivists will shun true market mechanisms in favor of communal arrangements—share and share alike—thereby frustrating the educational and self-fulfilling prophecy seen by counter-economists. Will the counter-economy remain a small insignificant element in the struggle against the State, while the political activists lead the way? I

I have recently come across a relatively complex market mechanism in full operation without the input of any libertarians and wholly outside the purview of the State. In fact, it operates among a group who tend to be the most vociferous critics of "capitalism."

An enterprising student of agriculture became enamored with a certain non-noxious weed which is purported to have capable of inducing a "high" when said weed is inhaled (after being lit, dummy!). The weed reportedly can be consumed in a variety of other ways and yields the same effect, or so they say. This student, after having been introduced to this item, became disappointed in the wide variance in the quality of the weed when purchased on the open black market. All varieties were selling for approximately the same price, yet the derivative effects varied greatly. Being of a scientific mind, he determined to test his theory that a carefully cultivated crop would not only be more consistent in producing the desired effect but would also provide a more potent "hit," as the expression goes.

After lengthy study he embarked upon a very precise program for the cultivation of a "super crop" of the weed. The correct time for planting was not left to chance. Temperature was closely controlled. Fertilizer and chemical additives to the soil were diligently measured and added. Moisture and exposure to sunlight were important factors given exact supervision.

Finally the crop was ready to market. At first it sold much like its competitors in the "weed market." Person to person, friend to friend. But soon this particular product came to be recognized as indeed a superior blend. A name was assigned and "Tiger" became a sought-after item. Soon the price began to climb. By the end of the first crop an ounce was selling for seven times the price of its normal competitors.

Customers were anxious not to be left behind for the next crop and approached the entrepreneurial farmer who was responsible for the production of Tiger. Unfortunately the time was not quite right for another crop. The conditions would be perfect in a few months.

Rather than be left without their Tiger, deals were discussed. How could the buyers be guaranteed a portion of the coming crop? Bargains were made, contracts were agreed upon, money was exchanged. In return for guarantees of a specified portion of the coming crop the buyers paid the seller a specified sum and received receipts naming the terms of the agreement.

Often these exchanges took place many months before the harvest of the crop. As so often happens the buyers' circumstances occasionally change and there occurs a more immediate need for the cash originally paid for the future crop. Inevitably a secondary market developed for the receipts themselves as the reputation of Tiger became more widespread and the original buyers decided to sell for one reason or another. The market proved to be surprisingly liquid for those with access to this type of information (it was not listed daily in

the financial pages of the daily newspapers).

Some of the original receipt holders noticed the price increases taking place as the time for harvesting came closer. With one justification or another many sold their receipts for a "profit" though of course all denied that profit had anything to do with their decisions.

This market still flourishes. Most of the participants would fight to the bitter end that they are committing capitalistic acts. All would be horrified at the thought that they were the equivalents of the hated speculator in the commodities futures markets, licensed and controlled by the SEC. Yet the fact remains, a relatively complex market mechanism has developed to meet the demands of users and dealers in this weed. Many of the participants are middle men who plan to turn around and sell their portion to the buying public and participate to lock in what they consider to be a good price. Others partake for a variety of reasons.

Regardless of the ideological positions of the majority of the participants, this is a working example of the counter-economy at work. Not only is it at a level more sophisticated than selling a gold dollar sign to other libertarians, it provides further evidence of the necessity for futures markets—both legitimate and black market varieties. The market has defeated the State again. Now the struggle for the mind proceeds.

—Jerry Dickson

CINEMA [Continued from page four]

Until you see that Mazursky laid his heart lovingly into this film, and until you consider that the Hollywood star-system never let us see real people anyway.

—Dave Fowler

Caveat Emptor!

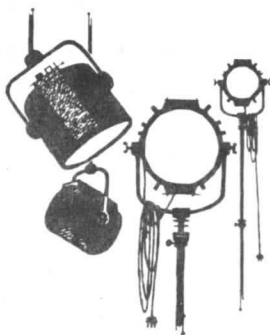
Harold and Maude, a delightfully perverse tribute to life for the living, is now in re-release (and shown often on college campuses). Old and would-be new fans should be aware that the quality of these prints is uniformly terrible. They jump and skip, the Cat Stevens' songs are often shredded, and whole scenes are transposed (has some vengeful conformist laid scissors to the masterprint?).

For those unaware of the original film's sterling qualities, it pokes pointed fun at parents, the Church, the military, and — yes! — even death: showing respect for nothing...but life. Perhaps this is why the film has been so butchered, for, as "Maude" says: "...the world still so dearly loves a cage."

—Dave Fowler

Cinema

Reviews by Dave Fowler



TAXI DRIVER

A flawed masterpiece is, none-the-less, a masterpiece still. There have been many renditions before of America's favorite ballad: the saga of alienation and violence. And often before, the "hero" has been a loner: in Westerns, gangster films, and the recent "Easterns"—with Clint Eastwood or Chas. Bronson performing 45 caliber exorcisms on the various devils of the Big City. But, until the final denouement, *Taxi Driver* is one-of-a-kind.

I suppose this film could be categorized as an Eastern, but the contrasts with its pedestrian predecessors far outnumber the comparisons. Perhaps never before has the screen shown such sympathy and insight into the birth of violence, and shown it with the tension and flair necessary for a successful drama.

With the opening cacophonous blast from Bernard Herrmann's last score, and the first splash of rain-blurred colors across the screen, you are dropped into the sheer-walled pit of a national nightmare. You recognize the setting at once, before you're told: it's everybody's choice for official Bicentennial Hell-hole, New York. It is a place where nobody's sane.

Certainly not our "hero" (Robert DeNiro), who we immediately discover has been through the Marine Corps (and thus is apt to be abnormally psychotic, even by New York standards). But that's only a symptom of his real problem: he's a terminal loner. Perpetually rootless, a foreigner in his own land, he drifts spectre-like around the fringes of that group of living, relating people that call themselves Society. And all he sees, driving his taxi all night through the City's diseased streets is...disease.

When he tries to touch something good (with Cybill Shephard, again the Snow Queen) it shatters under his fumbling touch. So he resumes his purposelessness existence, watching, never close to anyone, waiting, never even really *seen* by anyone, ethereal, affecting no one's life and never affected himself.



Robert DeNiro and Cybill Shepherd

Until something snaps, and we drop with him down that hell-hole, helplessly faster and faster, gleefully now—hoping for release in that splash of death at the very bottom.

Our man finds his bottom—and, in the bitter irony of New York humor, we discover...that was his top.

Accolades should go especially to director Martin Scorsese (*Mean Streets*, *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore*) and photographer Michael Chapman for a delightful array of stylish camera tricks we'd almost forgotten could be done, and for presenting a new format—the "impressionistic-documentary"—filmed in garish "wet-look" colors of a neon sign.

But, above all, an Academy Award should go next spring to a man who has others, and won't care about this one anyway. For me, the single most important factor in raising the tension to seat-squirming intensity was the blaring, pounding, bone-grinding score by Bernard Herrmann (composer for *Citizen Kane*, *Psycho*, and many others). His score *made* this picture,

in Taxi Driver

and it was his last ever: Mr. Herrmann died, suddenly, just hours after he'd finished recording it. But it, like the film it supports, is a masterpiece.—DF

NEXT STOP, GREENWICH VILLAGE

Director/writer Paul Mazursky remembers the Village of the 1950s as it probably never was, but which nearly everyone wishes they could have been part of. Here is your chance, a fictional time-machine that will plot you in the middle of the most unique and interesting set of characters to come out of any film in years.

And here is a miracle, of sorts—you can forget all about these being actors; they are instead warm-bodied, full-dimensional *real* people you can become friends with. *How* this occurs, with mostly unknown actors/actresses and using a director who—I thought—got a better performance out of the cat in the award winning *Harry and Tonto* than he got from Art Carney is...the miracle.

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ARMING THE INCOMPLEAT MAVERICK by Victor Koman

PART THREE: DERRINGERS

Every city slicker carried one. Dance hall girls hid them in their garters. Gamblers secreted them in their hatbands. They disappeared when the Old West fell under the Eastern power grab. Right?

Wrong.

The classic derringer, the Remington .41 calibre rimfire two shot is dead and gone. But derringers are here to stay!

The man who invented the concealable pistol, Arthur Deringer, found his revolutionary idea so popular that other manufacturers added another r to his name and marketed pistols with the now generic name *derringer*.

Derringers began as percussion cap weapons, graduating to cartridges shortly after the Civil War. Their main feature is their concealability. While a .45 Colt Automatic may be the penultimate in personal protection pistols, a derringer is more easily hidden in pocket, purse, shoe, or anywhere. For everyday on the street or in the office protection, the derringer is a practical weapon—for now and for the coming police state crackdown.

There are several excellent derringers on the market today. RG Industries makes two classic Remington style derringers. The Model 16 is a .22 magnum and the Model 17 takes a .38 Police Special. Both carry two rounds, have an overall length of 5 inches, and weigh 15 ounces. They sell for about \$62, though prices will rise on all guns with inflation and demand. And upcoming bills banning small handguns may drive the weapons into the Black Market.

Firearms Import & Export also makes a .38 Special derringer, 1 oz. lighter and 1/4" shorter than RG's. The gun is cheaply made, but for \$50, it is worth buying and not firing too often until you need it. There's not much that can go wrong with a derringer, and all the above models have thick barrels. And cartridges in .22 magnum and .38 both come in hollow point for maximum expansion.

But if you thought all derringers were only one or two shot deals, you haven't seen North American Arms' 5-shot Mini-Derringer. Weighing in at just 4 ounces, and only 3 1/2" long, it is actually a tiny single-action revolver



holding five rounds of .22 short ammo. Needless to say, the ammo is pretty weak, and five small holes in an attacker may not be as good as one big one, but for some people, the smallness of the weapon is the desirable part.

The Mini-Derringer costs \$90.00, but it is well built out of stainless steel. And the .22 short ammo also comes in hollow point. Don't ask me why.

All of the above derringers are single-action—you have to cock the hammer manually for every shot. If you have to yank the gun out of your pocket, the spur hammer can catch on your clothing. Obviously, these guns will not do in an emergency where only fast action can save you. There is no "cock and lock" system on these.

High Standard cured that.

The High Standard Derringer is a hammerless, double-action .22 magnum 2 shot, engineered to the, uh... highest of standards. There is no hammer to get caught on your clothing, so it can be pulled out smoothly and quickly or merely fired through the pocket. It's double action makes manual cocking unnecessary, so both shots can be gotten off *fast*, which may be of paramount importance to *your* life someday. It's full length is 5" and it weighs 11 ounces. The gun is also made in .22 long rifle. It is a terrible shame that High Standard did not pick a more powerful calibre for this fine tool. The .22 in any form is just insufficient stopping power. (And just about now someone points out that Claudine Longet killed Spider Sabitch with one shot from a .22. Finagle's Law again.) At \$80-\$90, though, the High Standard is probably worth getting.

A derringer may be fine for street defense from muggers and the like, but after your 2-5 underpowered shots, what next? I would suggest running. Don't bother calling a cop, unless you're well known and they'd catch you anyway.

—Vic Koman

NEXT—More automatics!

PHIL OCHS: RIP

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On April 9, Ochs, 35, committed suicide after a period of long depression, due in part to an apparent inability to create as he once had. The words just didn't seem to come any more, one Ochs acquaintance told reporters. To Phil this was crucial: "...I turn myself on with the birth of a song," he once wrote.

While Ochs sometimes left much to be desired in his own performance of his music, the songs themselves—sung also by more popular stars like Baez and Dylan—were excellent and effective, in the tradition of Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie.

Ochs' interests covered a wide range of social issues—from State executions ("Iron Lady") to the problems of farm laborers ("Bracero"), from the hypocrisy of religion ("Canons of Christianity") to conscription ("Draft Dodger Rag"). But his best and most effective tunes were those attacking institutionalized racism in the South ("Talking Birmingham Jam" and "Here's to the State of Mississippi") and foreign interventionism ("Santo Domingo," "White Boots Marching in a Yellow Land," "The War is Over," "Cops of the World").

Ochs considered himself to be a non-Marxist radical, though he seemed to admire Mao. He never hesitated to criticize those on the Left that he considered traitors to true liberal principles. In "Links on the Chain" Ochs attacked modern labor unions for what he considered to be their abandonment of a role as "a catalyst for social change." He slammed liberal hypocrisy on many political questions in "Love Me, I'm a Liberal."

Most importantly, the songs of Phil Ochs presented a call for a new commitment to change, for mobilization against the many evils that exist in American society, for resistance to the immoral policies of our nation's governmental units. In "Days of Decision," Ochs rejected compromise with injustice:

There's a change in the wind and a split in the road,

You can do what is right, or you can do what you are told;

And the price of victory will belong to the bold,

For these are the days of decision.

Phil Ochs was not a libertarian. Nevertheless, as a leader in the musical movement of the last decade against war, repression, and social injustice, he was often a valuable ally to our cause.

—Eric Scott Royce

Speculations

CAIN SMITH ON PROZINES

ANALOG April 1976

Rebounder, Hayden Peirce. The entrepreneur who brought Earth into the interstellar teleportation / trade network solves the problem of war by arranging for the warlike to be profitably shipped off Earth. This will remove their genes from the gene pool, enabling humanity to evolve peacefully. This notion demonstrates ignorance of genetics, history, anthropology, psychology and economics. People will commit violence so long as they see profit in it. Peirce's advocacy of free marketeering may appeal to *NLW* readers who don't insist on such frills as plausibility, scientific accuracy, and convincing characterization. Adventure with SF trimmings.

Transfiguration, Bob Buckley. Not readily understandable to anyone who hasn't read the first two in the series. That being the worst one can say of a series story, I won't dwell on the flaws. Adventure with SF trimmings.

Quarry, Mary H. Schaub. A man being hunted by, and hunting, a robot. The setting is a stage-set dictatorship, mostly modelled after simplified accounts of Stalin's Russia apparently. Like the military, this type of setting should be left to those writers who have experienced the real thing and thus can make it real to readers. Schaub writes smoothly and interesting enough that I expect her to produce good fiction when she develops a bit of originality. Adventure with SF trimmings.

Children of Dune (last of 4 parts; said to be last of the series), Frank Herbert. All loose ends are tied up; not only from earlier installments but from the first two novels. The story is well planned, well executed, thoughtful—and it repels me. Herbert has set up a society whose main problem seems to be rigidity; his solution is to introduce greater rigidity. Herbert's ecology, anthropology and history (real history; not his future history) seem accurate and well informed. However, the pseudoscience—psi, racial memory and other superstitious trash—outweighs the genuine science.

The Breeds of Man, L. Sprague de Camp. An article on the same subject, by the same author, appeared in the February *F&SF*. Since de Camp is too honorable to have sold articles on the same subject to two editors without informing them, and since Bova in any case had time to pull the later one from this issue, it would seem there

was no editorial objection to the overlap. This time around, de Camp is more informative; and he covers recent controversy on race, where the *F&SF* article stuck with pre-WW II sources.

In the letter column, L. Weingert points out a flaw in Roger Zelazny's "Home is the Hangman" (November '75). No reason is given for calling the robot "Hangman." Zelazny sheepishly provides an acronym. But shouldn't an experienced writer have remembered to include that detail to begin with? And shouldn't the editor have spotted the omission, and insisted on a rewrite?

—Cain Smith

FLU VACCINE BOONDOGGLE

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Early this year a strain of flu in an outbreak at Fort Dix, New Jersey, was tentatively identified as similar to the so-called "swine flu" that led to over 500,000 deaths when it swept the U.S. during 1918-19. No such strain had appeared since the 1930s at least. No one was sure that the new strain was really like that of the Wilson era. Most of the 1918-19 deaths were likely due to complications that could be ameliorated today thanks to antibiotics. But never mind the facts, quoth Gerald Ford. On March 25th he called upon Congress to move quickly to meet "a serious potential public health threat this winter..." by enacting a \$135 million program.

What would the country get for the money? The administration claimed that this would be a sufficient sum to make sure that *everyone* in the U.S. (although the program would be voluntary) would be able to be inoculated before the height of the flu season, at no cost whatsoever for the shot unless given by a private doctor. Over 200 million doses of vaccine would be on the way soon after Congress authorized the money, according to the administration.

The four drug companies currently producing influenza vaccine are in for a tremendous windfall, since they would not normally have produced even half as many doses of swine flu as the government will now be paying them for. Egg producers will get their share of the gravy because the vaccine is produced from fertilized eggs. Between 50 and 100 million extra eggs will go to the drug manufacturers that would not normally have been supplied them.

Along with the federal subsidy will undoubtedly go other benefits. The

Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association (PMA) testimony to Senator Kennedy's Subcommittee on Health on April 1 indicated that the House bill authorizing the program would have to be drastically amended before the companies could get involved. PMA President Joseph Stetler indicated that any implementing legislation should "provide a limited exemption for participating manufacturers from applicable antitrust laws" and that "the government should indemnify the manufacturer for liabilities emanating from or associated with the use of the vaccine."

The latter item assumes a greater importance when one remembers that the vaccine will be made with fertilized eggs. The number of Americans with an egg allergy—many of whom are totally unaware of the fact—may run as high as 20 million, 10 percent of the population, according to some estimates. Children under five may also show negative reactions.

The PMA also put the lie to administration optimism about producing 200 million-plu doses. "At this moment," Stetler testified, "it is impossible to give assurance that sufficient vaccine to inoculate all Americans... can be produced by the target date... The probabilities are that it cannot." Production yield, he revealed, could not even be estimated by May.

Everyone admits that this national inoculation program is completely unprecedented. But the manufacturers are already hinting that they hope it will be a foot-in-the-door move to guarantee them additional tax dollars. Stetler broadly hinted in Senate committee testimony that the feds might want to consider at an early time the "question as to whether the mass inoculation program ought to include vaccination against the Hong Kong strain among susceptible groups." All in the public interest, of course...

"A principled Republican response," the *Village Voice* noted, "would have allowed nature to run its course... and kept big government and big business out of the action." But then when was the last time you encountered a principled Republican? —ESR

Supplement: The following twelve gutsy Congressmen voted against the flu vaccination program appropriation.

Democrats—Hungate (Mo.), Ichord (Mo.), Long (Md.), McDonald (Ga.), Neal (NC), Rees (Calif.)

Republicans—Collins (Tex.), Hansen (Ida.), Iujan (NM), Rousselot (Calif.), Shuster (Pa.), Symms (Ida.)

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Association of Libertarian Feminists

☐ The Association of Libertarian Feminists held its first annual meeting on August 29, 1975, during the Libertarian Party convention at the Statler Hilton Hotel in New York City.

Those attending the meeting adopted a statement setting forth the purpose of ALF as being

- to provide a libertarian alternative to those aspects of the women's movement which foster dependence and collectivism
- to encourage women to become economically self-sufficient and psychologically independent
- to publicize and promote realistic attitudes toward female competence, achievement, and potential
- to oppose the abridgement of individual rights by any government on account of sex
- to work toward changing sexist attitudes and behavior exhibited by individuals.

ALF was founded in February 1975 by Tonie Nathan, a broadcast journalist from Eugene, Oregon, who was the Libertarian Party's 1972 Vice-Presidential candidate and the first woman ever to receive an electoral-college vote.

The following officers were elected at the August 1975 meeting: Tonie Nathan, President; Lynn Kinsky, of Santa Barbara, California, editor of *Reason* magazine, Vice President; Monte Buelow, of Madison, Wisconsin, Secretary; Sieglinde Kress, of New York City, Treasurer; and Sharon Presley, of New York City, co-owner of the Laissez Faire Bookstore and editor of *Laissez Faire Review*, National Coordinator.

The annual dues for membership in ALF, which includes a subscription to the newsletter, are \$5.00; the newsletter alone is \$3.00 annually. Both women and men are welcome to join ALF. The organization is not affiliated with the Libertarian Party. □ □ □

Copies of this piece of literature are available from ALF at cost—3 cents a sheet, including third-class postage. Other ALF literature can be ordered for \$.10 a copy (or 3 for \$.25), plus a stamped, addressed envelope; 15 copies are \$1.00 and 100 are \$5.00, including postage. Prepaid orders only, please.

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of Libertarian and Related Events

May 3 "The Relationship of Self-Esteem to Politics and Social Philosophy." Talk by Nathaniel Branden at Fullerton College Theater, 321 E. Chapman, corner of Lemon. \$2. Sponsored by Society for Libertarian Life, Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92631. (714) 526-1873.

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LONG BEACH, ORANGE COUNTY PROTEST TAX!

Anti-Tax demonstrators dumped tea in Long Beach harbor off the Queen Mary and marched on the Federal Building in Santa Ana, Orange County.

The Orange County demonstration received page-one coverage in the sympathetic *Anaheim Bulletin* with a 3-column picture. The Queen Mary Tea Party received similar space on page 2.

Lawrence Samuels, campus coordinator of the Society for Libertarian Life, mobilized students from Cal State Fullerton, Fullerton College, Santa Ana College, and Orange Coast College for the Santa Ana march. Armen Condo brought out the Tax Action Council, Anaheim-based tax rebels, and David Bergland and his wife made an appearance to give Orange County Libertarian Party a presence. Bergland's vice-presidential campaigning was the only political intrusion reported on this non-partisan demonstration.

Donna Noble addressed the rally, noting that the State had her husband, Karl Bray, imprisoned on Terminal Island so that he could not attend as scheduled. Ms. Noble said she believed that a current *Playboy* article opposing taxes had influenced the judge to harden his attitude. Bray had circulated copies in his jail.

Many demonstrators wore 1776 period costumes in both Orange County and Long Beach. Several people on the Queen Mary also wore masks.

S.L.L. and T.A.C. also had representatives at the Queen Mary demonstration. Tony Masek of TAC dumped tea along with Dr. Frank Brockway of Fullerton and the flaming-haired insurgent, Claire Kelley. Bob Lyon of T.R.U.E. (see *NLW* 20) organized the demo in Long Beach and wore American Revolutionary costume.

The mock burial of the Internal Revenue Service (dummy in coffin) received television coverage. Lyon claims the IRS had committed suicide by using prostitutes as undercover agents "and other unconstitutional means" to collect taxes.

Seminars followed the demonstration in the Queen Mary's Flamenco Lounge. Kelley, Masek, Brockway, Lyon and others headed the workshops. Brockway heads a group of medical-dental-optometric professionals. Ms. Kelley has faced down tax men in her place of business and battled the taxation against her by legal means on city, county, state and federal levels.

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Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632.**

Two Tax Demos in New York!

by Howard Katz

The Free Libertarian Party was able to rally and put on the traditional anti-IRS protest on the Saturday prior to April 15. Marty Nixon, FLP candidate for the Senate seat now held by Jim Buckley, led the demonstration with Ann Weill, Dan Carlan, and John Caulfield doing behind-the-scenes organizing. A follow-up demonstration was held on Thursday the 15th. Thus the precedent set by YFNA continues unbroken. [*Your Friendly Neighborhood Anarchoeditor, Samuel Edward Konkin III, organized the April 15th demonstrations in New York from 1971-75 on behalf of the Libertarian Alliance, (later New Libertarian Alliance) and various anti-tax groups.—SEK3*]

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TOP HISTORIAN HITS BRITISH IMPERIALISM

A.J.P. Taylor, noted historian from Oxford, appeared on Irish radio to advocate British withdrawal from Northern Ireland. His statement received front-page coverage on the internationally-respected *Manchester Guardian* (Weekly edition, Vol. 114, No. 16, April 18, 1976).

Taylor is the leading figure in Britain today of the Revisionist School. He won the admiration of libertarians for his account *Origins of the Second World War*, which divided the responsibility for that conflict among the "allies" as well as the "Axis."

The *Guardian* noted that "British withdrawal from Northern Ireland is now a subject rarely discussed in polite Company. The British Government is against it, the Dublin government is against it, the majority in Northern Ireland are against it, and the Catholic representatives in the North are against it, give or take a subordinate clause."

The *Guardian* then claimed Taylor "lent some academic respectability to the Provisional IRA."

Taylor brought up several arguments. He believes the Irish problem is, and has been for 400 years, caused by the British presence. If there were to be a civil war caused by British withdrawal, about which he is not convinced, it would probably claim over a short period fewer lives than have been lost in the past eight or nine years.

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by Lawrence Samuels

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We have a little more overseas news this issue, but would like a lot more. Anybody out there with anarcho-friends overseas is urged to ask them to send us news. *NLW* is willing to offer air-mail subscriptions in payment.

ISSUES TO COME...

Reminder that the second *NLW Supplement* (on feminism) is expected in two weeks. New future supplement offered is on gold for the New Orleans Conference. Probably the *SF Supplement* will be aimed for Mid-AmeriCon.

Stay tuned—and renewed!

TAKE ME TO THE LIMIT!

Dr. Ronald Paul won the Special Election in Texas' 22nd Congressional District. (Yawn.) Another Republican in Texas. So what?

Well, the April 1976 issue of *Limit!*, "The National Newsletter of the Libertarian Republican Alliance," endorsed him in a front-page editorial. Paul has reciprocated their wooing and is on their advisory board. In short, the LRA has a Congressman—a real, live, power-wielding statist.

Who are the LRA? Originally, they were the Brooklyn Mafia of FLP—a sort of rightist fraternity from Long Island University clustered around Joseph Gentili who walked into the FLP Convention of 1974 as the rc was leaving. They were regarded as a ridiculous aberration—when noticed.

But who are they now? Their advisory board lists "Gary Greenberg of New York," who wouldn't have given them the time of day in '74. "Joe Cobb of Illinois," and Old Movement name, giving the LRA a classical touch. "Hal Jindrich of California," biggest vote-getter in LPCA history—and a self-proclaimed Rothbardian! And then there's Fred Stein of New Jersey and Vincent A. Drosdik of Virginia, to fill out the second-rankers, and a bunch of unknowns. And Eric Scott Royce!

What are these people getting out of the LRA? Running down the Executive Board, we get "President—Joseph Gentili," "VP for LPA Affairs—Elliot

Capon," and other Brooklyn Mafioso such as Daniel Kogan. Capon is also editor of *Limit!* (\$2.50 12 issues, 1811 East 34th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234.) The original crowd are still in charge. Obviously, they lucked out on an idea with high market value. Again, why?

Now there certainly is nothing wrong with a "Libertarian Caucus" in the Republican Party, Young Republicans, CYR, etc. (Not to mention Democrats, Peace & Freedom, and even AIP.) After all, the LC of YAF and AC of SDS were crucial to our beginnings. But is *Strategic Infiltration* of the GOP the goal of LRA? Perhaps Royce's goal. Perhaps even that of Greenberg and Cobb.

Gentili himself says the LRA "is an organization which believes that it can best aid the course of freedom by working within both the Libertarian and Republican parties." But to what end? "The LRA pledges itself to work within the Libertarian Party for the nomination of candidates who can be cross-endorsed by the GOP and to work within the Republican Party for the nomination of candidates who believe in the Libertarian philosophy and who can be cross-endorsed by the LP."

The Populists could tell you what that's all about. Ask them about the "Popocrats" and the absorption of the Populists into the Democratic Party. Absorbing the LP would be no loss, nor subverting the GOP, but that association of "libertarian" with any political candidate remains repugnant.

One clear-cut evil of the LRA at last. LRA "and *Limit!* have endorsed the Presidential candidacies of both Republican Ronald Reagan and Libertarian [sic] Roger MacBride." One can only hope they will get down with them. But Reagan has had it, and MacBride will not be taken seriously by a goodly group of LRA. What then?

The LRA raises a lot of questions for which YFNA, for once, does not see immediate answers. Can it be a vehicle for Strategic Infiltration? Are the Gentilites (gentiles?) growing with their acceptance or will they be dumped as real power moves into the group? Just where do Gentili and Capon stand these days; two years ago anarchy was a bad word to them; now they publish pro-anarchist articles?

Above all, the basic contradiction of the LRA must be resolved. Is its

primary purpose (A) conversion of Republicans to libertarians (and hence removing people from politics) or (not-A) the seduction of libertarians into political activity and the association of "libertarian" with "politician?"

A or not-A? Hold the pistol, Dagny! But the Movement still deserves some answers from Messrs Royce, Greenberg, Cobb et al. —SEK3

BRIEFS

AIT newsletter from Venezuela reports that the anarchosyndicalist CNT have revived in Spain. The CNT (National Workers Confederation) are historically the only anarchist group to have cabinet ministers in an internationally recognized coalition government (Spain, 1936-39). Statist news services have not reported on Spanish anarchist activities since Franco's death. *AIT* also has an article on Portuguese anarchist activities... Alpine Enterprises, P.O. Box 766, Dearborn, MI 48121, announces a new edition of *The Occult Technology of Power*. A chapter has been added on "Intelligence and Cover Operations." Alpine also announces they are selling *The Paper Aristocracy* by Howard Katz, the first such announcement... Cliff Crain shares with us a clipping from *The Herald*, Sharon, Pa., April 9, 1976. It has a picture of "the leading candidate for president of the University of Minnesota." Pete Wagner "has promised to leave school if elected" and "believes student government is a mockery."... *The Match* seems to be experiencing publication difficulties, having skipped over two months for the first time in years... Well, the first crack in the dam has appeared. The Long Beach State University Student Libertarian Alliance voted, after a half-hour heated debate, to remove the word "libertarian" from its name. Main reason given was that it associated the group with the "Libertarian Party." No one spoke for retention of the label but denying that the Party had any claim to it... And many Galambosians are holding fast to the label preferred by Galambos—"liberal"—saying it's no worse than "libertarian" now that the Party has soiled it. —SEK3

NEW YORK REPORT

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After the events of the recent State Convention of the Free Libertarian Party—the victory of the purist faction and the resignation of Murray Roth-

bard and Andrea Millen from the FLIP [NLW19, editorial in NLW20]—there has been a spate of letter writing. So far two party members (John Caulfield and Virginia MacIntosh) have sent letters to all FLPers. This bids fair to equal the 1974 controversy about the spokesperson issue.

The tone of both letters is conciliation, urging people not to quit the Party. And indeed rumors in the week after the Convention had several others ready to quit. So far this has not occurred.

At this point the purists seem taken aback by the size of their victory and uncertain as to what is appropriate action; the opposition seems to have completely disintegrated; and no one is too sure of what is going to happen next.

That's the first installment of my *New York Report*. —Howard Katz

Epistles to the Editor

Gentlemen: April 20, 1976

Inasmuch as your April 11, 1976 issue states that there is little libertarian activity in Canada, thought you might like to be reminded that libertarian seminars will be offered at the Mensa convention in Toronto June 11-13 by the Mensa Libertarian Special Interest Group. For information contact: Bob Steiner, 24 Prospect Street, Westfield, NY 07090.

George S. Swan

[Darn right we're interested, George. Anymore information on Eastern Canadian libertac? —SEK3]

Dear Editor, April 19, 1976

I noticed, in recent issues of your zine, that J. Neil Schulman and Robert LeFevre both believe in restoring wrongly taken property. So, why don't they restore a little native American property by going back?

Also, in answer to Tibor Machan, you said that we're all foreigners here.

Whiteyes, speak'um for self!

Jack Coffee

[Um, well, Jack, I don't know how to break this to you, but it is almost universally agreed that the "native Americans" immigrated to North America a few centuries before the Caucasians and Negroes. Actually, my remark to Tibor was a bit of an in-joke based on his remark that he was unsure of his ability with English. He's Hungarian and I'm from Canada. As for Schulman and LeFevre, I know that Neil at least believes in restoring all land to its original owner when a good claim can be presented and backed up. No matter how many generations. Did you happen to have one on their land? —SEK3]

Speculations

CAIN SMITH ON PROZINES FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION April 1976

Man Plus, Frederick Pohl (part 1 of 3). A man's body and senses are being reshaped so that he can live on the surface of Mars. This project is intended to prevent the Final War, and also to ensure that the U.S. will win that war. Genuine science fiction, with a story based on accurate scientific extrapolation; this story is also, so far, high-grade speculative fiction rather than pulp writing in high-literary disguise which usually goes under that title. Characterization is adequate, but not outstanding. Social extrapolation—which was once a Pohl specialty—is more than adequate. It is not as flashy as in earlier works, but it's solid; it's the background rather than the entire story. This may turn out to be Pohl's best work.

Them and Us and All, Sonya Dorman. Alpha-wave training, meditation and all that have been driven underground. A plausible fictional case could be made for that extrapolation; it hasn't been here. Dorman postulates that the meditators were breaking free, and an unfree society had to crack down or break down. Considering how easily India has maintained social rigidity side by side with various yogas (some of which, if only by the laws of chance, must be fairly effective), it would seem that effective meditation alone doesn't free people. Adventure with sf trimmings.

Sweets to the Sweet, Jeanne Parker. A villainous social worker is about to move a fine old man to an institution. She must also dispose of his pet. Considering that the story is published in a magazine which prints fantasy, the ending is telegraphed; it doesn't take long after first mention of Tiny to deduce that it will turn out to be something unknown to science and stronger than the social worker. Fantasy.

At the Starvation Ball, Ron Goulart. Another Chameleon Corps story. If you like the series, you'll like this one. The ending is abrupt enough that an evil-minded reviewer might suspect part of the manuscript had been lost. Adventure with sf trimmings.

Seeking Assistance, Barry N. Malzberg. Well-written fantasy about a man being diminished by his society. Not nearly up to Sturgeon's "And Now the News," but good enough to make me regret this will be Malzberg's last story in the field. Unlike most of his sf, this one has a penetrable style.

The Hopspice, Robert Aickman. This tale of supernatural horror didn't horrify me in the least.

Rage, Pain, Alienatio and Other Aspects of the Writing of Science Fiction, Barry N. Malzberg. This begins as a review of Richard Kostelanetz's *The End of Intelligent Writing, Literary Politics in America*. It shades into an explanation of why and how Malzberg came into the sf field, and why he is leaving. His description of the literary cartel's hostility to new writers jibes with other sources; it seems entirely plausible that Malzberg wrote high-literary stories in sf because the high-literary world had no room for him. The situation sounds ripe for entrepreneurs to challenge the cartel. (There's at least one so far; Robert R. Miles runs the Small Press Book Club, P.O. Box 1906, San Pedro, CA 90733.)

As is common with rebels, Malzberg is afflicted with at least a milder form of the same disease he fights. He has swallowed the "style is content" superstition whole, for instance. Also, he and the other self-consciously literary sf writers seem convinced of their High Mission to bring culture to the masses.

The letter column leads off with Harlan Ellison explaining why he (along with other tragic heroes) does not want to be labelled as an sf writer. I might have found this more convincing if a) he had left out the bigotry directed against fandom; b) he had not recently sat in an sf bookstore's window for six days, six and a half hours per day, reportedly writing an sf story per day. —Cain Smith

ACCESS TO A USEFUL PUBLICATION

by Robert Brakeman

Anyone forced to watch the TV networks or read the *New York Times* or *Newsweek* very much must feel that there's just nowhere that the non-liberal side of the environmental issue-area is told. Once that was true, but no more.

Author Petr Beckman wrote a book whose point is summarized by its title: *Ecohysterics and the Technophobes*. In it, he subjected the leaders of the liberal environmental movement (in distinction to the old "conservation" movement, which had a lot of non-liberals in it) to scathing criticism, based upon what he sees as their ignoring of scientific evidence when it harms their case, and their aversion to absolutely any affecting by man of the environment, whether or not proven harmful.

He's now put the same kind of thoughts into a publication called

Access to Energy, published in Boulder, Colorado. It bills itself as "a pro-science, pro-technology, pro-free enterprise monthly newsletter," which pins it down pretty well. It's very informative each month, and it's just as opinionated as can be. It should be seen as one long monthly editorial, but with about ten times the information-content of most editorial efforts.

One of its issues, for example, featured one article suggesting that Arab action in cutting back oil production is no big deal, because its long-term effect may well be to spur us to develop our at-home sources of energy; one providing a really balanced view of the strip mining controversy and suggesting alternatives to that type of mining; one outlining developments in the technology of extracting oil from rock shale in Utah, Colorado, and Wyoming; an analysis of Congressional action in finally paving the way for the Alaska pipeline; a breakdown of proposed Nixon Administration spending on energy research, and a critique of its priorities; an attack upon the catalytic converters EPA has forced on the auto industry; and a closing plea for one of the main goals of the newsletter: making America self-sufficient in terms of energy supplies. That goal alone is enough to endear the publication to this writer, who believes we should be self-contained in as many economic areas as possible, but there's more. This is simply a publication everyone should read: leftists because it will give them a balanced view; anti-leftists because they'll learn someone is with them on environmental issues. —RB

[The publication, Access to Energy, has been touted by several publications as being libertarian. Mr. Brakeman's analysis calls this into question by pointing out its autarchist view on "economic self-sufficiency," a view flatly in conflict with the free market, free trade position of most libertarians, and certainly of the Austrian School of Economics. —SEK3]

TAYLOR HITS IMPERIALISTS

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Libertarian revisionists Joseph Peden and Murray Rothbard have been arguing a similar line in the pages of their *Libertarian Forum*.

Taylor is willing to see Protestants expelled, citing the expulsion of the Germans in Czechoslovakia as a precedent. He also said "the British withdrawal from India, which was universally praised, was followed by the deaths of at least one million people."

Taylor induces that in national conflicts, the so-called "extremists," in this case the Provisionals, are generally "proved in the end to have taken the right line." ■

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At this point, Kinsky made a quick decision. Realizing that it would be almost impossible to raise the \$900 filing fee or the 150 in lieu signatures to get on the PFP ballot even with a dual nomination, she decided to run solely on the LP ticket. The main reason given for the switch was financial. Kinsky said she is almost broke and that it is hard enough to raise money from LP members let alone from PFP members.

However, Kinsky feels that the PFP tactics of advancing libertarianism is still a good one which should not be abandoned by other libertarians. Furthermore, Kinsky said that as the LP candidate for U.S. Senate, she will be able to "radicalize the LP in the process."

However, Kinsky's sudden switch will give the libertarian faction of the PFP less of a chance to take control of the PFP completely. Two years ago, the PFP state convention ended in a split with two factions—the libertarians and the socialists—both claiming legal status as the real PFP. Since the socialist faction failed to hand in their platform, the libertarian faction under Lloyd Taylor of San Francisco became the official PFP organization. However, the socialists have contested this and apparently the new PFP state chairman is a socialist.

The battle continues as the PFP libertarians are working on obtaining enough delegates through the county Central Committees to take control of the next PFP state convention this summer.

However, now that Kinsky has abandoned the PFP and Jean Berkman is on trial for draft dodging and Liz Keathley inactive, it seems that only Eric Garris is left to organize PFP activities. However, Eric Garris is Kinsky's campaign manager. The way things are going, someone needs to place a classified ad for a well-known libertarian to lead the PFP libertarians at the next PFP convention. But it seems that there is not even that "someone" to place the ad.

Lynn Kinsky may have had no other alternative but to switch parties, but it will leave a vacuum which could spell the end to the first successful infiltration into the socialist camp. —LS

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PRESS, TV PLAY UP COUNTERCAMPAIGN 76

by Neil Schulman

It's getting almost as much airplay as *Convo*.

KNX and KFWB, Los Angeles. KCBS, San Francisco. KBPI, Denver. WWL, New Orleans. KSL, Salt Lake City. CFTR, Toronto. KDKB, Mesa, Arizona. WGLS, Glassboro, New Jersey. Plus other radio station we've only heard about through friends.

The press are also interested. The *Los Angeles Times*. The *L.A. Herald-Examiner*. A story coming up in a couple of weeks in the national edition of *The Village Voice*. And the under-grounds, of course. \$65,000? Nope.

All for \$113.00 in contributions, within a week after the first news release and with just a little creative effort by a few individuals.

As for TV? I'll let it speak for itself. Here's what went out over Los Angeles Channel 11's top-rated newscast, *Metro News-Metro News*:

"There's a new political party which has come to the attention of *Metro News-Metro News*:

It's CounterCampaign '76, with headquarters listed as Box 4190, Malibu, California... Zip Code 90265.

"It comes complete with a 60-second radio spot, which contains a concise statement of the policy and/or platform of CounterCampaign '76:

"Many Americans feel that *Nobody* in the Presidential race really speaks for them. So... they feel that *Nobody* is giving them a fair shake. Well, Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Citizen, let's look at the record of our candidate:

"Last year, *Nobody* lowered your taxes.

"*Nobody* stopped inflation.

"*Nobody* ended the spiralling crime rate.

"This year, return the favor...

vote for *Nobody*.

"Yes, vote for *Nobody*.

"*Nobody* keeps his campaign promises.

"*Nobody* deserves to live off your taxes.

Nobody should run your business and your life.

"In our bi-centennial year, the choice is clear:

"*Nobody* deserves your vote."

[LIVE AGAIN]

"This is not a gag.

"CounterCampaign '76 is seeking to set up headquarters in as many places as possible and will instruct you how to do so if you want to.

"It has bumper stickers, 75 cents each...

"Buttons, 40 cents each...

"Postcards to be sent to senators, congressmen and assemblymen which read "Stop Representing Me," they're five cents each.

"And *Nobody*, the pamphlets put out by this organization say, *Nobody* will put your contribution to good use.

"And, if you're interested in the potential of this project... in the 1972 Presidential election, forty nine and one tenth per cent... practically half... of the voting age population did vote... for *Nobody*."

Scott Monahan's fantastic productions (with the *Washington Post March* and *Yankee Doodle* playing in the background) of Vic Koman's radio spots have been receiving extensive, free airplay; paid time will begin shortly. And now, CounterCampaign is in the planning stages of a TV spot.

If you want to hear the "Vote for *Nobody*" spots and haven't caught them on the air yet, call the *Voice of Nobody*, (213) 436-0623.

Look out, McDon—er, LP! —JNS

Political Follies of '76 Campaign

by Robert LeFevre

Jerry Brown says that being governor of the State of California is a "pain in the ass." Jerry Brown ought to know. He is governor of California. He has come up with a few other fascinating phrases. He stated that we must "lower our expectations" of what government can and ought to do. And upon walking through the governor's mansion in Sacramento, built by his predecessor, Ronald Reagan (at close to a million and a half of taxpayer's money), Jerry Brown said that it looked to him like a supermarket.

What member of the moribund "Libertarian Party" has managed to coin any better libertarian *bon mots*?

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Gold Bugs Have Two Cons Now!

by Charles Curley

Two investment conferences have been announced, one by the National Committee for Monetary Reform, and the other by investment advisor Jim McKeever.

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Nathan Pursues Votes in Ore.

Tonie Nathan



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For two years, this publication's editor has argued that all the "educational" benefits supposedly received by political campaigning could be readily achieved by an anti-political, consistently libertarian campaign.

Victor Koman believed me and acted on this conviction. In one week, CounterCampaign '76 got more media coverage than the Libertarian Party in four years. Thank you, Vic, for killing off another "malevolent universe."

And while a prophet may be without honour in his own movement, at least one Friendly Neighbourhood Anarchoeditor is indulging in a little smug satisfaction.

ISSUES TO COME...

Reaction to our 20th issue was favourable enough that we hope to repeat our efforts for our half-year anniversary, *NLW* 25. But bigger and better, of course!

NOBODY'S MONEY

The success of CounterCampaign '76 is getting the maximum possible free coverage. Now's the time to send your money so Vic can penetrate more hostile markets through advertising.

And YFNA would hardly be in character if he didn't point out that there is no longer any excuse to contribute to the "Libertarian" Party save to put politicians in power. Think about it—then act!

Quite 'nuff said. —SEK3

BRIEFS

Individual Liberty (newsletter of the Society for Individual Liberty, P.O. Box 1147, Warminster, PA 18974, \$4/year) reports on some anti-tax demonstrations for which we have no reporters. Philadelphia (home of SIL headquarters) had a full day symposium plus a noon picketing of IRS. The University of Oklahoma and Boston libertarians were reported to have demos, but *IL* hits few details. *IL* also claims the LP protested taxes in Colorado and Minnesota. There were, however, several errors in the *IL* report on the Fullerton demo... This issue of *IL* (April 1976) was the first YFNA remembers which advertised an LP event (Pennsylvania LP State

Con in Pittsburgh). It may have something to do with Don Ernsberger appearing... The ubiquitous Nathaniel Branden, fresh from his Fullerton, California appearance on May 3, pops up at a federally-subsidized teacher con in Illinois (see *Calendar*) on May 12. [Thanks, Bonnie.] Busy, busy, busy... "Vincent Drosdik got some excellent local publicity on his tax day demo including radio coverage and a large photo in the *Charlottesville Daily Progress*. He also got quite a play in the media with his anti-postal monopoly demo last month."—ESR... Steve Jarvis reports that the Federal LP of Canada impeached its chairman and Marshall Bruce Evoy (CLP's founder) is ignoring the federal party and throwing himself into provincial party Ontario LP activity and giving Branden tape-lectures. Steve will be reporting on the CLP Con in Toronto... Mark Coleman is conducting an "Inquiry into the Diffusion of Libertarianism." For one of his questionnaires for your group, write him at Communications Program/University of Hawaii, 2560 Campus Road, George 313, Honolulu, HI 96822... John Pierce is aiming the first issue of *Tension, Apprehension and Dissension* for Disclave release. Libertarian Richard Friedman and Michael Moslow have articles. (*T.A.D.* from J.J. Pierce, 275 McMane Ave., Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922). John says he has revived his zeal and intends to cut down *Renaissance's* esoterica. So send him a buck or "the usual"... *Reason* is oscillating. After a good "Revisionist Issue" and a so-so Tax ish, the present (May) number (Vol. 8, No.1) is back up again. The biggest "symbol" of change was the first appearance of YFNA in the letters section, along with ally Charles Curley. Also of note to the hard-core is Klausner's defense of advertising for lawyers (he is one, himself, so he lays it on the line) and Joe Cobb finally giving Pete McAlpine's *The Occult Technology of Power* the recognition it deserves. Two white marks on an otherwise spotless black: Joe Cobb's extolling of Sandy Cohen's sell-out to the Poughkeepsie stats as some sort of victory, and Fred Miller's attempt to prove that self-proclaimed anarchist Lysander Spooner was a minarchist. Miller is the latest in a long line of philosophy professors being published in *Reason* who are unable to grasp plain English. Maybe *Reason's* trying to bolster their humour content? —SEK3

Robert LeFevre

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What amazes me is that the Libertarian Party (so-called) continues promoting Roger MacBride for president of the United States. Roger is a very fine lad. And I dislike observing actions that are leading to the delinquency of an otherwise sane and rational human being. Why doesn't the Libertarian Party disown Roger and induct Jerry into the mysteries of the cult?

Jerry Brown has about one chance in sixteen of making it to the top. Roger's only chance would come if the nation were atom bombed and the only people left were power-mad libertarians. As I observe the antics of those who have fallen victim to Rothbard's disease (the virus which causes a libertarian to suppose that politics can be used to create a non-political society), I marvel at their failure to jump for Jerry. They've disowned nearly everyone in the party who has any political comprehension at all. Jerry appears like a natural to lead those who are left. Besides, they ought to want every member they can get, and the fact that Jerry is an avowed Democrat ought not stop them. Saints and sinners invariably rub shoulders in politics.

While it is true that Jerry is really a Jesuit and has spent much time in solitude on a mountain top communing with nature and with tender young grapes, in this regard he is somewhat akin to Roger, who has spent time at Monticello, Jefferson's home in Charlottesville, brooding above the rolling Virginia countryside, dreaming his dreams and spinning his webs of fantasy.

In office, either would be able to establish the truth of Jerry's dictum of what it means to be governor. The difference between governing California and governing the nation is that in the latter case, one works from a broader and more painful base.

Further, it should be noticed that an ache in the posterior is, in politics, a two-way street. If Jerry finds an occasional twinge knotting his gluteus maximus, I can speak as a Californian and observe that having Jerry in his monastic retreat in the state capitol provides anguish up and down the West Coast.

Among other goodies Jerry has

brought to pass is a medical mess that has given us a doctor's strike, among the highest medical costs in the land, medical insurance that even Howard Hughes would rather die than pay, and a marvelous decision never to get sick again. Then, in concert with Cesar Chavez, Jerry helped to get a law on the books which violated a grape grower's right to private property. Conceivably, this same law could be applied to any farmer or rancher in the state. It granted union organizers the legal privilege of going onto private property without the owner's consent in an effort to extort extra sums of money from the owners. Extortionists have never had it so good! Fortunately, that law is now in limbo, and in the resulting confusion farmers are once more oiling up their shotguns. Meanwhile, thousands of people have highly resolved never to get into the farming business.

