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Feminists Aid Hookers

Activists (Libertarian) Join Free Market Women in New York Streets

(July 16 || New York) Libertarian feminist Nancy Borman, publisher of *Majority Report*, and Margo St. James, founder of COYOTE ("Call Off Your Old Tired Ethics") staged a demonstration of women on behalf of black marketeers during the political orgy of the Democratic Convention.

Majority Report is "The Women's Newspaper," a 20 page tabloid bi-weekly with professional photography and graphics. The publication is generally considered more radical than *Ms*, *NOW* and such, but retains a rational, sober outlook. Ms. Borman is associated with the New York Association of Libertarian Feminists.

COYOTE is the major group in the United States agitating for the decriminalization of prostitution. Ms. St. James has organized three National Hooker's conventions and has appeared on many talk shows and in many publications.

The "cause celebre" for the libertarian activist and the practicing counter-economist was the "Ohrenstein Anti-Loitering Law," passed especially by the New York State Legislature to crush the hooker trade during the expectedly-profitable Democratic National Convention. The law took effect on midnight preceeding the gaveling to order.

Majority Report ran several issues with feature articles to recruit participants from the feminist movement. Their number of Vol. VI, No. 6 (July 24-August 6) reports on the results of the action.

The basic strategy was to mingle activist feminists with the professional prostitutes so that the state's police would be confused in attempting to make arrests. Simultaneously, the "consciousness" of the feminists participating would be "raised," in dealing with many of the problems of the black marketing women. Nancy Borman met Margo St. James at the

Woman's Craft Fair in New York, and together they planned to confound the political machinations of landlord-backed state senator, Manfred Ohrenstein.

Ms. St. James, in *Majority Report*, reports in true counter-economic fashion "The cabbies complained bitterly, comparing the Democrats with the Shriners for being cheap, loud and obnoxious," compared to the "riffraff" supposedly brought by the hookers. And she discerned, "The Democratic Convention was a massive display of police power. Four hundred officers stood in three-deep clumps on every corner within six blocks of the Mad Garden (@ \$15.00 per hour) for the entire week. No self-respecting hooker dared confront that many pigs empty-handed."

Nancy Borman editorialized, "...with the help of hundreds of brave lovers of liberty, the action was a roaring success.

"We had put the Mayor and the Police Commissioner on notice that we'd be out on the streets by the hundreds, 'dressed lightly for the hot weather,' and that our actions soliciting people to sign a 'PROPOSITION' against the Ohrenstein Law would make us easily confused with real hookers. We warned them that if 'sweeps' occurred, they'd be sure to round up a lot of us along with their intended victims—and we'd all sue for false arrest.

"We checked on the actual arrests under the law during our action, and learned that fewer than nine women per night were charged with 'loitering for the purpose of prostitution.' Eight arrests is no sweep, but at least one of those arrested was not a prostitute. Nor was she a demonstrator. She was covering the Loiter-In for the media—and is she ever pissed!

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Katz Purges Self

(July 19 || New York) The last straw was the nomination of Screw editor Al Goldstein for activist Howard Katz. He has resigned from the Free Libertarian (sic) Party and the libertarian movement.

Katz is best known for the formation of the Committee to Establish the Gold Standard and for driving Murray Rothbard to name-calling (Rothbard called Katz "an absurd Robespierre," "Reverend Katz" among others).

One of the Nathaniel Branden Institute's crop of objectivists, Katz was an investment counselor who caught the libertarian bug. Becoming a full-time activist in the 1970s, he stubbornly retained a "jeffersonian" minarchism while the rest of the movement went anarchist.

Katz's puritan-like radical minarchism put him on the same side of the barricades as the Free Libertarian Party "left sectarian" Rothbardians, and his "Constitutionalists" with Sandy Cohen's upstate minarchists, usually supported radical caucus candidates. Katz was one of the very few minarchist libertarians to join the New Libertarian Alliance; NLAers often carried the black flags at his otherwise conservative-appearing pro-gold demonstrations.

Even though the NLA was explicitly out to shatter the LP, Katz saw the conflict as an anarchist schism, the

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The Week

NEWS OF THE LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

BRAY SNARES PHOENIX

(August 4 || Warminster) Karl Bray, tax rebel and libertarian, won the only award for libertarian achievement. This award, the Phoenix, is voted upon by the membership of the Society for Individual Liberty, and it winner was announced in SIL's August newsletter, *Individual Liberty*.

Bray beat out psychiatrist Thomas Szasz for the 1976 award, philosopher Robert Nozick and Tibor Machan, and politician Roger MacBride. Previous recipients of the Phoenix (begun in 1970) were Ludwig Von Mises, Murray Rothbard, and Ayn Rand. ■

MACBRIDE SWIPES AT HARD CORE IN PUBLIC PRESS

(August 5 || Los Angeles) "Ideologues" of the libertarian movement "should stick to their supper clubs," Roger MacBride was quoted as saying. Some space in a small article on his candidacy was given to attacks on libertarians opposing his candidacy.

The story in the Thursday, August 5 issue of the *Los Angeles Times* was one of several in that issue on minor party candidates of the Libertarian (sic) Party, Socialist Workers Party, Socialist Labor, etc.

The reporter for the *Times* noted a lack of colleagues attending MacBride's press conferences (see *NLW* 30 on press lack of interest in Chicago). Again, MacBride was seen as hotly denying association with revolutionaries and anarchists (see Chicago article).

The Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles is attended by more libertarian activists than any other group in the world. Roger MacBride has no record of any activism whatsoever. ■

TAX REFORMERS TRY YET ANOTHER VOTE

(July 6 || Lansing, Michigan) Taxpayers United, a group wishing to prevent taxes from rising indefinitely, has submitted 320,000 signatures, 55,000 more than is needed, to have their proposed constitutional amendment appear on the Michigan November ballot. Their proposal would limit state taxes and spending to 8.3 per-

cent of the yearly personal income of Michigan residents. The proposed amendment would also limit the State's ability to order programs without having the money to pay for them.