Of course, I know what happened to Jerry. He became a governor in a lackluster campaign in which he ran against a moist-eyed guy named Flournoy, who had all the verve, dash, and élan of a soggy pizza. Everyone figured that was a campaign which nobody could win, and they were right. Then, after Jerry got into office, he happened to look east one day and saw Carter, Jackson, Udall, and half-a-dozen others, prancing and braying about like so many onagers, and with arched eyebrows he said to himself, "Gollee, even I could do that good!"

He is right. Alongside these whinnying wheel-horses, Jerry looks pretty sleek. He doesn't say or do much of anything (clear proof that he is ready for the Libertarian Party). Suddenly, he realized that he could cast himself in the role of a young Lochinvar.

"Oh, young Jerry Brown is come out of the west,

Through all the wide border his stance was the best

And save his fat back pain he weapons had none,

He rode all alone and he rode all unarmed."

—with apologies to Alfred Lord Tennyson.

Understandably, Jerry was stricken with Rothbard's disease. And now his eyes glitter whenever he gets out his prayer rug and faces Mecca. Jerry Brown knows how to ride a horse. And here's the way it could happen.

First, Reagan isn't going anywhere unless it's back to the sound lot to do a re-make of *Death Valley Days*. And that would be great. He has never lost his touch as an actor, and we could all watch him again without the uneasy feeling that he had strayed over into non-fiction.

Ford, of course, has the best chance at the moment. Never underestimate the power of the office in determining the successor. At the same time, bitter memories of Watergate have doubtless convinced many Americans that we've had gobs and gobs of GOPs.

On the Democratic side, Carter has made the best showing so far. But Georgia may prove an albatross to him at the convention. Sherman was the biggest man in Georgia's history and he came close to wrecking the place forever. Carter is no Sherman, but he's been trying. It is profoundly doubtful if either Jackson or Udall could swing the convention. And then there's Humphrey. There's always Humphrey.

Here's the way I see it. At the convention, the professional pols will whoop it up for Humphrey. Why not? Compared to the other hopefuls and *inside* the convention, Humphrey will look good...until that crucial moment when somebody reminds them that Humphrey is nothing more than a nationwide defeat warmed over. Humphrey backers may remind them that Nixon made it. If so, that will be a poor choice of reminders.

Then, dashing into the convention on his famous dark horse (possibly a white horse, by then, for our plight in California is called the Lady Godiva syndrome) will come young Jerry Lochinvar Brown. And this year, California is no albatross, despite its financial nudity. Precisely these tactics have thrust other men into positions of total power.

Naturally, all this is no more than a series of assumptions. What is safe to say is that whoever wins, the American public will lose.

Now, what has Roger MacBride got to do with all this? What has the Libertarian Party got to do with it? What should any human being have to do with it? Nothing. Not a thing. —RL

[Robert LeFevre is the Grand Old Man of Anti-Politics, former dean of Rampart College, and an inspiration to all us young anarchowhippersnappers. —SEK3]

GOLD BUGS CONS

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McKeever will hold forth June 25 and 26th at the Hotel Vancouver, 900 W. Georgia St., Vancouver, B.C. V6C 1P9. Speakers will include Jerome Smith, Gary North, Don Stephens, Norbert Einstein, Otto Roethenmund, Sam Parks, Dick Joynes, and McKeever. The fee is \$295 per person, or \$495 per couple, with no discounts available.

Judging by the speaker lineup and by what McKeever has told me, I think that this conference will be heavily slanted toward personal survival, a field in which Stephens, McKeever, and North are all expert. Sam Parks is in my opinion the top North American gold share expert, and his suggestions will be worth the price of the conference to any gold share investor. Dr. Einstein is noted for the diligence with which he follows the IMF, an important factor if you are interested in gold. Jerome Smith and Otto Roethenmund are, of course, well known to gold bugs.

NCMR's Jim Blanchard has announced the Committee's third annual gold conference, scheduled for 16 to 19 September in—where else?—New Orleans. John McFalls refers to these meetings as the "tent meetings of the gold bugs," and the description is apt. Tickets are \$300 a head, or \$475 for a husband and wife ticket. Contrary to usual NCMR practice, no advance discount was announced. This is probably because it hasn't helped bring in advance money in the past—last year, the bulk of registrations came in after the deadline.

Speakers include Anthony Sutton, revisionist historian and author of the forthcoming *The War on Gold*, author Ira Cobleigh, former Fed official John Exter, John Kamin, editor of *The Forecaster*, Harry Schultz, Vern Myers, author of a forthcoming book from Arlington House, Murray Rothbard, Jacques Rueff (by telephone from Paris), formerly DeGaulle's pro-gold advisor, Jerome Smith, tax rebel Rene Baxter, and many, many others.

The NCMR's change from a January or March date to September is due to Director Jim Blanchard's well-founded opinion that after the 1975 conference in New Orleans, the market had been "seminared to death," and that if there had been a way to short conferences, he would have. However, Blanchard is quite confident that the September conference will be profitable and well attended. He reports that many gold bugs are saving their money for one big gold blast this year, and he plans to make his New Orleans conference it. He may be right; in any case, it may be the only conference I will make this year.

For more information: **Jim McKeever, JALCO Survival Services, 726 Richards St., Vancouver, B.C. V6E 2 M2, Canada. (604) 684-4617** for the June conference, or **Jim Blanchard, National Committee for Monetary Reform, 1524 Hillary St., New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 865-9919.** ■

NATHAN CHASES VOTES

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Tonie Nathan, President of the Association of Libertarian Feminists, and former Vice-Presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party (1972) has returned to political campaigning. In 1975, Nathan was hired to work in the LP National Office, then fired by "Boss" Edward Crane. She was then rejected by the Convention and Roger MacBride's forces at the Con, after she led a relatively radical attack on the LP establishment.

Hopes by anti-political libertarians that her near-purge radicalized her were only partially dashed. In her newsletter (*The Rebellion Report* 1976, Gaines Smith, Editor, 385 E. Seventh St., Eugene, OR 97401), she refrains from mentioning her connection with ALF (see *NLW* 13), long a sore point dividing libertarian feminists, and calls for a "second rebellion."

What is her platform? She codes it as a "Declaration of an Independent" as follows:

"I believe human rights are inalienable.

"I believe the primary environment necessary to human survival is freedom.

"I believe freedom is the right to choose one's own life-style, education and means of survival.

"I believe the survival of civilized society requires the mutual respect of its members.

"I believe that mutual respect is only possible among humans of good-will and reason.

"I believe rational persons should not condone aggression, threat, fraud, and coercion.

I believe that aggression, threat, fraud and coercion ought to be prevented, prosecuted and punished by legal agencies.

"I believe that the primary obligation of legal agencies is the defense of individual rights.

"I believe the defense of human rights is the only moral purpose of government and its agents. As a congresswoman, I pledge I will defend individual rights—yours and mine—in every legal way I can. Most especially, I will not be silent when our inalienable rights are threatened. I will be your voice in Congress to protest your loss of personal liberty. I will speak out against injustice and oppression and I will work to restore control of your business, your property and your life to you." Tonie Nathan

Mighty fine rhetoric, but a Tonie Nathan in Congress is still one more

ZODIAC NEWS SERVICE'S DISPATCH TO ALL MEDIA

(ZNS) And speaking of election reform, what if they gave an election and "Nobody" won?

A Malibu, California, group called "Counter-Campaign '76" is running "Nobody" for President. The group's co-founder Victor Koman explains he decided to head up a national campaign for Nobody since 49 percent of the voting age population in the 1972 election failed or refused to go to the polls. In Koman's view, all these people voted for Nobody.

Counter-Campaign '76 is sponsoring a series of radio spots that say in part: (quote) "Last year, Nobody lowered your taxes. Nobody stopped inflation's rise. Nobody ended the spiraling crime rate. This year, return the favor—Vote for Nobody. In our bicentennial year, the choice is clear—Nobody deserves your vote"—ZODIAC

politician, say the anti-politicians. And this is no year for politicians; this is Nobody's year. Nathan can't beat Nobody's platform: " "■

Calendar

of Libertarian and Related Events

May 9 Southern California Association of Libertarian Feminists (SCALF). Topics include Counter-Economic Midwifery, Libertarian pre-schooling, consciousness-raising. Home of Sandy McIntosh, 2116 W. Spring St., Long Beach.

May 10 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Gordon Smith on Post-Galambosianism. Dinner now \$6.95 at 7:15 P.M., talk only \$1 at 8:30. Beneficial Plaza Cafeteria, Lincoln and Jefferson Rooms, 2nd Floor, 3700 Wilshire (1 block east of Western).

May 12-14 Nathaniel Branden speaking at Project Apple Conference, 200 W. Maple, Mundelein, IL 60060. \$35 for conference, \$15 for Branden's dinner talk, 6:30 P.M., Wednesday. Conference is on "Educating for Self Esteem and Self-Direction" and Branden's topic is "What Difference Might a Teacher's Self-Esteem Make to Themselves [sic] And To Their Students." Also appearing at the PA Con: Dr. Donald Tyrell, Norman Newburg, Dr. James McHolland. Chicago area.

May 13 Forum for Philosophical Studies "Sexual Myths and Misconceptions" Bill Peeler, therapist with the Bio-Centric Institute, specializing in sexuality. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one

block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

May 16 Pre-NOTA Brunch, noon. \$1.50. 607 W. Wrightwood, Apt. 703, Chicago, IL 60614. Reserve by May 10. || *None of the Above* Talk 2:00 P.M. "Scientific Revolutions and How The Market for Ideas is Precisely That" by James D. McCawley, professor of linguistics at the University of Chicago and candidate for U. of Ill. trustee. Donation requested. For location phone (312) 935-0412.

May 19 C.S. Lewis Society of Southern California "Mini-topics on C.S. Lewis" One by Samuel Konkin on "C.S. Lewis: Rational Individualist." Also Mythopoeic Society BNFs Glen Goodknight, Antoinette Brenion. 7:30 P.M. University of Southern California Religious Center, L.A.

May 21-24 LPC Convention '76. [Warning: Money goes to Libertarian Party of Canada.] Includes Sunday Luncheon with Richard Needham of the *Toronto Globe and Mail*; banquet with Yankee statist (Louisiana legislature) Woody Jenkins; dance, seminars, political workshops and partyac. \$35 includes all events plus printed program book. Holiday Inn, downtown Toronto. Reservations from Libertarian Party of Canada, 4866 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5N2.

June 3 *None of the Above* (NOTA) libertarian social meeting (1st Thursdays). 8 P.M. Phone (312) 935-0412 for location. Chicago.

June 5-6 *Southern Libertarian Conference* White House Inn, Atlanta. Speakers, seminars, workshops, 3-film festival: *The Incredible Bread Machine*, Adam Smith, *We Won't Be Fooled Again*. \$5/day, \$10 for banquet. More Info: Jim Clarkson, 322 East 11th St., Rome, GA 30161.

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June 19 *Mythopoeic Society/Frefan meeting*. *Black Easter*—novel by James Blish, new screenplay by Charles Curley. At Anarchovillage, Apt. 3, 1838 E. 7th St., Long Beach. 7:30 P.M.

June 25-26 *Investment and Survival Strategy Conference*, Vancouver. See *NLW* 22 or write Jim McKeever, JALCO⁹ Survival Services, 726 Richard St., Vancouver, BC. V6E 2M2, or call (604) 684-4617. \$295 per person, \$495 per couple. Vancouver, British Columbia.

Please remember that to get your listing mailed out on time you must have it in at least one week before publication date or two weeks before cover date. All libertarian functions are listed except those which demand secrecy and political activities attempting to associate themselves with libertarianism.

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ROTHBARD-MILLEN LP FACTION FLIP OUT!

The following letter was mailed to members of the Free Libertarian Party recently after the state convention. (See **New Libertarian Weekly 19**, cover, and **NLW 20** editorial.) Such a height of emotionalism has not been seen in connection with the libertarian movement since the Rand-Branden split of 1968, and feelings are sure to run high in many of our readers. Therefore, **NLW** prints, word for word, the statement as sent out without further comment. —SEK3

A STATEMENT

Concerned with the mischievous course which the Free Libertarian Party has come increasingly to pursue; mindful of the need to bring about a reappraisal and a redirection of the FLP; and attentive to the respect which we owe ourselves, we the undersigned disengage ourselves, in varying degrees, from the FLP.

The causes which have led us to this action are many. In the case of some of us, we have been struggling against them—tediously, and at great emotional cost—for years. Others of us have only recently become aware of the deep problems which a certain faction continues to generate in our Party.

The faction whose conduct has occasioned our suspension of support has been guilty of harassment, of gossip-mongering, of character assassination and of the petty personal sniping that finally saps anyone's will to persevere in any organization—even one dedicated to the noble *[sic]* ideals of the FLP. Acts of spite and irresponsible accusations go back a long time with members of this faction. Some of the more recent ones are as follows:

Our errors are presumed to have malicious intent, while theirs are

merely "mistakes;" praise for good work, and acknowledgement of dedication to our cause is systematically withheld from some (including our presidential candidate)—rather we are constantly subjected to suspicion and malicious speculation as to our "real" motives; unguarded comments of some of us have been greedily seized upon and blown up to the proportions of the Dreyfus case; other comments, published in private newsletters, have for some reason been made into the official business of the FLP; an absurd Robespierre, suspecting treachery and lack of virtue everywhere, is permitted—even encouraged—to impugn the integrity of his moral and ideological betters; the FLP newsletter has been used to savage libertarians who dissent from the editorial line; indeed, and finally, for those with no more pressing Libertarian work to do, casting doubts on the integrity of other FLP members has developed into a kind of pastime, on the assumption, of course, that the victims would always *be there*, passively allowing themselves to be the butt of the ill-will of others. We hereby announce that this particular show has now folded in New York, because those who were cast as the antagonists of the People of Virtue have simply walked off the stage.

In announcing our disengagement from the FLP, we feel not only anger, but also sorrow. Some of us have dedicated years of effort to the FLP. All of us have cherished the idea of working with an FLP that was a community of women and men working together for the highest things we know, and a friendly haven from a crazy world—where we have always supposed our real adversaries are to be found.

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BUYERS GUIDE FOR C.B. FANS!

by Charles Curley

Back when **NLW** was young, we ran an article about C.W. McCall's song *Convoy*, about a trucker's C.B. pipe dream. But in fact C.B. has been around a lot longer than the last few years. The Citizen's band has existed since 1947, but only with the low cost of transistor and IC technology and the high benefits of radio communication produced by the 55 mph speed limit has C.B. been brought to national attention.

C.B. is a simple two-way radio for the person who doesn't know a transistor from a resistor, and doesn't care. It is simple and reliable. The Federal Communications Commission has certain rules it expects you to obey, but which rarely are obeyed. There is no way, aside from a spot check, that they can enforce the rules, and if you have a mobile rig, they have to *catch* you first.

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Discordians Picket Illuminati!

200th ANNIVERSARY

by Ralph Fucetola

New York City, May 1, 1976—The 5 stood before the glass and stone tower of the enemy which was donated by the Rockerfella Family to the United Nations Conspiracy, and, after appropriate readings from the *Principia Discordia*, exorcised the demons from the place, at high noon.

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NOTES & VIEWS

IN THIS ISSUE

The *Feminist Supplement*, due for this issue, has been delayed at least two weeks. Two articles expected have not come through, and substitutes are being requested from top-flight libertarian feminists. Also, editrix Sheila Wymer (SCALF co-founder) has just put into practice her theories on Home Birth and Agoric Midwifery [it's a boy!]. But she's still game to put out the *Sup* and so is *NLW*.

Just in case the worst happens, we have a substitute *Sup* under preparation on a theory of libertarian child education by an "objectivist-Stirnerist." Now you just go to wanna see that!

Our *Speculations* column has been postponed an issue to give room for Chris's extra-long movie pre-reviews. Make sure and write us if you like them! We're a bit tentative about this.

ISSUES TO COME...

Next issue we'll have a rundown on the League of Non-Voters' primary campaigns in Nevada and California

GUEST EDITORIALS

The views of Your Friendly Neighbourhood Anarchoeditor are pretty well-known—at least by *NLW* readers. So we're resuming our old *NLN* policy of running occasional guest editorials. If you got 'em, write 'em, and send 'em. We'll run 'em!

This one is a somewhat different view of Mensa from the put-down YFNA tossed at it a few issues ago. It's by the hard-core editor of its Libertarian Interest Group publication *LibSIG*. Take it away, Dick! —SEK3

IS THERE ROOM FOR SMART LIBERTARIANS?

by Dick Radford

I'm over 6'7" tall, weigh over 200 pounds, and have an IQ over 160. If any of that makes you uncomfortable, tough shit. The only people who *aren't* uncomfortable around me are basketball players, professional wrestlers, and Mensans. I find the latter group the more interesting.

Mensa has been around for about as long as modern libertarianism, offering a last refuge for that dispossessed minority, the hyperintelligent. I

sought it out and joined it, hoping to find one spot on Galt's earth where people aren't ridiculed for lacking an otherwise universal human attribute—dumbness. And it was so.

But intelligence is often one thing, while perception is another. Mensa's founder claimed that he expected the governments of the world to submit their stickiest problems to Mensa for resolution. Imagine his chagrin to learn that no government, anywhere, has ever submitted any of its policies to the scrutiny of anyone with an IQ equal to his age—and there are no plans to initiate such a practice.

This discovery led Mensa to discard its role of Great Organic Computer for Humanity, in favor of lobby-group status. I once listened to the International Chairman lecture on the need of state support of "gifted children" programs, brain trusts, etc.; wiped off my chin, and determined that Mensa needed its own libertarian organization.

The decision to start yet another minuscule libertarian movement was based on my conviction that (1) Mensans are worth having on our side, as their opinions often carry inordinate weight; and (2) most of them are so insulated from normal social activity that they have no contact with existing libertarian groups or publications. Accordingly, I conducted a nationwide survey in late 1972, established that there was one other libertarian Mensan, and formed the National Libertarian Special-Interest Group (*LibSIG*).

For the last 3½ years, I've crisscrossed the country, speaking to national, regional, and local Mensa groups, publishing a newsletter, peddling libertarian books and goodies, etc. Today we have a couple hundred regular members and subscribers. Our seminars get enthusiastic support at Mensa conventions. Libertarian programs at Mensa meetings are now common. (Greater LA Mensa recently hosted a debate on the taxation issue: the audience voted to repudiate taxes.) The old statist-authoritarian line no longer dominates Mensa's official pronouncements.

In fact, virtually all the flak I used to get from Mensans for being a libertarian has now been replaced by flak from libertarians for being in Mensa. (Insecurity, you know, and unearned snobbery.) Bullshit. I base no claims on, and make no defense of, my

dimensions. Our newsletter carries the motto, "You've got to start from where you're at." Having a high IQ happens to be where I'm at, and we've made a pretty respectable start. If you're a non-Mensan who'd rather participate than bitch (the newsletter's available to everybody), or if you're willing to defy convention and admit that you're smart, contact me at **LibSIG, Box 77067, Los Angeles, CA 90007.** —Dick Radford

CONSPIRACY DEMO

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Although the City demanded (and received) five staties for a License to Demonstrate, and although David R. himself (it is rumored) seeded the clouds from the World Trade Center to provide a nasty storm, the 5, wearing charms, insignia and spells to ward away such demonic intervention, successfully completed the operation, two hundred years to the day after the founding of the oldest (?) conspiracy to rule the world, the Braverian Illuminati, thereby psychically cracking the Foundation of the UNO. It is therefore a certainty that at some time in the future, the UNO will cease to exist.

The invocation was performed by the Rev. D. Meinshausen of the Libertarian Congregational Church in priestly robes; a Spirit in White & Black (sometimes known as J.P.) harangued a null crowd; your scribe as Chief Prophet and a High Priest of the LCC attended as Observer and First Kazooist; the Rev. Mr. A. of the LCC bore the Alligator Control Banner & Proclamation "Braverian Illuminati Bicentennial," and a Neophyte from the Shores of the Passaic, the Fifth, bearing the ancient RLA banner, umbrellaed the Book and kept the Bullhorn dry.

How did you spend Mayday?

—The Very Most Reverend
Ralph Fucetola III

*However, some support the theory that the Pharisees (by them supposed to be a Babylonian priest sect that returned to Jerusalem with the Jews—or perhaps were to the Jews what the Jesuits are to the RCC) are the inmost insiders inside the manipulations of the insiders and have been for millennia.

[Uh, Ralph, is that anything like Adam Weishaupt's Bavarian Illuminati? As for Mayday, well, let's see, I backwashed my electric toothbrush and then... —SEK3]

Cinema

by Chris Schaefer

According to *Variety*, a Right Wing film festival was held recently in Paris, backed by Right Wing organizations. Among the films shown were *True Grit*, *Deliverance*, and *Birth of a Nation*.

Perhaps someday in the future some enterprising Libertarian will set up the first *Libertarian Film Festival*. There are plenty of films that could be unspooled. Among them are *The Fountainhead*, *Lonely Are The Brave*, *Shenandoah* and *Jonathan Livingstone Seagull*.

As we near the half-way point in the year, the best movies are yet to come. Because of the space I have not listed every film that is going to be released between now and December. Due to post production problems and other unforeseen factors some release dates may change. Here then is what you can see between now and December in your local movie theater.

In May **The Blue Bird**, the first Russian-American co-production directed by George Cukor is a fantasy film about two children who search for "the blue bird of happiness."

Won Ton Ton is a dog story about a famous canine star.

Opening May 19th, **The Missouri Breaks** is a big budget western where each of the stars (Jack Nicholson and Marlon Brando) were reportedly paid one million dollars each. The film is directed by Arthur Penn, who has directed two other westerns (*The Left-Handed Gun* and *Little Big Man*).

If you liked *That's Entertainment* you'll probably enjoy the best of MGM in **That's Entertainment Part 2**, which also opens May 19th. **That's Entertainment Part 2** expands the premise of the earlier film by including scenes from MGM's dramas and comedies (*Strange Cargo*, *The Thin Man*, *Pat and Mike*, *Ziegfeld Girl* and many other films) in addition to the musicals (60 numbers in all). Among the stars are Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Katherine Hepburn, William Powell, The Marx Brothers, Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly and many more stars.

If you liked *Godzilla* and all the spin-offs, *King Kong vs Godzilla*, etc., then you'll be glad to know that another's on the way, **Godzilla vs. Megalon**.

June is a great month. Dustin Hoffman and Laurence Olivier star in **Marathon Man**.

Paul Newman and Burt Lancaster star in Robert Altman's **Buffalo Bill & The Indians or Sitting Bull's History Lesson**.



Michael York stars in **Logan's Run**, a big budget (10 million dollars) science fiction film about a world where no one is allowed to live beyond thirty, and one man, Logan, who refuses to accept his fate.

If you are a World War II buff then you'll enjoy **Midway**, a large scale war movie in Sensurround, with an all-star cast that includes Henry Fonda, Glenn Ford, Toshiro Mifune and Charlton Heston.

It looks like westerns are making a comeback this year. Yep, another western is **The Shootist**, starring John Wayne, Lauren Bacall, Richard Boone, Jimmy Stewart and Hugh O'Brien. This should get Wayne his 3rd Oscar nomination for the role of John Bernard Brooks, an aging gun-fighter dying of cancer.

For the month of July there's **Great Scout and Cat House Thursday**, starring Lee Marvin and Oliver Reed.

Doug McClure stars in **At The Earth's Core**.

Mel Brooks and Burt Reynolds star in **Silent Movie**.

Clint Eastwood stars in yet another western, **Outlaw Josey Wales**, a post-Civil War western.

Charles Bronson, John Houseman and Jacqueline Bisset star in **St. Ives Last Score**.

Two great films are expected for August. A futuristic playground is used by a Mad Scientist who plots to take over the world in **Futureworld**, a fantasy extension of *Westworld*, starring Peter Fonda, Arthur Hill and Yul Brynner in a cameo appearance.

Robert Shaw, Beau Bridges and James Earl Jones star in **Swashbuckler** (changed to **The Blarney Cock** during production, it recently reverted to its original title). The film is a sea adventure story in the tradition of such films as *The Sea Pirate* and *The Crimson Pirate*.

Nothing for September. In October expect **The Cassandra Crossing**, starring Sophia Loren, Richard Harris and Burt Lancaster. Woody Allen is **The Front Man**. David Carradine is sure to get an Oscar nomination for his portrayal of Woody Guthrie, the wandering minstrel/balladeer in depression-era America in **Bound for Glory**.

In November, Richard Harris returns as the English lord who fell into the hands of the Sioux in **Return Of A Man Called Horse**. In late November (30th) and early December **King Kong** starring Jeff Bridges and Jessica Lange opens. In this remake of the classic 1933 film, Kong will climb the Trade Center building and fight jets instead of biplanes. Only time will tell if DeLaurentiis's **Kong** will be considered a classic in the 21st century 43 years from now, or if it'll even be acceptable today (when it's released next November/December.)

Also opening in December is **The Pink Panther Strikes Again**, starring Peter Sellers and **Dirty Harry 3**, starring Clint Eastwood. With these two flatfeet (the bumbling French cop, Inspector Clouseau, and the hard-nosed San Francisco cop, Harry Callahan) our streets are sure to be safe for another year. —Chris Schaeffer

C.B. BUYERS GUIDE*[Continued from page one]*

You can get started in C.B. with as little as \$120, or you can spend \$800 or more, and you will get the quality for which you pay. There are high-quality rigs and there are lemons, and you can't tell them apart just by looking at them.

Pay strict attention to the antenna when you shop, as this is going to determine how well others can hear you, and how far you reach. The power of your transmitter is limited by Uncle Charlie, the FCC, to five watts so it is up to the antenna to get the most out of those five watts.

The one accessory which, in my opinion, you *must* have is a good slide mount. C.B. rigs are a hot item with freelance socialists, and they will get it out if they want to, no matter what you do. Thus, it is simpler if you take it with you. Take it out, and take it with you, whether to the hairdresser or to a dinner. Don't count on defeating the burglars: one police stake-out reported seeing a thief steal a rig, start to finish, in *twenty-two seconds!* (P.S. They were so surprised they didn't catch him.)

Check with your insurance company. Many insurers will not unless it is built in, like your A.M. radio, or unless it is on a slide mount and you take it out all the time. You might also consider adding comprehensive coverage to your auto policy, but consider this strictly a back-up to the slide mount. That \$50 deductible will wipe out the \$10 savings of not buying a slide mount.

When you shop for a rig, check out warranties. Teaberry offers the only year guarantee that I know of, and the rest all offer 90 days. In addition to the 90 days, Pace also has a two year return policy for a flat \$14.95 + postage per return. Parts and labor are covered by the \$14.95.

The only test of C.B. equipment is the acid test of trying it out in your car or station with the rest of your gear. Unless you know the dealer, or leave a kilo bar of gold for security, he won't let you take a rig out of his shop, so you will have to do the next best thing: listen to it and, if he will let you, use it in his shop. Dealers will let you listen, but not transmit unless you have your license, but if business is slack, you might get him to do a radio check for you if you haven't got your license yet.

The biggest problem that you will have is that right now, C.B. is a sellers' market, and the good rigs are scarce. The Teaberry top rigs have six, eight

and ten week long waiting lists for the dealers—you *can't* get 'em. The dealers are on waiting lists, but the customers aren't—you will just have to call your dealer up every other day and ask if your model has come in. When it has, boogie on down there and snap it up—somebody else's money is just as green as yours.

I highly recommend a 23-channel rig. Different areas use each channel for a separate usage. Channel 9 is reserved for emergencies and motorist aid, and channel 11 is primarily for location other units. By common consent, channel 19 nationwide and channels 21, 17, and 15 in different areas are used by truckers and other highway travelers to pass on road information: where accidents or speed traps are. Your rig could pay for itself in traffic tickets avoided or time saved!

There are a number of simplified booklets out on C.B., and one of them is Radio Shack's for a mere \$1.25. If you are interested in C.B., you should get one or two of these and read them from cover to cover. Please note that they are designed to sell C.B., so take everything with a critical eye, and check out the claims.

One more thing: most cars generate a lot of RF noise that will affect your rig's performance. You may end up spending \$20 or \$30 on filters to cut this noise down. This should only be done after you have bought the rig and been using it for a few weeks so that you are sure you are buying the correct filter for your particular problem. If possible, consult with an expert. You cannot return electrical components to most dealers.

—Connecticut Yankee, Channel 21

ROTHBARD-MILLEN*[Continued from page one]*

The implacable wrong-headedness and vindictiveness of a powerful faction in the FLP has made all this impossible. The apathy and "who am I to judge" attitude of an acquiescent membership has become intolerable. Some of us are resigning outright; others will remain in the FLP, alienated, but continuing to do what they can for our cause—above all for the MacBride-Bergland ticket—on their own.

Walter Block
Roy Childs
Gary Greenberg
Andrea Millen
Ralph Raico
Howard Rich
Murray N. Rothbard
Jerry Tuccille
Fran Youngstein

Calendar

of Libertarian and Related Events

May 16 Pre-NOTA Brunch, noon. \$1.50. 607 W. Wrightwood, Apt. 703, Chicago, IL 60614. Reserve by May 10. || *None of the Above Talk* 2:00 P.M. "Scientific Revolutions and How The Market for Ideas is Precisely That" by James D. McCawley, professor of linguistics at the University of Chicago and candidate for U. of Ill. trustee. Donation requested. For location phone (312) 935-0412.

May 19 C.S. Lewis Society of Southern California "Mini-topics on C.S. Lewis" One by Samuel Konkin on "C.S. Lewis: Rational Individualist." Also Mythopeic Society BNFs Glen Goodknight, Antoinette Brenion. 7:30 P.M. University of Southern California Religious Center, L.A.

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June 10 Forum for Philosophical Studies. \$3.50 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd., (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

June 14 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Dinner \$6.95 at 7:15, talk \$1 at 8:30 P.M. Beneficial Plaza Cafeteria, Lincoln and Jefferson Rooms, 2nd Floor, 3700 Wilshire (1 block east of Western). Los Angeles.

June 19 Mythopeic Society/Frefan meeting. *Black Easter*—novel by James Blish, new screenplay by Charles Curley. At Anarchovillage, Apt. 3, 1838 E. 7th St., Long Beach. 7:30 P.M.

June 25-26 Investment and Survival Strategy Conference, Vancouver. See **MLW22** or write Jim McKeever, JALCO Survival Services, 726 Richard St., Vancouver, BC. V6E 2M2, or call (604) 684-4617. \$295 per person, \$495 per couple. Vancouver, British Columbia.

Please remember that to get your listing mailed out on time you must have it in at least one week before publication date or two weeks before cover date. All libertarian functions are listed except those which demand secrecy and political activities attempting to associate themselves with libertarianism.

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GORDON SMITH DEBUT!

NEW LIBERTARIAN TENDENCY UNVEILED AT L.A. SUPPER CLUB!

Gordon Smith, founder and entrepreneur of "A.G.A.", overwhelmed nearly a hundred hard-eyed, skeptical libertarians at the Los Angeles Libertarian Supper Club on Monday, May 9. Smith combined a sophisticated hard-sell delivery with an erudite, well-integrated background and eclectic, strobe-light focus.

Smith appeared at the Supper Club to solicit students for his "Overview Course" beginning May 24 in Downey. Initial impressions of Smith's background and presentation indicate that an open version of the underground educational operation of Andrew J. Galambos is surfacing. Smith described himself several times during his talk as a heretic. He was asked by *NLW*'s editor for his criticism of Galambos. Smith reeled off four points of difference in his General Semantics *cum* Praxeology jargon, then followed with a brief explanation.

Since Galambos' theory is known only to those who have signed contracts binding the students not to reveal it, and the most abstract levels of his theory are available only to the long-term student, the conclusion is inescapable that Smith must have been a long-term student of Galambos, perhaps near the "inner circle." Other evidence was presented of this split in Galambosianism. One was a casual remark of Smith that he had personally argued or debated his differences with Galambos. Another was the introduction by Larry Gale, Smith's associate, who readily admitted being a former Galambos student, who had been "excommunicated."

Gordon Smith clearly does not share Galambos' penchant for secrecy. Galambos' theory of "primary property" leads to his peculiar belief that ideas are property, liable to theft, and require protection and concealment from the idea bandits who do not subscribe to the Galambos theory.

Smith, on the other hand, was open to any and all questions, and although he deferred detailed elucidation to full lectures, his cursory answers were sufficient to be understood by well-versed libertarians and not evasive.

Smith believes that Economics, broadly defined, is the unifying science, with branches of biology, philosophy, praxeology (Mises' Austrian School of Economics), psychology, and others. He rejects traditional concepts of good and bad for "efficient" and "inefficient," and describes such institutions as the State and Church as "anti-selective." The greatest thinkers, he states, were Newton, Darwin, and Von Mises. He also utilizes Alfred Korzybski's *General Semantics* theory, Wilhelm Reich's psychology, and other "heresies" in various fields.

Gordon Smith agreed to the A.G.A. (his educational organization) drafting a brief explanation of his position for publication in *New Libertarian Weekly* and that will be published as soon as received for readers wishing more background. The A.G.A. Overview Course begins 7:30 P.M., Monday, May 24, and costs \$200. "Introduction to A.G.A. Overview" is \$10 and begins Tuesday, June 8, 7:30 P.M. Further information may be obtained directly from the institute.

Smith A.G.A. Institute, 7847 E. Florence, Suite 114, Downey, CA 90240. (213) 927-2614. ■

LIBERTARIAN SEX TALK IN L.A.!

Bill Peeler, psychologist working at Nathaniel Branden's Biocentric Institute, addressed libertarians on sexual myths on May 10. He was one of a series of speakers presented by the Forum for Philosophical Studies (see

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LP-NLA CLASH IN LONG BEACH!

David Bergland, Vice-Presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party, appeared in the Speaker's Platform at Long Beach State University at noon, May 12. Student reception ranged from boredom to derision, and Bergland's claim to "represent" libertarians was challenged by a demonstration of the New Libertarian Alliance.

The NLA distributed "Listen, LP!" leaflets which challenged the Party's claim to represent libertarians, and CounterCampaign '76 "Vote for Nobody" leaflets and stickers.

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NLW Calendar for subsequent meetings.)

Peeler's myth-shatterings were generally accepted by the twenty-five attendees with little controversy or excitement.

George and Diane Smith, directors of the Forum, plan a series of debates to liven up their monthly gatherings. Topics for debate include minarchy vs anarchy, and the Party vs the market.

NOTES & VIEWS

NEXT ISSUE

New Libertarian Weekly 25. That means an even half-year according to our subscription (50/year). *NLW* publication date was November 30, 1975 and *NLW* 25 is May 30, 1976. Exactly ½ year. In short, people, we made it!

So we'll be adding some pages to celebrate our success as the first libertarian weekly. And in those pages, we're going to run (among other things) an advance look at a new departure for our growing movement. The position will be developed in other publications in the coming months to maximise exposure, but it would be appropriate to start here with the faithful hard-core.

The advance preview is by Your Friendly Neighbourhood Anarchoeditor and it's called "The End of the Libertarian Movement." Would you believe that's the title of the most upbeat, optimistic article that YFNA ever wrote? Stay tuned!

And we'll be featuring the League of Non-Voters campaign next ish, with up-dates on *still more* press coverage of CounterCampaign '76, articles and news from Scott, Bonnie, Abby, Jerry, and the gang.

And we change our masthead!

EDITORIAL REPLY

(First in a new series)

[We have occasionally published as letters replies to positions taken in NOTES & VIEWS. Actually, that's not exactly "equal time," so beginning with Scott Royce's reply to YFNA's sceptical analysis of the Libertarian Republican Alliance (*NLW* 21), we will run Editorial Replies (and don't forget our Guest Editorials) for "opposing views by responsible individuals" and all that. Once again, Theory meets Practice! —SEK3]

WHITHER LRA?

by Eric Scott Royce

I read with interest—as I do all the material in *NLW*—the editorial "Take Me to the Limit!" in the May 2, 1976 issue. Let me offer a few comments.

First of all, both Mr. Drosdik and I protested vigorously at the time of the LRA endorsements. My low opinion of Roger MacBride is fairly well known; and, having concluded that

Reagan is the kind of lunatic on foreign policy matters the Demos accused Barry of being in '64, I have been extending some cooperation to the local Ford group. *Not*, let me hasten to emphasize, because I have any intention of supporting Ford in the fall or because I approve of most of his policies, but merely because I believe it is vital that Reagan not get the nomination.

Having made it plain where I stand in regard to the LRA's presidential endorsements, let me turn to the organization itself. While the LRA clearly has its faults and problems, it also has potential—for exposing an increasing portion of the Republican Party to libertarian ideas.

The greatest problem the Movement faces is, of course, that of replacing the present insane society with one in which a far greater measure of liberty will exist. If we are ever going to be able to reach that goal, we will have to expand the ranks of the faithful. Many individuals active in both major parties today are ripe for conversion to libertarianism; they need only be reached with the message of freedom. The LRA is one vehicle for initially exposing them to that message, for breaking down to some degree their old conservative allegiance.

Few individuals are capable of making the move from Goldwater Republicanism to anarchocapitalism in one step. LRA can serve as a way station for those who have made the *first* step away from the Right. Once an individual has moved that far, he can be approached by those who are harder-of-core.

On balance, LRA should in the end prove helpful in expanding our ranks.

One final note in regard to Ron Paul, the new Congressman from Texas. Any Southern Republican who casts a vote against the B-1 bomber program during his first week in Congress, and who publicly states during his campaign that he would support elimination of laws against marijuana, bears watching. —ESR

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The *Libertarian Forum* for March 1976 (Vol. IX, No. 3) arrived May 3 in Long Beach. Rumour has it another ish will be out any day and Editor Murray Rothbard will begin catching up. This number has a surprising front-page plug for the Association of Libertarian Feminists, and a high con-

tent of superb revisionist history articles: "African Roundup," "The Lebanon Tragedy," and Leonard Liggio's "Foreign Affairs" on the Common Market super-state and the coming to power of French and Italian Communist parties. No deviations in this ish, so it's highly recommended. Oh, and don't forget *LF* publisher Joe Peden's shiny little gem "The State vs. The Amish." Peden is one of the most overlooked defenders of oppressed minorities in the Movement. (*LF*, Box 341, Madison Square Station, New York, NY 10010, \$8/year) . . . "Filthy Pierre" is the fan-name of one of the old movement hands from the late sixties who appears almost solely in *SF* fan publications. He has begun his own APA (Amateur Press Association: a collation of a few sheets from each contributor) with the novel idea of typing on "carbon sets" (Rediset and Quikset). He and anarchist Jim Stumm hash over the private protection agency question, among other things, in the first issue of *CARBAPA*. Next mailing is May 20. To get more info on it, or to send 20 copies for collation, write Erwin S. Strauss, 9909 Goodluck Road, T2, Lanham, MD 20801 . . .

"News From The East: Some 46% of Virginia's qualified potential voters (1.5 million out of 3.3 million) are *not* registered to vote. This is the highest percentage of same in the nation! (Who said that the Old Dominion wasn't hard-core?) . . . Representative Ron Paul (Libertarian Republican Alliance) has voted against the B-1 bomber program, called for eliminating federal laws dealing with marijuana, and identifies himself with an FEE (Foundation for Economic Education) position . . . More later." —ESR
Thanks, Scott. Over to you, Bonnie in Chicago. "Roger MacBride will be in Illinois May 22-24. Those interested should contact LPI (Libertarian Party of Illinois) . . . About 25 libertarians gathered in Chicago to protest taxes. The lower turnout of taxpayers this year was seen as a sign of last year's success. Then again, it could have been the poor weather." —BK . . .
Thanks, Bonnie. Now down to you, Abby, in Florida. "Sallie Ann Harrison and I ran a heroic workshop at the Southern Feminist's Health Conference on Non Traditional Motherhood, stressing women developing their own solutions to their childcare needs and blasting government daycare centers.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND MARXIST ANTI-REVISIONISM!

PART ONE by Robert Brakeman

As the years have slipped away since the assassination of President Kennedy, a new intramural and intercollegiate sport has sprung up on the left—especially the weirder left. Any number can participate in this sport, and the best label for it is the "un-communizing of Lee Oswald." There's really only one rule, but it's enforced very severely. The rule is that everyone must at all times do everything possible to make the public unaware of the fact (or make them forget) that the assassin was a communist of the most doctrinaire kind. The means used are: picturing Oswald as just an all-purpose nut, who killed the President for reasons known only to his own fevered self; portraying him as a slightly-confused young man who didn't believe in much of anything politically—or if he did, was just a vague leftist of some kind, rather than a committed, highly-ideological Marxist-Leninist; or by picturing him as just a poor victim who was framed by various evil forces (preferably conservatives, and Dallas oil millionaires if possible) and who in fact had nothing to do with the crime, thereby making it irrelevant what his political views might have been—if he didn't do it, than the views he held are not significant.

A good deal of this un-communizing of Oswald of course was done in the minutes and months just after the killing, as liberal and leftist forces in the country made the maximum effort (and their maximum effort is the maximum effort, since they control everything in sight) to obscure the fact that Oswald was one of them—that he was highly political, and that his politics were theirs, not those of their opponents. But the sport has only really caught fire in the last few years, with the production of books and films which pervert history in a way which is really quite extraordinary, even for the left. These works of art do their job by ignoring large chunks of Oswald's past or by lying about big portions of it, or both (usually both). It's time that in one place there was a complete listing of all that's known of Lee Oswald's communist background, for use in the battle against the re-writers of history, who in this society are our *main* writers of history. The main facts which are being written are these:

- Oswald was already a committed communist by his early teens. He was fourteen when in 1953 the communists (with some foolish-liberal and "humanitarian" support) made their all-out effort to stop the execution of the Rosenbergs for their treason. Oswald read a Marxist pamphlet on the case, and its propaganda turned his life around. He later admitted (rather he proclaimed it, for "admitted" makes it sound like he was ashamed of the whole thing, which he wasn't) that the Rosenberg case was what made him "see the light."

- Oswald was also to say later that his coming to Marxism was practically a religious experience—specifically, he said his reading *Das Kapital* was like a very religious man opening the Bible for the first time.

- He was the organizer, only known public member, and spokesman for the New Orleans Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba, Committee. Now, there are communist fronts and communist fronts; some are quite sophisticated and the fact that they are controlled by the communists is well hidden (the early phases of both the Scottsboro committees of the 1930s and the Progressive Party of '48 are good examples); but others are so openly Marxist in their ideologies and so clearly subservient to some communist country or another that one joins them *because* they are communist-run, or in spite of the fact that one *knows* that they are—one does not join them in ignorance of what they are. The FPCC was of this latter type. Its honorary National Chairman was communist Waldo Frank (who published an illuminating article called "How I Came to Communism" in *New Masses* in '32); its National Secretary was V.T. Lee, a Marxist who was indicted after illegally travelling to Cuba for inspiration in the fight for the brave new Leninist world.

- Oswald in New Orleans gained a reputation for street fights with anti-Communist Cuban refugees; as a result of one such bout he was convicted for disturbing the peace.

- In 1959, Oswald left the U.S., went to Russia, castigated the U.S., turned in his passport to the American Embassy, renounced his citizen-

ship, and asked Russian authorities to let him become a Soviet national. The Russians allowed him to remain in the country—an unusual practice.

- Lee Harvey Oswald married a Russian woman, and one whose uncle may have been a KGB official (that point is still in dispute).

- While in the Soviet Union, Oswald was so violently anti-U.S. and pro-Communist that he was treated in a very friendly way by the authorities (who saw to it, among other things, that Oswald didn't starve).

After returning to the U.S. and after leaving New Orleans for Dallas, Oswald travelled to Mexico. he was not interested in Mexicans, he was interested in making contact with two communist embassies, those of Russia and Cuba—he was preparing his flight after the act (killing the President) was done.

- After the assassination, the predictable communist correspondence was found among his possessions, including, as one example among many, letters from the Communist Party, USA (one of which was from a man who also wrote Oswald on the stationery of the FPCC—which really wasn't surprising, since the latter really was the former in another guise).

- After he killed Kennedy and was apprehended, Oswald asked for the leading Communist lawyer in America, John Abt. Now, one does not try to get John Abt for the defense because he is such a good lawyer (he in fact is quite mediocre in every respect). One tries to get him only if one is a communist and wants an ideologically-sympathetic defender who will provide an ideological defense.

I should point out that in saying Abt was one of the nation's leading communists, I don't mean that he was some theoretical Marxist (although that alone would make him a curse to mankind); John Abt had been not merely a longtime member of the Communist Party, he was also a member of one of the many Communist cells with the highest levels of the government during the 1930s and 1940s. It was called the Ware Cell, after founder Harold Ware (Abt himself eventually became its leader after

an interval under Nathan Witt). This splendid group devoted itself to (A) policy subversion, the process of pushing U.S. foreign and domestic policies in directions all good Marxists favored, and (B) espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. All of this was proved to the point of redundancy through the testimony of former cell members like Lee Pressman and Nathaniel Weyl and was well-known to anyone who knew anything at all about John Abt; Oswald of course knew plenty—that's why he tried to get Abt (he failed to reach him before he was killed).

All of the foregoing evidence of Lee Oswald's quite doctrinaire Marxism has been fairly well-known. It's been hidden and obfuscated by those leftists and liberals who have a vested interest in doing so, but the evidence has been there for those who cared to look at it. However, there's another bit of evidence which has been almost entirely overlooked, even by those who are aware of Oswald's communism and who like to talk about it—conservatives, mainly. I'm referring to a forgotten radio program in which Oswald participated just a few weeks before the murder.

Next issue: Interview with Lee Oswald. New Libertarian Weekly would like to print any revisionist article by a libertarian disagreeing substantially with Mr. Brakeman's conservative outlook. If none are forthcoming, we are forced to conclude that his position stands by default. —SEK3

BRIEFS

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It was well received by the entire (5 dozen +) workshop attendance! . . . We had a tax rally on the 15th, also well received. Organization was hurried but tax rebellion is definitely an idea for which the time has come. Passersby were definitely enthusiastic this year . . . The Florida LP had its con last weekend. Bergland gave the most non-heroic speech any so-called libertarian has ever delivered in my hearing. I thought he was supposed to be the good candidate! Anyway, attendance was low (about 40) and less than half stayed for Sunday's business meeting. Our local Chair-Entity quit (Wayne Harley) in disgust . . . May First saw the Great Anarchist Goat Roast."—AG . . . Sy Leon of the League of Non-Voters appeared May 12 on the Carol Hemingway Show, KABC 790, and will appear on the Hilly Rose Show, KFI 8-midnight in the L.A. area on June 8 (Primary night). See article on League of Non-Voters next ish. —SEK3

LP-NLA CLASH IN LB

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Bergland received one or two desultory questions until NLAers rose to question him. He was challenged on his claims to represent libertarians, and on his accession to the VP nomination over the vetoes of gays and tax rebels. Then issues of *New Libertarian Weekly* describing Party scandals were distributed on request.

A gigantic sign was held up during the demonstration by NLA: "Nobody Speaks for Libertarians." Students left as their lunch hour ended, and no one was seen joining the LP Campaign. CounterCampaign '76 received several inquiries. ■

LATEST TAX TAKE FIGURES

(ZNS) If you sometimes think that most of your money goes for taxes, you're nearly right.

The New York-based Tax Foundation reports that the typical American works four months a year just to earn the money to pay his or her federal, state and local taxes.

The latest Tax Foundation calculations show that the average wage earner will work through May 1st of 1976 in order to obtain the wages necessary to cover the combined 1976 tax bills.

The Foundation calculates that you spend an average of two hours and 39 minutes of each eight-hour work day toiling for the government. Last year, the figure was two hours and 35 minutes. ■

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(ZNS) Not all Americans suffer from financial shock when the April tax deadline comes around.

Treasury Secretary William Simon revealed on April 16th—the day after most Americans had paid their taxes—that he had just sunk \$550,000 into a house in Long Island's exclusive East Hampton area.

Simon's new 18-room house, one of three which he now owns, comes equipped with nine Italian bathrooms and nine fireplaces. ■

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Libby T. forgot—and expired the very next day! If the number of this issue is approaching the number after your name, renew yourself! Rush \$15 to New Libertarian Enterprises, P.O. Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801.

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June 5-6 Southern Libertarian Conference White House Inn, Atlanta. Speakers, seminars, workshops, 3-film festival: *The Incredible Bread Machine*, Adam Smith, *We Won't Be Fooled Again*. \$5/day, \$10 for banquet. More Info: Jim Clarkson, 322 East 11th St., Rome, GA 30161.

June 10 Forum for Philosophical Studies. George Smith on "Pursuit of Happiness." \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) in Hollywood.

June 14 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Dinner \$6.95 at 7:15, talk \$1 at 8:30 P.M. Beneficial Plaza Cafeteria, Lincoln and Jefferson Rooms, 2nd Floor, 3700 Wilshire (1 block east of Western). Los Angeles.

June 19 Mythopeic Society/Frefan meeting. *Black Easter*—novel by James Blish, new screenplay by Charles Curley. At Anarchovillage, Apt. 3, 1838 E. 7th St., Long Beach. 7:30 P.M.

June 25-26 Investment and Survival Strategy Conference, Vancouver. See *NLW22* or write Jim McKeever, JALCO Survival Services, 726 Richard St., Vancouver, BC. V6E 2M2, or call (604) 684-4617. \$295 per person, \$495 per couple. Vancouver, British Columbia.

July 7-8 Fifth Annual Heinlein-Konkin Birthday Party. Open to friends of either or both. Write NLE, P.O. Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801 for invitation/flyer. Somewhere in Calif.

July 8 Forum for Philosophical Studies. Debate on "Limited Government and Anarchy for Those Still in Doubt." \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

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HANK REARDON LIVES! Workers Demand Capitalist Boss!

Workers throw out a Red union commission and invite the capitalist boss to return to resume control of his factory. Their slogan: "The boss, or we strike!" An Ayn Rand fantasy? No, reality in present-day Portugal, as recently recounted in the April 25, 1976 English Section of *Le Monde* by Dominique Pouchin.

The place is Famalicão and the company is *Textil Manuel Gonçalves (TMG)*. Manuel Gonçalves started a half-century ago peddling bolts of cloth in the market. Today over 3,000 men and women work in TMG's four factories in the middle of meadows between Famalicão and Guimarães in Minho province. TMG is the largest in the Portuguese textile industry, with a yearly turnover of over a million contos.

The Portuguese coup ousting Caetano and the Salazarites and a half-century of quasi-fascist control led rapidly to a militant left control. Gonçalves attempted to ride out the changes, but on March 11, 1975, the leftists speeded up their "revolution." Prime Minister Vasco do Santos Gonçalves reached the height of his power, and Manuel Gonçalves lost control.

Famalicão was no red bastion like Barreiro, Setúbal, or Cora da Picdade. The Minho's new proletariat usually comes from the farm and has known the hard labours of working from dawn to dusk. "Textil Manuel Gonçalves offered him an easier life, a real social status, and a regular wage," says Pouchin. He quotes a Socialist official: "These people had nothing or almost nothing, but now they feel they have something. That's what makes them forget they are exploited [sic]. They have no fighting tradition, no awareness of class to remind them of their condition."

With thinking implying being better off is exploitation, the Socialists rapidly lost the fealty of the workers. Originally, a small group of militants had introduced — cautiously — union activity into the factory at the start of the coup. The union used what they called large-scale "squandering" on Manuel Gonçalves' expensive tastes as an issue. A general meeting of the staff passed a unanimous vote, tantamount to a veritable defiance of the management, calling for a commission to investigate the Gonçalves family's "unproductive" expenditure. Alarming reports were sent to minister's desks on the TMG's finances. Gonçalves packed his bags.

On July 16, 1975, an administrative coalition took over TMG's management. Two weeks later, scores of demonstrators came to the factory, shouting, "Boss, friend, the workers are with you!"

The supposedly "unproductive" expenditure had been halted, throwing 100 building workers out of work, and drying up demand at the plastics plant at Campelos. The priority given to raising the lowest wages turned the higher-skilled workers and management against the commission.

Socialists had left the government in Lisbon, and Communist premises had been attacked at Rio Maior. The union committee, finding out the bank was about to cut TMG credit lines, moved to take over without consultation with the workers. The bank and administrative commission were filled with Communist Party members and sympathisers, and the action was initiated by the Socialists.

August 1-9, a week of clashes resulted in two deaths and two injuries, and in ransacking of the CP head-

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**KARL BRAY QUITS
PRISON, JOINS NLW!**



Karl Bray, the famous libertarian tax rebel, was released from prison April 26. (See *NLW 3* for the details of his trial.) He has offered a column to *New Libertarian Weekly* on Tax Rebellion, prison reform and penal conditions, and other matters, and been accepted.

Bray is presently residing and active in Orange, California, with his lovely, hard-core wife, Donna Noble. ■

NOTES & VIEWS

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25 big ones, we welcome Karl, and libertarianism moves away from movement. Happy Half-Anniversary to all you loyal anarchoreaders out there who made it possible!

...IN THE PAST

Those of you wanting a complete set of *New Libertarian Weekly* 1-25 are in luck—we have several. Enough, in fact, to sell them to you at cover price: \$7.50. For yourself, for a library, or as a gift to someone for whom you care.

ISSUES TO COME

Another 25 coming your way in '76! Our laurels aren't being rested on; they've already been converted to parsley to feed our frenetic pace. Next issue we hope to have Karl Bray's maiden column (anarchoblush!) to spice up our regular fine features.

NLW 28 will definitely have that long-awaited *Second Supplement*. If the feminists blow this deadline, we've got a wouser on Stirnerist-objectivist theory of child education which will break through a few frontiers of libertarian thought.

And further in the future, the announcement all you frenes have been waiting for: Yes, Virginia, there's gonna be another SF special for Worldcon (see *NLN* 13, 25, 34/35). We're aiming for a tightly-packed 12 pages over and above the regular *NLW* for our *NLW Worldcon Supplement 1976!* Send in your contributions now, trufan!

And if you're reeling from that news, we're gonna have another *Supplement* out right after for the New Orleans Gold Conference!

Hang on to your anarchohats—and check that mailing label!

TYING IT TOGETHER

Your Friendly Neighbourhood Anarchoeditor's editorial is really on-page five this issue. In keeping in line with putting our theory into practice, *NLW* changes its masthead.

Some of you have never seen anything like *New Libertarian Weekly* before and are still trying to think of how to pigeonhole it. Here's some help: we're the first newsweekly of the

new libertarian society. We made the pigeonhole; now you can put imitators who come along under our label.

NLW is the face the world first sees of the new libertarian society. We know it, we're proud of it, and we show it.

If you want to be a part of *NLW*, selling us, subbing us, reporting for us or writing and drawing for us, write us! (NLE, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801.)

We've just begun to live free! —SEK3

BRIEFS

The Canadian publication *Libertarian Option* has produced a first in libertarian publishing. The January (Vol. III, No. 6) issue runs a long article by Ian Young "Gay Lib and the Libertarians." His analysis of the hypocrisy of many libertarian figures on gay liberation is perceptive and devastating. The only flaw in Ian's presentation is his strange belief that anybody's liberation could result from the repressive, anti-libertarian organization associated with the libertarian movement—the LP. He also shows no awareness of *Libertarian Connection*, which was run by bisexuals, and drove chauvinist Rothbard into denunciations of "rational bestiality." Nonetheless, this number of *LO* is highly recommended. . . . *Audio-Forum* (901 North Washington Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314) has begun distribution of the 1975 Countercon tapes. Robert LeFevre has two, Ken Kalcheim presents a moving case for Tax Rebellion on one, Dennis Turner teaches you how to war profiteer on another, and SEK3 looks forward to the opportunities of runaway inflation and crack-up boom in *Après Le Deluge* —Vous! . . . SEK3's most recent talk on "C.S. Lewis: Rational Individualist" (which was the beginning of an article soon to appear) was quite well received at the Southern California C.S. Lewis Society on May 19. Mythopeic superstars Antoinette Brenion and Glen GoodKnight wowed the crowd with a background look at the Merlin legend, and the reading of correspondence between Lewis and Arthur C. Clarke respectively. . . . Larry Goldsmith is organizing the Florida CounterCampaign '76 Committee (434 SW 2nd St., Gainesville, FL 32601). ■

Abby Goldsmith News from Florida

Yours truly will be speaking at the Southern Libertarian Conference [see *Calendar*] on the ALF, probably on free-feminism in general. . . . Counter-Campaign '76 is gaining local support. . . . Gainesville libertarians are pretty involved in an anti-gun-control thing using mostly material from the Citizen's Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (they send it to us free and have a generally good line). We hope to get some donations from the local gun clubs and shops to insert ads, etc., but at the very least we're plastering the town with posters. . . . Another libertarian front group: Libertarians United Against Victimless Crime Laws which will be the cover group for some work with NORML and an anti-helmet law drive, as well as the gun thing. . . . The local party's in shambles, will most likely disappear once Donerly leaves or become non-political under the FLA label. Not bad, though it sure took too long to happen. —AG

Jim Casterline's Oregon Report

Very little libertarian activity is going on around here these days but I will summarize what is happening. . . . The Oregon Libertarian Party seemed to go into hibernation after the convention which I described some time ago. I thought perhaps that they had decided to cut me off the mailing list after seeing some of the things I had written about them which is not very nice considering all the free publicity I was giving them. It turns out that their March-April issue came out in mid-April followed by their May issue ten days later. . . . BIG NEWS! They are going to try to gain ballot status which requires 60,000 signatures. They have a fool proof system which is not proof against fools because some fools think it might work. It presumes that the OLP has 50 activists which I doubt and that each of them has ten friends not included in the other 49 which is even less likely and then goes two more steps in powers of two bringing the eventual number of signature gatherers to 2000. It also presumes that all these people will buy their materials at the rate of \$2 for 25 pieces. It seems unlikely that they can pull it off but then I said the same about their convention. . . . The state organization has rented a state head-

quarters and is going to hire a part time secretary (106 W. First, Albany, Oregon 97321) . . . On April 15th six members leafletted cars waiting to mail their taxes and got 2500 pieces of literature distributed . . . Members in Jackson County claim to have single-handedly caused a 5 to 1 vote against extension of a community college taxing district into that county. The paper was against the libertarians, i.e., for the taxing district. One local member wrote a letter to the editor of the paper which was so offensive to the editor that it was not printed, a first. (I used to live in the town and the editor prints anything) . . . Supposedly the MacBride committee exists in the state but has thus far not found a chairman or done anything else . . . Tonie Nathan held a press conference and announced her candidacy as a write in for the Republican nomination for the 4th district congressional seat. It is unlikely that she will succeed as there are four candidates on the ballot and she probably does not have the machine necessary to generate the write-in votes. She is also still actively petitioning to get on the ballot as an independent. She has a new campaign headquarters: 385 East Eleventh St., Eugene, OR 97401 . . . The *Market for Liberty* (OLP Newsletter) continues to exist in a warped, amateurish but improving format. (\$4, c/o OLP, 106 W. 1st St., Albany, OR 97321) . . . Columbia Region New Libertarian Alliance has done extensive work with the Simon Jester antitax stickers, and is now rolling into gear with the Oregon CounterCampaign '76 Committee. Co-founders are myself, Eric Geislinger, and Duncan Frissell (c/o Willamette Univ. College of Law, Salem, 394-8096) Press release went out May 20 and we're ready for action. —JC

Howard Katz's New York Report

Roger MacBride was in the area last week (May 9-15) and spoke at a reception in New York City on Monday and in New Jersey (along with Hal Cundari, the LP Senatorial candidate running against Harrison Williams) on Friday. The Manhattan County convention is coming up May 23—speaker Dave Long from Massachusetts . . . In non-party activity I will be speaking before the Mid-Hudson Libertarian Club on May 20. Subject: my theory of the wolf-in-sheep's-clothing and the liberty-benevolence split which argues that the greatest obstacle to liberty in our present age is the conviction in many people's minds that liberty is opposed to benevolence . . . My book,

The Paper Aristocracy, will be available (within the movement) by June 4, although official publication date is mid-Sept. (pub. by Books-in-Focus, 232 Madison Ave. #805, New York, N.Y., paperback \$4.95, hardcover \$7.95—this is a plug) . . . The Committee to Establish the Gold Standard is sponsoring Citizens Against Legal Tender, which is a program for hard money advocates to go to platform committee members of the Democratic Party and advocate an anti-legal tender plank. If you are interested in taking part in your state, write: Committee to Establish the Gold Standard, 85 4th Ave. #6M, New York, NY 10003 for details . . . Major breakthrough in left-wing thought. The *Greenwich Village Voice*, the established center of left-wing collectivism and statism in the U.S. is shifting its views. In an April 26 article by Phil Tracy, it slams big government, condemns the federalized welfare system, opposes old age care and government support of day care centers as well as nationalized health insurance and revenue sharing. Tracy argues: "The people who support the military-industrial complex are called conservatives. Those who champion the social service complex are called liberals. But the distinctions are meaningless. Both categories function in the same exact way. Clearly, it is time to start searching for another way." And he concludes: "You see, the dirty little secret Washington is hiding from is that we can't pay people to be compassionate for us. We either do it ourselves as individuals, or we don't do it at all." —Howard Katz

Epistles to the Editor

Dear Sam: May 20, 1976

Thank you very much for the generous mention of *LR* in the *New Libertarian Weekly* [NLW 19]. It was as appreciated as it was unexpected.

While I am still far from satisfied with the quality of *LR* [*Libertarian Review*], I hope I will be able to spend more time on it in the next year than I was able to in the past year. If I can, I should not only be able to bring it back on a monthly publishing schedule, but hopefully will be able to make it a more interesting and readable publication to boot.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you on a consistently interesting publication. Believe it or not, the first news I had of the Rothbard Millen split with the FLP was in your publication. So, at least in this case, news travelled to the West Coast and back faster than between New York and Washington!

Thanks again, Sam. Now what can I do for you?

Cordially,
Robert D. Kephart
Publisher
Arlington, Virginia

[Shucks, Bob, after that accolade I should be so ungrateful as to ask for something more? How about getting the *LR* back on a monthly schedule, and making it a more interesting, readable, and hard-core publication to boot. (Did someone hear an echo?) —SEK3]

Dear SEK3 and other
anarchosubversives,

I've been following the debate in the pages of *NLW* (sharing a joint subscription with several friends in Austin) and I saw your article in *Libertarian Review*. You haven't convinced me so far about the inefficacy of the LP, but then I'm not an anarchist. I do agree with you about *Reason* magazine's conservatism when it comes to historical revisionism, particularly the cold war.

In any case, I've been writing as a columnist for the campus paper here at the University of Texas, *The Daily Texan*, which 40,000 people read. And I've been doing the best I can to spread libertarian ideas. I wanted to send you the column I did in April in particular—whose subject is politics, or, more directly, antipolitics. I thought you might like it the best.

But I am also going to enclose a column I wrote in February against the S.I., and my latest column on public education. It may interest you to know that your reports from around the country corroborating the consistently anti-Reagan stand taken by the entire libertarian movement, are certainly supported by events here in Austin. In fact, the first column I wrote this year, in January, was pro-libertarian and anti-Reagan. Of course, you may disagree with my references throughout the article to people I was for: like Ayn Rand, Roger MacBride, James Davidson, and Governor Brown. The way I've been going since then, if I had the article to do over again, I would have taken out the favorable references to Gov. Brown. But not MacBride.

I really appreciate two of the articles that have appeared in *New Libertarian Weekly*: the report of A.J.P. Taylor's talk on the Ireland issue, and your extremely illuminating analysis of Rothbard's left-wing sectarianism - right-wing-opportunism - here-I-am-pure, innocent, virginal-in-the-Middle-of-the-Road. I always thought there was some sleight-of-hand co-

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An Interview With Lee Harvey Oswald

PART TWO

by Robert Brakeman

[Part One of this article documented the Marxist background of Lee Harvey Oswald in a case of "Counter-Revisionism" by Mr. Brakeman. To complete his case for classifying Oswald as a Marxist in spite of some "conspiracy theorists" claims to the contrary, Mr. Brakeman uncovered "a forgotten radio program in which Oswald participated just a few weeks before the murder" of President John F. Kennedy. —SEK3]

On August 21, 1963, Oswald was the principal guest on "Conversation Carte Blanche," a production of station WSDU in New Orleans. During the course of the interview, he made no attempt to hide his communism and his idolatry for Fidel Castro in particular (1963 of course was a couple of years after Castro had admitted being a Communist and always having been one, and even the most obtuse liberals had gotten the message by that time). Oswald said these things among others:

- "I am a Marxist," in answer to a question about his obvious communist ideology.

- He claimed over and over that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee was not a Communist front, was not controlled by the Soviet Union. In the process of making that defense, he admitted his three-year sojourn in Russia, and used it as "credentials" in this way: "The fact that I did live for a time in the Soviet Union gives me excellent qualifications to repudiate charges that Cuba and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee is [sic] Communist controlled." Of course it's a non sequitur to suggest that residence in the U.S.S.R. has anything to do with being able to judge whether Cuba and the FPCC are Communist controlled, so the statement is useful both as an indication of Oswald's ideology and of his willingness to use debating tricks for the furtherance of propaganda goals.

- When a questioner laid out for him the statistics comparing the economic well-being of the Cuban people pre-and post-Castro, Oswald did not (as he could not) dispute the fact that the advent of the Communist government had simply gutted the economy in the way that socialism always does; instead, he tried to compare Cuba with "Burma or Pakistan," as if that was the relevant comparison, rather than an intra-country comparison (before and after the coming of Marxism)

- In characterizing the American and Cuban patriots who had been attacking his actions (verbally) in New Orleans, and the anti-Castro forces generally, Oswald smeared them as "violent" and "emotional."

- In responding to charges that the FPCC was Communist-controlled, Oswald said "The Senate subcommittees who have occupied themselves with investigating the Fair Play for Cuba Committee have found that there is nothing to connect the two committees. We have been investigated from several points of view, that is, the points of view of taxes, allegiance, subversion, and so forth. The findings have been, as I say, absolutely zero." In fact, the record of the investigations of the group showed just the opposite, as Oswald well knew.

- When questioners challenged Oswald's lying version of the facts, he could not deny their corrections, but only said that "it's very easy for a rightist organization to drag out this or that literature purporting to show a fact which has not been established in law." Throughout the interview, Oswald was to repeatedly suggest that because the FPCC hadn't been found guilty of anything in a court of law, it was a splendid organization (of course legal guilt was not the issue). A second point here: although all his questioners were by no means "rightists," Oswald always referred to people who are opposed to slavery (anti-Communists) as "rightists."

- "The Fair Play for Cuba Committee is not now on the Attorney General's subversive list. Any other material you may have is superfluous." As Oswald well knew, the AG's list had long since been driven into a defunct status through leftist legal attacks and federal-court cooperation. Saying that the FPCC was not on it was saying nothing; no Communist groups at that time were being added.

- In an effort to deflect attention from his pro-Russian, pro-Communist background, Oswald said, "I don't think that has particular import for this discussion;" to admit his own communist nature would have been to say much about his current activities and the nature of his group, so he fought off any admission for as long as he could. But, finally he did admit most of what's listed here.

- After saying that he was a Marxist, he tried to deal with the well-known hostility which Americans feel toward the term "communist" by trying to differentiate the two. That cannot be done, even by the most sophisticated Marxists and their sycophants, but Oswald's attempt was more pathetic than most: "The difference is primarily the difference between [sic] a country like Ghana, Guyana, Yugoslavia, China or Russia; very, very great differences. Differences which we appreciate by giving aid to Yugoslavia in the sum of a hundred million or so dollars a year." His questioners pointed out that simply naming various Communist countries which chose to label themselves that (like Russia) and countries which chose to operate that kind of system but didn't choose to take on the label (Ghana under communist Nkrumah), and mentioning that the U.S. foolishly aids some of them, had nothing to do with the question of a distinction between Marxism and communism. Oswald babbled on a little more in the same vein, bringing Britain into his world tour but shedding no light on a question where no light could possibly be shed, and then there was a commercial break.

- When a questioner asked the obvious question about Oswald's having received a government subsidy while in Russia, he claimed to have worked while there. That contrasts with what we know really happened, and of course Oswald filled in the lie with no details.

- Oswald admitted at one point that permission for a foreigner to live in the Soviet Union was "very rarely given;" he did not go as far as admitting that in his case it was obviously given because he was so radically pro-Communist and anti-American.

- In the face of U.S. Embassy documentation and reports in the Washington newspapers in 1959, Oswald lied and said the whole story about his having turned in his passports and renounced his citizenship was untrue (of course it was true and was thoroughly investigated and documented at the time, because it was a big and unusual kind of story, an American ex-Marine renouncing his U.S. citizenship and trying to become a Soviet national). When the truth was quoted to him, all Oswald could produce was a bit of nonsense which suggested that "a person who renounces his citizenship becomes legally disqualified from returning to the United States," and that since he was back here, he must not have done that. What happened of course was that three years after his anti-American renunciation he de-

cided to return to the U.S. and the kindhearted liberals in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow saw no reason why he shouldn't. Their action was indefensible, in view of Oswald's background, but it no way indicated that he hadn't renounced his citizenship earlier.

- Suggesting that Castro wasn't really hated by Americans as was generally thought, Oswald said "I disagree that this situation of American-Cuban relations (referring to his group's position on the issues) is very unpopular."

- "We are not particularly interested in what Cuban exiles and members of rightist organizations have to say," he said, continuing the attack upon anti-Communists. "We are striving to get the United States to adopt measures which would be more friendly toward the Cuban people and the new Cuban regime in that country." Unfortunately his questioners let slip an opportunity to point out that the friendliest possible gesture toward the Cuban people was *precisely* the most unfriendly possible posture toward the regime which had enslaved them. But presumably most of the audience figured that out for themselves.

- Again in response to questions about the obviously communist nature of his group, Oswald said bluntly: "We are not at all Communist-controlled, regardless of the fact that I have the experience of living in Russia, regardless of the fact that we have been investigated, regardless of any of those facts. The Fair Play for Cuba Committee is an independent organization, unaffiliated with any other organization; our aims and our ideals are very clear, and in the best keeping with American traditions and democracy." Presumably this meant that facts (which he could not and did not dispute) were irrelevant, and that one had to simply accept his word that things weren't as they appeared to be. As to "aims," the main one was a pro-Castro foreign policy for the U.S., as Oswald said over and over again in the conversation.

- When asked whether he agreed with dictator Castro's calling President Kennedy, earlier that year, a "ruffian" and a "thief," Oswald said that he would "not agree with that particular wording," but indicated no objection to the thought.

- In criticizing the very mildly anti-Communist policy of the government toward Cuba, Oswald said this: "I and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee does [sic] think that the United States government, through certain agencies, mainly the State Department and the CIA, has made monumental mistakes in its relations with Cuba, mis-

THE END OF THE LIBERTARIAN MOVEMENT

by Samuel Edward Konkin III

The end of the libertarian movement is a libertarian society. Where else does a movement move but to its goal?

It must follow, therefore, that if a libertarian society has formed, the libertarian movement has reached its end. It has.

This article is the beginning of a series the author plans to distribute to various publications—in various appropriate styles—of the libertarian movement concerning the direction of that body of people and thought for the next phase of its maturity. Underpinning the series lie the assumptions:

takes which are pushing Cuba into the sphere of activity of, let's say, a very dogmatic Communist country as China is."

- When someone unkindly pointed out that U.S. Cuban policy had once been very pro-Castro (e.g., stopping arms from getting to the anti-Castro forces, including both the Batista and non-Batista segments of that group), Oswald said, "What we should have done was take those armaments and drop them into the Sierra Maestra where Fidel Castro could have used them."

- In further explication (at the very end of the program) of the reasons for Communism's cataclysmic economic failure in Cuba, Oswald said that "in any country arising from a semi-colonial state," those things were just bound to happen (people starving to death being the main "thing"). In a ludicrously inaccurate prediction of the future, Oswald said "unlimited and unheard-of" sugar production was ahead.

And so the interview ended. The record of Lee Oswald's communism is absolutely complete even without this frosting on the cake. With it, only fools (or worse) can continue to deny it. This program showed Oswald as he was; not a random nut, but a well-indoctrinated and unscrupulous Communist propagandist and activist. ■

[While the somewhat conservative Mr. Brakeman can only envision fools and worse disagreeing with his conclusions on Oswald's Communism, NLW is willing to entertain opposing views if offered. It should be unnecessary to note that Mr. Brakeman's implicit support for American State enforced anti-Communism or interventionist foreign policy is not consistent with libertarianism.] —SEK3/

The new libertarian society is present; the new libertarian society must be fully self-conscious for both its full utilization and enjoyment and its self-preservation and growth, and the new libertarian society is a good goal, worthy of getting and keeping.

All these assumptions need verification; none are presently held by libertarians, with the exception of the last. However, if the first two are accepted, the third requires re-evaluation. Why? One is no longer talking about a quasi-utopian ideal "out there" which is *defined* as good, but rather a real entity which is now open to examination and observation as to whether it is indeed good.

The next article in the series will be primarily concerned with the enacting of the second assumption, the raising of the libertarian consciousness concerning their own society. It will do so by empirically demonstrating the first premise.

Subsequent elucidations and answers to challenges will complete the fulfillment of this second premise. Once the main body of libertarians accept those two premises in whole or part, the third one will become open to debate: "What hath we wrought?"

This article is a glimpse of the future of this thesis—where will it lead if and when it is verified. It is written for a select audience of avant-garde, highly "movement-conscious" libertarians who should grasp the arguments readily. Thus, when the position is presented, orderly, sequentially, and painstakingly to the general populace of libertarians, it will already be anticipated by our readers and they will be ready for its tactical deployment.

If one hears the hint of the strategic in this, one hears well.

The Growth of Libertarian Consciousness

The earliest, most primitive libertarians had an excellent consciousness. Josiah Warren attempted to create a separate anarchist community, to both show the world how well anarchy worked and to enjoy the benefits of living in the superior society. Because of the faulty economics of the early individualists, it was not sufficiently an improvement over the external society and remained unviable.

Lysander Spooner supported secession to bring about libertarian soci-

eties—the secession of black slaves from white owners, southern whites from northern whites, and western silver-coining society from eastern gold-dominant bimetallics. Since all these moves were crushed, one will not know if viable communities could have seceded. But it is significant that Spooner himself did not secede.

Benjamin Tucker abandoned thoughts of living his egoistic anarchist values over a period of time, becoming a gadfly social critic of the external society, and finally giving up in despair and exiling himself in France. And with that act, libertarianism went into its Dark Ages.

No accident is it that Ayn Rand revived libertarian morale by creating—at least on paper—a viable libertarian community in Galt's Gulch. Of course Mises had to work out the economics, Nock and Chodorov had to keep the anarcho-individualist insights alive (though with deep cynicism) for Rand to re-synthesize. But Rand wrote a blueprint, made sympathisers think it could really work, and recruitment shot up.

Even before the 1969 split from the Right, libertarians attempted to live their ideas. One of the most ambitious projects was Preform—an attempt to build a Galt's Gulch on an artificial island in the North Sea. Confiscation of the ocean bed by the surrounding states broke up that group, with the hard core attempting to find their retreat within the U.S.—but in remote areas (Vonulife). With no viable market and isolation of the vonuers from even the libertarian community, they self-destructed.

Anarchozionist searches for the promised Gulch continue to attract hopeful libertarians to coral reefs and Caribbean gambling dens. Since basic new libertarian principles of market are ignored by these projects, they fail.

What happened in 1969 added the needed ingredient to make the libertarian society possible in the here and now. And it was provided, ironically, by those who are most often accused of escapist fantasizing.

The Separation of Libertarian Culture

In 1969, at the time of the St. Louis split, a culture without economics or political philosophy met an economic-political movement without a culture or societal consciousness. At the same city on the same weekend, the Young Americans for Freedom Convention and the World Science Fiction Convention occurred—with considerable crossing by delegates back and forth.

Thus, the Libertarian Caucus called their bulletin *TANSTAAFL* and de-

scribed the traditionalist-dominated National Office as "a bad Wizard." It was less the introduction of SF as of *fannishness* that gave the libertarians a rudimentary self-consciousness and cohesiveness. And this self-aware grouping split amoeba-like, to form its own "movement."

Once a young neophyte plunged into the Libertarian Movement, he or she found that there were progressive stages to go through. One read libertarian SF and objectivist novels, listened to lectures or tapes of them, picked up history of the movement and found out who the Big Names were, and joined or quit groups, clubs, organizations, and social gatherings.

All of this is a direct parallel with SF fandom. And the more one "got into" the Movement, the more alienated one would feel with external society. Finally, pressure built up for highly committed libertarians to choose—become full-time libertarians or return to some form of assimilation with external society. The first choice led to agorism, the second to politics, and the inability to choose—the tension of seeing no alternative—led to the Brown-outs.

These phenomena deserve — and will receive—a separate writing. We are, as I have said, looking ahead to the consequences of the analysis, not the analysis itself. What is needed yet to deduce the conclusion is to define what we're talking about.

The Meaning of Libertarian Movement

Many libertarians reject the very idea of being grouped in a collective. Some perfectly consistent, hard-core libertarians reject even the label libertarian because of the fear of being associated with others with whom they have small differences.

Of course they can choose to be hermits and they can deny all their ideas so they cannot be labelled (except as "anti-idea"—there's no escape from labels short of destroying language).

On the other hand, few libertarians would flinch at being called "members of society." And society is recognized as a plural concept in modern times: American society, Soviet Society, etc. One talks of Jewish society within European society, or Parsee society within Indian society, and so forth. What defines a society requires much more space, so it will be left to subsequent articles. Suffice it here to say it implies similar cultural and philosophical ideas (not necessarily ethnic), and above all, the *consciousness* of the societal individuals that they belong.

With that in mind, let's tackle the concept of "movement." All "movements" have a goal—to transform the society they live in. When they have done so, it will be a *new* society. Most movements explicitly assert this.

Libertarians are unique in that they will not attempt to compel a *complete* change in the society they are in. They will leave some alone who freely (and perversely) choose to reject membership in the libertarian society. This then, is the big step in my logic. A libertarian society, except by the most improbably accident, will co-exist with non-libertarian societies.

But hold—if that is true, where do we draw the line? *How many people must the Libertarian Movement reach to create the Libertarian Society?* 10,000? 100,000? A million? A hundred million?

The Parsees number around a hundred thousand; the largest coherent society (not counting overlordship over smaller societies) in the Soviet Union is less than a hundred million. By those limits, the libertarian movement has already passed the lower limit!

But if the Libertarian Movement has created a Libertarian Society, then it has succeeded. It has reached its end. It is...finished.

The End of the Libertarian Movement

The implications of the above sketchy analysis begin to hit home. The final task of the libertarian movement is to complete the consciousness-raising of those identifying themselves as libertarians into thinking of themselves as a separate, real-live society.

Rather, that's the penultimate task. For when that task is accomplished, the Libertarian Movement's *own* consciousness will be raised and it will have to destroy whatever vested interests, encrusted institutions, and misplaced faith that it has acquired and—and it must destroy itself.

The logic is inescapable, though surprising. The reader is invited to re-read this article and trace the steps, and begin the debate on the premises. As promised, further articles will be forthcoming in Movement magazines and *NLW—The First Newsweekly of the New Libertarian Society!* —SEK3



Speculations

THE ALIEN LIBERTARIAN

I think it appropriate that this column celebrate along with the rest of the issue. And what better way than to fete the fan who not only has had a lot of influence on the editor and on the makeup of *NLW*, but has most recently been giving a good name to libertarianism.

Richard E. Geis is a near-hermit who is the best-known science fiction fan in the world. Exemplar of the "fannish way of life" (which extols non-profit, zealous ventures), he is the only fan to almost make his living from fanac. An avowed cynic and pessimist who fills the pages of his fanzine with quotes affirming a malevolent universe, he vehemently defends plot, heroism, and romantic, up-beat endings in his favorite genre! The trendiest and most "with-it" figure, he eviscerates the New Wave with a cleaver. And one more paradox for the road: revered by much of Science Fiction fandom, and enjoyed by nearly all (SF having a long reputation for near-puritanism), Geis has become a professional writer—of pornography!

Undoubtedly fandom's fascination for Geis stems from the character he created of himself. And from many issues of his fanzine, he revealed "all," printing thousands of copies of self-revelations most people would conceal from their shrinks.

Dick Geis started his fannish activities in the 1950s, and started a fanzine called *Psychotic. Psy* became *Science Fiction Review* when I came across it in 1971—and it was cleaning up on Hugo awards. Then, just as I started an exchange with him for *New Libertarian Notes*, he gafiated from fandom (same as "Browning out" from libertarian movement). I kept sending him *NLN*s, and my faith was rewarded—he started up a personalzine *Richard E. Geis*. One of his earliest reviews of *NLN* picked apart our mimeo repro and hand-press-typed layout with the critique "sloppy, sloppy, sloppy!"

Heads rolled in the *NLN* office the day we received that review and a wholesale revamping began, eliminating the mimeo, and culminating in the offset, typeset, high-quality numbers during 1947-75.

The only publication that *NLN* ever bought a full-page ad in was *R.E.G.*, and it brought us such new Movement superstars as Vic Koman and Eric Geislinger.

Geis played down his personal revelations when he changed the name to *The Alien Critic*, and as his professional

quality increased, he was chosen by new *Worlds of If* editor Jim Baen to do a paid column. Naturally, it starred his favourite literary gimmick, Alter Ego, the Freudian monster living in the Geis mind-dungeon, who says all the truthful, hurtful things that Geis would like to—and with such evident relish!

Geis has come full circle, changing TAC back to *Science Fiction Review*. He is now on Volume Five, Number Two (May 1976) and this issue is a treat for libertarians, showing Dick's long association with us and his degree of acceptance of our views. Let me run through them for your delight.

Page 2 In his editorial "Alien Thoughts," he gives a pessimistic view of the world situation, then "The bloody handwriting on the wall will always be papered over...except... There is the growing counter-culture: libertarianism, ecologyism, isolationism, the back-to-the-land movement, the pagan religions..."

Page 4-5 "It is still true that There-Ain't - No - Such - Thing - As - A - Free-Lunch. *There is always a price*, sometimes in coin you don't expect or hadn't considered possible. Beware of politicians bearing gifts. Their price is power—over you." There's more in this vein in the rest of the column, including a filler quote from Richard Cornuelle on the entrepreneurial impulse and an interlineation "Govt. of the politicians, by the bureaucrats, for the non-producers."

The next several pages are filled with material from other fanwriters. Then on **Page 25**, Karl Pflock, editor of *Libertarian Review*, chews up the previous issue's interview with Jerry Pournelle, and Pournelle replies with a forthright embrace of mysticism.

Page 30 Neal Wilgus, an occasional contributor to *NLW*, interviews libertarian paranoia-fiction author, Robert Anton Wilson, co-author with Robert Shea of *Illuminatus*. Wilgus specifically asks Wilson if he is a libertarian, and gets the closest to a straight answer in the entire zany exchange.

Page 36 In his reply to a letter from Peter Mandler, Geis briefly explodes—with a blaze of light that will leave libertarians giddy. This *has* to be quoted in length:

"Listen, if fiction calling for the consumption of the salted eyeballs of female black Jewish homosexual children were published *and sold*, I would support it. The people are sovereign, not their elected servants (despite what Nixon and other power-hungry statists and collectivists say), and the freedom of the people *individually* is the greatest good and must have the highest priority.

"Government is only tolerable when it functions to keep the peace and maintain a stable currency. When it exceeds those two mandates (or abandons them) it must be cut down and put back in its place.

"Government (politicians) seeks always to grow and to reduce its citizens. The citizenry which allows itself to be seduced soon finds itself enslaved to its seducer. (For the love of God, sir, another food stamp!)"

Delicious, Dick!

Page 37 Dick's confusedly malevolent universe-romantic sense of life is briefly detailed. He comes out in the end of a personal struggle for a happy ending, even if he can't believe it.

Page 44 One of many quotes from Harry Browne's *How I Found Freedom In An Unfree World* fills out the page. And he closes, on the last page, with a reminder to a Norwegian correspondent that freedom only exists in the marketplace.

Any wonder that when the *NLN* staff moved to California they went from New York to L.A. via Portland to see Dick Geis?

I've only quoted about half the material that will directly interest libertarians in this issue, and there's a whole lot more good stuff if you've got more than one dimension in your soul. Now you just *got* to subscribe to find all the parts I missed, heh, heh. (How'm I doing, Alter — fiendish enough?)

Science Fiction Review, P.O. Box 11408, Portland, OR 97211. \$4/year, \$4.50 for Canadians. —SEK3

EPISTLES TO THE EDITOR

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option going on there. I thought there was something a little underhanded the way Jerome Tuccille was going around advertising himself as a middle-of-the-road anarchist.

I think in an old back issue of *New Libertarian Notes*, somebody wrote a glowing review of Robert Silverberg's novel, *A Time of Changes*. Anyway, I heard about it somewhere, and I read it. And it's great—a counterculture *Anthem*. And I wonder why I've heard almost nothing about it from most libertarians? (I wrote about it to Sharon Presley and she's going to look into it as a possible addition to her catalog.) I used to read nothing but science fiction; I still read it among other things. And I certainly agree with your defense of SF against Rothbard's establishment culture mania. (Someone ought to write a long letter to Ursula LeGuin about libertarianism; did you see the nasty intro she

wrote to *The Day Before the Revolution* in her hardback of short stories: *The Wind's Twelve Quarters*? She called it right wing social darwinism! Like hell.

Looking forward to continuing wild rumors in *NLW*,

Your minarchosubversive friend,
Mike Grossberg
Austin, Texas

[Mike, thank you for a model loc (letter of comment) for our anniversary issue. *NLW* sure could use a lot more (hint, hint). I thank you for the first feedback we've had on running foreign news of relevance to the libertarian society; your letter decided me on running this issue's lead story on the Portuguese situation. I agree you first have to be converted to an anarchist position before you can appreciate the full wickedness of the LP, but I wonder that you don't look at how the issue clouds your thinking. Can you really rank Roger MacBride with superlative people like Ayn Rand and Jim Davidson? After all, what has MacBride done? I agree with you on A Time of Changes but suggest you suspend judgement on LeGuin for now. Our indefatigable Oregon staff is trying to line up an interview with the anarcholadypro. Sorry we have to disappoint you on continuing wild rumours in *NLW*; we have no desire to even start the practice. Keep us informed on the Texas situation and we'll straighten out any we hear about you people.—SEK31

(ZNS—April 29) A new congressional study concludes that appointees to the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission are made on the basis of "powerful political connections and little else."

According to the book-length study by the Senate Commerce Committee, it's who you know rather than what you know that will win you a place on the commissions.

The report further charges that "all too frequently, a person is selected who, by virtue of his or her ignorance of the regulated industry, agency and their problems, is acceptable."

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REARDON LIVES

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quarters. On August 25, the TMG reopened after a three week vacation. Workers from the yarn spinning-mill (nicknamed "USA") stormed the cloth weaving plant ("Russia"). Light trucks from a neighboring plant picked up workers and took them to Famalicao. The union commission was "stripped" of its authority and temporary delegates were appointed. Elections endorsed the move, and a general meeting was called for December 14.

Invitations to the meeting called on the people "to ensure a living for our sons by showing that we are genuine revolutionaries and booting these red parasites out at once. We must move quickly before the poison spreads. Let lists of persons to be purged be drawn up in every sector."

The meeting demanded the owner be reinstated and authorised the union commission to work out the details. Goncalves sent his son, and although "touched by the meeting's request," laid down two conditions. The workers had two meetings, accepting both conditions. The government ended the commission's mandate and Goncalves was back running the business.

"That Thursday, the atmosphere was rather festive amidst the Sao Cosme do Vale's looms in Famalicao, barely 50 km north of Oporto," reports Pouchin. The Oporto daily paper reported, "His return was hailed with obvious joy. The atmosphere in the plant was euphoric and it was evident they were all determined to get the Textil Manuel Goncalves, this model factory, back on its feet and help it expand."

Thus a real revolution, with workers and capitalists defending each others property, emerged in one province in Portugal. And Marxist fantasy of class struggle is left behind in the dustbin of history.

Calendar

of Libertarian and Related Events

June 3 *None of the Above* (NOTA) libertarian-social meeting (1st Thursdays). 8 P.M. Phone (312) 935-0412 for location. Chicago.

June 5-6 *Southern Libertarian Conference* White House Inn, Atlanta. Speakers, seminars, workshops, 3-film festival: *The Incredible Bread Machine*, Adam Smith, *We Won't Be Fooled Again*. \$5/day, \$10 for banquet. More Info: Jim Clarkson, 322 East 11th St., Rome, GA 30161.

June 8 *Society for Libertarian Life*. Karl Bray Speaker. 8 P.M. 50¢. Refreshments. Keystone Savings and Loan Building, 555 N. Euclid St., Anaheim, California.

June 10 *Forum for Philosophical Studies*. George Smith on "Pursuit of Happiness." \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) in Hollywood.

June 12 *Los Angeles Seminar on Taxes*. Dr. Frank Brockway, Terrence Oaks, Bob Lyon, Armond Condo, Jim Lowery, Anita Lowery, Claire Kelley, Michie Page and others. 1-4 P.M., 7-10 P.M. \$10 per person. Bodhisattva Book Store, 11821 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles.

June 14 *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles*. Dinner \$6.95 at 7:15, talk \$1 at 8:30 P.M. Beneficial Plaza Cafeteria, Lincoln and Jefferson Rooms, 2nd Floor, 3700 Wilshire (1 block east of Western). Los Angeles.

June 19 *Mythopeic Society/Frefan meeting*. *Black Easter*—novel by James Blish, new screenplay by Charles Curley. At Anarchovillage, Apt. 3, 1838 E. 7th St., Long Beach. 7:30 P.M. || *13th Amendment Defense Fund*. Fund Raising Benefit Party. 8 P.M. \$5 requested, money to go to Doug Kennell's Appeal. Shawn Steel residence, 52 Sunset Ave., Venice, California.

June 20 *None of the Above* Talk Joe Maxwell on "Conformity and Diversity in Social Theory," or, "What Must People Have in Common in Order for a Society to Function?" 2:30 P.M. (312) 935-0412 for location. Chicago area.

June 25-26 *Investment and Survival Strategy Conference*, Vancouver. See *NLW22* or write Jim McKeever, JALCO Survival Services, 726 Richard St., Vancouver, BC. V6E 2M2, or call (604) 684-4617. \$295 per person, \$495 per couple. Vancouver, British Columbia.

July 6 *Doug Kennell's Appeal* (Libertarian Draft Resistance) at 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, Los Angeles. Phone (213) 396-2492 for details.

July 7-8 *Fifth Annual Heinlein-Konkin Birthday Party*. Open to friends of either or both. Write NLE, P.O. Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801 for invitation/flyer. Somewhere in Calif.

July 8 *Forum for Philosophical Studies*. Debate on "Limited Government and Anarchy for Those Still in Doubt." \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

Please remember that to get your listing mailed out on time you must have it in at least one week before publication date or two weeks before cover date. All libertarian functions are listed except those which demand secrecy and political activities attempting to associate themselves with libertarianism.

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Hot on Nobody's CounterCampaign Trail

by Victor Koman

The press is still reacting to Counter Campaign '76, a full month after its first press release.

In addition to the radio stations, TV coverage and newspaper articles mentioned in *NLW* 22, CounterCampaign '76 received mention in the *Sacramento Newsletter* of May 12 (3362 Fulton Ave., Sacramento, CA 94821). The May 10 *National Village Voice* ran an article by Noe Goldwasser quoting from CounterCampaign '76's radio spot and press release.

Earth News Radio, a Clairol advertising/news package sent to 400 outlets nationwide, recently recorded an interview between Lew Irwin and CounterCampaign '76 co-founder Victor Koman. The interview was light and humorous, not delving into the reasons for not voting.

Dead serious and to the point was an article by Bob Ballenger in the *Santa Monica Evening Outlook* (reprinted and inserted in *NLW* 23). The story received front page mention. Part of the article read: "It is no accident that these radical—in the best sense of the

word—thoughts are cloaked in funny wrapping paper.

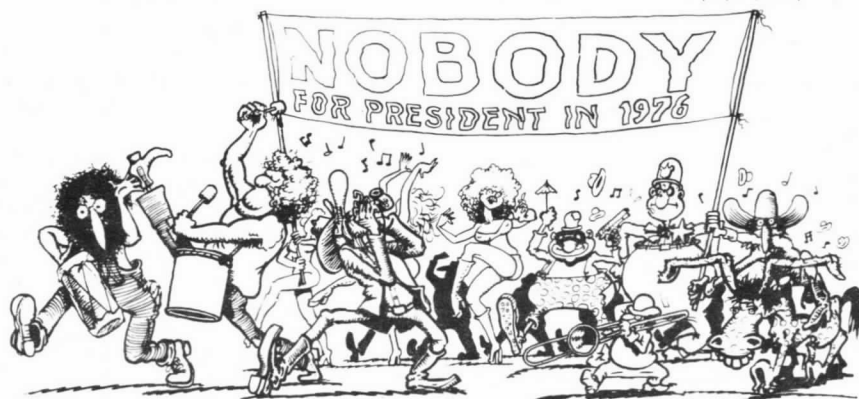
"CounterCampaign is a political satire," Schulman said. "And, of course, all political satires always have that biting little kernel of truth underneath."

"Since, in the mind of the counter-campaigners, government is the source of many frustrations, voting for Nobody (not voting) responds to the frustrations by not supporting the political system..."

"Not voting involves no risk whatever. The United States is not one of the countries which fines its citizens who refuse or don't bother to participate in the electoral process..."

"The market will decide whether our brand of ideas is worthy," Koman said. "People will vote with their contributions and their dollars, buying our buttons and bumper stickers..."

CounterCampaign '76 now has mini-stickers available, similar to a previous issue by the New Libertarian Alliance, and postcards for sending to senators and other "representatives" telling them to back off. The stickers cost 10¢.

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GILBERT SHEDD

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NATHAN'S MISTAKE

by Eric Scott Royce

NLW's story (May 9, 1976) on Tonie Nathan's Congressional campaign noted that she couldn't "beat Nobody's platform." Quite true. *NLW* failed to note, however, that James Weaver, the freshman Democrat that Nathan is trying to unseat, has one of the best overall voting records on key issues of anyone in Congress.

A recently completed but as yet unpublished analysis of 20 key rollcalls during the 1975 Congressional session shows Weaver voting favorably from a libertarian perspective 70% of the time—placing him among the top twelve Members in the House. The other three Oregon Congressmen—Democrats Les AuCoin, Al Ullman and Bob Duncan—scored 35, 35, and 20, respectively.

A review of eight key votes to date in 1976 indicates that Weaver's excellent performance has continued, and that his delegation mates are performing just as badly as they did the previous year. If the Oregon LP was so hot to run a candidate, why in hell couldn't they have picked on one of the other three Members?

Let's look briefly at the record. Admittedly Weaver is no prize in terms of cutting back much of the Welfare State bureaucracy. However, he has consistently supported budget cuts in the foreign policy/"defense" area that would help to balance/reduce the budget. He voted against an

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NOTES & VIEWS

...ISSUES PAST

Our Semi-Anniversary blast was last issue and now it's back to the regular grind, right? Well, no. Those of you who have observed *NLW* for the past six years know our progress tends to be steady and linear. But we only do it with and for the readership.

We're market-oriented; we'd be inconsistent otherwise. We need, therefore, information for entrepreneurial decisions. And before *NLW* can reach the new consumers, they need info on the market.

For *NLW* to approach the optimum as newsweekly of the new libertarian society, we have to know what you want and need from us. Some of you are telling us and we're glad. Others of you aren't inputting and we may not be serving you all that is in our power to give.

Now if you assist us in expanding our circulation, here's what in it for you: more pages, more quality material (needs to be paid for), and increased stability for our present money-losing operation. And, of course, a re-orientation of the libertarian society into a more consistent, open, truth-respecting society as our influence spreads. Sound good to you?