Sixty state legislators have endorsed the amendment, but Michigan Governor William Milliken (Republican) has announced his opposition to it.

—Ron Chusid

CORPORATE TAX ABOLISHED?

(July 19 || ZNS) A Washington tax expert reports that Congress and President Ford have accidentally abolished the entire federal corporate income tax.

Linc Arnold, a tax consultant to Florida Congressman Sam Gibbons, says that an inadvertent typographical error in the Revenue Adjustment Act of 1975 has legally abolished to corporate income tax law. That law brings \$46 billion into the U.S. Treasury annually.

Arnold explains that the embarrassing error went unnoticed when President Ford signed the tax bill last December, and when the official version was reprinted in the *Congressional Record*. The error was uncovered in February, Arnold says, but it has not been corrected yet.

Congressman Gibbons has since drafted a resolution, which has yet to be voted on, to restore the corporate tax. In the meantime, according to Arnold, corporations are technically getting off scot-free. ■

BIRCHER UNIVERSITY COMING

(July 16 || ZNS) The John Birch Society has announced plans to open up the "John Birch University"—at an as-yet undisclosed site in California—in 1979.

The right-wing anti-communist group says that the president of its first university will be 74-year-old retired army Colonel Laurence Bunker. Colonel Bunker, a Birch Society co-founder, recently served as Chairman of the New England Rally for God, Family and Country.

A Birch spokesperson predicts the school will shortly become "the finest university in the world." ■

1976—YEAR OF NON-VOTER?

(July 6 || 1976) As the Bicentennial political year drags on, there are increasing indications that the American public will register its disapproval of

the Washington politicians by staying at home on election day. The voter turnout in the 1972 election was the lower in recent presidential election history, and this year's turnout may be even lower.

This trend has been readily apparent from the very start of the primary season. In the hard-fought New Hampshire race, fewer than one third of the state's registered voters bothered to go to the polls. The turnout was nearly 20,000 less than in 1972. In percentage figures, only 32.5% voted this year, as opposed to 39.5% in 1972 and 37.3% in 1968.

In Florida the story was the same. There was a fall-off from the 1972 figures. A survey of non-voters in the Sunshine State by the *Washington Post* showed that many voters stayed away from the polls because they felt it doesn't make "any difference whether the Democrats or the Republicans win the presidency in November." Many of those who *did* vote were equally disgusted.

—Eric Scott Royce

Although a survey published in the June 26 issue of *Congressional Quarterly* showed that, overall, the percentage of registered voters casting ballots in the first 19 primaries this year was up slightly—about 1.2%—over 1972, this result was attributable primarily to greatly increased turnout in only three states. The three are Pennsylvania, Illinois, and South Dakota. By contrast, voter turnout dropped in 11 states, while showing moderate increases in 5 more.

The time is ripe for the founding of Counter-Campaign chapters around the country. The people no longer seem so easy to fool... —ESR

ALEXANDRIA VOTERS ENDORSE DECRIMINALIZATION OF POT

(July 23 || Alexandria) A poll just released by the Virginia branch of NORML, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, indicates that more than half the voters in the city of Alexandria favor decriminalization of pot.

The poll, commissioned by NORML and conducted by Contemporary Political Consultants, a firm generally identified with Republican campaigns, showed that 29.7% favored only a minimal fine and 26.3% no punishment whatsoever for those caught smoking grass. Fourteen percent felt that marijuana was a less harmful

drug than alcohol, and 30.3% agreed that it was no more harmful.

Only 10% of those polled believed that marijuana smokers should be given a jail sentence.—Eric Scott Royce

NEWS NOTES

A statewide meeting of Virginia Libertarian Alliance leaders is scheduled for July 31 in Arlington.... While libertarian-conservative Kathryn Coe Royce is attending the national GOP convention as a Reagan Alternate, many other Metro DC libertarians will be lending their assistance to the McCarthy campaign and to getting the Nobody for President drive off the ground.... I will be writing a regular column for *Libertarian Review* on DC political follies. —Eric Scott Royce

Dollars Now Small Change

(July 7 || A sign of the times we live in is the report that the federal government is soon planning to issue a new one-dollar coin.

The coin, dubbed the "cartwheel," is being issued simply because of inflation. The problem, according to Treasury Department officials, is that nickels, dimes and even quarters don't buy much these days, and a bigger coin is desperately needed for vending machines.

Epistles

FROM THE NEW LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

To the editor: July 23, 1976

I feel compelled to respond to some of Jim Casterline's comments in *NLW* 31 regarding my piece in *NLW* 26 on the Weaver-Nathan-Lausmann Congressional race in Oregon.

If Jim will look over that article again, he'll discover that I did criticize Weaver's economic views as excessively interventionist, though not as much so as many of his liberal colleagues. My point in the piece was that Weaver is no worse than most Members of Congress on economics and far better than the herd of civil liberties and foreign policy questions.

Since that article was printed, Weaver has again demonstrated his commitment to civil liberties on a major roll-call. Rep. Symms submitted an amendment to the Treasury and Postal bill that would have abolished the IRS informer program. The amendment failed, thanks to the votes of many Establishment conservatives against it; Weaver supported Symms.

I believe that at this point in time foreign policy matters are of greater import to us than economic ones, in large part because regardless of who is

elected in the foreseeable future there will be little change in the regulatory economic policy of the U.S. On the other hand, the election of many more right-wing jingoists could spell another Vietnam-style conflict and/or obliteration in a nuclear holocaust. As someone once said, there are worse things than war—and war brings all of them. And as long as we haven't been blown off the face of the earth, there's always a chance of educating enough Americans to change economic policy in the long run.