Several of our readers have asked for *NLWs* to distribute at local meetings and conventions, as well as to use for subscription-selling. Hard core! And they get commissions to pay for their time and trouble. You can, too.

At the very least, mention *NLW* to friends and foes around you. We cannot afford advertising even to the libertarian movement in the foreseeable future, so word-of-mouth's all we got. We need you, anarchoreaders; we know it, and we're trying to buy your support in every way we can.

Just a reminder from Your Friendly Neighbourhood Anarchoeditor that though the party's over, we can start cleaning up and working on the next blast—bigger and better, natch!

ISSUES TO COME...

NLW Supplement Number 2 is actually being set as you read this. The promised article on the League of Non-Voters will be run as soon as their press releases arrive, and the Gordon Smith article needs only Smith to complete it and send it in. Scott's

sent us some more Washington follies, and Karl Bray should be in week after next.

For those of you who have been wondering, Cain Smith is on a month-long vacation, and should be returning in about three weeks. All SF material for *Speculations* is welcome. Stay tuned!

CHOICE CHUSID

New Libertarian Weekly has got to have the *creme-de-la-creme* of libertarian society. Evertime one of our faceless subscribers (I know a lot personally already) comes out by communicating to us, we find he or she is a big project-mover of some kind. Ron Chusid was anonymous to me until he sent me his *LC Free Times News* recently.

It's nearly all news to me, except for the 50% or so that are digested *NLW* items. Seems Ron is providing news to the readers of the *Libertarian Connection* and selected friends. Fine with us, long as we get credit (i.e., free plugs). But there's a lot in his paper that's news to me and I want to comment on it.

Much of the first few pages is devoted to LP scandals, with most info (though not all) taken from *NLW*. Some humour. A good editorial on Reason-LP news control and bias. And Ron spends a page on plans for expanding his circulation outside of *Libertarian Connection*. YFNA not only wishes him well, but should he find the task too burdensome, Mr. Chusid is invited to convert his endeavours to coin of the realm by sending them to *NLW* rather than sustaining a loss. We can certainly use a Michigan reporter—especially in the Ann Arbor area.

The one paragraph I wish to single out for close focus is his review of my part of the debate on the LP in *Libertarian Review*. He criticizes my writing, which, since Karl Pflock had as much to do with the final product as I, bothers me not at all. If he spelled it out, I might even agree with him.

"His support for some types of movementism distracted from his argument, but don't let it disturb you too much. The main type of movementism he advocates is counter-economics activities. For a movementist, he comes very close to sounding like he's from *LC*."

Wow! What a wealth of off-hand, throw-away information in that half-paragraph!

First of all, the *Libertarian Connection* has been assumed by most "movementists" I know to have sputtered out a few years ago. No one has heard of it or thought of it for awhile. Perhaps Mr. Chusid could pass that on to his readers. And more importantly, the *LCers* might start pondering the implications of their estrangement from even such friendly information-spreaders as *NLW*.

But maybe that follows for the second point I would like to make. The term "movementist" is new, but easily discernible: one who belongs to or supports a movement. My article last issue ("The End of the Libertarian Movement") should make clear what I oppose in the "Libertarian Movement." But maybe it's time to spell out what I am for.

I wish to see a libertarian society in my lifetime. I believe it is already here around me, as a matter of fact, and that I would enjoy that life here and now if I could raise the consciousness of my fellow libertarians to the level that my fellow New Libertarian Allies have reached. By enjoying the society, I mean trading in the values I can only get from a division of labour in a market of large number of libertarians. These values are security from mutual defence, a high probability of contract fulfillment, cultural satisfaction such as libertarian literature (fiction), plays, entertainment modes yet to be developed, and a social interaction with my kind of people. (No, no "exclusiveness" or "ghetto psychology or mentality" is implied here, merely strong preferences).

I see the New Libertarian Society as a "global village," imbedded in external society of mixed premises, even in highly statist ones. High-level, efficient trading, communications and social interaction will develop as rapidly as the libertarian self-consciousness is achieved and the counter-economy is expanded. *New Libertarian Weekly* is my commitment to that end, and is also its first sign of fruition.

As for the Movement, I consider it a vehicle for the recruiting of that society, which is reaching the end of its usefulness and the beginning of disutility.

Pass that on to the rational bestialists, drop-outs, Vonuers, and ego-contemplators in *LC*. Mr. Chusid. Could Max Stirner find any hint of collective worship in that? Call it Union of [Continued on page three, column three]

Of Locke and Land

by Jack R. Patterson

Illuminatus! appears to be fated to become the best selling Libertarian work since *Atlas Shrugged*. While we must welcome this spread of Libertarian ideas among a wider public, the unfortunate fact is that this work comes from the Anarcho-Individualist school. This theory has a certain superficial charm. However, to try and put it into practice would have dire results.

Anarcho-Individualists differ from their Capitalist and Agoric brethren in a number of ways. In discussing the Spooner-Tucker doctrine, Rothbard† gives three areas in which he disagrees with the doctrine concerned:

1. The question of objective codes of law. There is sufficient disagreement among Anarcho-Capitalists that this question must be moot. Indeed, some of what I will say later may rouse the wrath of Anarcho-Objectivists.

2. The money question. Rothbard deals with this question at some length. With the reservation that his theories are not especially valid in a system involving a fractional reserve banking system, I recommend his treatment, as we are not talking about a fractional reserve system.

3. The land question, or in its more general form, the ownership of uncreated resources. Rothbard cites Locke's position on the specific question of land, and leaves it at that. However, Shea and Wilson go beyond the land question to talk of the arbitrariness of state property titles in general. Likewise, Nock and Tolstoy make similar extensions. Accordingly, I will also go beyond the land question to offer a more extensive refutation.

I start where Locke did, with a hunting party of Indians in Eastern North America in 1697. They see and kill a deer. No one will dispute their ownership as it is an uncreated resource. However, another party of Indians attacks them, kills some of their number, and puts the rest to flight. Their tribal council refuses to sanction a retaliatory strike, because they were hunting in ground reserved for another tribe by mutual agreement. Native North America was crisscrossed by lines limiting the hunting grounds of different tribes. These limits served to conserve game and reduce friction among the tribes. The remainder of this essay is devoted to showing the necessity of a mechanism to achieve the same purpose as these agreements.

I live in the South-Western part of Virginia (or the Northern part of the Cherokee Nation) and am surrounded by mountains. At certain slopes and altitudes, these mountains are good for growing pine trees and little else except game. Whether the pine forest is there by the will of God, or by the workings of nature, it is certain that it is not there by the work of any human agency. Accordingly, under both Anarcho-Individualist principles and those of Locke, Rand, and Rothbard, nobody has a good claim to it. There are two competing uses for pine trees: pulp and lumber. A tree is ready to be pulped a few years before a lumber mill has use for it. If there is no property right to the tree before it is cut, then the rational thing for anyone seeking a profit to do is to cut it down for pulp wood before it can grow to lumber size, as someone else may cut it if a given enterprise leaves it. Thus, there are conservation reasons for assigning the property rights to some one person. A stickier problem is that such overcutting will bring floods downstream, causing destruction, and being a form of aggression against property the Anarcho-Individualist recognizes.

However, let us return to Land and Locke. If a settler builds a house on land he has cleared himself, and surrounds it with fields cultivated by his own hands, neither Shea and Wilson, nor Rothbard will dispute his title to the buildings, crop lands, orchards, etc. Rothbard differs in holding that the title does not cease when he ceases to use the land. What he has made, is, in either case, his. Assume a rich and deeply lying seam of coal. He did not create it. Thus, how can he own it? A Galambosian might say that the discoverer is the rightful owner. If neither the proprietor of the surface, nor the discoverer, then probably it is anyone's for the taking. However, if several people are digging below, who is our Anarcho-farmer to sue when his barn sinks into the roof? Thus, to preserve the title the Anarcho-Individualist recognizes, the proprietor must have a property right that he would not recognize. (This right, in the Galambosian case, is not absolute. He only has the right to know who is to blame for any discomfort the miners may inflict on him.)

Thus, the Anarcho-Individualist is in contradiction. At this point, it is tempting to write Q.E.D. and stop. However, that would leave hanging the questions raised about other positions which really should be answered.

Remember the conservation problem which arises if anyone has equal rights to a resource? It's the root question of economic science: how to fulfill man's unlimited needs with the Earth's finite resources. Are there, perhaps, problems of this nature as well where land is concerned? Supposing the state were to disappear overnight. I know of a wonderfully fertile bit of Black Land Prairie which would be opened, and I would love to get a plow into it.‡ So would a few million other people. Tomorrow morning, we are all standing on the same two hundred or so acres, trying to find room to start a homestead. Somehow, a decision must be reached as to who gets first crack at establishing a property right on this particular bit of Texas, and who goes to less desirable tracts, if not back to the automobile plant. In statist societies, the state decides such questions. In other past societies, custom decided who got first crack at a given resource. In a future Anarcho-Capitalist society, the people in each area would make the decision by choosing those defense-arbitration-insurance agencies which had policies in accord with their views.

In any case, *someone* must make the decision.
—Jack R. Patterson

†All references are to Dr. Rothbard's essay *The Spooner-Tucker Doctrine: An Economist's View*, as reproduced in *Egalitarianism as a Revolt Against Nature and Other Essays* (Libertarian Review Press, Washington, 1974).

‡Once the shell fragments and duds are policed up. If you *still* think we can get rid of poverty by opening government lands to homesteading, the U.S. Government now holds titles to several swamps, a number of glaciers, the choicest collection of Alpine country in the world, and other such prospects for farming. ■

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Egoists or New Libertarian Society. I intend to remain allied with, trading with, and enjoying life with my fellow libertarians, and expand our ranks of worthwhile, self-justifying humanity from those oppressed by statism in external society.

"Libertarian" means neither anti-social nor political power-seeking. The day it means either, I change my label.

Thanks, Ron, for bringing this to my attention.
—SEK3

Ron Chusid, 848 Tappan #7, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. ■

BRIEFS

Long-time subscriber Jerry Klasan has vanished without a trace.

NLW would appreciate a new mail-drop for our elusive, free-thinking friend... *Laissez Faire Books Catalog & Review* (81 year, 206 Mercer, New York, NY 10012) contrasts two lawyers on the tax rebellion: Ralph Fucetola (pro) and John Sotirakis (anti). Sotirakis opposes the tax rebellion on the grounds that the libertarian's legal arguments may be overcome in a court! What this piece of co-opting, counter-revolutionary junk is doing in a supposedly libertarian book catalog is unknown. There can be no libertarian arguments against libertarianism—and taxes are anti-libertarian. Demonstrably so, and universally agreed—except for Mr. Sotirakis.... Some good reviews in the aforementioned: Stromberg on a new John Flynn book, Peden on *Compulsory Education and the Amish*, and Rothbard's little history of the Volker Fund in his review of the Kirsner release.

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extension of the debt limit in 1975, against "idiot" appropriations like the tourism subsidy bill, and for a freeze on White House staff positions.

Weaver's record on civil liberties matters is quite good. He opposed re-funding the House Internal Security Committee, authority for the Consumer Product Safety Commission to regulate guns and ammo, and continuation of restrictions on federal employee political activity. Weaver also voted to end the sexist admissions policy of the U.S. service academies and to abolish all penalties for refusal to answer the Census Bureau's nosy questionnaire.

It is in the area of foreign affairs and "defense" that Weaver's record is truly outstanding. He has opposed foreign aid appropriations, waiving prohibitions on use of funds to reintroduce American troops into Indochina (during the 1975 refugee flap), money for the B-1 bomber boondoggle, prohibitions on Panama Canal negotiations, the Sinai Pact, and aid to Chile. He supported overseas troop cuts, the embargo on arms to Turkey, disclosure of the CIA budget, and release of the House CIA investigation report.

So what if Weaver is not perfect on economic matters? He is no worse than most of the motley horde in Congress, better than many Members. With the country showing a distinct, alarming move to the Right of late, we desperately need people in Congress like Jim Weaver who are not willing to compromise their principles in the areas of civil liberties and foreign policy.

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If libertarians are going to meddle in politics, they owe it to themselves not to help defeat the handful of politicians who are trying to save the country from becoming a police state or a nuclear bomb-baked cinder. As long as America stays off those two paths, libertarianism still has a chance to triumph.

—Eric Scott Royce

[Scott Royce edited the LP's Congressional vote ratings during 1973-74. His views on the efficacy of political tactics are not shared by the most of the editors of NLW.]

—SEK3]

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each or a roll of 500 for \$20. The postcards are 5¢ each or 100 for \$4.00. Buttons will be available by the time you read this, as will bumper stickers, at 40¢ and 75¢ each, respectively.

Local CounterCampaign '76 are springing up around the nation, with Jim Casterline, Eric Geislinger and Duncan Frissell engaging in Oregon activism. Co-chairman Frissell was interviewed by the *Capitol Journal*. Of all the candidates, Nobody wants a 13 year old campaign secretary—and so Larry Goldsmith has signed up to run the Florida CounterCampaign. In Chicago, some None-Of-The-Abovers have come around to voting for Nobody thanks to the efforts of Bonnie Kaplan. Kudos to all! Unrelated to CounterCampaign '76, but hopefully allying with us, is a group in Berkeley, California calling itself The Committee To Elect Nobody for President and sporting a poster by Gil Shelton of the *Fabulous Furry Freak Brothers* campaigning for our candidate. We are not alone!

Upcoming on the CounterCampaign '76 schedule are: an interview on KNX-FM (Los Angeles), KTLK (Denver, Colorado—with Scott Monahan, the Voice of Nobody on CounterCampaign '76's radio spots) and demonstrations during the various primaries. Jim Casterline, Eric Geislinger and Simon Jester plastered parts of the state of Oregon with "Don't Vote—It Only Encourages Them" stickers for their primaries—how about the rest of you out there?

Definitely set in California is a demonstration and sticker campaign for the June 8 primary. Any help from local allies will be appreciated. So toss out those MacBride Bergland buttons (a new yawn in presidential-politics-as-usual) and stand behind the only true, real, gen-xvoo-ine Libertarian candidate—NOBODY!

CounterCampaign '76, Box 4190, Malibu, CA 90265. —Victor Koman

Calendar

of Libertarian and Related Events

June 8 Society for Libertarian Life. Karl Bray Speaker. 8 P.M. 50¢. Refreshments. Keystone Savings and Loan Building, 555 N. Euclid St., Anaheim, California.

June 10 Forum for Philosophical Studies. George Smith on "Pursuit of Happiness." \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) in Hollywood.

June 12 Los Angeles Seminar on Taxes. Dr. Frank Brockway, Terrence Oaks, Bob Lyon, Armond Condo, Jim Lowery Anita Lowery, Claire Kelley, Michie Page and others. 1-4 P.M., 7-10 P.M. \$10 per person. Bodhisattva Book Store, 11821 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles.

June 14 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Dinner \$6.95 at 7:15, talk \$1 at 8:30 P.M. Beneficial Plaza Cafeteria, Lincoln and Jefferson Rooms, 2nd Floor, 3700 Wilshire (1 block east of Western). Los Angeles.

June 19 Mythopeic Society/Frefan meeting. *Black Easter*—novel by James Blish, new screenplay by Charles Curley. At Anarchovillage, Apt. 3, 1838 E. 7th St.,

Long Beach. 7:30 P.M. || **13th Amendment Defense Fund.** Fund Raising Benefit Party. 8 P.M. \$5 requested, money to go to Doug Kennell's Appeal. Shawn Steel residence, 52 Sunset Ave., Venice, California.

June 20 None of the Above Talk Joe Maxwell on "Conformity and Diversity in Social Theory," or, "What Must People Have in Common in Order for a Society to Function?" 2:30 P.M. (312) 935-0412 for location. Chicago area.

June 25-26 Investment and Survival Strategy Conference, Vancouver. See NLW22 or write Jim McKeever, JALCO Survival Services, 726 Richard St., Vancouver, BC. V6E 2M2, or call (604) 684-4617. \$295 per person, \$495 per couple. Vancouver, British Columbia.

July 6 Doug Kennell's Appeal (Libertarian Draft Resistance) at 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, Los Angeles. Phone (213) 396-2492 for details.

July 7-8 Fifth Annual Heinlein-Konkin Birthday Party. Open to friends of either or both. Write NLE, P.O. Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801 for invitation/flyer. Somewhere in Calif.

July 8 Forum for Philosophical Studies. Debate on "Limited Government and Anarchy for Those Still in Doubt." \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

Please remember that to get your listing mailed out on time you must have it in at least one week before publication date or two weeks before cover date. All libertarian functions are listed except those which demand secrecy and political activities attempting to associate themselves with libertarianism.

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"NON-PARTISAN!" say Libertarian Feminists

(New York, May 30) The Association of Libertarian Feminists, responding to criticism of ALF tie-ins with the Libertarian Party, has declared themselves independent of Party association in a front-page editorial by National Co-ordinator, Sharon Presley. Text of Ms. Presley's statement follows:

"A few people have expressed distrust or disapproval of what they perceive to be ALF's connection with the Libertarian Party. I'd like to comment on this and clear the point up.

ALF as an organization is independent of the Libertarian Party. ALF is definitely *not* funded by the LP, nor is there any danger of ALF being "co-opted" by the LP. Officially, ALF has no position one way or the other on the LP—ALF members are free to choose for themselves. Indeed, individual members' opinions run the gamut from those running for public office as LP candidates (like Lynn Kinsky) through "moderates" who are not members of the LP but are willing to work with it in particular instances (like me) to ALF members who are anti-LP (like Sam Konkin). Since ALF is striving for a broad libertarian base, this range of opinion is only as it should be.

"Many of ALF's activities are done in cooperation with the LP (for instance, speeches and seminars at conventions) because many LP members are interested in feminism (I should hope so!) and conventions are easy places to get together. Many other ALF activities (meetings, speeches, position papers) have nothing to do with the LP.

As National Coordinator, I am trying to make a place in ALF for *all* libertarian feminist positions (pro and con LP, left and right, limited govern-

ment and anarchist, "militant" and "moderate," gay and straight, or whatever it might be). What we have in common—our dedication to feminism and the ideal of a voluntary society—is far more important than any differences we may have about tactics or approaches. ALF is an eclectic organization; most members want it to be that way, as far as I can see.

"So I hope that any distrust of the LP that there may be will not be generalized to include ALF. The same holds true for distrust of men (ALF has male members), distrust of anarchists or distrust of limited government advocates, etc., etc. There's room in ALF for every libertarian feminist! —Sharon Presley"

The editorial appeared on the front page of *Association of Libertarian Feminists News* 2 (May, 1976). On the second page, however, Ms. Presley is said to be working on a position paper with Senatorial candidate Lynn Kinsky for the Libertarian Party. Tonie Nathan and Roger MacBride, LP candidates, continue to receive extensive coverage.

Other ALF news of interest to most libertarians include the frequent association of publisher Nancy Borman in connection with libertarian feminism. Borman is co-publisher of *Majority Report*, a New York weekly newspaper considered the major radical influence in today's women's movement.

In an unrelated action, the fast-growing Society for Libertarian Life in Orange County declared itself independent of the Libertarian Party in their first issue of *Libertas Review* (P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632, \$1 year). "The California Young Libertarian Alliance is organizing in Southern

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**FORD'S FLUDOGGLE
NEEDLES PUBLIC!***by Eric Scott Royce*

The national media have certainly been doing their patriotic duty. For weeks now they have been propagandizing the citizenry with horror tales about the 1918-19 swine flu epidemic. Why? To make sure that all us sheep march dutifully down and get our vaccination shots as recommended by King Gerald and his health and welfare hacks.

Only recently have some of the major media begun to examine the facts behind the propaganda drive that committed at least \$135 million in tax money to the mass inoculation program. The *Washington Post* and *U.S. News & World Report* aren't yet ready—if they ever will be—to admit that the whole thing is an excuse to subsidize four leading pharmaceutical companies and the nation's egg producers (see *NLW* 20), but recent articles printed in those journals took note of the many questions being raised about the program.

Those questions include doubts about the seriousness of the threat, the effectiveness of any vaccine produced, and the seriousness of side effects on those receiving the shots.

If the disease is so virulent, skeptics are beginning to ask, why didn't it spread beyond Ft. Dix, N.J., where it first appeared? Why were most of those infected no more ill than patients suffering from flu strains such as Victoria A?

Dr. Walter Dowdle, director of virology at the Atlanta-based Center for Disease Control admits that "the best

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NOTES & VIEWS

IN THIS ISSUE

Lots of briefs, epistles and editorials so we'll cut it short in this department. Mailing label checked for expiry? Told at least one new person how great *NLW* is? OK, read on!

POLITICS AS UNUSUAL

Almost none of you wrote in to point out that Your Not-So-Accurate Neighbourhood Anarchoeditor was dead wrong in his burial of Ronald Reagan (*NLW* 15). It looks now that he will win California (though with the reduced vote from libertarian non-voting) and has a fighting chance to win the convention in Kansas City. I assume most of you don't care enough to get worked up about it, but to keep the record straight, here's the update.

What was correct was that libertarians remain solidly against Reagan. Even the one exception, Libertarian Republican Alliance, has split and some are working for Ford as a Stop-Reagan action. What was wrong was my forgetting the time lag between New York and California and "Middle America" in shifting views. Liberals, for example, in the inlying areas are voting for the surrogate McGovern, Frank Church, just as conservatives are supporting Reagan as a Goldwater heir. Note that Jerry Brown, the pseudo-libertarian, is beating Church and Carter in areas removed from "the heartland" (Rhode Island, Maryland, and probably California).

Reagan has dropped his libertarian self-labelling to get those traditional votes, and, as a matter of fact, is now far less a danger to the libertarian society. But should he beat Ford, he will have to go either "libertarian," perhaps to pick up Brown's public, or "liberal," or redneck *a la* Wallace.

The worst nightmare is a Brown-Reagan-MacBride race, all calling themselves "libertarian." That would probably finish off all value in the label and set us back twenty years.

May Mises save us from that fate!

AID OF THE NON-PARTY (Non-Partisan Libertarians)

Undoubtedly, one of the marginal successes that *NLW* is at least partly responsible for, is the declaration of non-partisanship by libertarian

groups. By giving prominent coverage to the vast majority of libertarians who are hostile or indifferent to the Libertarian Party, we have tipped the balance in helping the more virtuous libertarian activists stay free of political entanglement.

It's a step in the right direction. Although we remain convinced that a firm anti-political stand is necessary for the moral fibre, philosophical consistency, and strategic success of libertarians, we welcome the "non-partisans'" declarations of independence and invite them to participate, limited only by their own self-limitations, in *New Libertarian Weekly* and the building of the libertarian society. —SEK³

BRIEFS

Received a copy of *Inflation Survival Letter* for no apparent reason except possibly for review. OK, this issue (Vol. III, Number 10) has a long cover story on "Speculating in Property to Make Money and Survive Inflation." Being utterly devoid of capital, Your Friendly Neighbourhood Anarchoeditor couldn't keep his interest up but it looks sound. Murray Rothbard is good as usual on "Inflation: Its Cause and Cure." This little intro is a reprint of LP material, so don't subscribe on his account. "Short-Term Survival Foods" by Bill Davidson has no appeal for this anarchogourmet. Good solid financial news on the back, with a table of prices and indices, such as *NLW* would have if we were as big as *Baron's*. Publisher is Robert Kephart, and Bob is nice enough to put the advertising in an 8-page pull-out section in the middle so you can easily throw it away. (I did.) I'm sure *ISL* makes Kephart plenty of money to subsidize *Libertarian Review*, but frankly, I'd only recommend it to the three or four libertarians I know who actually have money—and they already know about it... Chairman Richard Kenney of the Libertarian Party of Washington State sends us some *Reason and Liberty*, the Party paper (Vol. 4, No. 1, 2, 3). Of interest to the New Libertarian Society is Kenney's editorial position against Boss Crane's news control (*NLW* 17) and an argument started by "Black Market," an anonymous libertarian timidly offering a basically counter-economic justice system for the Washington libertarian community. Shockingly, he was gang-banged by unreconstructed objectivists and minarchists, demanding the release of his name and calling for sanction-with-

drawals, purging, public humiliation, and worse. The only thing less comprehensible than the evidence of this reactionary cesspool under even the LP's slimy banner is the willingness of Kenney (a fairly well-informed, radical libertarian) to put up with this crap and kiss the LP's throne-and-altar. Read for yourself. (*Reason & Liberty*, LPWS, Box 2096, Seattle, WN 98111, \$6 year) ... For the first time in her life, Sharon Presley has been called a "moderate"—by herself (see cover story) ... *Individual Liberty* (SIL, P.O. Box 1147, Warminster, PA 18974, \$4/year) has a favourable mention of *NLW* in their May 1976 issue, but in it they accuse us of publishing "gossip about (against) the Libertarian Party." Naturally, YFNA would like the offending section cited, which *IL* did not see fit to do, since I have had a policy of excluding any and all gossip (i.e., mention of personal matters of no one else's business) since the beginning of publishing six years ago. Mr. Ernsberger? Mr. Walters? Whoever was responsible? Come on, speak up.... Some group called the Church of the Spirit of Liberty (P.O. Box 223, Camarillo, CA 93010) has reprinted Murray Rothbard's "Stop Reagan!" editorial from the December 1975 *Libertarian Forum* (which, incidentally, was never mailed to *NLW*). Strange thing is that it was included in a mailing of the *Santa Barbara Libertarian* (1617 De La Vina St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101, no sub. price given). This LP newsletter claims they were provided by Ventura LP Chairman Saul Rackauskas, but fail to mention his source. By the way, this issue of *SBL* is a good example of how incredibly boring practical politics makes for reading, even though Editor Bill Birmingham strives valiantly (and humourously) to keep interest up. —SEK³

Epistles to the Editor

Samuel, you incredible editor, you—

A whole page devoted to *SFR* and *REG*...amazing. How perceptive of you.

But seriously, I'm flattered. And glad my thoughts struck a twanging chord in you.

Alter-Ego has been up to his usual tricks and has written another column for *Galaxy* devoted to predictions and such, for a Fall issue. I'm told, *Galaxy's* schedule is variable.

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I must admit I look forward to *NLW* and must also admit to manifest irritation at your covering the futile buzzing and flitting of the ego-tripping "politicians" in the movement. I suppose it is news, but it is boring and a terrible waste of energy and thought. All these schisms and deviationist flaps are both ridiculous and pathetic—ludicrous, foolish aping of the major parties and their power brokering and ideologue tempests.

But it's a free country (to a degree) and these very petty politician-minded types are free to play their games. I just object to the waste of space and energy to report their cavortings. Would you want to be even partially governed by such?

I am in the process of arranging and experimenting with reducing my actual money needs. I sniff the possibility of becoming almost totally able to grow all my food, inside and out of the house. Heating the house is solved. Alas, I still need to pay for electricity, a sewer and water charge, and taxes on the property. And insurance.

I'll be reporting on my progress in the August *SFR*.

All Best,
Richard E. Geis

[Hmm, I'd like to say I agree with you completely, but the way you got it set up, it would then appear as if I was disagreeing with myself. Are you sure you've never been in politics, Dick? By the way, you've tipped the scales back to even out those wanting coverage of LP scandals and those not wanting it. Interestingly enough, those wanting coverage are almost all LP members concerned about the lack of honest reporting in party publications. But I ultimately feel Dick and others are right, and unless some of you who haven't spoke up write in soon, I'll probably start down-playing LP news even more. And I'm sure Dick wanted me to let you know you can send him a dollar for that August Science Fiction Review to P.O. Box 11408, Portland, OR 97211. —SEK3]

SEK III:

Robert Brakeman's "Oswald" article identifies the ideological bias of many leftist assassination buffs. However, their silly attempts to "uncommunize" Oswald do not refute their overall theories.

When the CIA, for instance, runs an operation under "left-cover" they use actual, dedicated leftists, like Oswald, as pawns. Such pawns are misled as to the source of their support and direction.

According to Alan Stang's article on the Kennedy assassination in a recent *American Opinion*, "Sol," Allan Dulles' top hit-man, pulled the trigger. De

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Cinema



by The Thornton

May 1, 1975 in a safehouse somewhere in Los Angeles. Five members of the Weather Underground met to talk. They had been given permission by the organization to talk to Emile De Antonio, Mary Lampson and Haskell Wexler.

The five Weatherpeople were the following:

•**Jeff Jones.** A former member of the Students for a Democratic Society (S.D.S.) New York Regional Office, he was the person who most likely gave the code word in Chicago ("I am Marion Delgado") for the action of "The Days of Rage." He has been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for crossing state lines with the intention of "provoking and participating in a riot" (sic) and committing one or more of "forty acts of violence."

•**Katherine Boudin.** One of the people in the N.Y.C. townhouse explosion, a worker with the Jobs or Income Now (JOIN) in Cleveland, co-authoress of *The Bust Book* giving information on how to avoid arrest and what to do if arrested, one of the early leaders of Weatherman, she was also indicted along with Jeff Jones (as well with Bernardine Dohrn, Bill Ayers, and as a co-conspirator with Cathy Wilkerson).

•**Bernardine Dohrn.** One of the best known Weatherpeople, she was elected to the National Office of S.D.S. when that organization splintered. Definitely the best leader and thinker the Weatherpeople have come up with. She joined S.D.S. in 1968, and was underground by 1969. She was the one to read P.L.P. out of S.D.S. at the Chicago Convention.

•**Cathy Wilkerson.** The "leader" of the townhouse cell in New York City that blew up their own safehouse.

All of them were active in S.D.S., all, except for Dohrn, since 1966, and all run the gamut from idealistic social-democracy to an ideological Marxism. They were the results of Student Power and revolutionary Marxism.

That those five people were actually the Weatherbureau can be established. Bernardine Dohrn, Bill Ayers, and Jeff Jones were elected to that position at the last National S.D.S. Convention



in Chicago. After Mark Rudd was purged in 1970, it would make sense to add Kathy Boudin since she was a tried and true activist in S.D.S. from 1963 onward.

So, we can establish that it was the "headquarters" of the Weatherpeople and they wanted to bring their message out into the rest of society.

Why?

They need people. An ex-W.P. that I talked to in New York said that he couldn't "dig it," they were getting a hostile response from everyone they met, young and old alike. They were unable to communicate to others, locked into their own cells, unable to trust anyone.

With the lines drawn, unable to talk to each other, split by fear, personality problems, and the police. I assume that the Weatherpeople are needing an influx of new blood. So they distribute "Prairie Fire" and make this movie.

The major problem of recruitment for the Weatherpeople is their touch on reality. They have none. They are unable to accept the fact that the 1960s are over. The Student Rights movement has ended, the Black Liberation movement has mellowed out, "Revolutionary Youth Movement" never existed, and—worst of all for them—the Viet Nam War is over. Because of their posturing and several ineffective bombing campaigns, they cannot openly recruit and could not absorb anyone they could gather in. They are ineffectual and thus have neutralized themselves out of the running.

The technique of the movie is poor. We get stunning shots of the back of people's heads. Frequent glimpses of paranoia. Shots of the photographer in the mirror and old news clippings. The film is propaganda and bad agit-prop at that. It could have been a good film.

—The Thornton

[The Thornton is a long time student, observer, and participant in the American revolutionary and anti-imperialist scene. Weather Underground opened for a "West Coast Premiere" and L.A. exclusive engagement at the Fox Venice theatre on May 19.]

—SEK3]

EPISTLES TO THE EDITOR

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Mohrenshield set-up Oswald, a known leftist as the patsy. This theory seems to be gaining popularity in both right- and left-wing circles.

Peter E. McAlpine
Michigan

[Thanks, Pete. Anybody else got a theory? Does Mr. Brakeman wish to reply or deny? —SEK3]

Speculations

SF BOOK REVIEW:

A BLOW FOR WOMEN'S LIB

Marion Zimmer Bradley, *THE SHATTERED CHAIN* (New York: DAW Books, 1976), pb. 287 pp. \$1.50.

In *The Shattered Chain*, the latest in her series of "Darkover" novels, SF author Marion Zimmer Bradley strikes a blow for the anarchofeminist cause.

Darkover, for those unfamiliar with the series, is a planet originally colonized by Terrans. Their descendants, however, have forgotten their origins and have developed a society in which the Comyn, wielders of psi powers, form a conservative aristocracy. Throughout most of Darkovan society, "women's liberation" is viewed as a radical notion; in some areas those so unfortunate as to be born female are literally kept in chains.

Some Darkovan women, however, have refused to accept any such predetermined role in society and have banded together into groups known as the Free Amazons. Each pledges in her oath to renounce traditional concepts of sexual roles, particularly marriage, provide mutual assistance, and pledges allegiance *only* "to my oath mother, to my sisters in the guild and to my employer for the season of my employment."

Bradley uses this background to attack many of the popular misconceptions about feminism. Her characters eventually manage to successfully defy the Comyn and surmount Comyn-imposed restrictions on contacts with the Terran enclave on Darkover.

Some libertarian feminists will not be thoroughly satisfied with the book (I was not entirely satisfied myself); but on the whole it is both a valuable addition to feminist literature and, like the rest of Bradley's work, a remarkably good adventure story.

—Eric Scott Royce

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FORD'S FLUDOGGLE

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bet would be that there would not be an epidemic this year." Dowdie was a supporter of the administration's subsidy bill. Dr. Martin Goldfield of the N.J. Health Department, who first isolated the Ft. Dix virus, believes the danger has not been proven and that adverse effects of the vaccine, particularly among children, may well outweigh any potential danger from the disease. Dr. Pascal Imperato of the New York City health department has also questioned whether the expense is justified.

What about effectiveness? While the HEW's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, Theodore Cooper, contends that the vaccine would be about 80% effective, Dr. J. Anthony Morris, director of the virus section of the FDA's Bureau of Biologics, believes that the figure may be closer to 20%.

Most serious of the three issues is the question of side effects. Dr. Goldfield estimates that between 15 and 25% of those inoculated will show some sort of adverse reaction to the vaccine. That reaction could range from mild swelling of the arm to a flu-like illness.

Most foreign governments, *U.S. News* reports, do not "seem apprehensive enough about an outbreak of the swine flu to start taking any major steps." If the world's socialistic societies see little need for action, then what is the United States doing passing legislation to support a costly, unprecedented mass inoculation drive? The answer seems to be that the program is another example of American politics. The response should be that public health is too important for such game-playing in Washington. ■

NON-PARTISAN GROUPS

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California. They want SIL to affiliate with YLA. But YLA is part of the Libertarian Party and SIL is non-partisan." The editor of SIL is Lawrence Samuels. He followed up the statement immediately with a favorable mention of *New Libertarian Weekly*.

The first libertarian organization declaring non-partisanship was the Society for Individual Liberty (SIL, P.O. Box 1147, Warminster, PA 18974) over a year ago. SIL is older than the LP by several years, but both ALF and SIL are new groups, thus signifying a new trend of non-partisan independence.

Association of Libertarian Feminists, 206 Mercer Street, New York, NY 10012.

Calendar

of Libertarian and Related Events

June 14 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Dinner \$6.95 at 7:15, talk \$1 at 8:30 P.M. Beneficial Plaza Cafeteria, Lincoln and Jefferson Rooms, 2nd Floor, 3700 Wilshire (1 block east of Western). Los Angeles.

June 19 Mythopeic Society/Frefan meeting. *Black Easter*—novel by James Blish, new screenplay by Charles Curley. At Anarchovillage, Apt. 3, 1838 E. 7th St.,

Long Beach. 7:30 P.M. || **13th Amendment Defense Fund.** Fund Raising Benefit Party. 8 P.M. \$5 requested, money to go to Doug Kennell's Appeal. Shawn Steel residence, 52 Sunset Ave., Venice, California.

June 20 None of the Above Talk Joe Maxwell on "Conformity and Diversity in Social Theory," or, "What Must People Have in Common in Order for a Society to Function?" 2:30 P.M. (312) 935-0412 for location. Chicago area.

June 25-26 Investment and Survival Strategy Conference, Vancouver. See **MLW22** or write Jim McKeever, JALCO Survival Services, 726 Richard St., Vancouver, BC. V6E 2M2, or call (604) 684-4617. \$295 per person, \$495 per couple. Vancouver, British Columbia.

June 30 Frefan Meeting/Party, collation of *Frefazine* 4. All zines must arrive by this date to Overall Editor Ken Gregg, Box 2790, Long Beach, CA 90801. *Frefazine* is to be distributed at Westercon all weekend. Party at 1838 E. 7th St., Apt. 3, Long Beach.

July 7-8 Fifth Annual Heinlein-Konkin Birthday Party. Open to friends of either or both. Write NLE, P.O. Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801 for invitation/flyer. Somewhere in Calif.

July 8 Forum for Philosophical Studies. Topic to be announced. (Previously scheduled debate postponed until August.) \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118. N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly). Hollywood.

July ? (Date to be set) New York Association of Libertarian Feminists. Legal regulation of marriage and divorce and the libertarian feminist approach. Nancy S. Erickson, New York Law School attorney and author of *A Woman's Guide to Marriage & Divorce in New York*. Time and date from NY ALF, 206 Mercer Street, New York, NY 10012.

July ? (Date to be set) Society for Libertarian Life Beach Party. SIL, P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632. Orange County area.

Please remember that to get your listing mailed out on time you must have it in at least one week before publication date or two weeks before cover date. All libertarian functions are listed except those which demand secrecy and political activities attempting to associate themselves with libertarianism.

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LIBERTARIANS HOLD CANADA CONVENTION!

Movement growing & Party ailing

by Steve Jarvis

(May 21-23—Ottawa) On Friday, May 21, the National Convention of the Libertarian Party of Canada opened in the Downtown Holiday Inn of Toronto, Ontario. It had not been called in propitious circumstances. In late 1975 after several months of bitter infighting the Chairman, Mike Blake, had been removed from his position on the Execom. The issues at stake focused around the Chairman's competence and his reluctance to call a party convention. Your reporter, though resigned from the party at the time of the struggle, took part on the side of the insurgents when it became apparent that Chairman and his faction were raping a party constitution that your reporter had helped to write; including an incident involving the judicial committee reminiscent of the 1936 attempt in the United States to pack the Supreme Court.

Chairman Mike Blake was replaced by Terry Coughlin who later resigned and finally followed by Vice-Chairman Rick Bolster who was to chair the convention. The losing faction subsequently resigned or became inactive.

On Friday evening, the convention rules were adopted after the usual libertarian debate on details. The one unusual feature was the adoption of a motion dividing the convention into smoking and non-smoking sections. Simultaneously a lecture and a showing of the *Incredible Bread Machine* was made available to non-party members. I have no report of the results of this.

Saturday morning opened with simultaneous Party Activity, Platform and Constitutional Workshops which I slept through. By my reports, it was

just as well. That afternoon the Constitutional debate began. It rapidly became apparent the Mr. Bolster chairing the meeting did not know *Robert's Rules of Order*, did not have an expert consultant available, or even a copy of *Robert's Rules* available. Fortunately for him only a few of the members of the party seemed to have the slightest knowledge of *Robert's rule* either, so inconsistent and incorrect rulings (at least those noticed by your far-from-expert reporter) went by without undue disturbance.

The debate continued until Sunday at noon. There were really only two significant changes achieved after significant trouble maintaining a quorum on the floor. Firstly the Executive Committee was replaced by a Board of Directors (elected at the convention later) who were to select a President and other administrative officers who cannot be part of the Board of Directors. Secondly, the judicial committee was elected at the convention not appointed by the Board afterwards.

An attempt to open full membership to anyone who wishes to join was defeated. The old arrangement of requiring members to sign the quasi-objectivist, pro-minarchist statement of principles was effectively retained.

Saturday evening following atrocious food, there was a dinner speech by Woody Jenkins—Democratic-Libertarian Louisiana State Representative. Largely his standard speech on how he achieved political success, he at one point seemed to indicate he viewed himself as a rearguard against statism buying time till intellectual

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LIBERTARIAN PROF. DEVELOPS MARKET FOR REVOLUTION

by Bonnie Kaplan

(May 12—Chicago) University of Chicago linguistics professor James D. McCawley talked about scientific revolutions as part of the None of the Above Speakers Series. He developed and extended the ideas of Thomas Kuhn (*The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*) and Paul Feyerabend (*Against Method: Outline of an Anarchistic Theory of Knowledge* in *Minnesota Studies in the Philosophy of Science 4*) by likening scientific activity to the marketplace. Like the marketplace, the scientific community is basically anarchistic. Whether the anarchy results in paradise or hell, of course, depends on the populace. "A scientific community gets the scientific revolution it deserves."

The scientist must choose an avenue of research and priorities of goals, in effect, making a speculative investment of intellectual capital. The buyers of a scientific theory critically evaluate the product by examining the claims made for it. Unfortunately, students usually are not trained as investors, but as appliers and reciters of facts. Even in an unhealthy scientific community, though, a new idea, whether or not responsibly advertised, is likely to stimulate some scientists to be more critical. Disagreement between scientists ensures that different approaches will be investigated, thereby preventing a general march down

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The Week

BULLETIN:

ROTHBARD SLAMS KONKIN

(June 7—New York) Copies of Murray Rothbard's *Libertarian Forum* (April 1976) arrived today with Rothbard's attack on FLP membership ("Katzniks"), Harry Browne, Robert LeFevre, James Toole, and many others. He named Sam Konkin as leading "left sectarian" in the libertarian movement.

A full report will headline the next issue of *NLW*. Konkin will formally reply to Rothbard's denunciation of CounterEconomics and Konkin's strategy and tactics in a special two-page extra.

The Libertarian Forum, Box 341, Madison Square Station, New York, NY 10010 (Vol. IX, No. 4). \$8/year. ■

LIBERTARIAN DOCTOR FIGHTS SOCIAL SECURITY

(May 31—Oelwein, Iowa) Dr. R.S. Jaggard, organizer of a pro-free market doctor's group, refused to pay Social Security taxes on April 15, 1975. After an IRS audit in January, 1976, the agent agreed with Jaggard, giving him "zero tax due on self-employment income."

However the Des Moines office subsequently hit Dr. Jaggard and he is presently appealing. Jaggard, a Christian libertarian, says "We are fighting the government on SS taxation because we can see the collectivist plan to destroy our Christian society, our moral way of life, and our desire and responsibility to share with our neighbors in Christian love."

No hypocrite, "Jag" puts his money where his mouth is. "We will continue to give away 11% of our income, plus an amount equal to what our SS taxes would have been had we paid them."

IRS SMEARS LIBERTARIAN CHURCH WITH LP LABEL

(May 25—Washington, D.C.) Lloyd Licher, president of the First Libertarian Church (of Los Angeles) was forced to travel to the District of Columbia to defend the FLC against accusations it was associated with the Libertarian Party.

The IRS held up approval of the Church's application for recognition as a tax-exempt organization until Licher could prove his group innocent of the political taint. ■

NOBODY NOMINATED FOR SENATE IN VIRGINIA!

(June 6—Roanoke) The Virginia Republican Convention meeting June 4-5 did the rational thing and nominated Nobody for the Senate. The Party felt that it lacked the means to successfully oppose the two giants already in the race: Incumbent Dixiecrat Harry F. Byrd Jr., and Democrat Elmo Zumwalt, the former Chief of Naval Operations.

However, there was no real case for endorsing either. Zumwalt is an arch interventionist, both in domestic and foreign affairs. Byrd has a long history of machine rule, enforced segregation, and centralization at the State level behind him. Neither is as good a candidate as Nobody!

—Jack R. Patterson

WESTWOOD FOR NOBODY

(June 8—L.A.) CounterCampaign '76 brought cheers and honks from the passersby at Los Angeles' busy intersection of Westwood and Wilshire. "Vote for Nobody" posters, buttons and bumper stickers were well-received by old and young, hip and straight, famous and mundane.

Most sympathetic reaction was to a poster with a black-bordered "portrait" labelled "Our Candidate," which was entirely blank inside. Guffaws, cheers, "He's for me!" and "I voted for him today!" greeted the Counter-Campaigners.

Present for this Primary Day event was Victor Koman, campaign Chairman, J. Neil Schulman, CounterCampaign '76 Press Secretary, and Samuel Edward Konkin III, bringing out the New Libertarian Alliance. ■

SMITH TAKES ON HOSPERS

(June 10—L.A.) The anarchy-minarchy debate between George H. Smith and John Hospers has been rescheduled for August 12. The announcement was made at the Forum for Philosophical Studies at which George Smith wowed a small, enthusiastic group on "The Pursuit of Happiness."

(See Calendar for time & place.) ■

Epistles to the Editor

Dear Mr. Konkin,

In a recent issue, you raised the question of whether the LRA was turning Libertarians into politicians, or recruiting more Libertarians among the politically active.

The best answer I can give is, probably, neither of the above. The main impact of Libertarian propaganda among Republicans seems to be to draw people of Classical Liberal back-

ground among German-American and Spanish-American people from the left to the right of the party, and to get people of Old Southern Whig background to move from the right of the Democratic Party to the Right of the Republican.

As witness, the Texas primary, where RR carried all of the Chicano districts, and Ron Paul was elected from a district which included part of Sam Houston's original colony, and the only part of the state with a Whig-American-Constitutional Union voting record from 1850 to 1860.

Whether more hard core Libertarians can now be recruited—we shall see what we shall see.

Sincerely,

Jack R. Patterson

[That's a new way of looking at it. Do I sniff an original theory in the air, Mr. Patterson? —SEK3]

Dear *NLW*,

June 3, 1976

Concerning Mr. Brakeman's article: Trotskyite Peter Camejo, now the Socialist Workers Party presidential candidate, was very involved with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in the early sixties. Since the SWP and CPUSA are archenemies, I doubt that the F.P.C.C. was a CPUSA front but rather was a true coalition as Oswald says.

Tom Boal
Northfield, Illinois

[Yeah, I've heard that the Committee was a Trot front, too, glad you brought it up. Anybody else out there got some information or theories to add? —SEK3]

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Psycho-subversion and the Child

THE ORIGIN OF RELIGION AND EVIL

by Phillip Osborn

Introduction

This is the first of a series on objective child raising. As an introduction it is largely theory, but every practical body of knowledge rests on theory, and I personally regard with horror the idea of parents attempting to use the concrete suggestions I will develop later on faith. *That* has been the problem all along—as I will demonstrate. Much of what I am about to say I identified in the course of discussions with David Kennison of the New Banner Institute, who I believe probably has a much better grasp of most of it. Unfortunately, he has not committed himself to print.

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Either a philosophy is practical or it is religious. Either its ideas are capable of direct translation into action or they are spooks muttering "thou shalt not"s in the inner ear of the true believer. Or, as Max Stirner might put it, were he alive today, "either you own it, or it owns you."

How does one own an idea? Ownership is the right to use and to dispose. By your own subjective standards, you set criteria for adoption or rejection of an idea. Suppose you tell yourself "that man is evil because he believes X" or "this man is good because he believes Y." Are you not a man? Are you not saying, "I am good because I believe Y and not X?" And have you not then lost your *ownership* of these ideas? Can you, having once said "I am good because I believe X," then negate, question, doubt X without feeling—guilt? Without feeling unworthy—of X? Can you dispose of X or does X dispose of—you?

We forget our origins because we do not know them. Read Rand's *Introduction to Objectivist Epistemology*. Doesn't she contrast objective learning to conceptual imitation? Doesn't Branden show that the consequence is social metaphysics in *The Psychology of Self Esteem*? Didn't your parents judge you—by your ideas? Isn't that where it started? Isn't that what you're doing now?

Your parents wanted to possess you—to own you. How could they do that? If they had wanted to own your emotional honesty, the visibility you gave them, your power of judgement,

they had only to make themselves visible, to demonstrate who they were. But they wanted more. They wanted visibility of who they were—not. To be and not to be. You were the answer,

You were the alter ego of their splintered identity. They had to own your ego. But your ego is not by its nature capable of that kind of ownership. It will not—you will not—of its own accord subject itself to any desires but its own.

You must *want* to be their alter ego. Your parents, these gods who control your universe—shall you oppose yourself to them? Shall you not join yourself rather, as best you can, to their omnipotence? When they judge you by your ideas, will you not also judge others—judge yourself?

But perhaps you say, "Now I am free of that, for now I comprehend it." Are you know? Do you? How is it that you know? Don't you still feel threatened by intelligent opposition? When was the last time you sat down and asked yourself, "exactly why am I doing this?" Do you go to church? No? But perhaps you go to the—"Philosophic Forum"?

Is your answer "Ah, but now I have my own philosophy. I make my own judgements. Yes, I still have some problems, but I'm dealing with them." I shall answer, "Show me your philosophy is not a religion. Show me the exact logical connection between "the non-initiation of force" and "existence exists"—between thought and action.

I can almost hear some of your knees pop—"objectivist rhetoric!" Well then, here's some Zen rhetoric: an idea is not to be judged by its source (nor the source by its idea—but perhaps you begin to understand). Is not the personification of the idea the abstraction of the person? Is Ayn Rand objectivism? If John Galt spills his martini, do you feel more at ease? Do I have have to be perfect before you can hear me? Do you feel threatened yet?

Libertarians. I know a Libertarian Objectivist who spanked a 3-year-old child because, he said, he didn't know how else to make him be good. It was explained to him by his friends that a) one cannot make someone else good or bad and b) one stops another's irrational behavior by demonstrating that it is irrational and, if necessary, by restraining him until one can finish

the demonstration. It was also mentioned that spanking was a behaviorist technique suitable for dogs and horses, perhaps, but not for a conceptual being who would either rebel covertly or subvert his own intellectual sovereignty as a consequence.

Finally it was pointed out that punishment, in general, contains the implication that the act would be in the child's interest, but not yours. If it were also not in his interest, this could be demonstrated or explained, and punishment would not be necessary. The child is unable, from the punishment, to abstract anything except that you didn't like what he did. It provides no guidance, no principle for future reference.

Why didn't I already know all that? (Yes, it was me. How's that for a spilled wine glass. Screw you, too. I'm perfect now, anyway. You can join the Phil Osborn Cult for a meager \$1,000 donation. Sure it's worth it, cause I say so.) Because I was a Libertarian. Now what is a Libertarian? A libertarian is a person who grasps that the initiation of force often or always has bad consequences and who therefore generally eschews it. A Libertarian makes the "non-initiation of force" the end-all and be-all of his philosophy. A libertarian recognizes a context or contexts in which he see why non-coercion is the best policy. A Libertarian has to compromise his principles or suffer losses of other kinds when he steps out of those contexts. A libertarian *owns* "libertarianism." He may doubt its validity, challenge it, occasionally initiate force when he sees it is in his interest. "Libertarianism" owns the Libertarian. He is unable to challenge his first principle, because he does not know why it should be a first principle. He has accepted it perhaps on the same evidence that the libertarian has, but he has elevated it to a new status. The logic runs: a) libertarianism is a good thing, b) People who believe in libertarianism are good people, c) I want to be a good person, d) Therefore, I shall believe in libertarianism.

To expand, develop, concretize a philosophical principle requires ultimately the ability to challenge it. The outcome of the challenge depends upon the effects, not on derivative principles, but on more fundamental premises. Otherwise one is assuming the conclusion. The religious mentality is epistemologically incapable of directly challenging his religion, because he does not know the more fundamental principles, assuming there are any. He has accepted the religion on some basis, but he has ascribed a

certainly or field of applicability to it beyond what the evidence justified.

I saw a situation with the three-year-old which, at first sight, seemed to require force. But to initiate force was unlibertarian. My mind froze under the stress of contradiction. Rather than examine the situation on its own merits, whereby I would have certainly grasped a proper solution, the initial conclusion that I would have to initiate force jammed my thinking process. To have continued to think at that point would have required including that tentative conclusion—but that violated my religion. It was easier to *act* in contradiction to my religion and accept the guilt of being immoral than to challenge it. To challenge it, to doubt it would have implied a more fundamental immorality.

Dealing With Kids

So how does one deal with kids? The "Libertarian Ethics" is clearly incapable of handling the problem. Should we refrain from having children unless we have some special environment which contains no dangers requiring our forcible restraint? Or is it sufficient to say simply that since our children own no property we may dictate the terms under which they use our property? Since the child is incapable of paying restitution for trespassing on our property, could we then dispose of it as a nuisance or use it as a laboratory animal? Since we brought the child into existence, does that make us responsible for its actions and if so to what extent? ... Later.

Objectivist and Libertarian

Most objectivists are libertarians. Most Objectivists are Libertarians. No objectivist is a Libertarian. An objectivist may well understand the context and reasons for libertarianism, or he may not. If he does not, he does not accept the principle anyway. If he does, then his understanding delimits its applicability. Libertarianism is not an axiom, nor even a corollary in objective philosophy. It is an ethical principle. Ethical principles are derived logically in a context which may include other ethical principles, economic principles, psychological principles, and, in general, just about any conceivable principle which defines the evaluative context. Ultimately these other principles either include or rest upon an epistemological structure by which we were able to identify and validate them, and a metaphysical structure by which our epistemology must validate itself.

Nor is it any more valid to base ethical principles on empiricism than

it is economic principles. As Von Mises demonstrates so brilliantly in his *Ultimate Foundation of The Economic Science*, no "empirical fact" can possibly either refute or confirm *any* praxeological theorem. Praxeology, as the science of human action, includes ethics, as well as economics.

Libertarian Sectarianism

"Libertarianism" now includes a "libertarian party" along with violently opposed anarchists and Randian objectivists or Objectivists, Christians, syndicalists, Satanists, praxeologists, LeFevrians, FEEers and FEIers, and on and on. Just how, when we have achieved the revolution, are even the *libertarians* going to be able to sit down at one common board of arbitration, much less the liberals, conservatives, trots, commies, nazis, etc.? These splinter groups are typical of a religion, not a science. I should think that Dana Rohrabacher's defection would have convinced *anyone* in the movement that a bit of soul searching was in order*. How people who cannot agree on the rules of evidence (an objectivist *is* a praxeologist *is* a Christian) can ultimately live peacefully together is beyond me. What arbitration system could they all agree to abide by?

Most of you have probably never tried to really live your principles. You may even *know* that they are correct, in the context you derived them—though I somehow doubt it—but since you have never attempted to create a context radically different, perhaps closer to a post-revolutionary society, you do not know that they will be adequate there. Nor am I speaking empirically.

Concepts, percepts & noise

Objectively, all knowledge consists of the identification of facts *within* a context, a context which includes all those metaphysical, epistemological, logical principles of operation which are context independent, and the prior identification of the specific context you are in. There is a structure consisting of the concepts of consciousness, including mathematics and all those principles which are true of all experience, i.e., metaphysics. Then there are the percepts, which are handled by and operated upon by the structure.

When the perceptual data contains elements contradicting the predictions of the structure, these elements introduce noise, dissonance, lack of quality. The "noise" is experienced as painful above a certain threshold, and this threshold is of course a function of

*And now we even have a Libertarian Church.

noise amplification. Noise amplification is, in turn, a function of evaluation. Noise of no importance is killed automatically by lack of amplification. Of course, the judgement of what is important may be wrong.

Just as specific responses are a consequence of specific evaluations, so general responses are a consequence of general evaluations. The most general evaluations are metaphysical and are reflected in one's sense of life. There is a *fundamental* difference between those individuals who avoid rocking their own boat lest they discover its unseaworthiness, or who engage in conflict to "demonstrate" their strength, and those, on the other hand, who recognize with Hank of *Sometimes A Great Notion* that "there ain't no strength" and who make cognition their highest value.

Evaluation Categories

There are four major categories of metaphysical evaluations. This follows from the fact that there are two metaphysical concepts, existence and consciousness, and two possible evaluations of each.

Concept	Evaluation
A Existence	Evil
B Existence	Good
C Consciousness	Evil
D Consciousness	Good
Classification	Sense of Life
A-C	Malevolent
A-D	Tragic Heroic
B-C	Cynic
B-D	Benevolent

Note that each combination of evaluations implies of sense of life.

Sense of Life Decay

There is a natural progression from one stage to another. Think of the progressive responses to heroic, romantic art. A young child is pleased, but not surprised, because he has a benevolent sense of life. The adolescent is pleased, but surprised, and may very well find himself crying "because it's so lovely." He has a tragic heroic sense of life, and he is not crying in response to the art itself, but at the loss of his benevolence which his surprise made him subconsciously aware of. The young adult has "graduated" to the point of giggling at the art. He has begun to despise himself. His natural field is modern ecology. This third stage blends into stage four, the malevolent sense of life, in which the good is hated for being good. Its existence is a threat, a trick or a lure by a malevolent universe seeking to destroy one, one who is himself a part of the evil.

Evaluations, even metaphysical evaluations, are not primaries. They rest

upon a particular view of one's self and the universe. To see a thing as good is to see that it serves one's purposes. To see a thing as bad is to see that it opposes them. To see existence as good is to see it as being capable of serving one's general purposes; i.e., fit for living in. To see it as evil is to see it as basically unfit for human life.

Unless you want to postulate a malevolent, omnipotent God, you have to agree that existence is basically neutral. The fact, however, of consciousness itself indicates that there is *some* chance for life. Thus, the implicit metaphysical outlook of a new born consciousness is benevolent. How does he acquire a malevolent sense of life?

That is, one what grounds does he conclude that the universe is malevolent or that he is doomed to failure in it? Given an unbreached benevolence, no amount of hardship, pain or noise could convince a child he was unfit to live. The subversion must come from within. How could this occur?

The noise response, or, from the opposite perspective, the quality response, is the fundamental process by which we recognize a need to expand our context and which, as Robert Pirsig describes it in *Zen And The Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, serves as a guide or track. To paraphrase Pirsig: You've got this great, powerful locomotive, see, that's your mind. And you've got all these boxcars filled with knowledge you're hauling along with you. But this great powerful locomotive is stopped dead because of one little stuck screw. As long as you think of that little screw as unimportant, you're going to get nowhere, because it's not. At this moment it's worth exactly the selling price of your motorcycle. Until you stop thinking of the screw as a "screw" (as a member of a set), and start focusing on what it *does*, rather than what it is, all that knowledge and intellect won't help you. The solution isn't in those boxcars, it's out front, and you've got to be prepared to look out front to see it.

What Pirsig never grasped or at least never understood, as far as I can determine, is that there are *two* quality responses, two ways of handling noise. The first is to focus *on* the noise, to look out front. The fact of noise *implies* one's conceptual structure is inadequate, because noise exists *solely* with regard to that structure. There is no noise "out there." Noise, as I am using the term, refers precisely to data which is unintegrable within the present structure. The first possible response, of focusing *on* the noise, reflects an awareness of that fact, and an assumption that one is metaphysically capable of expanding or correcting

one's structure to handle it.

The second possible response is that the noise is repressed or suppressed. There are a variety of ways of doing this, and the particular method chosen reflects the psychoepistemology of the person. Implicit in the act, however, is the assumption that a) either the noise is objective, i.e., exists out there; i.e., the universe is malevolent or b) the noise is internal, but one is fundamentally incapable of integrating it; i.e., unfit to live; i.e., one is evil. Once again, though, how could one arrive at such a psychological position?

I've been carefully avoiding answering that question, because I wanted no doubt about the answer to exist when I finally present it. I've been carefully establishing context, so that when I do present the answer, I would hope that your response would be, "but of course." One final major idea needs to be developed, however.

Volition and Reaffirmation

What I've called the "noise response" or the "quality response" is in fact the process of *volition*. Volition is the primary act of consciousness, the raising or lowering of focus. Volition is the fact which gives meaning to the term "self-determination," since it is a unified response reflecting the entire structure of consciousness. Since volition is a response by the *self*, what aspects of the self are capable of motivating, of fueling it?

For a process to continue, there must be an expenditure of energy. Similarly, there must be an input sufficient to cover the expenditure. Mental activity is a process that evolved for a purpose, the guiding or directing of the physical housing, i.e., the body. One item which, through evolution or conscious design, must be included in the physical makeup of such a data handling system, is a guard against internal positive feedback loops. This cannot be handled through the conceptual level, because conceptual operation, since it is context dependent, and subject to error, must be capable of open-ended self-modification.

It has to be handled from the perceptual level. The perceptual level is the highest form of automatic, error-free functioning. There are no errors on the perceptual level, because the percepts are not identifications. A limitation then is built in to the metaphysical structure of concept formation, such that, on its own, any purely conceptual process gradually loses energy. The energy input consists of perceptual reaffirmation. Without perceptual reaffirmation of the conceptual structure, it cannot indefinite

ly continue. A person, for instance, who holds a fundamental contradiction, will notice a gradual narrowing of his conscious locus. No amount of conscious effort will do more than momentarily offset this process. You cannot perceive a contradiction.

This need for a perceptual confirmation is the key to motivation. From an epistemological perspective, the motivational correlate is "certainty." To every conclusion, implicit or explicit, there is an implicit evaluation of "X% certain." Because of the unavoidable knowledge of fallibility, X approaches zero as perceptual reaffirmation is eliminated.

And there is one particular form of perceptual reaffirmation which is essential. The whole validity of one's conceptual structure rests upon the validity of one's concepts of *existence* and *consciousness*. That one is *conscious* of *something* can only be *perceived* in one way—emotional interaction with another consciousness. It is only the *perception* of something whose existence implies the validity of one's concepts, i.e., a situation in which the concepts could be formed as first level abstractions from perceptual units, which perceptually reaffirms. In emotional interaction, one perceives that which could not be apart from one's being conscious of it.

This explains why even white rats, who are capable of only the simplest first level abstractions, if they are raised in isolation, will *never* adjust to social life, but if they have even human handling, are able to learn to cope. In primates, and particularly homo sapiens, the effects are even more striking. Speech*, for instance, is never developed. Tales abound of shipwrecked mariners who lost the power of speech and reason after years of being deprived of emotional interaction.

The Child's Consciousness

Now let's get on to the topic. How is a child's consciousness subverted and how can this be prevented?

A child discovers that in order to acquire a fundamental need—emotional interaction—he must subvert his own intellect. The price his parents demand for satisfying this unavoidable psychological dependence is that he give up his intellectual independence. More precisely, he must learn to feel, think and act not as his own independent judgement would dictate, but as he concludes his parents desire. The main goal of his struggle becomes to satisfy them, not himself. Epistemo-

*Or non-verbal sign language as with chimps.

logically, the ideas he holds are judged not on their own merits but on the basis of whether a "good little boy" would hold them. Here is the key.

Nowhere in reality does there exist a real contradiction. A thing is itself. But the child's parents demand the child accept their contradictions—contradictory conclusions—as the price of survival. Which should the child do? Accept the position of social metaphysician or deprive himself of a vital necessity? It gets worse, if possible.

But here is the sequence—insofar as I understand it. Because of changing context, people continually make errors. The error manifests itself as noise, implying a contradiction between an identification and some existent. A very young child, operating with percepts and first-level concepts probably has few problems, but as he expands his mental structure upward as well as outward, the question of certainty becomes crucial. He is creating the structure of his consciousness and it is not an automatic process. It is a process of choice and of motivation. Enter the parents.

The typical parent, either not knowing or not wanting to know what is really happening, conveys implicitly or explicitly the idea that the only route to knowledge is the outright adoption of his ideas. Sometimes this is because the parent simply *does not know* why he believes what he believes—he is a victim of the same evil. Naturally he cannot then reduce his belief to a validated conclusion in the child's context. As an alternative, he spans him, or he gives him a cookie. Or maybe he substitutes anger and satisfaction. In both cases he is demanding that the child do what the parent wants—not what he the child wants. This is of course metaphysically impossible for the child.

In order for this demand to work, the child has to become a *social* metaphysician. At this point the child is learning to be "naughty." He has correctly in his context recognized that the parent's use of punishment and reward implies a conflict of interest. Having made that evaluation, his inevitable response is to find opposition emotionally attractive.

At this point the parent employs his ultimate psycho-economic counter. He withdraws sanction from the child by suppressing his emotions. He blocks him out. Maybe he simply begins to see him as a nuisance, a problem, and his general behavior toward nuisances is to suppress awareness. Maybe his is a more malevolent motivation. How is this perceived by the *child*?

The child perceives this as an ultimate condemnation. Even dogs are

capable of recognizing suppression as implying a threat. This challenges the child's self-concept, while simultaneously removing a vital means—psychological visibility—of reaffirming it. The child does not know how to help himself in this situation. He has lost a vital link with reality and he sees it as a consequence of his own actions. He feels *uncertainty*, an intolerable noise level which in some cases is paralyzing. Worst yet, to reaffirm his *general* contact with reality, his axiomatic concepts, he must have the very thing which is denied him. The price the adult demands for this commodity—emotional response—is that the child *submit*, that he become a *willing slave*, that, in return for emotional interaction, he adopt a new epistemological method, mind reading, and finally a new metaphysics—social metaphysics. In this context, the child makes an implicit economic decision, based on the relative value of the options as experienced emotionally, to give up his intellectual independence.

And in that moment, he begins to see his own independent judgement as a threat to the higher value. He begins to treat *himself* as a danger, and he disowns himself piecemeal. His ultimate criterion for acceptance of an idea has become correspondence, not with objective facts as independently perceived, identified, evaluated and integrated, but with whether or not it will please *them*. The noise has been externalized in the conflict between facts of reality and his parents view of them.

Repression and Religion

The psycho-epistemological method by which this is enacted is called repression. A psychological consequence is the beginning of the trend toward a malevolent sense of life. The child has had to sacrifice one of his basic means of survival. Think of the implications. Furthermore, since now it is the contents of another's mind which is his means of "perception," he has allowed in the belief in *real* contradictions—which makes knowledge *per se* impossible—were it true. A psycho-epistemological consequence is that he now judges others and himself on the basis of their ideas—not their volition. He is now ripe for Libertarianism, Objectivism, Christianity, or any other religion.

There are two questions which I hope would occupy your mind at this point. First, how can I regain my intellectual independence? Second, how can I keep from doing this to my children? Obviously, the answer to the second requires at least a partial answer to the first. But that's another article.

—Phil Osborn

Eric Scott Royce D.C. & Virginia

NOTES FROM THE EAST

Herald G. "Skip" Beale, former GOP House of Delegates candidate in Arlington, Va., and a National Advisory Board member of the Libertarian-Republican Alliance, has declined to renew his membership in the latter group. The reason, apparently, is disagreement with its endorsement of the MacBride and Reagan campaigns. ... Newly elected Texas GOP Congressman Ron Paul stunned conservatives and drew wild applause from libertarians with a speech to the Arlington, Va., Young Republican Club on May 20. Paul's hard-core presentation elicited a comment from Jarret Wollstein that "We finally have a libertarian-minded Congressman..." The Texan called for elimination of marijuana laws, for recall of American troops from overseas and for amnesty. He attacked conscription, land use planning, wasteful military spending, gun controls, and the bloated bureaucracy. Paul also effectively condemned U.S. policies that drew America into Vietnam and World War II, and volunteered his view that traditionally most violence in the world was perpetrated by governments. ... The June AYR Club meeting will debate resolutions introduced by ESR calling for continuation of Panama Canal negotiations and for decriminalization of marijuana. —Eric Scott Royce

July 7-8 Fifth Annual Heinlein-Konkin Birthday Party. Open to friends of either or both. Write NLE, P.O. Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801 for invitation/flyer. Somewhere in Calif.

Bonnie Kaplan Chicago Beat **BRANDEN & TEACHERS**

by Bonnie Kaplan

(May 12—Chicago) About 30 of us, on very short notice, travelled out to Mundelein May 12 to hear Nathaniel Branden's keynote dinner speech to the school district's Project Apple (Affective People Providing Loving Encouragement, a Title III federally funded project) conference on self-esteem and self-direction in education. About 70 other people were there.

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Dr. Branden succeeded in his stated goal—"All I really want to do is upset you... I'm really here to raise hell."—of awakening the audience to problems and responsibilities of stimulating and encouraging the minds of their children or students. He stressed the importance of self-esteem and of values in making decisions.

"Thinking is a very daring enterprise." It makes you aware of your individuality and aloneness. Children subvert their intelligence to avoid the pain of loneliness. They are encouraged to default by parents, teachers, and peers who do not respect them as individuals; who resent creativity (because they have given up their own); who place as the highest values being orderly, following rules, and fitting in; who consider the child as having to meet someone else's needs—whether those of the parents, the teachers, the school system, or of society. When learning and using the mind are presented as requirements for facing a grim life, or a demand to make one's parents or country proud, no message is given of the excitement, the marvelous pleasure of using one's powers and abilities.

"There is no group I'd rather talk to than educators," Branden said. He hopes he'll put himself out of business. The audience was encouraged to remember their own childhood and the obstacles they faced to their own creativity and intelligence. Although some in the audience were agitated by Dr. Branden's talk (some walked out), the general reaction was of interest and excitement. Towards the end of the talk, I saw people happily smiling. However briefly, they understood and appreciated what was said, and felt the joy of their own minds again, and the possibility of truly encouraging others'. —Bonnie Kaplan

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one blind alley. "Advertising in science... is the lifeblood of scientific communities, and... even irresponsible advertising does as much good as it does harm."

When a new theory grows in popularity to the point where it replaces the old one as the paradigm, a scientific revolution has occurred. This revolution is akin to market revolution rather than a political one. Although market revolutions (like the introduction of the ball point pen, or the zipper) are almost always for the better, scientific revolutions may be for the worse. It is difficult to know if a scientific theory is filling its function or if it will deliver on its promise to

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meet refutations. The theory must develop a credit rating. As it successfully meets challenges, the credit increases. Newtonian mechanics had an excellent credit rating. But risk is involved, and only hindsight will tell what was the best choice.

Government or church subsidies or suppression of ideas influences and constrains the investment of the scientist. A potential scientific revolution—whether or not an improvement—may be artificially accelerated or stifled. The likelihood of revolutions for the worse increases because subsidization "makes it possible for a subcommunity to increase its membership drastically without demonstrating that its intellectual credit so warrants." Again, the marketplace is best left free.

(The quotes are from McCawley's article, "Madison Avenue, si, Pennsylvania Avenue, no!", *Proceedings of the Second Conference of the Linguistic Association of Canada and the United States.*) —Bonnie Kaplan

CANADIAN LP CON

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trends changed. He also seemed to hold out little hope for political success under a Libertarian party label. His speech was well received by the audience, apparently they liked the jokes, but missed the point they were attempting to proceed as a vanguard of purists not a rearguard of pragmatists.

There was a disturbance by a drunk (a representative of a leftist community newspaper I was told) during Mr. Jenkins' speech whose interjections were clapped down by the audience and whose person was escorted from the hall by a number of male libertarians. The Sergeant-At-Arms Linda Moody handled the incident quite skillfully and was later rewarded by a near win for Deputy Party Leader and an easy victory to the Board of Directors.

Sunday at noon following the conclusion of the Constitutional debate (and better food) Richard Needham, Toronto columnist and author, and supposed libertarian gave a series of "one liners" and then a serious speech on inflation. He gave a good speech considering his obvious poor health. He certainly opposed big government, paper money, etc., giving a generally sound prescription for ending inflation. Well received at times, his speech noticeably jarred the audience on occasion; as when he called for a two-year freeze on wages (but nothing else) or said people were learning too many rights while forgetting duties. In truth he seemed very concerned

that people should suffer a little more. Resigned or cynical or perhaps realistic, he held out little or no hope that liberty (even by his somewhat less than totally libertarian definition) would be seen soon and expected rather dictatorship whether open or covert.

After the Sunday lunch and speech the platform debate began. A proposed section on "Native Peoples' Treaties" was defeated. The article supporting the right to own weapons was strengthened despite fairly widely supported attempts to limit it to "defensive" or "non-biological" or "non-nuclear" weapons.

A proposed section of Children's rights was tabled. Ostensibly this was for further work by the Platform Committee. Actually most of the delegates seemed to have a less than absolute grasp of the issue.

An abortion plank was tabled as well after impassioned plea by a minority who viewed abortion as murder. Your reporter's impression was that the mood of most delegates was to table it forever if possible to avoid a split in party ranks.

That evening the election of officers was held. Ron Bailey who chaired discussion of the constitutional debate was easily elected Party Leader. Rober Leber then narrowly defeated Linda Money as Deputy Leader. Eight candidates were then elected out of fifteen nominated, seven of the first ballot. There were no ideological splits. Votes were apparently based mostly on the impression made at the convention and on the candidate's speech. After that the judicial committee was also elected.

Your reported did not cover the closing session the next morning as nothing of significance was scheduled. Judging by what I did see of the 80 attendees and 57 members (down 20 or so from the previous convention), the party is only in fair shape. It is now united but dull. Only one of the original eight on the pro-tem committee three years ago (Ken Freeman on the Board of Directors) is in any way active. Bruce Evoy the founder is disillusioned with the personnel and policies of both the federal and the Ontario provincial party. The rest are equally bored, disillusioned, or gone anarchist if my combination of first and second hand reports can be achieved.

There is a by-election coming soon in the Ottawa area. The party apparently plans to contest it. The results there will probably prove whether there is more life in the group than was shown at this convention.

—Steve Jarvis

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Calendar of Libertarian and Related Events

June 20 None of the Above Talk Joe Maxwell on "Conformity and Diversity in Social Theory," or, "What Must People Have in Common in Order for a Society to Function?" 2:30 P.M. (312) 935-0412 for location. Chicago area.

June 21 Nathaniel Branden. Oasis Center for Human Potential is bringing him for a workshop on "Techniques on Enhancing Self-Esteem" at Francis W. Parker School Auditorium, 330 Webster (at Clark), Chicago. 7:30 P.M. \$5 admission. Chicago.

June 25-26 Investment and Survival Strategy Conference, Vancouver. See NLW22 or write Jim McKeever, JALCO Survival Services, 726 Richard St., Vancouver, BC. V6E 2M2, or call (604) 684-4617. \$295 per person, \$495 per couple. Vancouver, British Columbia.

June 27 National Taxpayers Union First Annual Bicentennial Anti-Tax Rally at FACES, 940 N. Rush. \$2 admission. (312) 287-0969 for info. NTU to hand out awards. Begins 4-5 P.M. Chicago.

June 30 Frefan Meeting/Party, collation of Frefanzine 4. All zines must arrive by this date to Overall Editor Ken Gregg, Box 2790, Long Beach, CA 90801. Frefanzine is to be distributed at Westcon all weekend. Party at 1838 E. 7th St., Apt. 3, Long Beach.

July 2-5 Tarfest: Karl Bray, Tonie Nathan, Gaines Smith, American Revolutionary Theatre Troupe, films, Sherwood Inn, 400 NE 45th, Seattle. \$15 basic registration, other meals, parties optional and extra. Sponsored by ISFSC, SFS. Write: Tarfest, Box 9743, Seattle, WA 98109, or call (206) 624-1371 or (206) 285-4783. Seattle.

July 4 Alternative old-fashioned picnic sponsored by the Peoples Bicentennial Commission. Speakers 2:30-6:00 including None of the Above and PCB, Gray Panthers, Chicago Du Sable League, Chicago Conference on Hunger, Chicago Welfare Rights people, others. 1900 N. Clark in Lincoln Park, Chicago.

July 8 Forum for Philosophical Studies. George Smith on "Critique of Objectivist Epistemology." \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

July 7 (Date to be set) New York Association of Libertarian Feminists. Legal regulation of marriage and divorce and the libertarian feminist approach. Nancy S. Erickson, New York Law School attorney and author of *A Woman's Guide to Marriage & Divorce in New York*. Time and date from NY ALF, 206 Mercer Street, New York, NY 10012.

July 7 (Date to be set) Society for Libertarian Life Beach Party. SLL, P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632. Orange County area.

August 12 Forum for Philosophical Studies. "Limited Government vs Anarchy" Debate between John Hospers and George Smith. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

September 2-6 MidAmeriCon, the 34th World Science Fiction Convention in Kansas City, Hotel Muehlebach. Well over 5000 SF fan expected, several hundred of whom are libertarians. Robert A. Heinlein is Guest of Honor. Admission is \$25, rapidly increasing to \$50 at the door to discourage Con overflow, but some libertarians will be coming just for the parties and socializing at the outlying hotels. Contact NLE if you want to be in touch with other frefan attendees. Kansas City, Missouri.

September 16-19 Third Annual Gold and Monetary Conference. \$300, \$475 or \$475 joint husband & wife. Record attendance indicated. National Committee for Monetary Reform, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 865-9919. New Orleans.

Please remember that to get your listing mailed out on time you must have it in at least one week before publication date or two weeks before cover date. All libertarian functions are listed except those which demand secrecy and political activities attempting to associate themselves with libertarianism.

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Rothbard on Rampage! Attacks Konkin, LeFevre, Browne, FLP, others

(June 5 || New York) Murray N. Rothbard, often called the founder of the modern libertarian movement, has mailed out his personal publication *The Libertarian Forum*, attacking nearly all major figures of that movement. The belated issue (dated April 1976) was precipitated by his walk-out from the Free Libertarian Party of New York.

Although far more serious splits have occurred in the FLP, the biggest one in 1973 by the **radical caucus**, Rothbard heads his publication with the title "FLP Split!" Only nine "defectors" are mentioned and only three (Rothbard, Roy Childs, and Andrea Millen) have actually resigned.

Rothbard calls Howard S. Katz of the FLP "an absurd Robespierre, suspecting treachery and lack of virtue everywhere."

Rothbard makes an allusion to flourishing FLP clubs "studying and acting upon political issues" having "long since evaporated." Those clubs were gutted by the **rc** walk-out in 1973, and abolished mainly through the efforts of Samuel Edward Konkin III, and Rothbard's allies, Gary Greenberg and Andrea Millen. Rothbard, however, implies that the "left sectarians" within the Party are in some way responsible for the clubs' demise.

Rothbard denounces those who have won the election at the FLP convention as "left sectarians," "purists," "Katzniks," and "People of Virtue." He accuses them of personal slander and abuse. While opposing these tactics for his political strategy, he devotes several columns to printing a letter by Roy Childs defending the use of lying as a political tactic. Rothbard does not say whether the "personal slander and abuse" are lies, and if so, why they are exempt from Childs' Rule.

A restrained, theoretical letter by Walter Block is followed by a call for "Combatting Conservatism." Rothbard swings at Irving Kristol, Bruce Ramsey (Washington LP), James Toole (Florida LP), James Schlesinger, and works in a swipe against Samuel Edward Konkin III's "left sectarianism."

The article "A Political Party Once More" is mainly a counterattack on Konkin's article in *Libertarian Review* "Invaders from the State." [See Konkin's special reply in this issue, page 3.] Rothbard drags in Robert LeFevre, Harry Browne, and the libertarian "retreatists" (mentioning only the Atlantis group by name), in an attempt to associate their positions with Konkin's. Rothbard implicitly criticizes publisher Robert Kephart and editor Karl Pflock when he muses, "it is curious that such a worthy and ecumenical organ as LR should give so much space to these wild-swinging and rabble-raising charges."

Other libertarians attacked by Rothbard, but not by name, are libertarians believing in educationalism, in pacifism, in armed revolution, in competency of other libertarians, in purism, in not getting around to saying anything about Angola or the New York City default crisis, and in living in caves. He believes the Libertarian Party is riddled with "neo-Konkinites" and "neo-Tooleans" and that they keep "many worthy and excellent libertarians" from joining the Libertarian Party.

The Libertarian Forum, Box 341,
Madison Square Station, New York,
NY 10010. \$8.00 year (monthly). ■

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BEEF BOARD BILL CONSERVATIVE HYPOCRISY

by Eric Scott Royce

(May 24 || Washington, DC) It was an all-too-typical example of conservative political hypocrisy. The same Senatorial bloc of right-wing Republicans and crusty Southern Democrats that goes into fits whenever a liberal Member or union official suggests repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act's right-to-work provision was voting to impose a union-shop-style arrangement on the nation's beef producers.

On May 12 the Senate voted 65 to 27 to adopt the conference report on H.R. 7656, "to enable cattle producers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, producer and consumer information, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for cattle, beef, and beef products." A leading proponent of the measure was that darling of the conservatives, Alabama Democrat Sen. Jim Allen.

Cutting through the fancy verbiage, what the bill was designed to do was to allow 2/3 of the US beef producers,

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NEWS OF THE LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

"NUKE THE STATE?" DEBATE LIBERTARIANS

(June 10 || Lanham, MD) A critically hot debate is melting down the pages of *CarbAPA*. Erwin S. "Filthy Pierre" Strauss has worked out a frighteningly realistic scenario based on the ready availability of privately-owned nuclear devices.

"Filthy Pierre" believes such nukes will soon be in the hands of terrorist groups and suggests that "Independent Libertarian Communities" (ILC) acquire their own to counter-terrorize the State. In his own zine in this issue, Jim Stumm attempts a partial rebuttal of Filthy Pierre's contention.

Strauss is a long-time libertarian, fan, and graduate of MIT. (*CarbAPA*, c/o Erwin S. Strauss, 9909 Goodluck Road, T2, Lanham, MD 20801. Enclose S.A.S.E. for sample.) ■

HOSPERS SUPPORTS STATE MILITARY, WELFARE

(June 15 || Warminster, PA) "But at the moment, and for the immediate future, I think those are such dangers, and that we are stuck with collective national defense. In all this I am a gradualist: just as we couldn't eliminate all welfare payments tomorrow morning, before the economy had been free enough to sustain more jobs—the riots of the starving in the streets of New York would cost more than the welfare itself—so we cannot eliminate national defense overnight, as long as other nations cast a yearning eye on our property."

This statement is attributed to the first Libertarian Party presidential candidate in Vol. 7 #6 of *Individual Liberty* (Society for Individual Liberty, P.O. Box 1147, Warminster, PA 18974.) *IL* states that they received a copy of this apologia for the U.S. Welfare/Warfare state from James Toole, former Florida LP leader.

Since this position would dissolve the remainder of Hoper's libertarian credentials, and since Toole is a conservative foe of the LP, one should wait to see if Hopers confirms or denies making this speech. ■

COUNTER-ECONOMIST JAILED!

(March 15 || New York) Dennis Turner, commodities broker (INCOMCO), longtime libertarian, and speaker at CounterCon II, began serving a sentence for "fraud." The sentence is for ten months.

Turner was active in the early California Libertarian Alliance, and was one of the first libertarians to move into Counter-Economics. Informed sources say he is worth several million dollars. He spoke at CounterCon II, the second Counter Economics Conference held in May 1975, on "How to Profit from the Coming Mid-East War" (reprinted in *NLW* 2). ■

IRISH ANARCHISTS TO HANG

(June 14 || ZNS) An Irish couple sentenced to be hanged in Dublin next month may have their sentences stayed because of a complete shortage of "hangmen" in Ireland and Britain.

Noel and Marie Murray, who described themselves at the trial as anarchists, were sentenced to die at the end of a noose on July 9th, after being convicted of the murder of a policeman.

However, the last execution in Ireland took place in 1954, and since then, the supply of official hangmen has dwindled down to nothing. Britain, which maintains close anti-guerrilla cooperation with the Republic, admits that it too has no official executioners.

So, unless the Irish government finds a volunteer to step forward, the two are likely to have their sentences commuted to life.

Ireland is one of the few countries in Europe that still retains the death penalty. ■

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Epistles to the Editor

Sam,

June 7, 1976

Happy Birthday! As a Gemini myself (June 11th) I share your dual approaches to the problems of life & politics.

NLW is always interesting. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Wainwright Dawson
Washington, D.C.

[Thanks, muchly, Wain. —SEK3]

Sam,

June 11, 1976

I'd like to set the record straight concerning *Libertarian Connection*. *LC* lives! It is the oldest, and until recently, only surviving, libertarian APA (open forum publication). *LC* has been published mostly on time, every six weeks since 1968. Latest issue (May 23, 1976) is #61. Recent issues run between 50 and 100 pages. If you think everyone in *NLW* is in disagreement, you should see *LC*. Despite that, a certain feeling of community has arisen among frequent *LC* contributors and we are beginning to get together in the flesh in various parts of the country. If all this suggests fanish influence, consider that *LC* 61 has Mr. Spock on the cover and is titled "The Vulcan Connection." *LC* won't save the world, but it's a lot of fun. To get in on it, send \$5.85 for 200 pages to Dawn Enterprises, Box 90913 Worldway Postal Center, Los Angeles, CA 90009. Make check payable to Lisa Dawn.

Filthy Pierre's *CarbAPA* and Ron Chusid's *LC Free Times News* which you mentioned in *NLW* are both *LC* spin-offs and I've started another "son of *LC*" called *Ego Trip*. *ET* is a one copy APA, circulating letter kind of thing that works like this: I write some pages of material and mail it off to the next person. He adds some pages and mails to 3rd person, etc, until the last person mails back to 1st. Then 1st pulls out his old pages, puts in some new and sends it around again. Each person should mail *ET* within 5 days, after xeroxing any pages you want to keep. *ET* took 3½ months to go around the 1st time, through a 12 person network, and it's now on its 2nd trip. *ET1* had grown to 102 pages by the time it got back to me. I intend to issue *ET3* before *ET2* gets all the way around. Then there will be 2 numbers in circulation and time between issues should be about 2 months. I am coordinator for *ET*, handling routing, changes of address, additions, deletions, etc. Only I know all *ET*ers and addresses. Others know only the address they send it to.

We can't have a lot of people in the *ET* network because that would slow it down too much. We have 12 "trippers" now and I'm going to limit it to 15. Beyond that I'll stack inquirers in a waiting list. Anyone interested can write to me, Jim Stumm, Box 28, Hiler Branch, Kenmore, NY 14223.

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Kenmore, NY

ROTHBARD VS ROTHBARDIANS

by Samuel Edward Konkin III

"A Brief Reply to *The Libertarian Forum*, (April 1976, Vol. IX, No. 4)."

Let Me Count The Ways

As recently as one month's issue ago, I could find no substantive fault with Murray Rothbard and his stable of writers in *The Libertarian Forum*. This issue borders on raving anger, with scattershots at nearly everyone of libertarian bent who disagrees with Rothbard. The catalog of charges is best left for the news section. What I am concerned with is rebutting Rothbard's attacks on Counter-Economics, "Konkinites," "left sectarianism," and the charge—leveled at me—of "irresponsibility."

Floating Away on an Abstraction

First, let me dispose of the letters in this issue before us of two of Rothbard's intellectual "hit men," Roy Childs and Walter Block. Childs' is back-pedaling yet again on his famous contention "If lying helps, then I say lie!" Let's slice right through the clouds of obfuscation. Nobody gives a tinker's damn as to whether or not Roy Childs, as "spokesperson of the Movement/Party/whatever" lies to the IRS thugs picking his pocket or Vopos interrogating him a few feet from the Wall and freedom. What the unleashed fury of the libertarians at his remark indicate is that they are worried about lying to them if it helps.

And they have been proven right. The LP claim of "45 million" people exposed to libertarianism is a Lie, a Big Lie, and would they have had the gall if not for the Childs Rule?

Anyone who defends whores and slumlords can't be all bad, but Walter's kind heart is being used for ill purposes here. Let's listen again to the heart of his argument: "I come now to perhaps the most dangerous and vicious of all the mistaken definitions of libertarianism. The one that says in order to be a libertarian, you have to 'live the libertarian life,' or 'live the life of a libertarian.'"

"Now at first glance this seems innocuous enough. After all, if libertarianism means that you cannot initiate force, leading a libertarian life would seem to mean that you actually have to live that way; that you have to take it seriously and really not do things like that." Exactly, Walter.

"But this is not at all what these 'live libertarianism' people mean. Instead, they've got a whole bunch of thins on their agenda. We either obey, or we're accused of not being libertarians."

"What are the specifics? Well, they vary according to which person you've spoken to last, but most of them seem to include the following: being nice, not discriminating, being truthful and honest, not hating, not making sexual jokes, not making ethnic jokes, not leading a dissolute life, and so on."

Nonsense! No doubt Walter Block has run into a few moralist up-tights in the circles he's been traveling, and honestly associates the phrase with them. But in fact the debate raging throughout the Rothbardians right now is over exactly that point of consistency he mentioned first. To live a libertarian life means not to work for the State, not to use State bureaucracy when free market alternatives exist or can be created, not to participate in the plunder, and to pursue your values in the market.

But enough of Walter's well-meaning but misdirected piece, and Childs' cover-ups. On to the big gun!

A Political Party, No More

The meat of this issue, after Rothbard shotguns his FLP tormentors and Block & Childs warm up the readers' misapprehensions, appears on page 6.

At first it seems Rothbard is going to pat Ed "Boss" Crane on the back for being a good hack, and even-handedly swipe at Jim Toole and myself. But no, Toole has already been disposed of a couple of pages earlier in a separate article.

Only the strongest of stomachs of a former Rothbard loyalist could take his extolling of the nebulous, barely literate "answer" of Boss Crane to his opponents in the *Libertarian Review*. Many have asked me if indeed Crane was chosen to "throw the fight." Implicitly, though, Rothbard realizes that Crane failed to answer my charges (any of them, actually) though he recognizes it thusly: "While this may be in the nature of beating a dead horse, perhaps a bit more can be said on this critical issue." Translation: "Well, somebody better take care of it."

Before I ferret out the "substance" of Rothbard's counterattack, it is definitely worthy of notice to observe his manner. He calls my attack on the Party a "frenetic attack," and "irres-

ponsible attack," "wild-swinging and rabble-rousing charge"—all in the opening paragraph.

All of these adjectives are vacuous. "Irresponsible," in fact, is a repeat of Crane's pitiful attempt at rebuttal. To whom am I responsible that I should be "irresponsible"? To Crane? To Rothbard? To the Libertarian Party? Well, unlike some Rothbardian loyalists, I at least am responsible enough to eschew lying to all the above. But should I temper my charges to assuage the sensitive Rothbard and Crane from my "wild-swinging" (translate: "knock-out punches") I would have made a weaker case—and thus been irresponsible indeed to my cause and the vast majority of libertarians who have yet to see their anti-Party case made in one of the large-circulation libertarian publications. After all, the nine hundred words I had (cut from a thousand, by the way) barely allowed me room to even list all the evil and folly in the LP mal-concept.

Rothbard's next tactic is to associate my argument with "the now venerable problem of political action for anarchist libertarians." Perhaps it does do so, but since my position is quite new, why not simply tackle me head-on and then worry about "venerable problems" he might associate with this one. Some historical evidence that Rothbard could have brought up—the betrayal of the Philosophic Radicals by parliamentary tactics, the betrayal of the Russian anarchists by the parliamentary Social Revolutionaries and Bolsheviks, the betrayal of the Spanish anarchists (FAI-CNT) by their own representatives who became cabinet ministers, etc. ad nauseum—none of this was mentioned.

Rothbard then claims "the anti-party libertarians never make it clear which of the following charges they are making..." and he quotes a "strong case" and a "weak case." Actually, the answer is both and a lot more—except that Rothbard throws in a couple of qualifying phrases which set up straw men.

Let's deal with that now. The "strong case" he calls "that all political action is immoral for libertarians *per se* because it sanctions the state." Not because it "sanctions" the state, but, as I said clearly in *LR*, because participation in the State's process makes one part of that process. Or as Walt Kelly put it in Pogo's mouth, "We have met the enemy and it is us." To become politicians, bureaucrats, statisticians—and then

attack them—is absurd logic, and so elementary that a backwoods redneck immediately understands. But this Rothbard did not choose to deal with. His straw man is easier to knock down.

"The *weak* case—that while not immoral *per se*, a libertarian party that seeks for and attains State power is bound to sell out" is as badly put as the first case. For if it is immoral, then the rest follows *a fortiori*. In fact, "sell out" happens at the moment of beginning partyac; only as the effects become clear to the misguided idealist dupes do they slowly become aware that there must have been a cause.

The next ruse of Rothbard is to attack Robert LeFevre's anarchopacifism. Well, LeFevre can defend himself quite well I'm sure, and has plenty of space in his column here, in his own journal, and nearly any other respectable libertarian publication in which to do so. But since I am not a pacifist, why drag that red herring in? Ah, here's why: "Failing pure LeFevrianism, it is difficult to see *what* the philosophical groundwork of the Konkinites...might be." Perhaps Rothbard cannot stand to look in the mirror, but the answer is staring him back in the face nonetheless: *pure* Rothbardianism. I have said many times that I have evolved as a Rothbardian libertarian—and have maintained my consistency. Rothbard's own "philosophic groundwork" leads me to hard-core anti-partyism—but he cannot accept his conclusions. (At least publicly; he has been caught on television attacking the concept of voting, swearing that he has never done so himself.)

Again, his phrasing is crucial to the evasion: "Is it because a libertarian party necessarily takes part in State activity?" Of course, but let's make it crystal clear that a party *becomes* the State, and does so *by choice*. Once that's understood, the rest of the argument he presents in this line crumbles.

"No doubt, but so do we all when we decide to walk or drive on State-owned and operated streets and roads." We "decide to"! Yet I am certainly not left standing in mid-air if I choose not to become a civil servant or a politician. Nor am I "cutting our own throats or self-flagellation"-committing. "Let us band together to try to abolish the State as rapidly and as effectively as we can." Hear, hear. Does that mean you're joining NLA, SIL, SLI, etc., Dr. Rothbard? Remember, you yourself call for us to band together to *abolish* the State—not to join it.

Rothbard now moves to the offensive: "But the crucial strategic point is this: what alternatives do our anti-party libertarians have to offer?" Yes,

indeed. "First, there is *armed revolution*. Konkin hints at this alternative..." Sure. There is always the possibility, especially if sufficiently incited by economic collapse, that the masses will revolt. This is Rothbard's own line, well expressed in 1969-70. However, the Rothbard of 1976 says: "The major point is the historical truth that no successful armed revolution has ever taken place in a democratic country, i.e., a country of free elections." But surely that is irrelevant to my thesis—a Rothbard (1969)'s thesis—since we only move to take advantage of a revolution when it spontaneously erupts. Since we have to sit back and see if it happens (though we can be prepared to take advantage), what do we care if it is inhibited by free elections or catalyzed by crack-up booms (except for speculation)?

Again, Rothbard attempts to associate my position with others I do not accept. First, LeFevre, then Harry Browne and the retreatists. I have written far too many editorials pointing out the inadequacy of educationalism, the folly of Browning Out, and the absurdity of anarchozionism to be tarred with those brushes. Rothbard even uses the term I invented to put down the Browne people!

"Finally, there is the third Konkinite variant of the so-called 'counter-econ,' in which libertarians build up their own 'markets' separate from *the* market." When did I *ever* say that was CounterEconomics? Is profiting via commodity transactions from statist war-making "separate from *the* market?" Is trading in grey market transactions to non-libertarians eager for hard-to-obtain goods or black-market dealing in impossible-to-obtain (in *the* market) separatist? Talk about straw men, this one is more akin to chaff.

"But once again, counter-econ suffers from all the above failings: a puny 'market' in which libertarians exchange beans, baseball cards, and bottle tops is just a game and leads nowhere, and ignores the dependence of all of us on *the* market, crippled and controlled though it may be." This misrepresentation is enormous, perhaps beyond Roy Childs. How about trading in oil and petrochemicals as was done by counter-economists during the Mid-East War and Price Controls? How about trading electronic parts and computer components? How about communications systems to evade state highway regulations and move billions of tons of goods across country every day at faster, more profitable speeds? All this has happened—and where were the "libertarians"? Off playing games in sandbox politics with thirteenth parties, it

seems.

Finally, Rothbard attacks preferential trading between libertarians in the CounterEconomy. "...it was held that libertarian should *only* hire or buy from other libertarians; the idea was that *since* libertarians are uniquely rational, they would make the best traders and employees." But rationality has nothing to do with it. The setting up of a grey market in employees and capital production, that is, evading or violating regulations, taxes, social security, restrictions, licensing, etc., gives libertarians a competitive edge over their "law-abiding" white marketeer counterparts, even if libertarians were generally of *lower* competency and skill! This is pure Austrianism. And it follows from the basic principle I stated for CounterEconomics—"trade risk for profit."

"And so this leaves us with one and only one practical route toward rolling back the State—political action, as full of pitfalls as this course might be." Hardly, and libertarians who followed Rothbard out of Young Republicans, YAF and SDS, and McGovern Campaigns, cannot help but see the reversal of the great strategist.