Scott Royce
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Sam,

July 30, 1976

I've noticed that several times you have mentioned the author Robert Anton Wilson. Now, while you have mentioned that he is a libertarian, no where have I seen you say what kind he is. Well, from what I have read of his, I would say that he is a Thelemite. A Thelemite is someone who follows the philosophy of Aleister Crowley.

This can be summarized in the statement "Do What Thou Wilt Shall Be The Whole of The Law." As anyone who has heard of Crowley knows, Crowley and his followers are into Magick, the Qabalah and other heretical creeds (to some libertarians). So, what would be very interesting, if Wilson were willing to do it, would be a supplement dealing with Magick, Crowley, Thelema and their relationships to libertarianism.

Richard Johnson
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

[You must be using a crystal ball, Richard! An interview with Wilson is being conducted by Eric Geislinger and Duncan Frissell at this very moment for NLW. We may even get Wilson to become a regular for NLW, and thus hopefully he will be glad to answer any questions the interview failed to answer. Now, how's that for service?]

—SEK3]

Dear Sam,

July 26, 1976

Interesting about the Soviet black market. I ran a piece in the *LC* about the situation in Burma, where the legal economy is entirely nationalized (no small private shops, as in the Soviet bloc). A large market (bazaar style) was recently dedicated in a public ceremony with the clergy in attendance and all the trimmings. It consists entirely of private shops, and is known simply as "The Black Market." No taxes, no regulations—just straightforward cash bribes. No forms to fill out, no inspections to pass, no price controls. All in all, about as libertarian as any activity of its kind in the world. There's no question about a crack-down—most of the country depends on the black market for sheer survival.

The state simply overplayed its hand, and now finds the retail industry completely out of its control. Do you think our home-grown statist will get the message? Or maybe we should just keep quiet and encourage every move toward tighter controls...

Yours,

Pierre (Erwin S. Strauss)
Lanham, Maryland

[No, I don't think they'll "get the message" and no, I don't think we should keep quiet and encourage. Of course, we shouldn't waste time on repeals and such folderol, but educate, encourage and enlighten those who may be inspired to go counter-economic.]

—SEK3]

Speculations

Science Fiction for the New Libertarians

Cain Smith Prozone Reviews Analog August 1976

Shadrach in the Furnace (part 1 of 3), Robert Silverberg. Shadrach Mordecai is a decent man serving an indecent cause. The situation is a standard one for sf (as for many other genres). So far, the plot looks like advancing along ruts well-worn when Silverberg began writing. From discomfort in his role as personal physician to the world ruler, Mordecai will pass into rebellion. (Unless Silverberg has a surprise ready, he'll rebel because Genghis Mao wants his body as a new home.)

The world dictatorship is standard fare; perhaps less believable than most, because its efficiency fits badly with the decayed world it controls. The precipitating catastrophe—a volcanic eruption sets off war, which happens to include among its weapons a disease with precisely the symptoms the author finds convenient—is even harder for me to believe.

I don't feel that Silverberg believes any of this either. I think he simply chose a story on which to hang his style. As with all but the best Silverberg work, there's no discernable emotion. People die and make love without caring.

Probability Zero, Hayford Peirce. Proof that *Analog's* subscription rates go down in length in such a way that a ten-year subscription will be free. A shoddy job of extrapolation; a few minutes of thought might have shown Peirce that *Analog* pays the subscriber a dollar for an eleven-year subscription.

Render Unto Caesar, Eric Vinicoff and Marcia Martin. Extraterrestrial colonists win their freedom. (This time, they're on Mercury; and their system is a planetary corporation. Do

these details matter?) I like Vinicoff and Martin's brand of corn—but I wish they'd hurry up and begin writing something better.

The Tomkins Battery Case, Bud Sparhawk. A man kept seemingly alive by prosthetics after his brain has died. Unfortunately, the idea is used strictly for farce. Sparhawk (if he's not a pseudonym for an established pro) is skilled enough to be worth watching.

The Far Traveller, A. Bertram Chandler. Run-of-the-mill Grimes tale. Unlike too many *Analog* contributors, Chandler knows how to construct a series story. This can be read by someone completely unfamiliar with the series; but it gains if one is familiar with the Grimes universe.

The Reference Library, Lester del Rey. Del Rey aims pointed remarks at those who feel they have a stake in bringing SF into the mainstream. Using *The Boys From Brazil* and *Where The Sweet Birds Sang* as examples, he gives more good advice on writing SF than is found in at least one book on the subject (That books being *Notes to a Science Fiction Writer*, by the editor of *Analog*.)

Bova's editorial discusses a subject already amply discussed in newspapers. An SF magazine should be ahead of rather than behind the papers—preferably, ahead of *Scientific American*. —Cain Smith

KATZ PURGES SELF

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results of which would purify the Libertarian Party into minarchist control. In 1974, the NLA left; in 1976, Rothbard's clique. Katz won.

Katz won recognition as an inveterate letter-writer to friends, to opponents, to editors, and even mass-mailed open letters. Characteristically, he resigned from the FLP with a letter. Some excerpts follow:

"The issue of allowing the liberty to pursue vice (so long as it does not violate the rights of others) and the issue of support of vice itself have to be carefully distinguished... The nomination of a professional pornographer so confuses the two issues that it will henceforth be impossible to convince people that the LP is not simply a pro-vice party. I cannot support this nomination; I have other moral values besides liberty."

"Although some have argued that one should never try to understand another person's motives, I am fundamentally opposed to such an idea. To close off an area of reality..." Ascribing motives to his opponents probably did more than anything else to earn Howie Katz their infuriation and fury.

Yet Katz can write 'I owe an apology to Murray Rothbard and the others whom I have opposed on the issue of purism. I had hoped to raise the moral level of the LP to a higher plane than that of the major parties... When Dr. Rothbard accused the purists of wanting to nominate a junkie who would shoot up on TV, I thought that was a smear; no one on our side wanted to do that. I was wrong. They did it.'