The only practical alternative offered remains the one that all anarchists have been left with after betrayal of the false hope offered by the parliamentary opportunists—that of living one's life consistently and working with others of like mind. Only now, with praxeology to guide us, we can map out a campaign to liberate the economy step-by-profitable-step, and give incentive for millions of non-ideological workers and businessmen to become part of the growing Counter-Economy.

Only one question remains: why does Murray Rothbard cling to the Libertarian Party? His own theory, his long-held passion for consistency, should lead him from it. His vouchsafing and critiques are smokescreens—nothing of substance lies beneath them. Why do not Murray Rothbard and his tiny band of die-hard loyalists not join the rest of the Rothbardians in working for an effective abolition of the State and abandon their ridiculous posturing in the penny-ante political arena?

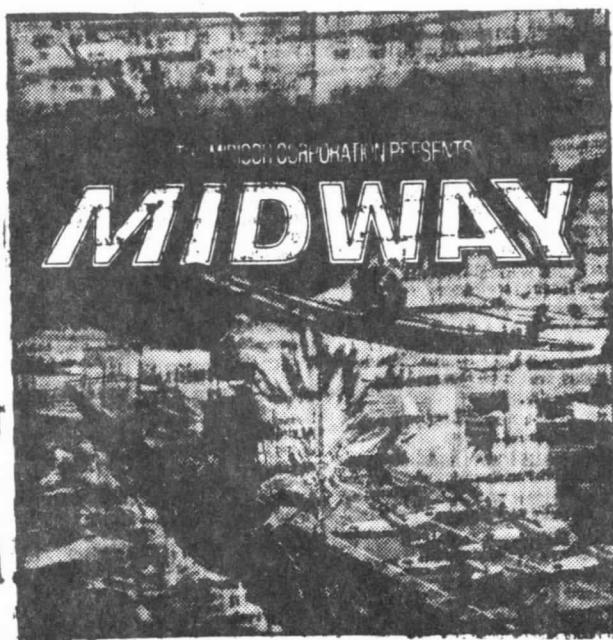
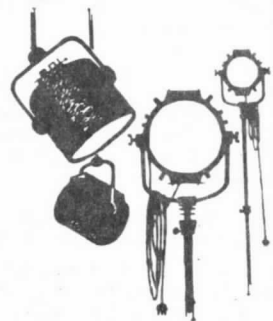
For once I have no answer.

So it stands, then. The hard-core, consistent, "purist" Rothbardians, though vilified as "irresponsible, left-sectarians" by their teacher and prophet shall carry on the grand revolution without the aid and comfort of the master—indeed, strongly resolved and courageously struggling even in the teeth of his attacks—to turn his vision into real, live free society. ■

Cinema

MIDWAY

review by Charles Curley



When *Midway* comes around, see it. If you can get to a theatre with Sensurround, go to it.

The above enthusiastic rave is not to imply that *Midway* has no flaws. Indeed, it has a few. The biggest flaw is the added subplot with Charlton Heston and Edward Albert (son of Eddie). Albert plays Heston's son, who gets involved with a Nisei girl, and wants to marry her. The only good thing to be said for the subplot is that it draws attention to the imprisonment of the Nisei during the war.

The subplot takes away from the main plot, the planning by both sides for the battle of Midway, and the producers should have made *either* a film about the battle of Midway, *or* young - naval - officer - meets - girl - who - is - immigrant - from - enemy - country, but not both. Each could then be evaluated on the basis of its genre, but how do you evaluate a film that tries to be a combination?

Still, the subplot is only a subplot. The main action of the film takes place in the planning of the battle. We are treated to lots of shots of both Admiral Yamamoto's plot board and Admiral Nimitz'. We are observers in the planning sessions of both sides, as they try to both outguess and out-think their opponents.

The best characters in the film are the real people. Toshiro Mifune as Admiral Yamamoto, Henry Fonda as Nimitz, Glenn Ford as Spruance, and Robert Wagner as Robert Wagner, and a cameo by Robert Mitchum as Admiral Halsey. Characters are only sketched, but one can extrapolate.

But the film has other attractions besides the people. In fact, there is little characterization. The strategy and counterstrategy of the opposing forces is fascinating, and with careful labeling of ships and liberal use of the plot boards, we can follow the battle with far greater ease than usually afforded in a war movie. I usually read up on a battle before I go to see a film about it, but in the case of *Midway*, this was unnecessary.

Also attractive was the liberal use of both Japanese and American battle photography, almost all in color. It is easily recognized by the graininess of the film, but this is not a distraction so much as an emphasis. Some shots were made on the U.S.S. *Lexington*, last of the *Yorktown* class carriers, and the extras you will see are the *Lex*'s crew.

Midway was a naval battle, but the weapons were aircraft, and a lot of the action takes place in the air over the Japanese and American fleets. Occasionally, we follow the fortunes of individuals. Ensign Gay was the sole survivor of an American torpedo squadron sent to attack the Japanese fleet. After his plane was shot down, he had a ringside seat to watch the burning of four Japanese carriers.

We follow the fortunes of a Japanese squadron leader. With his plane shot up, and losing fuel rapidly, he none the less escorts his squadron home, and lands last.

The opening of the film is designed to get the viewer involved in it immediately, and it does this quite well. It is all real footage of the Doolittle raid on Tokyo and several other cities. We see the B-25s launched from the *Hornet*, and some films of the planes flying in.

There is some excellent footage taken from the nose of one plane, as it approaches the shore, and rises up to go over the first hill. Now, *that's* what I call low level flying! As the film points out, the raiders flew so low that they went undetected until they were over the target cities. Of course, the bombing is accompanied by the Sensurround, and it makes the visual effects *very* real.

The Sensurround accompanies us throughout the film, as we watch planes take off and land, bombs explode, and various other forms of explosions. The special added effect of the Sensurround is at first a noticed addition, but after a while the novelty fades, but the realism that it affords lives on. In other words, at the beginning, one notices the Sensurround for itself; later on it heightens the overall effect. There is one sequence where the Americans hit a Japanese flight deck loaded with planes freshly fueled and armed with bombs. The Sensurround makes the chain reaction much more vivid.

Still, the best part of the film has nothing to do with special effects. Watching the strategy and counterstrategy develop and the fatal errors made by the two staffs as the battle unfolds is the best part of the film. The questions are asked, and the alternatives debated. The Japanese ask: should we reload our planes with bombs—to attack Midway, or with torpedoes—to attack the American carriers, which they believed to be in Hawaii? The Americans ask: what is the Japanese target. Should we risk our two or three carriers on a gamble? If nothing else, *Midway* will leave you with an appreciation of carrier tactics and strategy.

Go see it.

(May 10 || ZNS) The Washington-based Taxpayer Action Group says that—because of inflation and special “kicker clauses” in Congressional pension plans—many U.S. senators and representatives could be pulling down more than \$40,000 a month from the government when they retire.

Taxpayer Action reports that the recently enacted Public Law 9193 entitles members of Congress to retire on pensions which not only keep up with inflation, but adds a 1 percent “kicker” per year to stay ahead of inflation.

Should inflation continue at last year's 12 percent annual rate, the group says, Senator Ted Kennedy will draw a government pension of \$64,000 a month at age 72; and Senator John Tunney's pension will total more than \$75,000 each month.

BEEF BOARD BILL*[Continued from page one]*

voting in a referendum, to create a Beef Board. The Board would be privately run and financed. Allen contended, and would engage in research and promotional activity beneficial to the industry.

So far, so good. Few libertarians would question such a bill, and many would defend it. There is a catch, however. Once the producers had voted to set up the Board, each and every one would be taxed to support the operation—whether he wished to contribute or not.

While a refund procedure was provided for, many small producers would have difficulty handling the bureaucratic details, notably the required complex bookkeeping; and no refund could be requested until it had already been paid.

A remarkable vote. Along with right-to-worker Jim Allen, we find fellow conservatives like Buckley, Brock, Curtis, Eastland, Goldwater, Helms, McClellan, Thurmond and Tower. The opposition—as is so often the case in matter involving protection of civil liberties and foreign policy restraint against conservative abuses—was spearheaded by Senator James Abourezk (D) of South Dakota.

What was the principle involved here? I contend that it was not seriously different from that in the labor relations field, where a majority in a shop or factory can vote to compel everyone to join the union or pay equivalent fees in lieu of dues. Substitute "Beef Board" for "Amalgamated Brotherhood of Fancy Underwear Makers." No "free riders" in the beef business, folks!

Of course, instead of big labor promoting compulsion, in this case the moving force behind the legislation was the corporate farm interests.

To make the whole thing even more disgusting, the Beef Board operation would be under the supervision of USDA. Secretary of Agriculture Butz would be empowered to name the Board's directors, and all of its major decisions would have to have his approval. Hardly a victory for the free market, which Mr. Butz so fervently and piously defends in his speeches.

We need to move the State out of agriculture—and labor relations—not promote further intervention. In their votes on this issue, the right-wingers proved, once again, that there's not really a penny's worth of difference between themselves and the Statist liberals. It just depends on which special interest is calling the tune. ■

BLACK MARKET NUKES?

(June 11 || ZNS) The Vancouver-based Greenpeace Foundation says that the Canadian government has launched a serious investigation into reports that the atomic-bomb-making fuel, plutonium, is available on the underground black market in North America and Europe.

Bob Hunter, the Chairman of the Greenpeace Foundation, revealed in a sworn affidavit earlier this week that members of the conservation group had been offered an ounce of pure plutonium by unnamed "intermediaries" from the black market.

Although an estimated 15 to 20 pounds of plutonium is reportedly needed to make a home-made atomic bomb, Hunter said a simple ounce of the material could be strapped to a stick of dynamite and cause the evacuation of a major city. Medical experts say that a single speck of plutonium, the size of a grain of dust, is enough to cause lung cancer in humans if inhaled.

Greenpeace officials say they know of at least four separate approaches by intermediaries offering to sell plutonium to interested parties. Hunter said of the plutonium offer: "We checked and we are convinced it was there."

Another member of the group, David McTaggart, who claims to have been offered the material, stated: "I was approached because the object was to show governments how easy it was to make a bomb."

The Greenpeace officials said they rejected the offer because they did not want to take the responsibility for the deadly material possibly falling into "the wrong hands."

The Foundation says that the Canadian government's External Affairs Department has contacted witnesses and is launching its own investigation into the plutonium black market reports.

American nuclear physicist Doctor John Gofman says he has received information indicating that between 500 and 1000 pounds of plutonium is "floating around" the underground market in the U.S. ■

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CALENDAR

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

June 27 National Taxpayers Union First Annual Bicentennial Anti-Tax Rally at FACES, 940 N. Rush. \$2 admission. (312) 287-0969 for info. NTU to hand out awards. Begins 4-5 P.M. Chicago.

June 30 Frefan Meeting/Party, collation of *Frefanzine* 4. All zines must arrive by this date to Overall Editor Ken Gregg, Box 2790, Long Beach, CA 90801. *Frefanzine* is to be distributed at Westcon all weekend. Party at 1838 E. 7th St., Apt. 3, Long Beach.

July 2-5 Tarfest: Karl Bray, Tonie Nathan, Gaines Smith, American Revolutionary Theatre Troupe, films, Sherwood Inn, 400 NE 45th, Seattle. \$15 basic registration, other meals, parties optional and extra. Sponsored by ISFSC, SFS. Write: Tarfest, Box 9743, Seattle, WA 98109, or call (206) 624-1371 or (206) 285-4783. Seattle.

July 8 Forum for Philosophical Studies. George Smith on "Critique of Objectivist Epistemology." \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

July ? (Date to be set) New York Association of Libertarian Feminists. Legal regulation of marriage and divorce and the libertarian feminist approach. Nancy S. Erickson, New York Law School attorney and author of *A Woman's Guide to Marriage & Divorce in New York*. Time and date from NY ALF, 206 Mercer Street, New York, NY 10012.

July ? (Date to be set) Society for Libertarian Life Beach Party. SLL, P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632. Orange County area.

August 12 Forum for Philosophical Studies. "Limited Government vs Anarchy" Debate between John Hospers and George Smith. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

September 2-6 MidAmeriCon, the 34th World Science Fiction Convention in Kansas City, Hotel Muehlebach. Well over 5000 SF fan expected, several hundred of whom are libertarians. Robert A. Heinlein is Guest of Honor. Admission is \$25, rapidly increasing to \$50 at the door to discourage Con overflow, but some libertarians will be coming just for the parties and socializing at the outlying hotels. Contact NLE if you want to be in touch with other frefan attendees. Kansas City, Missouri.

September 16-19 Third Annual Gold and Monetary Conference. \$300, \$475 or \$475 joint husband & wife. Record attendance indicated. National Committee for Monetary Reform, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 865-9919. New Orleans.

Please remember that to get your listing mailed out on time you must have it in at least one week before publication date or two weeks before cover date. All libertarian functions are listed except those which demand secrecy and political activities attempting to associate themselves with libertarianism.

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SY LEON TAKES FLIGHT League of Non-Voters on the Rise!

(June 7 || Santa Ana) "Air Farce One," the plane of the League of Non-Voters, towed a banner across Los Angeles during the California primary. The banner read "Join the Voter's Boycott."

Cars sprouted bumper stickers reading "Fight Apathy/Don't Vote!" and "Don't Do It in the Voting Booth!" Those gambits have attracted the attention of the news media and won Seymour Leon, founder of the League of Non-Voters, interviews on talk shows in Southern California and across the country.

"Sy" Leon follows up this publicity with a barrage of catchy press releases. "Non-Voters Will Win," he claimed, concerning the California primary. "There will be more than four non-voters for every voter in the California primary. The Republican 'winner' will garner less than 10% of the eligible vote and the Democratic 'people's choice' will do only slightly better—but that will not prevent either candidate from claiming a resounding victory."

"The California politicians have ignored a bill that would amend the ballots to include the option, 'None of the Above is Acceptable,' and now the voters of California will ignore the politicians."

Soon after the primary, *NLW* editor Samuel Edward Konkin III asked Sy Leon about his predictions. Leon was busily working on the next press release with the statistics verifying his prophecies. In a previous press release, the League's director pointed out that in Ronald "Reagan's 'big win' in Texas he received a low 3.3% of the eligible vote. Ford's 'show of strength' in his home state of Michigan was a mere 11% of the eligible vote, and Carter, who has been the Democratic front runner by smiling and saying

nothing significant, while getting around 10% of the eligible vote..."

Undoubtedly the League of Non-Voters initially comes across as a protest for reform and improvement of electoral politics. Follow-up interviews begin to reveal that Leon would not at all be satisfied if "reforms" were made; if fact, Sy points out usually, the problems are inherent in the system. Even the famous "None of the Above" option associated with the League fails to reconcile him to the political scene.

Sy Leon's position is that he simply is providing the voters with information they do not get elsewhere, specifically, that concerning the large number of non-voters in the country, and their many reasons for not voting.

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Sy Leon personally has views on voting nearly identical to most of the "Vote for Nobody" CounterCampaigners. And, as a matter of fact, his pseudo-reformist approach reaches an entirely different audience than the CounterCampaign. Sy gets along famously with CounterCampaign Chairman Victor Koman, and the "arch-purist" (according the Murray Rothbard) Samuel Edward Konkin III. Sy's a long-time foe of voting and politics and in the libertarian movement, a devastating critic of the LP in

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CHALLENGED LP WINS MICHIGAN

by Peter McAlpine

(June 15 || Dearborn) The Michigan Libertarian Party beat back a challenge by the association of County Clerks and will be on the ballot in Michigan at least for the August 3rd primary. Although the LP has sought to have the law overturned in a joint legal action with the US Labor Party, the State Legislature required minor parties to obtain .3% of the primary vote in order to stay on the ballot for the presidential contest. The rising number of minor parties is threatening to overwhelm the number of levers available on voting machines. The Michigan LP could end up in the unenviable position of being blamed for the inconvenience of paper ballots this fall.

The successful petition drive was a big shot in the arm for the Michigan Party. The membership soared from about 100 to over 200 by convention time. Over 100 delegates at Dearborn's plush Hyatt Regency hotel gathered to nominate 86 candidates for public office. Bette Erwin, a successful Objectivist psychologist, was nominated to run for US Senate. She (*a la* Szasz) plans to campaign for the rights of mental patients and against the coercive therapy of the State Institutions. MacBride's appearance was well covered by the Detroit and Grand Rapids radio and TV stations, who broadcast his hardline statements on taxes, victimless crimes, non-interventionism, and the Federal Reserve.

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The Week

NEWS OF THE LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

COUNTER-ECONOMICS TO HAVE OWN JOURNAL

(June 5 || Phoenix) The Editors of *Freedom Today* magazine have mailed out brochures announcing a new publication called *International Shortage Reporter*. The organ is described as "The Newsletter of Counter-Economics, Black Markets and Underground Business."

Counter-Economics was first announced at the Free Enterprise Forum in Los Angeles by Samuel Edward Konklin III in February 1974. Two Conferences have been held on the subject and several of the lectures are being marketed on tape. Outside of articles in *New Libertarian Weekly*, this idea has begun to appear only recently in other publications, most recently being the subject of attack—for its strategic aspects—by Murray Rothbard in *The Libertarian Forum* (see *NLW* 29).

International Shortage Reporter is interested in the actual investment opportunities and speculations offered by Counter-Economic analysis, rather than the strategic and moral aspects which has excited *NLW* and the *LF*.

An interview with publisher Diane Nobel may result in an expanded article next week. *ISR*, 39 West Pasadena, Phoenix, AZ 85013. Special introductory subscription (6 issues) \$16. ■

BICENTENNIAL ANTI-TAX RALLY

(June 17 || Chicago) National Taxpayers Union has set the time and speakers for their rally in Chicago (see *Calendar*). It's 5-8 P.M. and it will honour Congressperson Philip M. Crane. Executive Director James Dale Davidson will be special guest speaker.

NTU, the libertarian anti-tax lobby, has started volunteer chapters around the country, with Chicago being the seventh. Davidson has appeared in *Playboy* (April 1976) and on the *Tonight Show* on June 4.

National Taxpayers Union, 325 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC 20003. (202) 546-2085. In Illinois, James Tobin, 5048 W. Augusta Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60651. (312) 287-0969/763-5122 ■

POSTAL MONOPOLY TO BE REPEALED

(June 22 || Long Beach) Charles R. Curley, inspired by the success of the National Committee to Legalize Gold, announced the formation of the Committee to Repeal the Postal Monopoly. He will open his campaign with a talk at the Libertarian Supper Club on July 12 (see *Calendar*).

Curley intends to apply the successful strategy of the NCLG (now the National Committee for Monetary Reform) to the Postal Service problem, and profit by his activism. Besides being an NCLG organizer, Curley is *NLW* Finance Editor, author of the best-selling *Coming Profit in Gold*, and he edits his own newsletter. ■

MACBRIDE BOMBS IN CHICAGO

(June 11 || Chicago) Roger Lea MacBride, the presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party, was treated as a pathetic laughingstock by *Reader*, a paper otherwise sympathetic to radicalism in Chicago. MacBride was pictured on the front page with several statues, under the title "Can You Find the Presidential Candidate in This Picture?"

The paper captions "Roger MacBride doesn't mind the hostile interviews, cancelled TV appearances, and lonesome press conferences. All that will change in a few years, when the Libertarian Party starts dismantling the federal government."

Although *Reader* seems unaware of the larger libertarian movement which considers MacBride and the LP ridiculous and worse, the reporter, Eliot Wald, perceptively discovered for himself the contradictions in MacBride's position, catching him deftly on MacBride's support of U.S. nuclear deterrent and DIA espionage.

When asked for similarities between libertarianism and anarchism, MacBride shrieked at Wald that he didn't want to be associated with bomb-throwing.

Reader, Box 11101, Chicago, IL 60611. Free in Chicago, \$10 a year by subscription. ■

STILL ANOTHER LIBERTARIAN GROUP

(June 14 || New Jersey) Fred Stein has formed the Progressive Alliance, to gain media portrayal of libertarians as progressives rather than conservatives. "The Progressive Alliance pro-

claims that coercion is a thing of the past, and a voluntary society is the positive way for the future."

Progressive Alliance, 400 Boyden Avenue, Maplewood, NJ 07040. ■

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Epistles to the Editor

CHOICER CHUSID

A long epistle from Ron Chusid (our new Michigan News Bureau) commenting on several recent matters, especially my characterization of the *Libertarian Connection*, reminds me of several things needing saying. First of all, please note (in longer letters) as to whether Your Friendly Neighbourhood Anarchoeditor can excerpt from your letters. If so, they may even be eventually printed *in toto*, chunk by chunk. Above all, do keep writing in. I have been getting some feedback from subscribers "re-ing up" who write pithy little comments like "Cut out the SF!", "Where's all the fannish stuff?", "More page," and "Keep up the sturdy work" on the backs of their renewal slips. Great. And you all keep up the sturdy work too.

Now, as to Ron's epistle, I am compelled to agree that those *LCers* with whom I have had recent contact have been reasonable, hard-core, and even interesting, enjoyable people. Then again, all of you but Filthy already subscribes to *NLW*, so I am probably hearing from a select crew. All I can say is that I am willing to trade for some *LC* to get a better picture of where you're at. (No, I can't join *LC*; I'd never make the minac.)

Now it should seem that I should induce from the latest sample what the Connectors are like. But I can think of one obvious objection: do the other Connectors wish to be represented by you, Ron, and Jim and Filthy? For all I know they denounce you as "movementists." Nonetheless, I will grant you in the final analysis that at least an agorist caucus or faction seems well represented in the *Libertarian Connection*. And, for now, let it go at that.

And we can then continue this in *Clear Ether!* and *CarbAPA* if you wish. A small apology to those who are getting in on this exchange for the first time, and a reminder that you can get the appropriate back issues of *NLW* for 60¢. —SEK3

Speculations

Science Fiction for the New Libertarians

FREFEN TO WORLDCON!

Do you know what Convention this year will have a record number of libertarians in attendance? Well, it's the World Science Fiction Convention in Kansas City over Labour Day Weekend (see Calendar). And no wonder, libertarian SF superstar Robert A. Heinlein is Guest of Honour ("Pro GoH").

Among the BNFs ("Big Name Fan") who will be converging from all over the country will be nearly all the names you read on the *NLW* masthead: SEK3, Neil Schulman, Vic Koman, Abby Goldsmith, Bonnie Kaplan, Scott Royce, Eric Lindsay, and Bob Cohen. Others from *NLW*'s past and *NLW*'s to come are Richard Friedman, John J. Pierce, Filthy Pierre, Mike Moslow, and nearly every libertarian into SF.

The California crowd (with a reputation to keep up) are planning to "Convoy" to the Worldcon (called "MidAmeriCon," by the way), with CB radios. "Uh, Breaker for Blackbanner, we got a high orc on I-10, c'mon?" "That's a 10-4 Blackbanner, we read you. Did you catch that Nazgul about a mile out of Shaky-town...?" Others will be traveling by train, plane, bus, and thumb. There is even a possibility that frefen ("libertarian science fiction fans") will have their own suite, or at least a "quad room" in one of the outlying hotels for on-going activity.

Though the Con will have programming all day and movies much of the night, many fen will be there for a five-day party and frefen are no exception.

New Libertarian Weekly will have a special 12-page Supplement Issue for the occasion, and *Frefanzine* will have a special "disty" (collations and distribution of contributed fanzines) at the Con. If you can't attend, but would like to be a part of this event, this is for you. You already know where to send articles, art, and fiction for *NLW*, but let me remind you how to participate in *Frefanzine*.

Type (or draw) your materials on a ditto or mimeo stencil (or have it offset) for 8½×11 paper. Run off 200 copies of your fanzine (title it and list yourself as editor, giving your address if you wish correspondence). Then mail the bundle to Ken Gregg, P.O. Box 2790, Long Beach, CA 90801. (He can run off 9-hole Gestetner stencils for you for a price.) If you want to be in *Frefanzine* and expect to attend too, bring your zine along.

Another "APA" (operating like *Frefanzine*) which has a lot of libertarians in it is *APA-nu*. Send 100 copies of your fanzine to Richard Friedman, 2068 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11230 or bring them to Worldcon.

See you in Kansas City! —SEK3
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We're still looking for articles and artwork for *Speculations*—and our Special Worldcon Issue. Remember, it's 1¢ a word and \$5 a drawing, on acceptance for you. So turn pro!

Already in for the Worldcon Issue is a libertarian Theory of Science Fiction (by the founder of the British Science Fiction Foundation) and the next installment in Konkin's Rann Gold (Agent for Anarchy) series.

Speculations prozine reviewer Cain Smith has been on vacation. He should return next issue. Hopefully, we'll be seeing him every other week in the future. Watch for his Hugo recommendations! —SEK3
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Speculations fanzine reviewer Eric Lindsay will be visiting North America prior to Worldcon. We hope to have some fresh material from Eric soon, and he's said he wants to meet as many fen as he can. He'll be in L.A. for a brief stay. —SEK3

Financial

A Quick Course in Hard-Money Investments Review by Charles Curley

A Quick Course in Hard-Money Investments, by the editors of *Inflation Survival Letter*, and others. Kephart Communications, Washington, D.C. \$9.95.

Did you by any chance mislay your three-year collection of back issues of the *Inflation Survival Letter*? Do you want a primer course in a number of sophisticated investment vehicles? Do you want to find out what other investment vehicles are available to safeguard your wealth besides the buy-gold - buy - silver - buy - Swiss - Francs *schtick*?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then you might consider buying this book. Considering the field, the book is quite well priced, and in fact, considering the talent of the contributors, it is quite underpriced. Contributors include Rene Baxter, William F. Rickenbacker, Richard Suter, Robert Kinsman, Eugene Jackson, Richard Rush, Bill Davidson, Gary North, David Krotz, and Roy A. Johnson. The editors of *ISL* include Jim McKeever, who now operates his own letter from Vancouver, and Mark Skousen, the current editor.

This aspect of the varied contributors makes the book quite unique, and—more important—quite authoritative. Each man is an expert in his field, Eugene Jackson, e.g., is a commodity broker and a commodities pool operator. Rene Baxter operates an investment advisory service and a bullion coin dealership. Former editor Jim McKeever is an expert on personal survival, and includes in his experience a year on Catalina Island spent entirely self-sufficient. Each, of course, writes in his field of expertise.

The book is a reprint of a number of articles in *Inflation Survival Letter*, chosen for their basic instruction value. Each is a primer in its field, a basic work. But, because so many fields are covered, it is quite likely that you will find an article which will teach you something, or even introduce you to a new area. Subjects covered include: investing in gold, in silver, rare coins, using a Swiss bank account, commodity futures, fine art and antiques, Mexican banks, hiding your valuables, and so on.

The last item, the Complete Survival Directory, is an entire article turned over to a bibliography on the subjects covered elsewhere in the book. While not complete (the *Charles Curley Letter*, for example, wasn't listed), it is quite good, and certainly covers the best in the field.

Each article is concise, in the usual *ISL* format, but it is also thoroughly backed up in terms of references. Quotes are properly attributed, and most articles end with a bibliography provided by the author. —CRC

CARIBBEAN COUNTER-ECONOMY

(May 11 || ZNS) U.S. Coast Guard officials report 560 pleasure boats have vanished en route from the Bahamas to the United States between 1971 and 1974, adding that most of these disappearances can not be blamed on the "Bermuda Triangle."

Instead, according to the Coast Guard, marijuana and modern day pirates are to blame.

American authorities say the Bahamas have become a major pipeline for pot heading toward North America. They report that in the past 12 months, 90 tons of marijuana have been seized in the Bahama-U.S. corridor.

As the Coast Guard tells it, private boat owners are being talked into smuggling pot for profit, and then their pleasure boats are seized by smugglers on the high seas who abscond with the craft and keep all the profits themselves. ■

NEWS FROM MICHIGAN

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An anti-Party faction has yet to surface in Michigan. [See letter column for one.] While many consider Party activity altruistic, and thus only attend social functions, no one sees it as harmful so far, except a few Objectivists who object to the Party's affiliation with anarchists. It remains to be seen if the Michigan Party's ideological purity can withstand the sudden influx of "new" libertarians, some of whom are candidates and thus spokespersons.

The LP has drawn fire from the anarcho-communist collective at Detroit's *Fifth Estate* for using the work libertarian and still being active in politics. *Fifth Estate* spokesman, Peter Werbe, probably does not qualify as a libertarian in the sense usually accepted by *NLW* readers since he, and the collective which he refuses to admit he leads, abhor the concept of private property and laissez-faire. Neither would the "collective" practice their anarcho-communism in private, leaving the rest of us alone. Since they do not recognize any valid property titles, they feel free to confiscate property and re-distribute it on the basis of need.

The Michigan LP nominated Hal DeWaters, an out-of-the-closet gay, for Detroit's 13th Congressional District. The 13th includes a higher than average gay population because there has been a tendency for gays to concentrate in Detroit's "Indian Village" area. DeWaters' campaign is to be managed by Ray Warner, a veteran gay activist who is well-known in Detroit's radical community. Warner appears to be a skilled activist. He has lined up large contributions from well-heeled gays and has arranged several fund-raisers in gay bars. A successful campaign among gays could easily land the Michigan LP enough votes to stay on the ballot without the need for re-petitioning.

At this time only the Party's inner circle is fully aware of the explicitly gay emphasis that DeWaters' campaign will take on. The reaction among the straight majority to media publicity linking homosexuality to the LP will be interesting, to say the least. The Michigan LP may become a "one issue" party in the eyes of some. This was the big bugaboo that led to conflict at the national LP convention. ■

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Back issues of Volume II (New Libertarian Notes)
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New Libertarian Enterprises, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801.

LEON'S LEAGUE

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California, who, upon finding out about the rc walk-out and formation of NLA, quickly joined the New Libertarian Alliance and distributed the "Listen, LP" leaflet on the West Coast.

Sy Leon began as an early objectivist, but long before the Branden split and such things had gone on to join Robert LeFevre's Rampart College, eventually becoming president on LeFevre's retirement.

Backing Dana Rohrabacher and the early YAF-LC and California Libertarian Alliance, Sy was the managing mastermind behind the incredible libertarian conferences in California which drew such crowds as 500 and 800 people for a weekend at a time. It is hard to find a major strategy in California libertarian history that was not in some way engineered by the ubiquitous Mr. Leon.

Upon acquiring Rampart College, Sy Leon turned it into a profit-making distributor of books and taped lectures, but eventually closed it down. He has been working as advance man for Harry Browne's lecture circuit, and is presently completing a book on non-voting with George and Diane Smith, and (it seems) nearly half the libertarian hard-core being involved in some phase or another.

Seymour Leon stands as the most successful professional libertarian activist today, in terms of "purity," profit, and publicity. Like Robert Kepphart, he is another entrepreneur of freedom who is realizing his dreams in reality.

League of Non-Voters, Box 1406, Santa Ana, CA 92702. ■

CALENDAR

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

July 2-5 Tarfest: Karl Bray, Tonie Nathan, Gaines Smith, American Revolutionary Theatre Troupe, films, Sherwood Inn, 400 NE 45th, Seattle. \$15 basic registration, other meals, parties optional and extra. Sponsored by ISFSC, SFS. Write: Tarfest, Box 9743, Seattle, WA 98109, or call (206) 624-1371 or (206) 285-4783. Seattle.

July 8 Forum for Philosophical Studies. George Smith on "Critique of Objectivist Ethics." \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood. || *None of the Above Meeting.* Steve Boydston, 2020 Lincoln Park W., Apt. 22C, Chicago, IL 60614. (312) 811-3536. 8 P.M. Chicago.

July 12 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Charles Curley on "To Repeal the Postal Monopoly." 7:15 P.M.

for dinner (\$6.95); 8:30 P.M. for program (\$1). Beneficial Plaza Cafeteria, 3700 Wilshire (one block east of Western Ave.) Los Angeles.

July 18 NOTA Talk. "Libertarian Perspectives on Gay Rights" with Bill Gallimore, former executive councilman of Chicago Gay Alliance. 2:30 P.M. Donation. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 West Buckingham, Chicago.

July ? (Date to be set) New York Association of Libertarian Feminists. Legal regulation of marriage and divorce and the libertarian feminist approach. Nancy S. Erickson, New York Law School attorney and author of *A Woman's Guide to Marriage & Divorce in New York*. Time and date from NY ALF, 206 Mercer Street, New York, NY, 10012.

July ? (Date to be set) Society for Libertarian Life Beach Party. SLL, P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632. Orange County area.

August 12 Forum for Philosophical Studies. "Limited Government vs Anarchy" Debate between John Hospers and George Smith. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

August ?? NOTA Talk. Barry Riccio on "U.S. Foreign Policy and Isolationism." 2:30 P.M. Donation. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 West Buckingham. (312) 477-7000/(312) 935-0412 for date. Chicago.

September 2-6 MidAmeriCon, the 34th World Science Fiction Convention in Kansas City, Hotel Muehlebach. Well over 5000 SF fen expected, several hundred of whom are libertarians. Robert A. Heinlein is Guest of Honor. Admission is \$25, rapidly increasing to \$50 at the door to discourage Con overflow, but some libertarians will be coming just for the parties and socializing at the outlying hotels. Contact NLE if you want to be in touch with other frefan attendees. Kansas City, Missouri.

September 16-19 Third Annual Gold and Monetary Conference. \$300, \$475 or \$475 joint husband & wife. Record attendance indicated. National Committee for Monetary Reform, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 865-9919. New Orleans.

September ?? NOTA Talk. "Whatever Happened to Armageddon?—The Paper Money System" by Jon Windness of Spencer Trask & Co., Inc. 2:30 P.M. Donation. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 West Buckingham. (312) 477-7000/(312) 935-0412 for date. Chicago.

Please remember that to get your listing mailed out on time you must have it in at least one week before publication date or two weeks before cover date. All libertarian functions are listed except those which demand secrecy and political activities attempting to associate themselves with libertarianism.

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OBJECTIVIST TRANS- SEXUAL ON TRIAL

FOR 20th CENTURY MOTORS SCAM RIPPING OFF LIBERTARIAN DUPES

(June 27 || Los Angeles) Jerry Dean Michael, president of the Twentieth Century Motor Car Corporation of Encino, California, began trial Thursday, June 24, in Los Angeles County Superior Court. Michael, 48, called himself G. Elizabeth Carmichael in court. He said he has undergone one sex change operation and will have another to become a female.

As Liz Carmichael, he received investments from many objectivists and libertarians for a revolutionary three-wheeled automobile, the Dale. The title of his company had the same name as a company in Ayn Rand's novel, *Atlas Shrugged*.

District Attorney Robert Youngdahl accused the officers of the Twentieth Century Motor Car Corp. of conspiracy to defraud investors in the Dale of tens of thousands of dollars. Youngdahl claims Carmichael never intended to produce a car.

Youngdahl, in his opening statement, called the beauty of the yellow prototype Dale "only skin deep." He said investors were told the car would be capable of traveling 85 miles an hour, get 70 miles a gallon, and be able to withstand collisions up to 30 miles per hour.

At a showing for Japanese investors in December, 1974, the model nearly turned over and one rear wheel collapsed.

Carmichael asked Superior Court Judge Harold J. Ackerman to give him funds enough to build a new Dale prototype and drive it for the jurors. Ackerman denied the request.

The officers and representatives of the company were indicted by a county grand jury on May 19, 1975 on charges of conspiracy, grand theft,

and state securities violations. Several of the defendants have pleaded guilty; others are being sought by the State. Carmichael's wife, Vivian Michael, claims she is not linked with the fraud, merely serving as a secretary and messenger for the company.

On trial with the Michaels are Samuel Schisman, 63, vice-president and treasurer of Twentieth Century; Andrew A. Farrell, 62, engineer in the firm; Edward Comstock, a vice-president; and Jay Gardner, no position given.

Carmichael was arrested in Miami after moving from California to Dallas when he learned he was under investigation.

The news story of the trial has gone out over Associated Press wire and the Zodiac News Service. ■

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(June 23 || ZNS) *The Los Angeles Free Press* reports that Republican presidential hopeful Ronald Reagan has been subpoenaed before a county grand jury in Los Angeles which is investigating the Dale automobile scandal.

The Dale was alleged to be a low-polluting car being built by controversial promoter Elizabeth Carmichael. After investors advanced millions of dollars to the car-building firm, it was learned that no such car actually existed, and that most of the funds had disappeared.

The Free Press quotes sources in the public defender's office as saying that Reagan will be among the first witness to be called and questioned. The newspaper adds that one Reagan associate reports that Reagan, himself, may have been a victim in the alleged fraud. ■

in this issue:**LETTERS GALORE!**

Jarret Wollstein (VA), Filthy Pierre (MD), Carolyn Keelen (NY), Jim Casterline (OR), and Victor Koman (CA)

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**ANARCHIST DEBATES
CHICAGO STATIST***by Bonnie Kaplan*

(June 23 || Chicago) Imagine discovering anarchist you don't know, maybe 25 of them, all enthusiastic about a debate on the necessity of the state. Imagine hearing debator Joffre Stewart, a black anarchist poet you never met, proclaim:

The state is cops, courts, jails, and taxes; an obedience machine; a body of armed men.

There is no such thing as limited government or a small state.

The state is necessary for war.

The State is necessary to keep you on your knees...to rob you of your dignity and smash your freedom.

Then imagine discovering that most there had not heard of libertarianism—that anarchists exist out beyond our circles, that we're not alone. The emotional high lasted several days.

The debate, held in Chicago June 10 at the Great American Coffeehouse, was part of their Soapbox Series. Pat Butler, Managing Editor of the *Booster-Lerner Newspapers*, argued for the necessity of the State. He was refreshing because he was so explicit—no high-flown covering of motivation here. "We need the State to protect us from those who would kill us, who would steal from us, who, in the end, would make slaves of us." Because most people are not angels, we need the State. We need the State to do for people what they can't do for themselves, even if it leads to oppression.

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The Week

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LIBERTARIANS PLAN BICENTENNIAL COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION

(June 29 || Washington) Phil Fellows and other DC libertarians have gathered literature and stickers for the July 4th "People's" Bicentennial demonstration in Philadelphia. Fellows has gathered material from the New Libertarian Alliance and Counter-Campaign '76. ■

COUNTER-ECONOMY PAPER GATHERS SUPPORT

(June 28 || Los Angeles) The *International Shortage Reporter* (see *NLW* 30) will lead off its first issue with an introduction to Counter-Economics by Samuel Edward Konkin III. Konkin, who coined the term, met recently with published Diane Nobel and Editor-to-be Dave Fowler.

Ms. Nobel, the attractive blonde mover behind *Freedom Today*, and Mr. Fowler, an acerbic wit (also blond) who has been working for *Freedom Today* and writing reviews for *NLW*, seemed largely in harmony with Konkin's theory. *ISL* will be aimed toward practical achievement of economic freedom in day-to-day life, as *FT* is toward social freedom.

Fowler is a longtime Arizona libertarian activist; Nobel has more recently come in contact with libertarianism through Rene Baxter. *NLW* will run a full story on *ISL* upon publication of the first issue. ■

ROTHBARD NOW ATTACKING PHANTOMS

(June 24 || New York) Murray N. Rothbard, modern libertarianism's founder, has followed up his attack on consistent libertarians (see *NLW* 29) with front-page assault on "left-sectarians" who are "leaping" into the campaign of Governor Jerry Brown of California.

Since *NLW*'s editor, Samuel Edward Konkin III, has been cited as an arch "purist" and "left sectarian," Konkin immediately checked with all his associates and acquaintances to find "the current enthusiasm of many former anti-political 'purists' for the Presiden-

tial candidacy of Governor Jerry Brown of California."

He was unable to find a single Brown supporter, nor anyone who had even heard of a Brown supporter.

Furthermore, Konkin could not find more than two California libertarians who had "gone political" from a previous anti-political position. Rothbard says he has "already noted in these pages the curious tendency of many libertarians (especially in California) to leap from anti-political left-sectarianism into ardent enthusiasm for the (to put it very mildly) right opportunism of the Reagan campaign."

Rothbard concludes, after a dissection of the obvious statism of Brown, that "the lesson is clear: to stop whoring after strange gods, and to get behind with enthusiasm and dedication, the MacBride-Bergland ticket." All this can be found in *Libertarian Forum*, Volume IX, No. 5, May 1976, Box 341, Madison Square Station, New York, NY 10010.

Some other facts Dr. Rothbard may wish to ignore: *NLW* denounced Brown in an editorial soon after Rothbard had praised Brown in the *Forum* last year. Another anti-Brown column by anti-politics libertarian Robert LeFevre appeared on the front cover of *NLW* two months ago. Not a single word for Brown has appeared in *NLW* except a letter to the editor. The letter was written by an "ardent and dedicated" supporter of the MacBride-Bergland ticket. ■

MEDFORD LIBERTARIANS MAP TAX ZAP MEET WITH IRS AGENT

(June 20 || Salem, Oregon) Local members of the Libertarian Party have set up a tax forum on a weekly luncheon format at the Kopper Kitchen in Medford. An IRS agent is to appear before the group shortly.

Recent topics included opportunities to state revenue sharing, opposition to a tax supported bus system in the Medford area, and why jobs legislation raises taxes, the last one featuring Toni Nathan.

The meetings are held Friday noon.
—Jim Casterline

PISTOL-PACKING STATISTS

(May 13 || ZNS) A sign of the times we live in is the report from Democratic convention organizers in New York City that each governor at the

convention will be permitted to have one hired-gun while there.

Party organizers have ruled that each Governor may bring along one gun-toting guard, but that Lieutenant Governors and Senators must leave their guards and guns back home. ■

Cain Smith will be back with reviews of July prozines next week. —SEK3

Epistles

FROM THE NEW LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

Dear Sam: June 29, 1976

In his "Notes From the East" in *NLW* 28 Eric Scott Royce quotes me as having said of Ron Paul "We finally have a libertarian-minded Congressman..." This quote is incorrect. What I actually said is "we finally have a libertarian in Congress."

After having heard an hour presentation by Ron Paul before Arlington YRs and having interviewed him myself for over an hour I consider him to be a libertarian. Future information could change my opinion, but anyone who opposes the draft, victimless crime laws and taxation; and is for amnesty is more libertarian than a significant percentage of persons calling themselves libertarian that I have met.

Ron's only significant fault seems to be a general ignorance of free market anarchism.

Sincerely yours,
Jarret B. Wollstein
Alexandria, Virginia

[Scott was probably being charitable, a failing of reporters in writing about their friends often found. Let's hope Paul vindicates your trust by resigning as soon as his ignorance is cured.]
—SEK3]

Dear Sam, June 25, 1976

I picked up a complete set of *NLW* at the Southern Libertarian Conference, and I've finally finished reading them. Here's a check for a year's sub.

My main criticism is the amount of space you spend on "movement" type things. I just can't see how sending in \$5 to somebody's committee, or walking on a demonstration picket line, is an efficacious use of my (scarce) resources. I do occasionally go to a major get-together of movement types as a way to make contacts, and as a social change of pace. But doing this on anything other than a selective basis turns me off. And I don't see any possibilities for profitable relations

between myself and someone like Doug Kennell who apparently gets his jollies from being persecuted, and/or has a heavy guilt trip that won't let him sleep nights if he doesn't charge the state head-on regardless of the odds.

Yours,
/s/ Pierre
Erwin S. Strauss
Lanham, Maryland

[Welcome aboard! Thanks for the criticism. Both Filthy Pierre and Doug Kennell contribute to the libertarian cause in their own unique fashions. I agree with you that one must be selective, using material and psychic profit as a guide. Doug's allocated his resources, as you have yours. Many people, caught up in their own binds, would like to assist the enhancement of freedom by supporting you, and Doug, and me, by their contributions and purchases, and that too is the way of the market. I'm glad to have both of you in the new libertarian society, if not the "movement." And now for more diversity... —SEK3]

To the Editor: June 28, 1976

I have let a number of unfair distortions printed in *NLW* go by without complaint, figuring that you weren't responsible for the astigmatic vision of your New York reporter, H.S. Katz.

However, the responsibility for the unfair, grotesquely false attack on Roy Childs in Vol. 3, No. 29 is yours alone. You characterize Roy's letter in *Libertarian Forum* as a defense of "lying as a political tactic" and as "backpedaling yet again on his famous contention 'If lying helps, then I say lie.'"

Bullshit, Sam. That letter had nothing to say about lying; Roy was explaining his resignation from the FLP. He noted that although the FLP advertised itself as a political party, it had never acted on that self-designation: instead of the various political activities that should have been the main concern of the membership, vicious interparty fighting took most of our time and energy. The bulk of his letter was the notation of missed opportunities for action on various State atrocities and a paean of praise for the MacBride campaign.

You have never claimed to be fair; your prejudices are obvious and continuously displayed on the pages of your 'zine. However, this time you're not just slanting the news. You're lying about the content of Roy's letter. And, since you have moralized so adamantly about Roy's statement on lying to the media (he never advocating lying to other libertarians), I think you owe him and your libertarian readership an apology.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Keelen
New York, New York

[Hope I don't shock you, Carolyn, but I really wish you had not let those unfair distortions go by without complaint. The reason that such things slip by is because no one who knows better writes to correct them. Your statement about the content of Roy's letter is completely correct; furthermore, you may notice that I gave my readers the address and subscription price to the *Libertarian Forum* to acquire the issue themselves, if they do not already have it. That is, I expected that those who were sufficiently concerned read it for themselves. Now that does not seem to be an effective way of lying, assisting people in observing the matter being lied about.

No contradiction, I was not talking about the explicit content of the letter, but the meaning of it to my readers. Surely you don't believe that if Roy had not made that famous statement that he would not have been sorely defeated at the Convention, and driven to resign? Yet Roy—as you point out—ignored the most important fact leading to his resignation. Playing down something is back-pedaling, is it not? And distracting attention from a central matter is a prime tactic for a cover-up, a defense. So I cannot apologize to Roy for misrepresenting the content of his letter; I am convinced I characterized it accurately. And I would indeed have apologized to my readership if I had let Roy get away with his attempt to change the grounds of battle to more secure territory.

Is this a cover-up on my part? Well, I didn't deal much with Roy's letter, but I went through statement by statement with Rothbard's attacks. Read them again. Now, did I not use the same technique of pointing out what his statements meant as opposed to what he merely said? Sounds like consistency here.

You know, if my "prejudices are obvious and continuously displayed on the pages of [my] 'zine, maybe I will start claiming to be fair. I do not believe that non-slanted news exists. In the New York Times? Time? Reason? If my readers are aware of my slant, they are able to weight my reporting accordingly. Wouldn't it be nice if we could say the same things about The New York Times, Time, and Reason? Keep correcting, Carolyn, and thanks for the inadvertent compliment. —SEK3]

Dear SEK3: June 20, 1976

Scott's comments in *NLW* 26 deserve a small response. Unfortunately the issue is down at the frameshop being frames so I was not able to look up the precise comments in regard to Toni Nathan.

While not a Murray Rothbard who calls everyone who acts libertarian for five minutes a true libertarian, Scott has given James Weaver more of an angel's halo than he deserves. His economic position, after all, will place his votes in the fold of those who want the government to expand welfare

and guarantee of a job for all and these multimillion dollar bonanza/boondoggles will exceed the military budget by a great deal if ever properly implemented. He is opposed to military adventurism but I would expect he will be careful to side with those favoring intervention in other countries such as Rhodesia. In other words, Scott seems to overrate his libertarian virtues and minimize his antilibertarian vices. Of course, he made his money in construction so he must know a little about circumventing the law or else he would not have made any money.

The Republican candidate used to be a right-wing nut. He is co-owner (with his father, I suspect) of a reasonably large lumber operation in Medford. He used to favor things like four year terms for the Supreme Court and unlimited right to bear arms. (I met him at an election eve party once when I was a right winger and we had a great time scaring my parents' friends.) He has cleaned up his act a lot but I suspect he would vote a great deal more sanely on the economic issues than Weaver and I really believe that is where disaster will be found or avoided.

Of course, it shouldn't matter much because they will both be statists and Toni will hardly be better because the essential evil is government and what it can do. Still, I retain a sporting interest in the contest and feel obligated to bring up occasional matters such as this.

Please keep up your political commentary. You are usually wrong but I usually agree with you anyway.

Smash the state,
Jim Casterline
Salem, Oregon

[Scott can defend himself, but you might note Jarret's letter criticizing him for exactly the opposite fault. As for me, I was certainly premature in burying Reagan, but I don't think it's a maxima culpa yet. By all means, keep correcting. —SEK3]

Dear Sam, June 21, 1976

Whew! Move was successful, but the cabin will be a mess until I get less chaotic and more organized. I found I gave up Los Angeles cockroaches for rural ants, spiders and poison oak—ouch! The lesson is learned.

As I told you in private conversation, I was sitting around one night trying to figure out why you think it vital that libertarians hang around the cities during Fanhit (or crackup boom, or whatever you want to call it). In a flash of original insight, I finally put into my own words what you have been saying to me for months—if we are all hiding in our retreats, who the hell is going to be seizing the day? Pro-

bably just a bunch of socialists and fascists!

If we all are in hiding, who will there be to Spread The Word, to tell people what happened and why and how to get out of it? Nobody!

Sigh But I've already made my move. However, I suppose I could lead a flanking movement down from the north, gathering troops as we move.

I suppose Bob LeFevre is right—liberty is worth struggling (Ghod how I hate that word!) for, even if there is a chance it may be fatal. Naturally, I am misinterpreting Mr. LeFevre's arguments when I think of struggling for liberty with *ahem* a libertarian army.

The purpose of this letter is to say "I finally figured out why you're against Brownies and Shruggies!" That I didn't think of it sooner is more a tribute to my blockheadedness than a discredit to your efforts.

Hang in there, Sam—I'll do what I can with the unilluminated ones Up Here.

Victor Koman
Somewhere out there

[Thank goodness those others wrote in to keep me from getting a swelled head. As for blockheadedness, Vic, give me your brand and I'll issue it to the other generals in the anarchoarmy.]
—SEK3]

CHICAGO DEBATE

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It does, said Joffre. Don't blame the multi-national corporations, he told a questioner. They gain power through the State. Besides, most control is through banks. He cited the Council on Foreign Relations as manipulating revolutions. A more serious threat and problem, though, is caused only by the State, and can happen accidentally—nuclear war.

And Joffre is a pacifist. Revolution to him does not mean violence. To answer another question, Joffre advised getting rid of the State by being non-violent. Then non-coercive behavior will replace the State. To smash the State, you must get rid of the State inside yourself, he said. Rid yourself of the common religious attitude toward the State. Declare yourself stateless and not part of the system. Dump your interest in nationalistic movements, chauvinistic movements, and political movements. Don't vote, and encourage others not to. He advocated revolutionary (not civil) disobedience, not paying taxes, not being drafted. Work instead for total voluntarism and self-determination.

After the debate, audience members were allowed to give 3-minute

speeches. Of the 11 who took the opportunity, 7 anarchists presented their analyses of anarchism. Some saw the State as destructive of spontaneous social order, thus perpetuating itself by depersonalizing society so that people think they need the State. Several restated that government is run by gangsters enforcing their will by power rather than consent. Someone claimed that group morality is never as good as the individual moralities of those in the group—no matter what group it is. One speaker reminded us that political revolution is part of the State. Another said we must not only change ourselves, but also change warping child-rearing practices.

Both Joffre and Pat then gave their closing remarks. Pat repeated that human nature prevents voluntarism from working. The State is the least of the evils; it's all we have. Joffre reminded us that the State warps society and the economy to fit its needs—war and profit. The State imposes things on people they neither want nor need. Personal liberty means you can refuse. You must change yourself to get the society you want. Start by "burn(ing) your bridges to patriotism and to law."

—BK

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OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

July 12 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Charles Curley on "To Repeal the Postal Monopoly." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$6.95); 8:30 P.M. for program (\$1). Beneficial Plaza Cafeteria, 3700 Wilshire (one block east of Western Ave.) Los Angeles.

July 18 NOTA Talk. "Libertarian Perspectives on Gay Rights" with Bill Gallimore, former executive councilman of Chicago Gay Alliance. 2:30 P.M. Donation. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 West Buckingham, Chicago.

July ? (Date to be set) New York Association of Libertarian Feminists. Legal regulation of marriage and divorce and the libertarian feminist approach. Nancy S. Erickson, New York Law School attorney and author of *A Woman's Guide to Marriage & Divorce in New York*. Time and date from NY ALF, 206 Mercer Street, New York, NY 10012.

July ? (Date to be set) Society for Libertarian Life Beach Party. SLL, P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632. Orange County area.

August 12 Forum for Philosophical Studies. "Limited Government vs Anarchy" Debate between John Hospers and George Smith. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

August ?? NOTA Talk. Barry Riccio on "U.S. Foreign Policy and Isolationism." 2:30 P.M. Donation. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 West Buckingham. (312) 477-7000/(312) 935-0412 for date. Chicago.

September 2-6 MidAmeriCon, the 34th World Science Fiction Convention in Kansas City, Hotel Muehlebach. Well over 5000 SF fan expected, several hundred of whom are libertarians. Robert A. Heinlein is Guest of Honor. Admission is \$25, rapidly increasing to \$50 at the door to discourage Con overflow, but some libertarians will be coming just for the parties and socializing at the outlying hotels. Contact NLE if you want to be in touch with other refan attendees. Kansas City, Missouri.

September 16-19 Third Annual Gold and Monetary Conference. \$300, \$475 or \$475 joint husband & wife. Record attendance indicated. National Committee for Monetary Reform, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 865-9919. New Orleans.

September ?? NOTA Talk. "Whatever Happened to Armageddon?—The Paper Money System" by Jon Windness of Spencer Trask & Co., Inc. 2:30 P.M. Donation. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 West Buckingham. (312) 477-7000/(312) 935-0412 for date. Chicago.

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TWO STRIKES ON POSTAL MONOPOLY! Shuts down competitor in Kansas

STATE STOMPS ON PRIVATE POSTAL SERVICE IN KANSAS

by Charles R. Curley

(July 6 || Pittsburg, Kansas) We all know what the slowest thing is for the Post Office to do: deliver the mail. Quick: what's the fastest thing it does? Raise the rates? Snivel to Congress to gouge the taxpayer for more subsidies? Raise its union wages? No, actually, the fastest thing the so-called U.S. Postal Service does is to stomp on potential competitors.

Alternate Systems, Inc., opened its offices for business on March 9th to carry all classes of mail for customers. In Pittsburg, Kansas, a small town of 20,000 people, Alternate Systems will deliver a letter for a mere 6.5¢, compared to the Post Awful's 13¢. In rapid order, the Postal Inspector completed an investigation and turned it over to the Attorney General's office. Postal bureaucrats descended on Pittsburg to harass employees and clients of Alternate Systems, and still drop in occasionally to search the private mailbags for contraband letter mail.

The government postal monopoly took its case to the government judicial monopoly, and obtained a verdict of (surprise!) guilty. In his decision, the judge displayed his ignorance by claiming that history shows that private competition has never existed. Apparently, he has never heard of Pony Express or Wells Fargo. Sentencing is scheduled for July 19th. Meanwhile, Alternate Systems owner Robert Black plans to appeal, and has suspended letter mail service until the results are known.

In a telephone interview with *NLW* Financial Editor Charles Curley, Black stated his determination to fight the Post Office. He expects it to be expensive, and plans to wage his legal fight anyway. Black expressed support for Congressman Crane's bill, H.R. 4951, to repeal the laws which currently prohibit postal competition. During the telephone interview, Curley, acting as Chairman of the newly founded Committee to Repeal the Postal Monopoly (*NLW* 30), offered the Committee's support, and promised to provide the results of his on-going historical research.

If the Post Awful would deliver the mail as fast as it stomps on its competitors, says Chairman Curley, it would not have any competitors, and would not have to stomp on them! —CRC

NEW ORGANIZATION SEEKS TO END POSTAL MONOPOLY

(July 7 || Santa Ana, California) The National Postal Consumers Union today announced a program directed toward the repeal of the Private Express Statute which prohibits the delivery of first class mail by private carriers.

Sy Leon, director of the National Postal Consumers Union, said, "The postal monopoly of first class mail must be broken. It has failed to provide adequate, reliable delivery; poor service at increasing costs has made business and personal use of the mail burdensome. The way to increase efficiency and lower costs is to allow competing services to offer the American public a choice. This will result in

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State Turns Weather Into Weapon—Ponte

(June 28 || ZNS) A former Pentagon think tank researcher, Lowell Ponte, says that the United States secretly employed cloud seeding in efforts to destroy food crops in Cuba.

Ponte, a former specialist with the International Research and Technology Corporation, claims that in 1969 and 1970 the C.I.A. and the Pentagon attempted to modify wind currents which carry rains to Cuba.

Ponte says "The seeding near Cuba was to cause less rain, not more. It was supposed to squeeze rain out of the clouds before they reached the island. You might say we tried to embargo rain clouds."

According to Ponte, Castro had set a goal of harvesting 10 million tons of sugar in 1969, and the C.I.A. decided to try to sabotage that goal by creating an artificial drought—thereby hoping to discredit the Fidel Castro government.

Ponte reports that the weather was "erratic" in Cuba following the seeding operation, and that crop failures occurred. He says, however, that "weather science is too primitive to say that the cloud seeding hurt Cuba's harvest, but it could have." Ponte adds: "The point is that our government secretly attempted to tamper with weather in another nation, with which we were not at war, in an effort to cause economic and political harm."

The Pentagon has previously admitted to using weather modification techniques over Vietnam in the mid-1960s.

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Lowell Ponte is well-known among California libertarians, appearing at nearly every West Coast Libertarian Conference since 1970.

The Week

NEWS OF THE LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

SMITH DRAWS LIBERTARIANS

(July 8 || Los Angeles) The Forum for Philosophical Studies pulled in a sizable crowd to hear George H. Smith on "Critique of Objectivist Ethics." The meeting was held in Larchmont Hall in Hollywood (see *Calendar*).

In evidence for the first time were Pauline Russell from Great Britain, Susan Love Brown from San Diego, and Wendy McElroy (originally from Ottawa) assisting Smith. Many new faces were observed.

Although interest was high in Smith's critique of Ayn Rand, rancor and emotional defense of Rand were at an all-time low. ■

SIL BREAKS UP OWN MONOPOLY

(July 7 || Philadelphia) The Society for Individual Liberty (P.O. Box 1147, Warminster, PA 18974) announced in its *Individual Liberty* that it would now be offering members a choice in "official" magazine.

In 1969, at the founding of SIL from the Society for Rational Individualism and the YAF Libertarian Caucus, SIL offered Jarret Wollstein's *Rational Individualist* as SIL's official choice for members. Later, as Wollstein fell over a year behind on publication, SIL switched to *Reason*, still with no competition.

The latest selection offers members a choice among *Freedom Today*, *Libertarian Review*, and *Reason*. ■

NARCS TO BE FORMER DOPERS?

(June 22 || ZNS) A sign of the changing times is the report from Dallas, Texas, that police departments there are now permitting admitted pot smokers to join the local police forces.

A survey of Dallas area law enforcement agencies has found that most of the departments will accept applicants who have admitted to experimenting with the weed simply because there are fewer and fewer qualified recruits these days who have never touched the stuff.

The Irving, Texas, police department estimates that 75 percent of those applying for police jobs has smoked marijuana, and that half of those hired in the past three years have smoked pot at least once. ■

CRACKDOWN ON VONU SCHEME

(June 22 || ZNS) A Federal Advisory Committee on False Identification has issued a recommendation designed to cut down on false I.D. schemes.

The committee is recommending that every city and county vital records center in America be hooked up to a computer system, so births and deaths can be correlated instantly. Under the proposal, whenever an individual died, his or her birth certificate would immediately be over-stamped with the date of death.

The Committee states that this system would end the practice of imposters using a deceased person's birth certificate to obtain a new identity. ■

HIGHER CIRCLES SEEK PROTECTION FROM MARKET

(June 22 || ZNS) In the wake of the wave of terrorist bomb threats being mailed to executives of large corporations, a New York firm says its letter-bomb detector business is absolutely booming.

Hoteltron Systems, Incorporated, of Huntington, reports that immediately after the F.B.I. issued warnings about the mysterious letter bomb threats, its office was swamped with orders by worried executives asking for the Letar-Gard device.

The Letar-Gard device, which costs at least \$500 for the smallest model, reportedly detects metal bombs, sometimes as small as a standard sized envelope. The F.B.I. issues warnings last week that at least 16 executives of large corporations had received letter bombs containing small battery-triggered incendiary devices. One bomb exploded, injuring workers.

Jack Schachter, the president of Hoteltron, says that on the first day the news broke, he sold his entire inventory of Letar-Gard detectors. ■

Epistles

FROM THE NEW LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

Dear Sam,

June 26, 1976

You misspelled Hank Rearden's name in that big headline, but otherwise that was a fine, informative article. Hope to see more like it. That is, I hope to see more such events in the real world and more reporting of them in *NLW*. ■

Phillip Osborn's "Psycho-subversion and the Child" supplement to *NLW* 28 made interesting though not easy reading. When he was actually speaking about children, he was usually on solid ground. However, he assumes that children of any age are fully rational beings. Can he prove that? Or even give evidence that points to it?

The theoretical arguments were weaker. I would like to know just what Osborn means by "religion" and "religious." If he is using the words in their usual senses, then his arguments are full of holes. He says the religious mentality never knows the fundamental principles on which it is based and cannot challenge or question any tenets of his religion. Perhaps that assertion could be disproved by a long convoluted chain of reasoning, but one could also simply offer counter-examples, myself for instance.

But perhaps when Osborn said "religion," he really meant "dogmatic authoritarian ritualistic religion." Giving him the benefit of the doubt on this point, his arguments make more sense. But if that's what he meant, why didn't he say it?

The idea that conceptual processes gradually lose energy unless they are reaffirmed by perceptions is new to me. Are there reputable psychologists who hold to this theory? Osborn could have added a few references. The idea is also interesting to think about in applications to artificial intelligence. It is not currently used in computers or data processing except in a crude form, such as when files that have not been used for a certain length of time are automatically wiped.

I'd like to see more about counter-economics in *NLW*.

The residents of Gilbertsville, Kentucky, a small town near here of about 300, have voted to disband their city government. That was by a majority of all the registered voters, not just those who voted. The only change anyone has noticed is that there are no longer any city taxes and no streetlights. Some of the inhabitants saw even less change, as they had anticipated this move and stopped paying local taxes several months ago.

The Kentucky legislature adjourned without taking action on a few bills that would have weakened the power of the Commonwealth. ("Commonwealth" is Kentuckian for "State.")

One legislator proposed putting a none-of-the-above choice on the ballot in every election. NOTA would be introduced in two phases. In the first 4 years, the NOTA votes would not actually be counted but be merely advisory. After that, if NOTA won, the election would have to be held over again with the candidates of the first election ineligible. There were about a dozen cosponsors but the bill was not taken seriously. The newspapers said, "Okay, he's made his point; now get back to business."

Anti-busing forces tried to poke large holes in the compulsory school attendance laws. The governor tried to push through a measure that would cut off funds for busing, in effect telling the federal government, "If you want it done, you pay for it."

None of these were passed. And we'll have to wait two years for another try, because voters of the Commonwealth turned down a constitutional amendment for annual sessions; they figured with biennial sessions the legislators could do less damage.

Bene valete,
Steve Beatty
Murray, Kentucky

[Hank who? Seriously, though, your criticisms were well-taken and several reflect my own opinion on Phil's article. But let Phil speak for himself:]

What is meant by rationality—except the commitment to the process of cognition; i.e., awareness and integration of the facts of reality? A child has an implicit commitment to this process as part and parcel of the process of volition—until he is faced with a choice of losses as I described. The "noise response" of volition operates in the available cognitive context. It takes a presumption of a malevolent universe or an evil self to breach rationality. When one of these subjectivist premises enter the cognitive context even implicitly, the response will alter correspondingly; i.e., noise reduction by blanking out.

If you can prove your fundamental principles, then they are not your fundamental principles. But that leaves only two other alternatives. Either you accept them on faith or you demonstrate that you cannot meaningfully negate them. My fundamental principles are "existence exists" and "consciousness is conscious." Any principle assumes these, so it's meaningless to negate them. Nor can they be proved, since they proof assumes them. If these are also your fundamental principles and you choose to call your set of beliefs based on them a religion, then we have a semantic problem. If not, you are simply a

religious mentality as I discussed earlier. Many "religious mentalities" are characterized by a pseudo-rationality, I should add, such as Thomistic Catholics. But their rationality is still "the handmaiden of faith." If the argument goes against them, they still assume you made an error—a priori.

I prefer logic to references, though I do try to give credit where due. Authoritarianism is a fallacious epistemological procedure.

No, computers are not volitional, conceptual entities. That is, they don't need perceptual reaffirmation. In fact, they don't perceive. —Phil Osborn

What could be clearer? I too would like to see more counter-economics to report on. Watch for our cover story on the new "Journal of Counter-Economics." And thanks for the news from Kentucky. Keep us posted, and we'll try to keep you up to date on the rest of the world. A big bene to you, too, trufan.

Dear Sam: July 2, 1976

I was rereading your article, "The End of the Libertarian Movement," and a few points came to mind:

1. In my opinion, your assumption that either sufficient numbers of conscious libertarians now exist, or a satisfactory power climate now exists, to warrant the declaration of a libertarian society is sadly mistaken. As mistaken as those who think elections can lead there. My friend, we have a long way to go.

2. Whatever combination of resistance, education, agora, and violence is needed, we certainly have a lot more movement work to do. It is this work of bringing in new minds and raising their libertarian consciousness that both of us must be dedicated to.

3. A couple of technical points: the choice of "A bad wizard" came from the speech of professor Harold Demsetz at the beginning of the convention, which perhaps you missed, which compared government bureaucrats with the quote from the Wizard of Oz, "I'm not really a bad man, I'm just a bad wizard." Laura Wertheimer, myself, and Joe Bacanskas popularized the comparison. TANSTAAFL was chosen, not for any SF connection, but because it is a catchy slogan with free enterprise connotations.

4. It is I who wrote that you are in the gossip business. I still think that is true. I do not restrict my use of the term gossip to strictly personal matters. Rather, I view it as a broader concept relating to idle chatter in general (even when I agree with the intent).

Laissez faire,
Don Ernsberger
Warminster, Pennsylvania
[The only difference we have on the first

point is that you believe we have a "long way to go" and I'm not clear if you really see the goal—at least the one I am focusing on. We're pretty close to my immediate goal. No argument about the second point, either. I simply want to make sure that we are working consistently with the end we seek; I still have this uneasy feeling that most libertarians do not see how we are getting to the free society. And if they don't see themselves getting there, they will continue to Browne out. On your third point, I think you missed a lot of the reaction among freen at the con, because my interpretation was not unique to me, nor did I first suggest it. Were you aware of the World SF Con going on at the same time and that many of us were commuting back and forth? I totally disagree with your fourth point, because, frankly, I see no "idle chatter" in NLW. But maybe if you give me an example or two we can move to a resolution on this as well. Thanks for getting the debate going, as I asked in "The End of the Libertarian Movement." More will be appreciated.

Dear Sam: July 4, 1976

Your *New Libertarian Weekly* is my favorite lib-rag, so I guess this is an unabashed fan letter. And *NLW*'s friendly anarcho-editor-maniac is a true inspiration to the hard core who walk the straight and narrow.

More, please on the counter-economy; the articles are fascinating. But please no more of those pr flack pieces like "Sy Leon Takes Flight." Sure the League of Non-Voters is worth flogging a bit. But to praise the person for taking a perfectly wonderful instrument, Rampart College, and running it into the ground is, how should I put it...shameless? Likewise, if you must go on about the LP, how about less of "Challenged LP Wins Michigan," i.e., less pr flack, and more of your analyses such as your rebuttal to Messrs Childs, Block, and Rothbard.

Speaking of Murray, incidentally, I love the way you describe yourself as a Rothbardian. It must give Mr. First Nighter—a major, positive influence on me, too—the chills.

Fond regards,
O. Rosner

P.S. YFNAe can excerpt from my letters, if he has had enough taste to want to do so. However, please be sure to keep my mail address confidential. Safe interfaces are tough to come by.

[Do I detect a "more hard-core than thou attitude"? Thanks for the praise, and I cannot disagree with the brickbats. I would like to point out that the Michigan piece was done by Pete McAlpine, not me, and he is going to make it up next ish with an article on non-partyac in that state. Hope I don't sound too chicken, but I wish to stay out of the Rampart College controversy. LeFrere and Leon had clearly different

concepts of what it should be...and let's leave it at that.

Thanks especially for giving me yet another opportunity to clarify my position on confidentiality. I would never jeopardize anyone's counter-economic secrets. Nor am I interested in who's sleeping with who and why their self-concepts are perceptually reaffirmed better/worse. But nothing "political" deserves any respect from me, least of all complicity by maintaining the security of the wicked. Straight and narrow enough, Oscar? —SEK3]

Speculations

Science Fiction for the New Libertarians

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Waiting For You, Maude-Ellen, J.P. Dixon. A cardboard heroine is rescued by a cardboard prince from a cardboard fate.

Miranda-Escobedo, James Sallis. A devil forgets to read a dead sinner his rights, and so can't take the sinner to Hell. I think it's supposed to be funny.

The Massahattan Snap Tube, D. Thomas Bear. A teleport link between Long Island and Manhattan is accidentally created. No one knows how it works, but everything's fine while free enterprise is in charge. (Apparently, there's no problem with zoning regulations, state regulatory bodies, and so forth—but after all, this is a fantasy.) Then government takes over and messes it up completely.

B.K.A. The Master, George Alec Effinger. A young pigeon-fancier in the East Village is offered his chance to join the forces of Cosmic Good. He flunks. I didn't care one way or the other, but this story is worth reading for the style, which is far more realistic than Effinger's usual surrealistic dope opera.

The Sitter, Charles W. Runyon. Given the premise that chairs are an alien invention, the protagonist's search for their source is almost logical. There's not one iota of likelihood here, but it's well enough written and emotionally engaging enough that I enjoyed it.

The Anvil of Jove, Gregory Benford and Gordon Eklund. The extrapolation is excellent; characters interesting and believable; prose well-crafted. I had to reread several times to determine why I didn't enjoy this story.

Partly, because there's simply too much. Dangerous (but they aren't—or are they?) mutant supermen; contact with inscrutable aliens; life on Jupiter; a murder mystery—though they all fit together, they distract from each other. And there are two main characters each strong enough to dominate the story.

But the main problem seems to be lack of emotion. The authors didn't persuade me to care whether any character lived or died.

The Ice Cream Golem, Mel Gilden. A golem turns out to be a far better man than its creator. On the borderline between genuine emotion and sentimentality; enough closer to the real thing to make this enjoyable.

As usual, half the winners of the competition are better-written than any of the seriously-intended stories in this issue.

In the book-review column, Alexei and Cory Panshin give a rational-sounding explanation of why sf cannot be rationally discussed.

In celebration of the Bicentennial, Asimov's science column this time rehashes the relationship between technological and political history during the past two centuries. (Rather, up to the Civil War; there will be at least one more installment.) There are writers who continue putting salable words on paper long after they've lost their ability to write; Asimov increasingly seems to be among them. —CS

POSTAL CONSUMER'S UNION

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more frequent, reliable deliveries everywhere—including the outlying rural districts which are now being threatened with a loss of 'service.'"

Leon also stated that permitting first class mail delivery by competitive business would create more jobs for postal employees and offer greater opportunities to initiate innovative, efficient systems.

The delivery of first class mail is too important to the economic well-being of this nation to be left in the hands of politicians and bureaucrats. It is an industry—crucially important—and it should be allowed to function competitively, seeking customer satisfaction."

The NPCU will generate information and promote discussion of alternatives that will lead to improved mail handling, designed toward the ultimate repeal of the Private Express Statute. The program will be funded by membership composed of all users of first class mail. —SL

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FREE MARKET CRACKS RED REGIMES!

(July 4 || Manchester) Poland and the Soviet Union have recently sustained blows to their states by counter-economic pressures. The USSR has arrested several millionaire black marketeers.

Although the recent Polish price crisis was widely reported in the establishment media, the classical liberal *Manchester Guardian* had additional facts of interest to free marketeers. The prime minister of Poland ordered price increases of staples, food, clothes, etc., in the state-owned stores. Immediately, demonstrations of consumers hit the streets, similar to those which toppled First Secretary Gomulka and brought in present dictator Edward Gierek. Within 24 hours, Gierek's prime minister suspended his own orders.

One factor not mentioned in most press coverage was that these same goods were available to some extent in a number of private stores allowed and in the widespread black market. The *Guardian* noted that the counter-economic price was higher than the state price even after the official price increase, yet business is brisk.

While the market, producing quality merchandise, booms even under risk of secret police, the Polish State has lost ground in the confrontations. Gierek's control is now rated as unstable, and another regime may be waiting in the wings. More seriously, the backdown means the economically hard-pressed State will have further payment troubles. Poland has run out of credits with the West for trade, and the USSR has announced an increase in Soviet prices of many goods which the Eastern bloc (Cominform) states must purchase from the Soviets.

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics has its own trouble with the Market. Stories of entire State factor-

ies being taken over and their output sold on the black market are rife. A few weeks ago, the *Guardian* reported that several counter-economic millionaires were arrested in their Black Sea resorts and *dachas*. Nearly all the government officials in Armenia were also pulled in and broken by the Communist Party and denounced by the press. The Armenian bureaucrats had been involved in a major black and grey market "ring." (Armenia had somewhat looser regulations and more private ownership allowed than in Russia.) The new Armenian leader is an "incorruptible" red puritan, and he has already begun investigations and arrests among his new staff.

First Secretary of the U.S.S.R. Leonid Brezhnev is caught between the Market and his political rivals, says the *Guardian*. Brezhnev is desperate to upgrade the disastrous agriculture industry. He is now fighting to abolish the Communist sacred cow, collective farms, for a new mode of "Industrial farming," probably based on the American corporate farms. One radical faction has even suggested a decentralist version in which the farms would be broken into sections with individuals running them and earning their income by production and even marketing, instead of filling a quota.

Recent collective farming practices pay the worker for time he puts in, anywhere his manager tells him to go. A common worker device is to allow weeds to grow on holidays or other excused time when they would be easy to deal with, and then work on them for a longer time.

The *Guardian* believes that Brezhnev's hasty ordering of changes towards industrial farming shows a fear of being rejected at the next Party

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NON-PARTY ACTION IN MICHIGAN

by Peter McAlpine

(July 9 || Detroit) A non-Party libertarian faction in Michigan centers around an organization entitled *Patrons of Reason*. Predictably, *Patrons* is an unconstructed Objectivist educationist group.

Patrons was organized in 1975 by Dennis Starner (now a Reagan delegate) after he dropped his LP activism, but retained his LP membership. Starner cited the presence of anarchists in the LP and the LP's failure to explicitly endorse Objectivism, but his shift to *Patrons* was more likely due to his loss of a power base in the LP when he was ousted from his long-held position as newsletter editor.

Starner had been defeated for State Chairman by Bill Krebaum in late 1974. Shortly thereafter Krebaum broke his campaign pledge to retain Starner as editor and began pushing to have the State Central Committee award the editorship to his roommate, Robert Delaney. After a bitter 6 month struggle, Starner was finally ousted. After publishing a few high quality issues, Delaney resigned, claiming overwork. Actually, Delaney was angry that James Hudler's "Action Team" swept the Partyarchy in the fall of 1975. (Hudler was responsible for Michigan LP's current ballot status.)

Patrons has succeeded in attracting a good number of strict educationists, who never caught the LP bug. "Patrons" has also cooperated with the old Iowa-based Equitarian Associates crowd in sponsoring two seminars in Michigan.

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The Week

NEWS OF THE LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

KENNEL SELLS OUT

(July 13 || Los Angeles) A press release under the letterhead of the "Californian Libertarian Alliance" announced the defection of several libertarians from the Peace and Freedom Party and endorsed Roger MacBride for President.

The endorsers of the statement in the press release were Elizabeth Keathley, Corey Casanova, Mike Timko, Eric Garriss, and "Jean Berkman." The last name is the *nom de guerre* of libertarian draft resister Doug Kennell.

Kennell has raised money for his 13th Amendment Defense Fund as an example of resistance, and was supported by "purists" and the hard-core. He has no intention of refunding donations. ■

ROBERT HEINLEIN GATHERS BLOOD

(July 17 || Los Angeles) Robert A. Heinlein, libertarian Science Fiction writer, flew into Los Angeles for a one-day reception in Studio City. Heinlein agreed to meet L.A. fans who have donated blood or have been turned down.

Blood was collected throughout the day as people gathered in Frehater Hall, the clubhouse of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (LASFS), 11360 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. The bloodmobile was there from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M., the party following.

Heinlein plans to have a similar reception—donors only—at the World SF Convention in Kansas City where he is guest of honour. Proof of donation (or attempt) must be postmarked by August 1, 1976 and sent to him at 6000 Bonny Doon Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. ■

LEFEVRE IN SHOOTOUT?

(July 15 || Orange, Calif.) *LeFevre's Journal* (Summer, 1976, Vol. III, No. 3) contains the metaphor of a gunfight where Robert LeFevre describes a challenge at a Philadelphia Libertarian Conference to his position. LeFevre is opposed to the use of defensive violence.

"I had won a reputation as a pretty fast man with my intellectual bullets. I had lived by that gun and now, as in the horse opera, I was to be tested by a youngster who had everything to gain and nothing to lose in seeking to show he was faster on the draw.

"And he was ready. 'What would you do,' he asked, 'if someone put handcuffs on you?' ... 'Do you have the right to destroy his handcuffs?'"

Later on, the young man is identified as advocating lying as a tactic.

LeFevre, in this one-man personal-zine, has "popularity" as a theme in this issue. Excerpts from 27 letters also appear.

LeFevre's Journal, Box 2353, Orange, CA 92669. "It is not for sale, but is supplied to those who are dedicated to human liberty when those dedicated make it possible." ■

BLOCK'S BOOK BROCHURED

(July 13 || New York City) Fleet Press Corporation (160 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010) has mailed out a brochure announcing publication of Walter Block's new ethical defense of unsavory black marketeers, *Defending the Undefendables*.

The brochure contains endorsements by F.A. Hayek, Robert Nozick, Robert Kephart, Thomas Szasz, Harry Browne, and LP figures. The book is available from the publisher for \$9.95 plus 65¢ for "postage and handling charges." ■

LIBERTARIANS TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN

(July 13 || Paradise) Doc Paine, perpetrator of fraud against libertarians, has been located and action is being taken to return money allegedly stolen by him. Doc Paine (alias Carl Dick, alias Richard Meyers) formed Agorafund, which was advertised as a libertarian mutual fund, in 1971, but has been accused by many investors of having absconded with the money he collected in 1974.

Paine is also believed to have been involved in the Scholars Book Union, the Contract Mutual Defense League, and the 1972 Libertarian Yearbook. An announcement in the May 23 issue of the *Libertarian Connection* stated that Paine has been located and requested those desiring restitution to contact J.G. Black, 5960 Crestview Drive, Paradise, CA 95969. —Ron Chusid

TAX EVADERS TO BE THWARTED

(July 9 || ZNS) Uncle Sam is going to crack down on married couples who get divorces once each year in order to reduce their income taxes.

The Internal Revenue Service, beginning next week, will monitor those quickie divorces obtained by many American couples in the Caribbean every winter.

Because of a quirk in U.S. tax laws, single persons living together but earning separate incomes pay lower taxes than a married couple earning the identical income. As a result, thousands of couples have been divorcing every year, filing their taxes as singles, and then remarrying.

Tax auditors claim that the amount in taxes saved by the divorces easily pays for a lavish round-trip vacation to Haiti or the Dominican Republic where the divorces usually take place. The new I.R.S. regulations will stipulate that quickie divorces may not be conducted for tax reasons alone. ■

HAGBARD SCARES ILLUMINATI?

(July 8 || ZNS) Various government officials had been predicting for weeks prior to July 4th that underground groups or terrorists would probably cause disruptions all over America on July 4th.

Although none of these predictions came true, one of the strangest alerts of all was quietly sounded in New York's harbor.

The Coast Guard has confirmed that it alerted security patrols to keep a careful look-out for possible saboteurs... in a submarine.

The Third District Coast Guard office says messages were received stating that a small submarine was missing, and it was feared that dedicated terrorists might have commandeered the sub to sink a ship in the New York harbor.

It turns out that the missing sub was a 10-and-a-half foot long, 2000 pound, one-person craft that was sold more than a year ago by a Maryland firm. Both the F.B.I. and Interpol were called into the case last week because the owner failed to make all the promised payments.

This week, it was finally determined that terrorists didn't have the sub; it was simply owned by a "deadbeat" who was sick of shelling out payments.

Epistles

FROM THE NEW LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

Dear Sam, July 8, 1976

Have we been Zieglerized? Are the previous statements of some Libertarians now inoperative?

Sincerely,
Hank Freeman
Pueblo, Colorado

[Then again, it may be their present statements... —SEK3]

Dear Sam: July 3, 1976

Well, here I am LoCing the July 4th issue on July 3rd. Not even CarbAPA has that fast a response time!

I have no quarrel with Sy Leon personally—he is making a profit—but I have to wonder about the people who pay him, and about the value to me of his encouraging their paying. If it's a large number of people sending in a couple of bucks each, then that's not so bad—the feeling of being part of such stunts as the "Join the Voter's Boycott" could be worth that much to me. But if there are people putting heavy coin on a per-capita basis into it, I can't help wishing that such money would go into more productive CounterEcon type activity—something self-sustaining, that doesn't require a constant dissipation of capital.

McAlpine's Michigan article was almost pro-Party; you're slipping, Sam. I like the basic news of Partyac, but to my taste you spend overmuch time chortling over it.

Ho, hum. Another outfit putting on "conferences," selling tapes, etc., etc., on financial matters. At times like this, it is well to remember Sturgeon's Law ("90% of everything is crud") and Barnum's Law ("There's a sucker born every minute"). Perhaps these can be combined into Strauss' Law: "90% of all deals offered are burns." That is, they are outright ripoffs, or are otherwise bummers that those accepting them will regret having been involved with. I guess the same goes for all the "Movementist" activities announced (rallies, defense funds, lobbying groups, etc.). I know too many of the people involved in them to get very excited. These are seasoned veterans of the movement wars. They've worked every side of the ideological street from far left to far right, including a lot in the center (which is, after all, where the big money is). They've managed to eke out salaries that they could live on (in many cases, considerably better than this) by selling ego massage to the faithful. The pitch is, "Send in your five bucks, and strike a Blow against the Enemy." I used to

think that the suckers actually believed that their contribution would change the world; but I've seen too many repeat customers who must know the score by now. I guess it's like the people who read *National Enquirer*. On one level, they know what the rag says is bullshit (after all, if one-tenth of it were true, the world would have been destroyed ten times over, every major public figure would have resigned in disgrace or committed suicide, and the world would be run by the flying saucer people); but on another level, they suspend disbelief and mentally masturbate over the fantasy that it's all true. Similarly, the contributors to the "movement" activities get off with the idea that they are participating in the revolution to come. However, this is a demanding market, and once a Cause loses its novelty, it doesn't last long. That's why the hustlers have to keep coming up with new organizations, new slogans, new mailing lists.

The MacBride piece (about his being caught out in some inconsistencies) punctures a common fallacy of LP thinking. They reason that, since they have such a hard time getting people to understand even the simplest libertarian ideas, only the most nit-picking purist is going to quibble over details; therefore, they can take whatever position they want in those regards. The fact is that people balk at accepting the general precepts of libertarianism because they have a strong emotional (and sometimes other) interest in doing so. But those same interests lead them right to the jugular regarding inconsistencies, however trivial-seeming, in a libertarian's position.

Regarding LC, I think Ron, Jim and I are pretty representative of the one or two dozen regular contributors to LC (*Libertarian Connection*). There are also a few people into martial arts, chariot-of-the-gods, etc., mystic trips, and a few who just stand there and go gosh-wow without saying anything much. And there is no minac in LC. Sam: about 90% of the subscribers are non-contributors. We sometimes speculate on what these people are like—where their heads are and all that. I've been surprised sometimes to be approached by people who say they read me regularly in LC, but who don't strike me as being the "LC type" at all.

And for Ghu's sake, there aren't any "factions" or "caucuses" in LC. It's strictly everyone for his or her self. People agree and disagree on various issues, and there are no definable alliances that I've been able to discern.

The Caribbean CounterEconomy piece reinforces Strauss' Law (by the

way, the Bahamas aren't in the Caribbean).

Yours,
Filthy Pierre
(Erwin S. Strauss)
Lanham, Maryland

[There's several issues worth of discussion in your letter, Pierre, and I'll let the readers decide which they want to delve into by their letters in response to you, if any. Two quickies from me: I don't censor my writers so if they're pro-Party but have something worth reporting, it goes in. That's the deal I had with Karl Bray before he backed out, but it's standard practice. And as to your belief in no factions in LC, that's strictly in the eye of the beholder. Since everyone is for his or her own self in the Democratic Party, according to your position, there are no factions there either. One does not even have to be aware of being part of a faction, actually. Such divisions are best observed from afar, where the motions of the individuals form distinct patterns. —SEK3]

Speculations

Science Fiction for the New Libertarians

CAIN SMITH ON PROZINES

ANALOG July 1976

Tricentennial, Joe Haldeman. Intelligent aliens have been detected, and the colonists at L-5 want to pay them a visit. However, the government which has ruled Earth since the anti-technological revolt won't give them funds. The expedition is sent out by trickery; it gets sidetracked into setting up an extrasolar colony and never reaches its goal. Meanwhile, Earth becomes uninhabitable. The title? Well, the story begins in 2075.

The ideology of the Earth government is almost straight out of the late Sixties' student left, with a dash of early Seventies student leftism, and an almost-original touch of syndicalism. A story set in the future should not use a brand of politics already out of fashion.

Minotaur in a Mushroom Maze (Conclusion)

, Richard & Nancy Carrigan.

There's a three-cornered struggle between the priesthood of ancient Crete, an evil financier named Bull Tauroman, and purehearted government agents over petrons. Petrons are a newly-discovered subatomic particle which conveniently have the properties needed for the story. This fantasy mislabelled science fiction had only two things to interest me. First: a Korean War widow in her thirties; the story is apparently set in the current time, so she must have married quite young. Second: I kept watching to see what new improbability would be added to the stew.

Fly, Mal Warwick. Some mildly interesting (if unoriginal) speculation on the future of Latin America and the Catholic Church is this piece's only virtue.

His Loyal Opposition, Stanley Schmidt. This probably would make little sense to anyone who hasn't read Schmidt's "Lost Newton" (September 1970 *Analog*, in hardcover as *Newton and the Quasi-Apple*.) Has Bova decided that *Analog* has gained no new readers since then and has no hope of ever gaining them? At any rate—Terek's attempts to establish science are seemingly hampered by an ex-enemy (or is he?) who claims telepathic powers—psi doesn't fit into Terek's physics. (Who is Terek? I said this couldn't be understood without having read the previous story.) Schmidt has a talent which shows through his usually-clumsy prose and plotting, and his alien names are improving.

Dolls' Demise, George Guthridge. A delightfully well done explanation of why the government is shutting down all doll factories.

The guest editorial by Arthur C. Clarke, while well-written, contains nothing likely to be new to sf readers.

Nor does Norman Spinrad's article on O'Neill colonies. It seems rather late for *Analog* to run an article on this subject. Not only has it been extensively written up elsewhere during the past few years; O'Neill colonies may have set a record for the speed with which they've become an sf cliché. (As witness their use in the Haldeman story.)

MICHIGAN NON-PARTY

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The thrust of the two seminars (30 attendees each) was "moral preaching." The implicit assumption of the lecturers and most of the audience was that the power-seekers will lay down their statism if moral philosophy is preached at them. Rockefeller's energy proposal, Ford Motor's support for mechanic licensing in Michigan, General Motors' support for "achievable" regulations, etc., was blamed on sincere "moral errors" of the business elite that could be corrected by moral education.

The group reacted with shrieks of condemnation to the idea (put forward by Kay Augustin and yours truly that a state-capitalist ruling class exists whose rational self-interest is served by systematic looting of society at large. Patrons posit a strict dichotomy between self-interest and "rational" self-interest!

The first Patrons conference on May 23, 1976, featured Professor

Facey of Hillsdale on "Adam Smith," Professor Trosty of Cooley Law School on "English Law in the New World," Fred Dechow of Dow Chemical on "Thomas Jefferson," and Harry Vyerser of Hillsdale on "Ethan Allen: Reason as the only Oracle of Man."

The second conference (July 3, 1976) featured Stewart Warner on "Mises' Subjective Theory of Value: A False Dichotomy," Milo Shield on the "Nature of Responsibility," Roger Bissell attacking the right to abortion, and Fred Dechow on "Free Enterprise in America." (Fred, a Dow chemist, is basically a supporter of the American "Big Business" system.)

While most Patrons are skeptical of the LP, they scarcely seem ready for conversion to New Libertarianism either. The radicalization occurring within LP ranks is potentially a greater source of New Libertarians. Already, Sam Hancock, a radiologist at Oakwood Hospital, has filed a Fifth Amendment return and Rene Baxter drew a good crowd for a tax resistance seminar at University of Michigan, Dearborn.

—Pete McAlpine

FREE MARKET VS REDS

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congress, where such changes would normally be debated and resolved.

All this market "power" has not gone unnoticed in the Communist intellectual circles (though the Westerners seem yet to have come aware). A faction has been growing for the last few years who are advocating the withering away of State controls and ownership as the next stage of Communism. This group has been denounced as the "anarcho-liberal" tendency in Party publications. The tendency is strongest in Yugoslavia, where firms with less than 25 workers are virtually unregulated. Anarcho-liberals are also strong in Czechoslovakia and are present in the Soviet *samizdat* underground.

If reports from behind the Iron Curtain by such as the *Manchester Guardian* are to be believed, the anti-political position known in North America as libertarianism is stronger in the Communist countries than anywhere in the West except possibly North America and this anarcho-liberalism shows signs of winning through counter-economics. ■

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COUNTER-ECONOMY IN VIET NAM THRIVES!

(July 11/18 || Saigon) The "corruption" which so tainted the Thieu-Ky regime and the U.S. sergeants has infected the *Lao Dong* (Communist Party) cadre in "liberated" Saigon, according to reporter Patrice de Beer in a two-part article in the weekly English edition of *Le Monde*, the famous French daily.

"Not a dollar has dropped into Saigon's empty coffers since April 30, 1973, not a bag of American rice has come to alleviate the crop shortfalls," reports Beer. Elsewhere, he describes the scene in the present Saigon.

"Yet the city streets are crowded with cars and motorized bikes. Swarms of prostitutes ply their trade in the old Tu Do street, and the thieves' market offers piles of stereo sets, fans, and other American goods brought out from heaven knows where. I was even held up for a quarter of an hour in a traffic jam while trying to drive out of the city."

Beer goes on to describe the problem of the new society. "Some members of the new ruling class (a very tiny fraction, I was assured, but quite conspicuous) are following in the footsteps of their predecessors, providing the prostitutes with a new clientele, especially in the centrally situated Miramar Hotel, occupied by cadres. Waiters in the posh restaurants complain that the 'bodoi' (soldiers of the People's Army) are not good customers because they don't have any money. But the 'canbos' (cadres) are good customers. They are rich and give fat tips."

Now Beer describes what a libertarian would call a full-blown counter-economy: "Exit visas are rumored to be going for hundreds of dollars, gasoline intended for army and government use finds its way into the

black market, and civil servants or persons posing as civil servants are alleged to solicit bribes from families for freeing a husband or brother sent to a re-education centre. Some of the leaders live in requisitioned villas, and have cars, buy furniture, television sets, and let themselves be corrupted by the old bourgeoisie, which knows in the long run its fate is sealed, and is not therefore inclined to be optimistic. Those who have decided to stay are spending everything they have. This accounts for the rush on expensive restaurants and a frenzied buying spree, which is fueling an inflationary flare-up."

Students of Austrian economics will smile at Patrice de Beer's reversal of cause and effect on his inflation analysis, and note the classic description of a "flight into real goods."

Beer goes on to report the vicious gossip about the "bodoi" and "canbos," the investigations by the Lao Dong of corruptions, the hostility between Northerners and Southerners.

"As for the Northerners, they are dazed at the sight of the South's apparent prosperity, for they have been told their compatriots were short of everything."

"The demobilisation has just begun and a number of 'bodoi' have been assigned jobs in the economy. They are still being asked to make sacrifices to help their 'brothers in the South,' though in their eyes the South Vietnamese don't seem so badly off."

Being a Communist country, Viet Nam naturally has a Five-Year Plan. But it sounds strangely like something from Ford or Carter: "The south's so called policy of 'five economic sectors'—state, co-operative, mixed, capitalist

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"MA BELL" CALLS IN FEDS TO STOMP

by Eric Scott Royce

(July 7, 1976 || Washington) In the 1934 Communications Act (48 Stat. 1066) Congress declared that duplication of the telephone facilities and services was "contrary to the public interest" on the grounds that it resulted in higher rates and inefficiency. Today, 42 years later, the federal government is once again embroiled in a debate over the phone service "monopoly" question.

At issue is whether to overturn rulings by the FCC, which regulates interstate phone service, enabling non-industry companies to sell varieties of business phone equipment and specialized business message services now provided primarily by "Ma Bell" and its independent allies. Specifically, the FCC has decided that firms and individuals may purchase devices like switchboards and answering non-phone firms without paying local phone companies a special fee.

AT&T, recognizing that such competition might ultimately threaten to undercut its stranglehold on sales in this highly profitable area, responded by soliciting Congressmen to introduce remedial legislation. Sen. Vance Hartke (D-Ind.), Rep. Teno Roncalio (D-Wyo.), and a horde of other politicians hastened to oblige. Various versions of a Consumer Communications Reform Act, the leading version ad-

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KATZ CROCKS CREDIT KINGS

(July 1 || New York) Advance review copies were mailed today of *The Paper Aristocracy* by Howard S. Katz, the libertarian East Coast "purist." The book is due for release on September 15, and will be reviewed in *New Libertarian Weekly* 40 (September 19).

A look at just the jacket and accompanying statements indicates that the book may have a traumatic effect on the world Social Credit movement, probably to Katz's own surprise. Katz is an American and the Social Credit movement is unknown in the U.S. save for Omni Books. But Social Credit is strong in the English-speaking Commonwealth, and has a long-standing (fifty years) international headquarters in England, Members of Parliament in New Zealand and Canada, and control of two provincial governments (at one time) of Alberta and British Columbia.

Katz is appealing in the same language as the SoCreds and Creditistes, but is known to have a hard money line whereas the Social Credit answer to fiat banking is State takeover. Confirmation of this impression must await publication.

The Paper Aristocracy by Howard S. Katz, with an Introduction by Harry D. Schultz, \$7.95 cloth, \$4.75 paperback. Published by Books in Focus, Inc., 232 Madison Ave., Suite 805, New York, NY 10016. Distributed by Hippocrene Books, Inc., 171 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016. ■

WOLLSTEIN JOINS ROYCE ZINE

(July 15 || Arlington) Jarret B. Wollstein, long dormant from all but local libertarian activism, is now appearing regularly in Eric Scott Royce's *Southern Libertarian Review*. The second part of his "In Defense of the Non-aggression Principle" appears in the July *SLR* (Vol. 2, No. 10) with promise of at least a third installment.

Wollstein's split with the Randists to defend anarcho-objectivism was one of the major feeders of converts leading to the 1969 emergence of libertarianism. Wollstein had considerable influence on East Coast YAF-LC. His

magazine, *Rational Individualist*, began publishing in 1968 and Wollstein formed the Society for Rational Individualism.

After the YAF-LC split, the Eastern (mainly Pennsylvanian) wing joined SRI to form the present-day Society for Individual Liberty. Wollstein's publication began skipping dates and sputtered out.

SLR's acquisition of Wollstein broadens the publication's scope beyond its excellent Revisionist History and anti-LP attacks (both principled and unprincipled). *SLR*, 1236 S. Taylor St. #A, Arlington, VA 22204. \$6/year. ■

PARTYARCH ATTEMPTS CO-OPT OF LIBERTARIAN AUDIENCE

(February 16 || New York) Reported in a publication of the "Libertarian" Party was a deliberate attempt to sabotage a hard-core libertarian position. The incident was during a taping of a political comedian's performance.