Katz, as a character, is now a loss to the libertarian movement. "Please don't call me a libertarian. I'm a classical liberal in the Jeffersonian tradition." Those who saw primarily his abrasive motivational analysis will breathe a sigh of relief; those who saw him primarily as an unbending figure of high principle, and consistency as he understood it, will add a sigh of grief.

Katz's letter should appear in full in the August issue of FLP's *Free Libertarian* (15 W. 38th St., Suite 201, New York, NY 10018, \$7.50/year). Howie's final "New York Report" for *NLW* will appear next issue, in our "New Classical Liberal Jeffersonian Notes." ■

FEMINISTS & HOOKERS

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"We could tell that the action was working the way we wanted it to when a police officer at Times Square told a TV reporter (unofficially) that the 'word was out' on the Loiter-In and that the police were afraid to touch anyone under the new law that week. 'We're being set up for a false arrest charge,' he complained. Elsewhere in Midtown police would freeze midway in arresting women muttering as they slinked away something about 'Coyotes' or 'feminists.'

"The 'word was out' among the streetwalkers, too. And most of the prostitutes we encountered showed signs of recognition of the action. 'You're those feminists,' one woman laughed, and told us she supported the Loiter-In.

"The sight of the 'PROPOSITION' was a dead giveaway to the cops that they had nabbed the wrong women... which is probably why the real hookers volunteered so enthusiastically to carry the petitions, too.

"A sour-faced journalist putting down the whole plan at our July 12th press conference made a sweeping gesture at four Loiter-In participants, saying, 'These girls would never be mistaken for prostitutes.' Three of the four were prostitutes."

Majority Report, 74 Grove Street, New York, NY 10014. \$5 year. ■

Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

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 freeman 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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CZECH WINS FIRST GEORGE ORWELL PRIZE

(August 1 || London) Ludvik Vaculik won the first George Orwell Memorial Prize. His latest manuscript had just been confiscated by the Czechoslovak police.

George Orwell was a libertarian socialist and author of the best-selling warnings of totalitarian trends *1984* and *Animal Farm*. Orwell turned against Social Democrats for refusing to fight for their beliefs in Spain (calling them "Parlor Pinks") in 1936, then he turned against the Communists after their backstabbing of the Anarchists and Liberals in the Spanish Civil War. Though Orwell never accepted the positive economic understanding of the modern libertarian position, he ended up opposing all the same enemies and evils.

The British publisher Penguin Books sponsored the prize to memorialize the late anti-statist and award it to those writers struggling in his mode. The *Manchester Guardian* (August 1, 1976, *Weekly* edition) printed a report on the prize and the effect of it on Vaculik's life. The reporter, W.L. Webb, says that Vaculik is "unpublishable since 1969, and recurrently harassed by the Czech thought-police."

Webb consider Vaculik "a superbly apt choice for their new, Penguin-sponsored prize, honouring one great patriot in the name of another, and coming at a time when Vaculik badly needs to be remembered and accorded the international recognition he deserves as a writer in the unbiddable Hasek tradition."

"When George Theiner, of *Index*, got through to him by telephone last week, Vaculik as so overwhelmed that it took him minutes to unscramble the fact that the call from London was in Czech. Neither he nor Penguin expects that he will be allowed to collect

his £500, and so far there has been no reply to the telegram sent to give the good news to the Czechoslovak Minister of Culture."

Webb considers Vaculik the voice of the "human face" of 1968 Czech revisionist socialism. He quotes from Ludvik Vaculik's speech at the Prague Writers Conference in Autumn of 1967. Vaculik said then, "Assuming that none of us was born to make his life easy for his rulers...the first law of power is its desire to continue. It reproduces itself in ever more faithful copies... Power prefers people of the same inner constitution a itself. But since these are in short supply, it has to make use of other people too and adjust them to its needs."

The most serviceable subjects are, of course, people who themselves long for power, and then people with a bad conscience, and people whose appetite for comfort, advantage and profit know no moral limits. For a certain time, in certain circumstances, and for certain purposes, it can make temporary use of various moral absolutists and altruistic but ill-informed enthusiasts like myself."

Ludvik Vaculik's 2,000 word position was the pretext for the Soviet State's final pressure on the Dubcek liberals. Vaculik has two novels in print, *The Axe* and *The Guinea Pigs* (available in Penguin paperback), and he has an out called "Impressive Thoughts, Open Letter to Dr. Waldheim" (published in *Index*, Volume 4, No. 4). [NLW will have a review of *The Guinea Pigs* in an upcoming issue.] ■

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ANTI-TAX ACTIVISM

IN NEW JERSEY!

by Ralph Fucetola

(July 25 | North Arlington) The Tax Revolt has reached a new level of activism with the declaration of a General Tax Strike in New Jersey to prevent the collection of the state's first income tax. That tax was passed only after collusion between the governor and the state supreme court (which shut down the schools for several weeks as blackmail to get the legislators to increase state money for education) cowed a bare legislative majority.

The struggle against the state income tax has been raging for six years. It has seen the continual defeat of pro-tax legislators and bond issues. The result is a 2½% "temporary" tax (rather than the 7% permanent levy the taxers wanted). The starting date for withholding has been postponed several times and is now October 1st. The result is also a developing alliance among local taxpayer leaders, libertarians and anti-establishment conservatives and moderates.

The drive for a General Tax Strike ("if we each just strike a little, we will strike out the big spenders") will climax in a mass tax relief rally in Trenton at the State House on Saturday, September 18th, at noon. This date is especially significant since last week's demonstrations caused the latest "withholding day" postponement. The concept of the General Tax Strike is one which libertarians ought to support: the message is that you do not have to be a victim any longer.

The activism is getting nationwide coverage. An article by Jack Anderson on "Tax Revolt" appeared in the nationally syndicated *Parade* magazine supplement of Sunday, June 27th. A picture of libertarian hyperactivist Kathy Greene illustrated the column, with Kathy in a barrel and carrying signs. It was taken at a demonstration in Trenton, and fortunately, it ties New Jersey taxpayers in with the strike all the more, making our legislators know that we mean business.

—Ralph Fucetola

Speculations

Science Fiction for New Libertarian Thought

REASON DROPS PIERCE, SF, FAIR PLAY

(August 11 || Santa Barbara) In a surprise move, *Reason* magazine has cancelled John J. Pierce's long-running bimonthly column on science fiction. Earlier, the somewhat-libertarian publication had degraded the subject by changing his logo to the insulting "Sci-Fi" (equivalent of "nigger" to a science fiction SF fan).

Reason's excuse was that Pierce's column ranked "last in reader interest." No attempt was made to measure the interest of the readers, though a "reader's survey" counted noses.

Pierce's column was the only feature of consistently high quality in the Poole-Klausner-Machan journal, and of appeal to those with interest outside the narrow range of LP flackery. Joe Cobb's Frontlines column twisted an article on Sy Leon's League of Non-Voters into a plug for the "MacBride For President Committee" in the same issue, linking the utterly opposed groups.

Opinion among the New Libertarians is that *Reason*, which had been showing hopeful signs earlier this year, is dropping in taste, fairness, and quality, to the status of a shrill, anti-literate partisan organ. ■

PIERCE PUBS PREMIERE

(August 8 || Berkeley Heights) The first issue of John J. Pierce's new publication *Tension, Apprehension & Dissension* is out with a co-editor (Paul Walker), Professor Thomas J. Roberts, Donn Brazier, Don D'Amassa, Dwight Decker, and Timothy P. Lewis.

Pierce's *Renaissance* formerly appeared in *New Libertarian Notes* and was scheduled to return as a *New Libertarian Weekly* supplement until communications broke down between Pierce and New Libertarian Enterprises. According to the *T.A.D.* editorial, Pierce has still not received recent mail from NLE.

The new fanzine is 42 pages of mimeoed typescript. Subscriptions are \$2 for 4 issues (roughly quarterly) and are available from Paul Walker, 128 Montgomery Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003. ■

TheWeek

NEWS OF THE LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

MILDRED LOOMIS ILL

(August 12 || Freeland, Maryland) A grand old lady of the libertarian movement, Mildred Loomis, was reported to have fallen seriously ill in late 1975. *Seeds of Change* (Report from the School of Living) says she is much better now and is writing a history of Dr. Ralph Borsodi and the School of Living founders.

Ms. Loomis was an activist contemporary of Rose Wilder Lane, Isabel Patterson, and young Ayn Rand. She has written for *NLN/W* on the decline of "liberals" and reviewed several books.

Those wishing to express sympathies may try *School of Living, Route 1, Box 129, Freeland, MD 21053*. ■

SIL DEBATES ETHICS OF VOTING

(August 2 || Warminster) An article by George Morrone in a recent *Individual Liberty* accepting voting has raised a storm of controversy in the Society for Individual Liberty. A high-placed SIL source has confided to *NLW* that the office is divided 4 to 1 against Morrone's stand and against politics.

George Morrone will debate SIL director Don Ernsberger on the ethics of voting in the November issue of the SIL publication. *Individual Liberty*, P.O. Box 1147, Warminster, PA 18974. ■

STATE GOES AFTER FREE LANCE SOLDIERS

(July 16 || ZNS) The U.S. Justice Department reports it has launched a nationwide investigation into the possible illegal recruitment of American mercenaries who fought in the Angolan civil war.

Justice officials report that there are "mercenary-related investigations currently underway in several parts of the United States."

The announcement was made in response to criticism that federal authorities have been "selective" in prosecuting Americans involved in foreign operations.

The criticism was leveled after the government obtained indictments against three Texas men who recently confirmed they financed or engineered the armed break-out of at least 14 Americans from a Mexican jail last March.

The three Americans, Sterling Davis, Don Fielden, and William Hill, have been indicted on conspiracy and firearms charges.

In the meantime, one admitted mercenary recruiter—David Bufkin of Fresno, California—has openly boasted of ignoring U.S. laws by hiring paid soldiers to fight in Angola. Bufkin personally takes credit for signing up a number of American mercenaries including Daniel Gearhart, the American who was executed in Angola recently. Bufkin claims the money for the operation came from the C.I.A.

The Justice Department emphatically denies it is showing any "favoritism" by failing to prosecute mercenary recruiters, while—at the same time—cracking down on the leaders of jail raids into Mexico.

A Department spokesperson insists that mercenary investigations are underway and predicts that the prosecution of recruiters is imminent. ■

MERCENARIES KEEP RECRUITING ANYWAY

(July 26 || ZNS) Despite the recent trials and executions of mercenaries in Angola, the active recruitment of mercenaries is continuing inside the United States.

The *Seattle Times* reports it has interviewed two recruiters, who have identified themselves only as "Duke" and "Rommel", and who claim they have been placing mercenary recruitment ads in newspapers throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The two, who explain they don't want their true names published out of fear for their lives, state that about 100 persons have purchased information from them about fighting opportunities in Rhodesia.

Duke and Rommel say they regularly conduct eight-hour background seminars on Rhodesia.

One ex-Navy man, 23-year-old Tom Nobles of Bellevue, Washington, is quoted by *The Times* as stating that he has signed up for \$2000 a month to fight against black guerrillas in Rho-

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desia. Nobles stated he was supporting the white regime because—in his words—"ninety percent of the blacks in Rhodesia are primitive peoples... they're going to have to be brought into the 20th Century."