Mark Russell, the comedian, asked the audience who, if the election were held then, they would vote for. Little enthusiasm was generated until "None of the Above" was offered. Then, the New York FLP's *Free Libertarian* admits, wild applause was generated.

At that point, FLPer Mike Silverman (according to the *FL*, March-May 1976) shouted "Roger MacBride!" The audience gave no reaction and the comedian was unable to identify the name, confusing it with Bridey Murphy.

Needless to say; the Partyarch's co-opt failed. ■

LIBERTARIAN ENTREPRENEUR STARTS "CONSPIRACY DIGEST"

(July 21 || Dearborn, Michigan) Peter McAlpine, whose Alpine Enterprises began supplying "conspiracy" and ruling class foes with references (see *NLW* 10), has mailed out an announcement of a new publication. The *Conspiracy Digest* will publish quarterly new material on the Higher Circles and older material recently rediscovered.

The topics *Conspiracy Digest* plans to treat fill a page of seven-point type alone. McAlpine asks \$28 for two years, \$15 for a year, and is offering a trial subscription of two issues for \$12. *Conspiracy Digest*, Alpine Enterprises, P.O. Box 766, Dearborn, MI 48121. ■

Epistles

FROM THE NEW LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

Dear Friendly- July 8, 1976
NeighborhoodFriendOfThe
Connection,

Your latest comments on *LC* (July 4) are acceptable to me. As there is a faction which you approve of in *LC*, I am sure there are writers which you would strongly disagree with. As far as I'm concerned, the most important thing is that you realize, and have pointed out in *NLW*, that at least some of us on the *Connection* are "hard-core" supporters of a libertarian society.

You were correct in pointing out to McAlpine that there is an anti-Party faction in Michigan. We spend little time or effort in opposing the party locally, but there are some small scale educational efforts. The day after I received the July 4 issue I convinced one person planning to vote for MacBride not to. There may be some additional benefits from letting him know the truth about the Party beyond causing them to lose one vote. The person I was talking to is a member of the *Michigan Daily* editorial staff. Perhaps his knowledge of the truth about the Party (as well as another editorial staff member I know) will prevent all libertarians from receiving bad publicity because of the actions of a few.

All the libertarians I have talked to about the Party have been unaware of the arguments against the party commonly found in publications such as *NLW* and *LC*, and have decided not to support the party after hearing the truth. It looks like the events in New York may be just the first of many events which will eliminate supporters of politics from the libertarian society.

Ron Chusid

Ann Arbor, Michigan

[Bravo, Ron!]

—SEK3]

Sam, July 9, 1976

For someone who fancies herself a feminist, you do quite a job of perpetuating sexist stereotypes in *NLW*. Two instances in your July 11th issue will illustrate my point:

The lead headline, "Objectivist Transsexual on Trial," will tend to equate transsexuality, and possibly other sexual minorities, with crime, in the minds of your readers. I fail to see

the relevance of Ms. Carmichael's transsexuality to the story about her crime. While I have come to expect such slurs on sexual minorities in the establishment (straight) media—who are always quick to point out sexual "deviation" among the bad guys, but very slow to talk about the same sexual preferences in reference to those who lead healthy, normal lives—but it was a disappointment to see you on that same bandwagon. I ask if you would have printed a headline such as "Objectivist Black on Trial."

Turning to page 2, I read that Diane Nobel is attractive and blond. Once more, I fail to see the relevance of her physical appearance—physical attractiveness is a purely subjective judgement, in any case—to the story at hand. Nor do I think you got around sexism by noting the color of Dave Fowler's hair (but not his attractiveness). This too perpetuates the stereotypes of women as being recognized chiefly for their looks, while men are cited for their acerbic wit."

As a male feminist and gay activist, I offer these comments in the hope that your attitudes will change. After all, sexist oppression is the root of the state (if you want documentation there are many writers who have dealt with this extensively; among them Firestone, Engels and LeGuin), and therefore of all our oppression.

Being of sound mind
and empty ballot,
Shel Horowitz
Gay and Proud
Yellow Springs, Ohio

[Shel, I welcome your vigilance in the never-ending fight against sexism, but could you possibly concede that their may be other interpretations to what you observe? In the Michael/Carmichael case, the presumption to many readers, upon reading the (usual) sensational headline is that the State is picking on another minority group member (actually, I think he/she belongs to several). After all, NLW is an anarchist publication. And although we don't have any objectivist blacks on trial, to my knowledge, we did have a black anarchist debating a white statist reported in Chicago. Things get even more subjective in describing Diane & Dave, because some women like to be described as attractive in print and why disappoint them any more than offend the libbers? Surely you will not demand that they should lose a value to your opinions? I think there is plenty of room in the libertarian society for the Liberated, Gay and/or Proud with the Romantic, Straight, and/or Attractive. (Shuffle those around any way you like.) Perhaps I can arrange a meeting between you and Dave to see if he should be labeled attractive...? Before I close to Shel, are there any other readers who feel as he does?

NLW's presentation is subject to consumer demand (as its content is subject only to reality). —SEK3/

Dear Sam,

July 17, 1976

Your defense of counter-economics against Rothbard's attack was not only merely sound but brilliant. I did like the Block article in that issue of the *Libertarian Forum*. Nevertheless, Rothbard's article was one of his worst, in my opinion. Regardless of how one thinks about the party question, to ignore or downplay the earth-shaking importance of counter-economics as the path to the free-Anarchistic society, is surely to commit a gross and costly blunder. How the hell can such a society be created if no one sets up Anarcho-institutions? To wait for a free society to be voted in is to wait forever. It has never happened and it never will. Murray's almost 100% brilliant commonsense and scholarship is missing here. Oh well, you know all that.

In your article on the "End of the Libertarian Movement," I have one thought. I believe my Libertarian consciousness has developed more and more over these last two years and even past three or four months. I enclose a few essays and an attempted commentary that should illustrate how my ideas and feelings have evolved... My point is, to try to put it briefly, that I seriously question whether many calling themselves "libertarian" really and truly have developed their Libertarian consciousness to the degree necessary to form the nucleus of a Libertarian Society, as opposed to a mere movement. For example, how many live as libertarians? How many recognize the foundation truth of Anarchism? Namely, how many recognize that one is totally responsible for all his or her actions, be they good, bad or neutral? How many would refuse to own stock in establishment corporations, assuming they had the economic means to do so? How many would not take major positions with the banks, if offered? How many would not sell their souls if the monetary price was "right"? Who would rather live as a bum than join the ranks of the "higher circles"? Who has a passion for justice, over and beyond Randian "self-interest"? I am not saying that we don't have enough real Libertarians. I only wonder. I would really like to know. I have wondered about this question for a long time.

Let me say that I tremendously enjoy and benefit from NLW. Keep up the really good and creative work. I shall continue to share my thoughts and feelings as long as there is even the smallest market for them. I hope you continue to do the same.

Your Comrade in
The Libertarian Society,
Michael A. Nash
Memphis, Tennessee

[Good to hear from you again, Michael. And generally a right on! Maybe I "know all that" but I need letters from you and others out there to be sure the message is getting across, even if you disagree. Is the Libertarian Society sufficient yet? The market will decide, as always. —SEK3/]

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mittedly prepared by AT&T itself, have a dozen Senate and 125 House cosponsors.

Key provisions in the industry bill reaffirm the 1934 Communications Act findings on competition, give the states the power to regulate uses and rates for phone equipment in both intra- and interstate service, and require the FCC to deny operating certificates to communications firms unless it finds that their services are "not like or similar to any service or services provided by a telephone or telegraph" company.

In a typical example of Big Business-Big Labor cooperation, the Communications Workers of America (CWA) is enthusiastically lobbying for the bill with reluctant liberals.

AT&T has been spreading scare stories about what the result of allowing competition would be. Drastically increased rates, greater inefficiency, and railroad-industry-style bankruptcy leading to federal takeover highlight their propaganda.

Opponents of Congressional action accuse AT&T of trying to stamper the legislature into strengthening the traditional monopoly in communications services. They note that Bell Tel has been slow to introduce innovations in the system such as those the budding competition is offering, and that competition will encourage better quality and lower priced equipment and service.

Some opponents are also so unkind as to hint that Hartke's interest in the measure may be due in part to the sources of some of his campaign contributions: nearly \$5,000 from CWA groups, \$300 from the General Telephone Employees Good Government Club in Fort Wayne, \$600 from two company executives, and \$300 from the political action committee of the Indiana Telephone Association.

At the moment AT&T's bill is stalled in the Congressional process. But a special interest with the power of "Ma Bell" is not likely to give up even a relatively small cut of its \$29 billion annual revenues without one hell of a fight. —Eric Scott Royce

Speculations

Science Fiction for the New Libertarians

Coming Soon in NLW:

ANARCHONUKES AGAINST THE STATE

by Erwin S. (Pierre) Strauss

For some time, a discussion has been going on (in private correspondence and in open-forum publications) about the consequences for libertarians of the spread of nuclear weapons. The most controversial aspect of this discussion has been what opportunities (if any) there will be for libertarians to protect and advance their freedom through using (or threatening to use) nukes against the state. In *NLW* 35, a special supplement will appear summarizing this discussion.

The first part will cover alternatives to going nuclear. For the sake of argument, life-styles like Browneing out, going underground, political activism, "converting the Masses," etc., will be set aside. While these are attractive to some, many libertarians are strongly territorial. They're interested in having a place of their own from which they can broadcast, "Don't tread on me!" Without being bombed, embarrassed or invaded into submission—or oblivion. And without waiting for tens of millions of people to change their minds.

Alternatives to weapons of mass destruction for defending independent libertarian communities (ILC's) will be critiqued. These include assassination, sabotage, and other exotic schemes that read like James Bond. The drawbacks of non-nuclear means of mass destruction (such as biological warfare) will also be pointed out.

With the field narrowed down to nukes, a brief survey of the technical aspects will be given to provide background. Very general—no bomb plans (sorry 'bout that). Having concluded that thermonuclear devices thousands of times more powerful than the Hiroshima bomb will be cheaply and widely available in the near future, a detailed military/foreign policy for ILC's will be laid out. Following such a policy, an ILC will have the least risk of having to nuke population centers consistent with the greatest chance of being accepted by the world's states as independent of them.

Finally, various objections to the policy that have come up will be rebutted. These include both pragmatic problems, and broader ethical questions.

This supplement is bound to stir up a lot of controversy; but save your hate mail—and don't cancel your subscription—till *after* you've seen all the details! —ES(FP)S

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and private—should continue for some time more to come. As Nguyen Huu Tho pointed out, the state must 'use capitalism's qualities and curb its negative tendencies.'...He added it was necessary to be 'flexible, very realistic, and be able at times to fall back a little.' Principles couldn't be bent any further in a situation where officially the country is headed towards a socialist type of economy. It ought to be mentioned that even in the North there is a lively private sector nicknamed the 'under-the-counter sector'."

Beer reports dead-pan the complaint of North Vietnamese intellectual, Nguyen Khac Vien, on all this free enterprise: "When there is such a vast quantity of goods about, it is not only the rich who benefit. The crumbs shake out right down to the wretchedest hovel in Saigon."

Obviously, this is the dialectical Marxist explanation of why the counter-economy is so hard on the poor. But the People's Army and Cadre remain vigilant against the dangers of creeping enterprise. At least Viet Nam has its neighbouring Communist countries to back them up. "Peking is laying claim to the Paracel and Spratly islands..."

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August 5 None of the Above Meeting. Dale Nelson, 260 Westmoreland Drive, Vernon Hills, Illinois. (312) 362-7965. 8:00 P.M. Chicago area.

August 8 NOTA Talk. Barry Riccio on "U.S. Foreign Policy and Isolationism." 2:30 P.M. Donation. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 West Buckingham, Chicago. || **Michigan ALF Meeting.** Open to all libertarian persons. Hostess—Cheryl Bristol, 426 Walnut Blvd., Rochester (north of Detroit). Phone (313) 651-1405.

August 9 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Dr. James Carbone "Corporations and Their Critics." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$6.95), 8:30 P.M. for program (\$1). Beneficial Plaza Cafeteria, 3700 Wilshire (one block east of Western Ave.) Los Angeles.

August 12 Forum for Philosophical Studies. "Is God a Libertarian?" Lecture by George H. Smith. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M.

Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

August 14 Second Annual Ravinia Picnic. All Beethoven program. NOTA event. For details call (312) 935-0412. Chicago area.

September 2-6 MidAmeriCon, the 34th World Science Fiction Convention in Kansas City, Hotel Muehlebach. Well over 5000 SF fen expected, several hundred of whom are libertarians. Robert A. Heinlein is Guest of Honor. Admission is \$25, rapidly increasing to \$50 at the door to discourage Con overflow, but some libertarians will be coming just for the parties and socializing at the outlying hotels. Contact NLE if you want to be in touch with other refren attendees. Kansas City, Missouri.

September 9 Forum for Philosophical Studies. Debate again tentatively scheduled. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

September 13 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Robert Ringer, author of *Winning Through Intimidation*. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$6.95), 8:30 P.M. for program (\$1). Beneficial Plaza Cafeteria, 3700 Wilshire (one block east of Western Ave.) Los Angeles.

September 14-26 Sy Leon on Tour. Sy will be at Ritz Carlton hotel in Chicago from 14-19 and the Plaza in New York from 20-26, working on publicity and promotion for the League of Non-Voters, his new anti-voting book, and the Postal Consumers Union. For more information, call (714) 832-6234. Chicago and New York City.

September 16-19 Third Annual Gold and Monetary Conference. \$300, \$475 or \$475 joint husband & wife. Record attendance indicated. National Committee for Monetary Reform, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 865-9919. New Orleans.

September ?? NOTA Talk. "Whatever Happened to Armageddon?—The Paper Money System" by Jon Windness of Spencer Trask & Co., Inc. 2:30 P.M. Donation. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 West Buckingham. (312) 477-7000/(312)935-0412 for date. Chicago.

October 11 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Dick Nesbit on topic to be announced. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$6.95), 8:30 P.M. for program (\$1). Beneficial Plaza Cafeteria, 3700 Wilshire (one block east of Western Ave.) Los Angeles.

Please remember that to get your listing mailed out on time you must have it in at least one week before publication date (two weeks before cover date). All libertarian functions are listed except those which demand secrecy and those political activities which attempt to associate themselves with libertarianism.

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COUNTER-ECONOMICS NEWSLETTER IS OUT!

(July 20 || Phoenix) *International Shortage Reporter* (hereafter *ISR*) has mailed out its first issue to counter-economists and the curious around the country. The cover article introduces the science and practice: "Counter-Economics: What Does It Mean?" by Samuel Edward Konkin III.

The publication is important because it provides the link between libertarian theory and those engaged in libertarian practice. This no-longer "missing link" has the potential to simultaneously raise the consciousness and morale of black marketeers and economic individualists and create a vast new market for realistic libertarian ideas.

The newsletter (a triweekly) accomplishes this feat by providing hard information for investors and state-evaders—smugglers, dealers, hoarders, mercenaries, and "victimless criminals"—while treating the actions as moral and heroic, and explicitly explaining the reasoning why it is so.

Counter-Economics is perhaps the fastest-growing concept, certainly for an "underground" philosophy. From the growing schism in the libertarian movement over the "Libertarian" Party in 1973, several libertarian activists rethought the means to the end, rejecting the false dichotomy of "educationalism" or politics. In February, 1974, at the Free Enterprise Forum in Los Angeles, Samuel Edward Konkin III, organizer of the anti-LP faction **radical caucus** (now **NLA**), first talked about the need for a "Counter-Economy."

Konkin's basic accomplishment was to bring the East Coast "Rothbardian" systemisation of theory to a scramble of West Coast concepts, many of them contradictory, such as LeFevrianism, Galambosianism, Brownism, and

others more obscure. With his well-known adherence to rigorous consistency (called "purism" by Murray Rothbard), he formulated the steps needed to be taken from the present statist society with libertarian theory to a free society where the market defended individuals against "states" successfully. The steps began to be taken. Konkin's publication, *New Libertarian Notes*, began phasing from anti-statist (and anti-Party) material to pro-counter-economics articles. The **rc** split and the New Libertarian Alliance began the transition of the politicians to anti-politicians to counter-economists.

J. Neil Schulman organized two conferences called "CounterCon," and sympathetic big-name libertarians appeared to draw potential converts. (Robert Kephart later marketed many of the talks on tapes.)

The word was picked up by Diane Nobel from third parties early this year. Nobel is the editrix of *Freedom Today*, currently the second largest libertarian monthly. The publication, clearly heavily influenced by Harry Browne, pushes social freedom through personal liberation. Nobel decided to start a publication which emphasized economic freedom through personal action. A brochure was mailed out and by chance, *NLW* Finance Editor Charles Curley received it. The brochure mentioned that this newsletter was concerned with "Counter-Economics, 'Black' Markets and Underground Business" and Curley promptly informed Konkin of this independent action.

Konkin contacted Nobel and the two met with mutual friend Dave Fowler, now editor of the *International Shortage Reporter*. The trio found

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ANARCHIST/STATIST BASEBALL GAME

by Peter McAlpine

(July 12 || Detroit) The annual anarchist vs limited statist baseball game was played at the Michigan LP picnic on July 12 at Kensington-Metro Park. Over the years, the limited government team has dwindled to about 11, while the anarchists were able to field nearly 20 players. The outcome of this annual combat is determined by numbers as much as by skill. It was awfully difficult for the statist to get a hit while the field was packed with 20 anarchists. Thus, the game is a good measure of ideological conversion rate, rather than brute capabilities!

The final score, after 7 innings, was anarchists 7, statist 1. In spite of superior numbers, several of the anarchists were unable to maintain a clear focus and allowed the harried statist to score. Pete McAlpine put on a dazzling display, hitting a home run for the anarchists. Later he made a spectacular catch, juggling a ball for over 100 feet while he ran at full speed. He finally got a firm grip on the ball, but

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POOLE'S UNREALPOLITIK

(July 21 || Santa Barbara) Robert Poole, editor of *Reason*, advocates concealment of libertarian long-range aims and non-disclosure of "what appears to be a naive, utopian, and irresponsible position" for the purposes of electing Libertarian Party members to public office. Poole explicitly states this in his "Libertarian Realpolitik" editorial in Vol. 8, No. 4 (August 1976).

Poole has this to say to those who will disagree with him. "(1) The purpose of a political party is to elect people to office. Those libertarians who find this unpalatable should leave politics to the politicians and start or support educational libertarian groups."

Poole agrees with critics of the LP such as Samuel Edward Konkin III that the LP's purpose is to elect people to office, but Konkin notes that is the antithesis of the Libertarian goal. Poole also gives only the false dichotomy of politics *vs* education, ignoring activism.

"(2) It is not a compromise to face the necessity for evolutionary change and, therefore, to implement a long-term plan a step at a time. (3) Libertarians are under no obligation to advertise their ultimate goals every time they make a public statement, so long as they don't misrepresent or conceal their principles." Poole offers no suggestion on how this non-revealing differs from "concealment," though he finds a moral distinction. ■

ROTHBARD FINDS TARGET; MISSES

(July 5 || New York) Murray N. Rothbard completes a brilliant analysis of the Ford, Carter and Reagan candidacies as Rockefeller-Yankee, Morgan-Yankee, and Sunbelt-Cowboy choices among the four poles of the Higher Circles.

He then breathes a "sigh of relief" that the upstart Cowboys, represented by warhawk Reagan are beaten, and "we will get the closest thing to a Morgan *vs* Rockefeller contest since

1918."

Other interpretations of the same data Rothbard presents observe that Exxon-Standard stands to gain by Latin American interventionism far more than hip-shooting Cowboys, and that the Morgan interests are responsible for two world wars. Since Carter and Ford are more likely to drag the U.S. into another war than Reagan, and since the Yankees are established power while the Cowboys are parvenus, according to Rothbard's principled cheering of the fall of Saigon in the *Libertarian Forum*, one should prefer the Cowboys.

In a 1964 issue of the *Liberal Innovator*, Rothbard supports Texas-Cowboy/Morgan-Yankee Johnson against Sun Belter Goldwater on the same grounds, that Johnson would help the U.S. out of War in South-East Asia.

The Libertarian Forum (Volume IX, No. 6, June 1976), Box 341 Madison Square Station, New York, NY 10010. \$8 year. ■

ANOTHER ANARCHOJOURNAL

(July 17 || Memphis) Michael Nash, prolific letter-writer to *NLW* and *Reason*, has begun his own *Anarcho-Revolutionary Commentary*. The mimeo zine offers his positions and asks for letters, comments and donations.

Nash is a New Libertarian with a soft spot for the LP. Michael Albert Nash, 1042 Floyd Ave., Memphis, TN 38127. ■

SWISS REJECT FOREIGN AID IN REFERENDUM

(July 6 || Washington) Late last month the Swiss voters overwhelmingly rejected a proposed \$80 million foreign aid program that had the support of the nation's major political parties. The vote in the national referendum was 713,855 against and 550,557 for the proposal.

Commenting on the Swiss move, Rep. Joseph Gaydos (D-Pa.) noted: "Would the American people, if given the chance, authorize the billions we are still laddling out annually despite our runaway budgets and staggering deficits, money which, indeed, the Government is borrowing at high interest rates to give to others? I suspect the vote against this here would be as lop-sided as that in Switzerland which has no deficits, or money troubles." —Eric Scott Royce

NOBODY FOR PRESIDENT GROUP ORGANIZING IN D.C.

(July 6 || Washington) Phil Fellows, a long-time libertarian activist, has announced the establishment of a Nobody for President non-campaign headquarters in the heart of the enemy's territory—Washington, D.C. itself.

The office is located at 153 E St. SE, Washington, DC 20003. For more information, call (202) 546-2592. —ESR

EPISTLES, our letters to the editor section, will return next issue with Royce, Johnson, Pierre, and others.

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fell and severely wrenched his back. Unfortunately, Michigan's libertarian chiropractor, Shyla Brant, was not in attendance. McAlpine was forced to resort to beer as an anesthetic.

The annual picnic draws libertarian types not usually seen at LP events. An example was Mike Hoy, Proprietor of Loompanics Unlimited. Loompanics advertises an unusual selection of survival, self-defense, and guerrilla warfare books in *Reason* and other libertarian publications. (Loompanics Unlimited, Box 264, Mason, MI 48854.) Hoy is a long-time reader of and contributor to *Libertarian Connection*.

Bill Bradford, proprietor of Liberty Coins (300 Frandor Ave., Lansing, MI 48912) and another regular *Reason* advertiser, conducted an auction to raise money for the LP. He was able to sell coins contributed by himself and books contributed by Alpine Enterprises for well over their usual market prices.

Hal DeWaters and Ray Warner reported on their campaign in the gay community. So far they have received a warm reception to libertarian ideas. Their strategy is to pass out the LP's "It's About Time" cards in gay bars. Those who show interest are then given Ralph Raico's pamphlet on gay rights. Several thousand pieces of literature have been distributed in this manner.

All but a few of the State Central Committee were heartily in favor of the gay campaign and granted Warner's request for \$60 for an ad in one of Michigan's gay newspapers. —PM

COUNTER-ECONOMICS

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themselves in harmony, and Konkin wrote the lead article for the first issue, an introduction to the theory in simple terms eschewing libertarian rhetoric.

Fowler put together the rest with the help of *Freedom Today* staffers searching newsservices. The one-or-two paragraph Counter-Economic opportunities are listed in a short column on the left of each page.

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inspiration:

THIS IS THE TIME — NOW!

by Victor Koman

We've played their game long enough. The bitter taste in your mouth is the filth from *their* sandbox. Social democracy is the vilest sham with which Leviathan's defenders have ruled us for the past thousand years. You cannot stop the Mafia by becoming a Godfather. You cannot clean up a dung heap by joining the pigs in their wallow. You cannot cure cancer by treating it with carcinogens.

You cannot end the State by becoming a Statist.

Throw down the banner of Compromise; burn the flag of Expediency. Tear apart the standard of "After *we* get elected . . ." All are **dreams drawn** from the opiate of power lust, the drug offered by the State to addict and blind the idealist, to divide and conquer us all.

When the flow of history brings men to the point where a privileged few, through the power of the State, can control and dictate the lives of hundreds of millions of others, when they can destroy incentive, crush hope, and shatter lives, it is time for all free persons to cease their cooperation with these plunderers, these hideous creatures.

For those in power, those who control the State, those who support even the *idea* of a State have pillaged us through taxation. They have ravaged our currency with worthless paper, bringing chaos to peaceful transactions. They have slaughtered our children in their brutal wars, setting stranger against stranger who before had no reason to hate. They have strangled our thoughts by seizing the airwaves in *our* name for *their* purposes. They have choked our spirit, punishing our successes and rewarding our failures with their hordes of Regulators and Officers, who suck out our substance then call for our souls. They have ruined our Word, making Treaties and Agreements in *our* name when they had no right to speak for any but themselves, and then have forced us to back their nefarious deals with our lives. They have used their laws to white against black, worker against employer, young against old, and Man against Woman. These vile monsters, these wielders of the mace of Government, are nothing more than loathsome Thieves, Murderers, and Liars.

We owe them nothing, least of all the promise to abide by their rules in exchange for a division of their Booty, real or intangible.

It is the right of any Person, in light of the dreaded oppression to which all government leads, to break the chains of slavery which bind them to another and to guard precious Freedom from those who would steal it in the name of security for all. It is their right, their natural, glorious Right to ignore, decry, interfere with or destroy utterly any individual or group who rules by force—it is the Right of all Free Persons to cast off the State, to sever from their lives the *idea* of the State.

It is to the ends of Liberty that a revolt must serve, and so neither must its means be contrary to Freedom's principles. It is to the goal of Liberty which we pledge, again, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honour.



[Unlike the "Founding Fathers," I speak only for myself. Anyone who agrees with this Statement is free to sign it. Those who don't sign it aren't bound by it. —Victor Koman]

Don't Tread on Me— A Liberation Strategy

BY ERWIN S. (FILTHY PIERRE) STRAUSS

Many libertarians are familiar with a number of strategies for living the libertarian life—wilderness retreating, the black market, international mobility, and so on. While these are attractive to some people (mobility is my choice), others long to scratch the territorial itch: to enjoy the material and psychological benefits of a place from which one can broadcast to the world, "This land is mine; don't tread on me!" The problem is to do this without being bombed, embargoed or invaded into submission—or oblivion. And without waiting for tens of millions of people to be converted to libertarianism. This question has long intrigued me both as an intellectual exercise, and for the opportunities that what Donovan of the *Libertarian Connection* calls "Independent Libertarian Communities" (ILCs) would offer a mobilist.

One proposed strategy has been to emulate the civil rights movement. By showing a willingness to struggle and suffer non-violently for one's principles, it is suggested that the public might be shamed into staying the state's hand. But in addition to public sympathy being fickle, this tactic would be counter-productive. While it might tug at the bleeding heartstrings of a few Liberals to the tune of some "conscience money," it would tend to repel the people an ILC would need in order to survive—productive, autonomous, non-guilt-ridden investors and immigrants. These people are attracted not by "Freedom" (with a capital F) as a Cause for which to suffer and sacrifice, but in freedom (with a small f) as a tangible good of which to seize the greatest possible quantity at the least cost for the benefit of themselves and their posterity. An ILC would want to avoid anything that might lead people to identify it with martyrdom or other forms of "mortification of the flesh." The ILC's people would have to come on as free, and strong, and free *because* strong—here to stay regardless of who doesn't like them.

Another suggestion has been to assassinate officials who use or threaten coercion against ILCs. But there are few if any leaders in the world today whose elimination would have a significant and predictable effect on their nations' policy towards ILCs.

Nor would there be much of a deterrent effect. As an example, consider Gerald Ford. Despite two recent narrow escapes, he still wades into crowds and speaks from open platforms. Give the Devil his due: such men are not physical cowards. Appearing to "run scared" would have cost Ford much political face. Caught up in the fight of his political life, he realized that this could have tipped the balance. Given the choice of risking loss of power and risking death, he unhesitatingly chose the latter; and any leader who yielded to assassination threats would quickly find himself faced with the former.

Other ideas have run to sabotage and similar James Bond style derring-do. But I've found that these tend to involve very specific (and questionable) assumptions about how officials would react, and/or would require precise timing and execution of exacting feats. Those that don't would be useful only in achieving very limited goals.

No, I fear that the only effective check on state coercion in the future will be the only check that has had much long-term success in the past—the credible threat (or actuality) of forcibly destroying the state's power. Without the means to do this, the prospects are dim; with those means, the strategy to follow is literally "old as Moses." Like the Pharaoh's adversary, one says, "Let my people go!" If the oppressor refuses, one hits him (e.g., calls down a Divine plague). If he still refuses, one hits him again; and keeps on hitting until he relents or there's not enough left of him to refuse.

But what such means are available? The limited resources available to any likely ILC compared to the power of probable opponents strongly indicate weapons of mass destruction. Chemical (e.g., poison gas), biological and radiological (radioactive dust) weapons are imprecise in application and unpredictable in effect. (Also, since they don't affect inanimate objects directly, only the inflicting of megadeaths would have the desired effect. I find this distasteful.)

This leaves nuclear weapons. In practice, this means thermonuclear (H-bomb) devices. This is because once a fission (A-bomb) device of

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however small yield is available, it can be used to generate the fusion temperatures needed to detonate an arbitrarily large thermonuclear device (typically with several thousand times the yield of the fission trigger). This conversion (unlike building a fission bomb) doesn't involve getting or handling rare or toxic materials. Nor is the technology difficult.

(In fact, building an H-bomb is like falling off a log. When the original order to develop the H-bomb was given, the people at Los Alamos threw together three test models of different designs in less than a month, in the hope that one would come close enough to working to indicate the direction further research should take. All three worked perfectly.)

But how could an ILC get nukes? Most nuclear proliferation talk has centered on diversion of reactor materials. This is because the obvious countermeasure (outlawing nuclear power plants) has generated much wider political interest than non-proliferation of bombs *per se*. However, another source could be the new small-size, low-capital-investment techniques for producing fissionables developed in Germany, Israel and South Africa. Or the hassles of dealing with such materials could be avoided altogether by using lasers or electron beams to produce fusion temperatures directly.

Whatever the process, it seems clear that nukes will be generally available before very long—and from black market dealers even for those who don't want to "roll their own." My own estimate is that this will come to pass within five to twenty-five years.

(Of course, ILCs won't be the only people with nukes at that point. In the longer term, I expect most built-up areas to be nuked—by groups with political grudges, by frustrated blackmailers, by random kooks, or just by accident. Within a century, it's hard to see how most civilization on Earth can escape being wiped out—by a deliberately-started plague, by the detonation of large "dirty" bombs, or by any of a number of more exotic holocausts—for example, I'm told that a slight push on an asteroid a few miles in diameter, sending it into the Earth, would set up shock waves effectively homogenizing the outer part of the planet's crust. All in all, any terrestrial society will be pretty vulnerable. However, with a little luck, ILCs might be able to build and maintain the economic and technological base needed for space colonization, even as the states of the world go on consuming all the capital they can lay hands on. Well, at

least one can hope—never say that I'm a complete pessimist...)

Now on to details. Exactly how should an ILC proceed with a nuclear strategy? The first step would be to pick a site. The main criterion would be minimizing potential hassles. To this end, the site should be isolated from existing centers of population. A small, uninhabited, undeveloped island ("unowned" by libertarian standards) would be good. It should be in an area of the world dominated by a single great power, rather than in a contested region (there are no places on Earth not eyed covetously by at least one great power). This would simplify negotiations. Preferably, this power should be the U.S., since that's where the greatest source of investment and the largest market lies. To minimize loss of face by the great power, though, it should be a place claimed by a client state rather than within the borders of the great power itself. Latin America could be attractive.

At this stage, no undue interest should be shown in the site chosen. If preliminary business operations are needed to raise capital for the nukes, they should be conducted elsewhere, to avoid drawing attention to the site. If possible, they should be well dispersed, to avoid attracting attention to the operation as a whole.

The next step would be to obtain the nukes and plant them in place in the territory of the client state and (mostly) in the territory of the great power—in cities, near military installations, and a few in uninhabited places for demonstrations (if they should be needed). If the U.S. is the great power involved, the U.S./Canadian border is fairly porous, as is much of the U.S. coastline and even the Mexican border. The nukes could be brought in in pieces, each one not obviously part of a bomb. Many if not most parts could be bought domestically, with final assembly in the U.S.

The bombs would be equipped with radio detonators. A number of key ILC people would have the controls. They would be wired so that a certain "quorum" was required—no one person could detonate or prevent detonation of any bomb. No one person would know the exact location of all of the nukes (key targets would have multiple bombs).

Naturally, the venture should be organized and its members selected so that they have the greatest incentive to seek the success of the project, and the least motive to sell out to the state (or otherwise serve a conflicting interest). This would probably mean organizing the ILC as a proprietary community.

This would "privatize" the freedom gained by the ILC, giving the proprietors the ability to profit from their efforts and risk by requiring future immigrants and investors to pay for the benefits those efforts secured. Freedom is not free—remember the little red hen.

The people with controllers should stay apart physically as much as possible. Anyway, as the proprietors of the ILC, most of them would probably spend most of their time traveling the world seeking immigrants and investment, and generally making arrangements.

A token presence should be established at the site at the last minute—no more and no sooner, to avoid unnecessary risk.

At this time, the great power should be notified of the ILC's intentions. A sample *working* thermonuclear device should be presented for inspection by the target state's technicians. As few people as possible should be told what's going on at this point. If the ILC site is well isolated, the client country could be kept in the dark during this phase.

(I personally have some contacts in the U.S. establishment through which such notification and sample device could be forwarded to the Oval Office with a minimum of middlemen and a maximum likelihood of being believed. If those contacts are still active if and when someone follows this plan, they might contact me then—but for heaven's sake stay away from me until *after* everything is set. I have no desire to be involved as a principal in any ILC; and, given my notoriety on the subject of nukes, any contact would jeopardize security.)

Assuming the U.S. were chosen as the great power, the ILC's basic demand should be for diplomatic recognition and the granting of status as a "Most Favored Nation" (MFN) and a "Less Developed Country" (LDC). Its negotiator(s) should make clear that the ILC feels free to compel the cessation of *any* coercive acts at any time. But it should also be pointed out that the proprietors are not purist extremists. For the moment, they will settle for the abatement of coercive customs barriers and taxes represented by MFN/LDC status. No haggling over terms should be engaged in. With nuclear action the only recourse, this would be too risky.

To save face, the client country which had claimed the ILC's site could officially agree to sell sovereignty over the place to the ILC. The U.S. could complete the charade by expressing "regret" at the precedent the sale was setting, but "reluctantly" granting the



recognition and MFN/LDC status enjoyed by the client state inasmuch as the client nation "is, as a sovereign state, unquestionably entitled" to make the sale. At this point, of course, the strongman in the client country would have to be enlightened about the setup.

The initial threat to the great power would be to disclose the ILC's nuclear capability to the public. Such disclosure could cause panic—flight from cities, vigilante action to seal off cities against bomb smugglers, hysterical demands for pre-emptive action against the ILC, and so on. Neither the great power nor the ILC would want this to happen as long as it could be avoided. If the U.S. were indeed the great power involved, and balked at co-operating, a public announcement of the situation would be made (through contact with press organizations and/or direct radio and TV broadcasts), and a fairly large device would be detonated at a good altitude over the Atlantic Ocean southeast of New York City. This would rattle windows in New York, and be visible from Boston to Washington—spectacularly so if done at night. The prevailing winds would blow the fallout out to sea (if a non-fission trigger were used, the blast would be extremely "clean" in this regard).

If intransigence continued, the next step would be to hit isolated military targets. Only if that failed would cities be destroyed. In either case, as much notice as practicable would be given to allow evacuation. In the event of overt hostile action by the great power (e.g.,

invasion of the ILC, or arrest of its negotiators), a program of hitting one city each day until "good faith" negotiations resumed could be put into effect. Personally, I don't think that such drastic action would be needed. The window-rattler would probably be the furthest an ILC would have to go.

Once the basic terms of the relation between the great power and the ILC were settled, development of the site could get underway. As trade built up, the great power might try to probe the ILC's tolerance by petty harassment—customs delays, tax audits of investors, and so on. It could be hard to distinguish such probes from bona fide confusion about the terms. Therefore, instead of immediately going nuclear over such things, the ILC could assess fines against the offenders. Only if they refused to pay would force be used.

So here is the strategy. Some people have questioned whether stating it publicly might not reduce its effectiveness. But one shouldn't assume, like bureaucrats and conspiracy theorists, that secrecy is always the best policy. With wide publicity for the general plan from an early date, the problem of the opponent failing to accept that the ILC means exactly what it says, and defying the ILC in the belief that its proprietors are bluffing, is minimized. Naturally, details like names of people and places, and specific dates and times, should be kept confidential.

Others fear that such an "adventurist" strategy would subject the ILC to a higher risk of attack than clearly renouncing the massive use of force. But this again would put the ILC at the mercy of public opinion—not a strong position from which to recruit investment and immigration. There would also be the problem of credibility. However loud the renunciation, in a nuclear world the ILC's opponents would know that it could probably get nukes at any time by picking up the telephone and calling the nearest black market dealer. Thus prudence would lead opponents to act most of the time as if the ILC had and would use nukes. After all, how many people's pacifism do you trust enough to bet your life they'll stick to even in *extremis*? In any event, in a nuclear world a strong case could be made that any concentration of people or property was a likely target for black-mailers, guerrillas or kooks.

But most objections libertarians make are based on ethical grounds. They say carrying out this strategy would victimize bystanders. I myself am not a moralist. That is, I don't argue from any general theory of

ethics. But I can think of some arguments that might seem cogent to many libertarians—though not to Robert LeFevre.

(Speaking of absolute pacifists like LeFevre, those who reject his position on practical grounds but renounce weapons of mass destruction should realize that they are essentially adopting his position as regards dealing with the major powers of the world. That is, they are renouncing any *effective* recourse to force (retaliatory or otherwise). A closer parallel might be with a hypothetical person who accepted retaliation in principle, but objected to explosives—knives and swords are OK, but guns and bombs are out. Against gun-toting aggressors, virtually any attempt at retaliation would be suicidal. Technology marches on—metal weapons replaced stone, steel replaced bronze, explosive weapons replaced edged ones, and nuclear explosives are replacing chemical explosives. Anyone unwilling to use the prevailing weapons of the day should forget about recourse to arms altogether—and forget about openly flouting the authority of states prepared to use such weapons.)

Getting back to possible ethical arguments, one approach might be to respond to state coercion by demanding that the responsible officials commit suicide (or surrender themselves for punishment) and that they destroy (or allow demolitions experts from the ILC to destroy) the facilities and equipment used in the coercion. If they do so, then nukes are unnecessary. But if they refuse (which seems almost certain), then they are using the uninvolved people as "human shields," requiring one to harm the bystanders if one is to deal with the coercion. Thus any blood would be on their hands. This is analogous to Rand's position on hostages.

If this line is unconvincing, one could argue that the state is the praxeological owner of the property within its borders (including the physical persons of its citizens). That is, through taxation and conscription (as well as appeals to patriotism) the state in fact controls this property—at least, as far as concerns dealing with an ILC. These resources can and will be deployed as the officials of the state decree. There is no clear way to restore such property to whomever might have a claim to be the "rightful owner." Therefore, with full sympathy for such claimants, the ILC would proceed on the basis of the situation as it actually existed.

If both of these arguments seem less than cogent to you, perhaps you can think of others. But all of the ethical

reasoning I've heard on this sort of subject has seemed less than rigorous to me. I've encountered this problem often in trying to deal with many problems under whatever ethical system. That's why I'm not a moralist. Even the arch-moralist Rand admits that rights and other ethical concepts are irrelevant outside a given social context. She groups such cases under the rubric "lifeboat situations" (from the classic case of two people in a lifeboat with supplies enough only for one). I have found that many quite mundane-seeming situations take on "lifeboat" characteristics if considered in their total context (not arbitrarily restricting one's choices to conventional alternatives). As Shakespeare said, "There are things in Heaven and Earth, Horatio, undreamt of in your philosophies." The strategy above is an example of an unconventional approach to the much-discussed problem of getting free of state coercion. With apologies to Buckminster Fuller, perhaps we live on "Lifeboat Earth."

So there is my thinking. I invite other thoughts on these matters. In the meantime, what role do I see for myself in all this? I've taken a turn at being boss of a sort of ILC on the high seas, and I've decided that the hassles of leadership outweigh the satisfactions. Rather than a *capo*, a boss, I might consider becoming a *consigliere*, an elder statesman. But paying positions in such a capacity are in short supply.

What positive steps am I taking now? I'm in touch with a number of projects aimed at establishing ILCs. None is particularly impressive at this point, but a few have possibilities. As information can be made public, I'll pass it along. —Erwin S. Strauss

Books



Review:

THE POWER OF CONGRESS (As Congress Sees It)

Edited by R.S. Radford, Pine Tree Press, \$2.95.

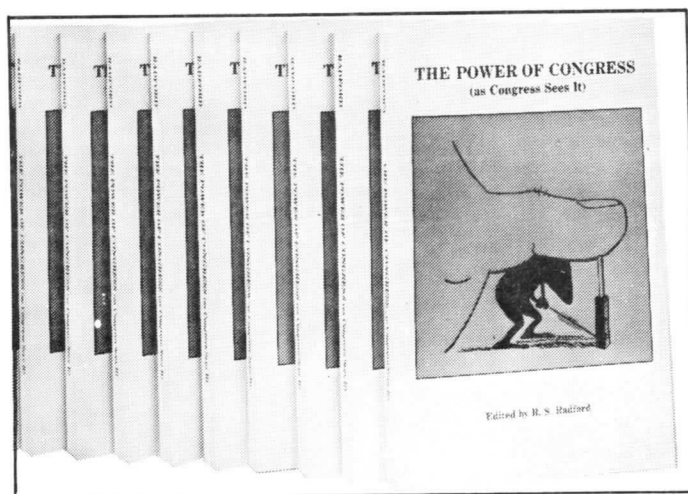
Is there any libertarian who, at one time or another, has not had the desire to write to all 535 national legislators asking them to resign? To most of us it is a fantasy contemplated but never acted upon; after all, what good would it do? Tilting at windmills!

Enter Robert LeFevre, the Man of La Paz. In 1972, Representative Paul McCloskey addressed a letter to the Forum for Contemporary History, of which LeFevre is a member, concerning political corruption. LeFevre re-

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Would you like to know what members of Congress say about their use of power over you?

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LeFevre's original letter and the ensuing correspondence have been brilliantly edited and annotated by R.S. Radford, who teaches at the University of Southern California. An active member of American Mensa, Ltd., Radford publishes the **LibSIG!** newsletter for libertarian Mensans.



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sponded to the query at length, raising the points first expounded by Lysander Spooner concerning the inherent contradictions between political representation and honesty, suggesting that the only way McCloskey could establish his integrity would be for him to resign.

Three weeks later, LeFevre sent a slightly edited version of his letter to McCloskey's 543 colleagues, concluding each letter, "On the presumption that my evaluation of your honesty is accurate, I respectfully suggest that the greatest service you could now render the American public would be to publicly resign from Congress and then to go home, contenting yourself with an exercise of only those rights and powers that all the rest of us have."

The Power of Congress is a collection of the ensuing lengthy correspondence—over one hundred letters between LeFevre and forty-six congressmen—edited with an introduction by libertarian Dick Radford, economics instructor at the University of Southern California.

The variety of Congressional responses to LeFevre's Spoonerian points on political "representation" versus the legal concept of agency ranged from serious consideration, through defensiveness (both intellectual and psychological) to outright abuse. An examination of them is quite revealing of the mentality of the power-tripper.

Some excerpts:

Representative Garry Brown: "Your simplistic approach to representative government does not permit of the view that a representative may legislate judiciously for the good of the nation and all its people even though, with respect to individual issues, the many conflicts and dilemmas you have posed may exist. I might suggest that under your view of things no father can properly and paternally represent all his children because, obviously, some of his decisions would entail the same conflicts of interest to which you have referred; carrying your irrational theory one step further, we all should resign from the human race due to the conflict which exists within us between the id and the ego."

Senator Lawton Chiles: "Your letter of May 5 is so logical that I really cannot understand why I have stayed here the past fourteen months. I am sure that the smartest thing to do would be for me to close up shop and go home as you suggest, but, as you have further suggested, by attempting to represent persons other than myself I have already, under your thesis, signalled my dishonesty as have all

other members of the Senate, House, and the President. So therein I guess lies the answer as to why we have not resigned."

Representative Gerald R. Ford: "May I thank you for your letter of May 5 with its excellent discussion of the concept of a representative's responsibilities to his constituency and the problem of moral and intellectual honesty."

"I found your letter most interesting and can assure you that I am a candidate for re-election to the Congress this year."

Representative John Paul Hammerschmidt: "I thought you might like to know that some darn fool is writing letters and signing your name."

Representative Jerome R. Waldie: "I found myself intrigued, if not fully convinced, by your interesting "agency" analysis of elected officials. Then I came to your last paragraph, and my self interest intruded into my efforts to intellectually consider your views. Consequently, I reject them."

Representative Bob Wilson: "I have received your letter and have read it several times and must say that it sounds as though you are educated beyond your intelligence."

In addition to such gems as these, there is also a lengthy back-and-forth between LeFevre and a number of congressmen on the representation concept, with an historical analysis by Radford. Informative and well written, though perhaps a bit repetitious at times.

In light of the recent "Washington Fringe Benefit" revelations, *The Power of Congress* is the ideal primer for those who are increasingly critical of Congress but are unaware of the root corruptions involved.

Reviewed by J. Neil Schulman

Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

August 8 *NOTA* Talk. Barry Riccio on "U.S. Foreign Policy and Isolationism." 2:30 P.M. Donation. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 West Buckingham. Chicago. || *Michigan ALF Meeting*. Open to all libertarian persons. Hostess—Cheryl Bristol, 426 Walnut Blvd., Rochester (north of Detroit). Phone (313) 651-1405.

August 9 *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles*. Dr. James Carbone "Corporations and Their Critics." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$6.95), 8:30 P.M. for program (\$1). Beneficial Plaza Cafeteria, 3700 Wilshire (one block east of Western Ave.) Los Angeles.

August 12 *Forum for Philosophical Studies*. "Is God a Libertarian?" Lecture by George H. Smith. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

September 2-6 *MidAmeriCon*, the 34th World Science Fiction Convention in Kansas City, Hotel Muehlebach. Well over 5000 SF fen expected, several hundred of whom are libertarians. Robert A. Heinlein is Guest of Honor. Admission is \$25, rapidly increasing to \$50 at the door to discourage Con overflow, but some libertarians will be coming just for the parties and socializing at the outlying hotels. Contact NLE if you want to be in touch with other refan attendees. Kansas City, Missouri.

September 9 *Forum for Philosophical Studies*. Debate again tentatively scheduled. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

September 13 *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles*. Robert Ringer, author of *Winning Through Intimidation*. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$6.95), 8:30 P.M. for program (\$1). Beneficial Plaza Cafeteria, 3700 Wilshire (one block east of Western Ave.) Los Angeles.

September 14-26 *Sy Leon on Tour*. Sy will be at Ritz Carlton hotel in Chicago from 14-19 and the Plaza in New York from 20-26, working on publicity and promotion for the League of Non-Voters, his new anti-voting book, and the Postal Consumers Union. For more information, call (714) 832-6234. Chicago and New York City.

September 16-19 *Third Annual Gold and Monetary Conference*. \$300, \$475 or \$475 joint husband & wife. Record attendance indicated. National Committee for Monetary Reform, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 865-9919. New Orleans.

September ?? *NOTA* Talk. "Whatever Happened to Armageddon?—The Paper Money System" by Jon Windness of Spencer Trask & Co., Inc. 2:30 P.M. Donation. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 West Buckingham. (312) 477-7000/(312)935-0412 for date. Chicago.

October 11 *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles*. Dick Nesbit on topic to be announced. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$6.95), 8:30 P.M. for program (\$1). Beneficial Plaza Cafeteria, 3700 Wilshire (one block east of Western Ave.) Los Angeles.

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