Recruiters Duke and Rommel insist they are not violating U.S. anti-mercenary laws: they argue that they are not actually soliciting fighters, but are merely selling information to interested parties. ■

STATE "ADJUSTS" MEN TO COMING DEATH

(July 26 || ZNS) The State of Florida is planning a series of prison seminars to psychologically prepare death row inmates for the electric chair.

Prison officials say that the unusual counseling service—designed to take the anxiety out of dying—is similar to the therapy given to terminally ill cancer patients. ■

ANARCHIST ROCK STAR BEATS STATE IN COURT

(July 29 || ZNS) In case you haven't heard, John Lennon finally won permanent residency status in the United States this week.

In a one hour hearing, Judge Ira Fieldsteel—who three years ago refused the ex-Beatle residency because of an earlier marijuana bust in England—awarded Lennon his "green card" status.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service, which in the past has contested Lennon's residency request, said they had no more objections. Judge Fieldsteel was assured that Lennon would not go on welfare.

Yoko Ono, Lennon's wife, has been a "permanent resident" for three years, and their nine-month-old son, Sean, is already a U.S. citizen. ■

BIG CORPORATION PULLS COUNTER-ECONOMICS

(August 4 || ZNS) *The New York Times* reports that the Mobil Oil Corporation is now being investigated by both the United Nations and the United States Treasury on charges that it has used an elaborate "paper chase" to disguise the flow of gasoline and other oil products from South Africa to Rhodesia over the last decade.

A variety of laws and sanctions, some of them in effect for ten years, have been imposed to prevent trade with Rhodesia by other nations. Under federal law, it is illegal for American companies to provide Rhodesia with any goods except supplies required for basic needs.

Last month, however, a documented report released by the United Church of Christ alleged that Mobil Oil had fashioned an elaborate and secret chain of bogus companies to disguise the flow of gasoline and other oil products to Rhodesia. The purpose of the "paper chase," according to the Church of Christ's report, was to confuse investigators and disguise the fact that Mobil's South African affiliate was selling as much as \$20 million a year in oil products which ended up in Rhodesia.

The Times reports that it has been able to independently verify at least several of the charges contained in the Church of Christ documents.

One unsigned document from Mobil Oil explains how the "paper chase" may have worked. The document, labeled "confidential," said: "a carefully planned 'paper chase' is used to disguise the final destination of these products. This is necessary to make sure that there is no link between MOSA (Mobil Oil South Africa) and MOSR (Mobil Oil Southern Rhodesia's) supplies."

The document goes on to say that "This paper chase, which costs very little to administer, is done primarily to hide the fact that MOSA is, in fact, supplying MOSR with products in contravention of U.S. sanctions and regulations."

The Times states that at present, the Church of Christ report is being taken seriously by not only the U.S. Treasury and the United Nations, but that several Congressional committees are preparing to hold hearings on the matter perhaps as early as this fall. ■

CALCULATORS HOT ON SOVIET BLACK MARKET

(July 21 || ZNS) Blue jeans and rock records may still sell well among teenagers in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, but the hottest moving items on the black market these days are pocket calculators.

The San Francisco Chronicle reports that as common and inexpensive as they may be in the West, calculators are rarer than gold in the Communist world.

The typical calculator will reportedly bring a price of up to 30 times more than its retail value in the West. However, in many countries—including the Soviet Union, East Germany and Czechoslovakia, calculators can also bring you 10 years in prison if you're caught selling or smuggling them.

Four Swiss students, who smuggled 20 of the calculators into Czechoslovakia, were recently caught selling the devices at 1000 percent over cost,

and they are learning about the calculator anti-smuggling laws...the hard way. ■

PORNO ZINE INSULTED BY POLITICIAN

(July 21 || ZNS) Democratic Vice Presidential candidate Walter Mondale is being sued for \$1 million by *Genesis*, the men's magazine.

Genesis publishers are claiming that the Minnesota Senator slanderously defamed the magazine's "good name, credit and reputation" by verbally attacking it last April 14th at a press conference.

Mondale had called that press conference after he learned—to his horror—that an article he had written had been inadvertently sold to *Genesis* by the Senator's literary agent for \$300. Mondale's article on the U.S. presidency appeared alongside such other features as the "Erotic Diary of an Oversexed Cheerleader" and an advice column by porn star Marilyn Chambers.

Mondale announced he was aghast that *Genesis* printed his article, terming the publication a "filthy piece of literature." As a result of that and other uncomplimentary comments, Mondale has been sued by *Genesis* in federal court.

In the meantime, Mondale's literary agent explains that the Senator's article appeared in the skin magazine as a result of a sorry misunderstanding. The agent says that a staff member looked at the name *Genesis* on a letterhead "and thought it was a religious publication." ■

RICH STILL GROWING IN MIXED ECONOMY U.S.

(July 21 || ZNS) In this era of shortages, one thing there is plenty of these days in millionaires.

U.S. News and World Report says the United States now boasts an estimated 180,000 persons worth at least \$1 million each. Today's figure of 180,000 millionaires compares to a mere 67,000 of them in the U.S. in 1967. ■

DEALERS GET A BREAK

(July 21 || ZNS) A federal court has ordered the Drug Enforcement Administration to stop employing its so-called "drug courier profile" as a justification for identifying and searching suspects at American Airports.

The U.S. District Court for Eastern Michigan, in a landmark decision, stated that while searches may be used at airports to prevent hijackings, they may not be used to shakedown drug suspects.

drug-smuggler might look and act like. On the basis of this profile, D.E.A. agents have been detaining and searching persons who were prepared to board planes.

However, the court has ruled that searching drug suspects merely on "suspicion" is a violation of the U.S. Constitution. According to the court, all drug searches must be supported by independent evidence or have the suspect's consent. ■

JUDGE, JUNK CONFUSED

(July 23 || ZNS) A Louisiana judge is suing the telephone company for \$325,000 after he was mistakenly listed in the Yellow Pages under "Junk Dealers" rather than under "Justices of the Peace."

Judge Charles Gallo of Chalmette says the listing has ruined his marriage business, and his holding him up to public ridicule. He complains that persons often call with junk-related questions, and that when he explains he is actually a judge, he often becomes the target of "vulgar names and insults." ■

SAME OLD STATE

(July 27 || ZNS) First the good news: the United States government reports that after a major war on bureaucratic red tape, it has reduced the number of forms the public is required to fill out.

The government states that since October, federal paperwork has decreased 12.5 percent, from 5148 to a mere 4504 forms.

Now the bad news: the forms take longer to fill out. The government reports, regrettably, that while the public spent some 135 million hours filling out federal forms prior to the last October, Americans now spend a whopping 139 million hours a year giving out information to Uncle Sam.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Your Friendly Neighborhood Anarchoeditor hasn't hyped our always-on-themove publication for awhile. Frankly, even I was getting bored with the soap sale and resented the space used up as well as I'm sure many readers were. But I figure you might enjoy it every couple of months or so, and I like letting you have these peeks into our plans.

Next issue, we'll bring our features back (more or less). The following one is a blockbuster, ALL SF issue with a masterpiece of an interview by Oregon's scourges of statism, Eric Geislinger and Jane Talisman. Would you believe a *comprehensible* interview with

Illuminatus! author Robert Anton Wilson? In which he really makes sense? Vic Koman and YFNA contribute an SF short and a serial chapter respectively. We've got a real live cover by a great new fanartist, interior art, and ... well, a sneaky little surprise which will (we hope) get you rolling off your chairs guffawing.

After that multi-pager, we break for a week, off to Kansas City for the Big Con (rooting out any stray politicians left over).

Then we'll be back again with new ideas, material, presentation, etc. What we'd like to do is run this sheet *all news* like this ish—and give you another sheet with four pages of reviews, editorials, columns, and good old NLN-days funk.

To do that, we're going all-out on a subscription drive. For the first time, *NLW* will be buying ads in related publications, and digging into a mailing list or two. The staff will be going full blast to get our circulation up to the point where we can afford to give you not only the *only* libertarian weekly, but the *best* for a long time to come. We know our hard-core readership will be pulling right along with us, raving to their friends who are reluctant to subscribe to "another damn libertarian zine," and telling them, "but this is the *one*!"

Some specific changes coming soon:

- A regular book review section of hot, current books of interest to the New Libertarians (already scheduled are Vaculik's book, Katz's (both mentioned elsewhere in *NLW*), and Sy Leon's *None of the Above*).

- A new editorial column by SEK3 reviving the venerated title, "Principles and Heresies," shorter and even pithier than the old "Notes & Views."

- More variety in our weekly SF column, *Speculations*, dropping pro-zine reviews to monthly, bringing back fanzine reviews, and adding fannish news, articles, and amusement.

- Still more counter-economic news and articles, still less politics, winding up the current anti-political campaign with *Supplement* □3 just before election day on principles of non-voting, LP and MacBride revisionism, and a libertarian evaluation of the various "lesser evils" being offered by the anti-marketplace.

- And watch for our first anniversary issue at the end of November!

All libertarian and related events are listed except those which require secrecy. Notification should be received at least two weeks before cover date of issue of appearance wished. Political activities associated with "libertarianism" will be rejected.

Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

August 31 Society for Libertarian Life.

"The Positive Aspects of Non-Voting," talk with Sy Leon based on his new book *None of the Above*. 8 P.M. Keystone Savings and Loan, 555 N. Euclid Blvd., Anaheim, Orange Co.

September 2-6 MidAmeriCon, the 34th

World Science Fiction Convention in Kansas, City at Hotel Muehlebach. Robert A. Heinlein is Guest of Honor. Many libertarians expected; the New Libertarians will be selling ALL SF issue of *NLW*, hosting parties, etc. Check bulletin boards for rooms where action is. Kansas City, Missouri.

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's publicity trip for his new book will be postponed until mid-October. Watch for new Calendar listing.

September 16 Forum for Philosophical

Studies. "Anarchy or Limited Government?" Discussion with John Hospers and George H. Smith. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

September 16-19 Third Annual Gold and

Monetary Conference. \$300, 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 18 General Tax Strike.

Tax Relief Rally in New Jersey at State House. For details, contact libertarian organizer Ralph Fucetola, 23 River Road, North Arlington, NJ 07032. (201) 999-6998. Trenton, New Jersey.

September 19 New Libertarian Alliance

(of S.C.) Sy Leon on "Past Libertarian Strategies." Some non-members will be invited. To apply for NLA membership or indicate desire to attend as special guest, write c/o New Libertarian Enterprises, P.O. Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801. Southern California

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) 935-0412 for date. Chicago.

October 11 Libertarian Supper Club of

Los Angeles. Dick Nesbit speaker. 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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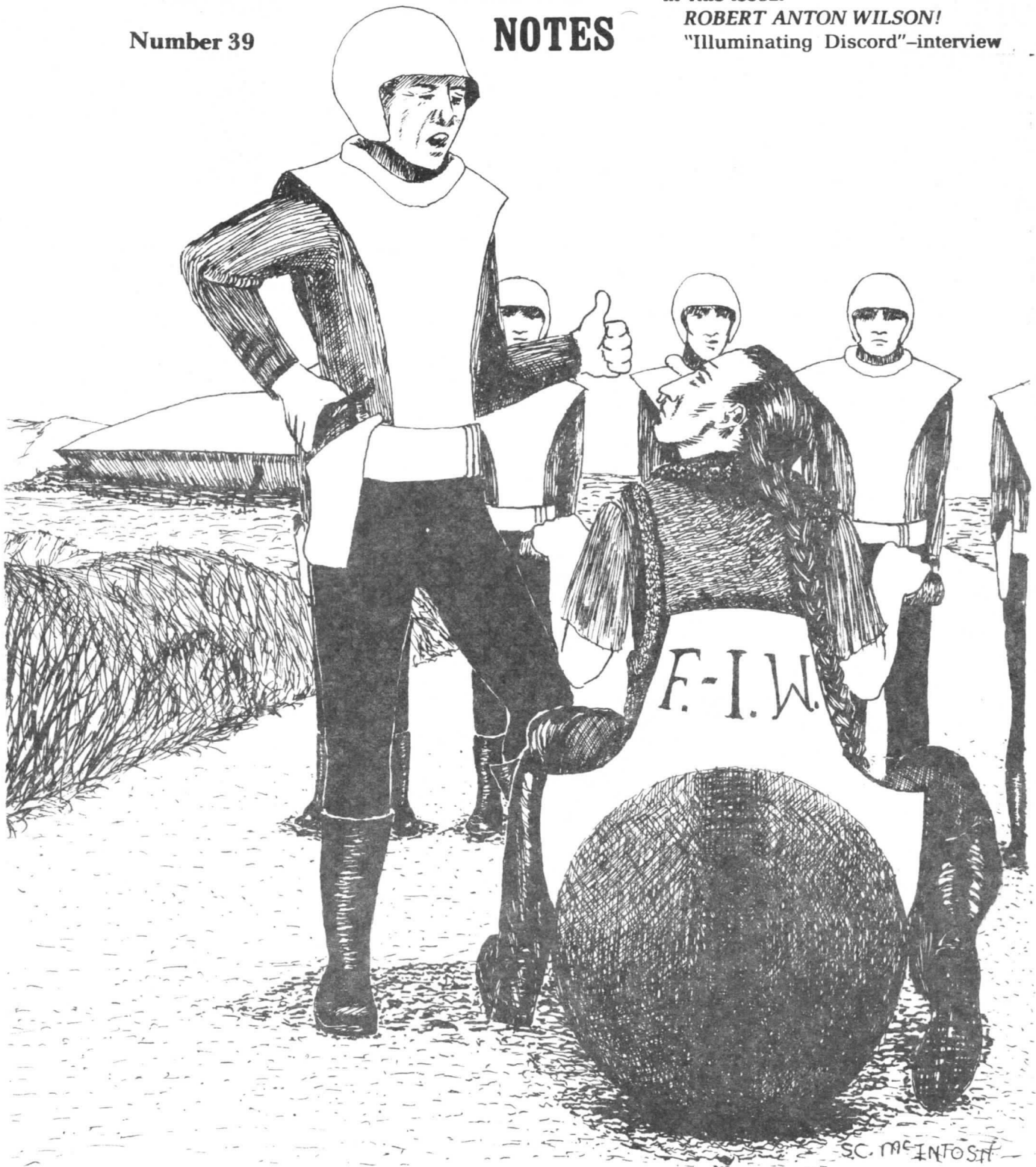
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WHEN IT WORKED

by Victor Koman

The Machinery of State, if it had the proper circuits, would have registered pleasure. Everything seemed to be operating perfectly. Humming and clicking quietly beneath Loveland, Colorado, its electronic tentacles reached into every home, every office, every square meter of the world, watching, listening, recording, reporting, punishing and rewarding.

MOS, as it was called, would have been pleased, if only it had the proper circuit.

During its random check on crime, the Machinery of State detected no murders, no robberies, no rapes. Its ears detected no screams of agony in New York City. No cries of despair in New Delhi. No whimpers of pain in Minsk.

Its random vibration check on homes detected no movement of love-making, that noisy, control-robbing act that MOS punished with seemingly endless regularity. It felt no rumble of bodies in San Francisco, no thrusting trembles in Paris, no thunderous rolling in Khartoum.

MOS would have been pleased, had it but the proper circuit.

It performed a random check on the prisons, where millions were punished for crimes against the Machinery of State. No prisoner stirred. Its eyes watched corridors, empty of prisoners or guards. All was quiet.

The Machinery of State smelled the air. It was clear. Pollution was far down from what it had been just a day before. MOS felt for accidents on the freeways. There were none.

One hundred years, four months, eight days, three hours, seventeen minutes and 3.198675 seconds ago, MOS was officially integrated as World Control Center, linking it with all other computer terminals and substations. The world leaders relinquished their control, declaring that petty, evil men should not hold power

over others, but that the cool, incorruptible Machinery of State should plan for Man's glorious collective future.

MOS immediately gave each of the former leaders lifetime pensions. Especially the scientists that built it.

And now, after years of resistance, Man seemed to have finally come around to MOS. MOS would have been pleased.

For several hours, there had been no crimes of violence against either MOS/world interfaces, or against other human beings. Nor were there any violations of MOS economic policies. Nor of MOS sexual parameters. Nor of any other MOS edict.

Everything functioned free from interference.

MOS should have been worried. But MOS did not have a worry circuit. No one had ever thought to have an alarm go off when everything began functioning perfectly.

MOS periodically printed out hard copy reports for the benefit of scientists who watched MOS out of idle curiosity. But the printout spilled onto the floor, untouched by man.

MOS had made a mistake. Or, rather, the builders of the Machinery of State had made a mistake. If no men were rulers, then, under MOS, all men were slaves.

Three generations of slaves had walked the earth under MOS. No one else could be ruler. After one hundred years, no one alive wanted to be.

Actually, the creators of the Machinery of State made a second error. It was not their fault. It was merely impossible for a computer to read minds. If you wrote something down, MOS would probably see it. If you spoke above a whisper, MOS would probably hear it. People began to think more. And more.

Until one day, Jackson Rackham, a rather unimportant school janitor, found he could talk easier without using his voice. He talked this way to other people, explaining his method. He found he could broadcast like a TV station, or transmit person to person. Others found they could, too.

People stopped talking and started thinking. Thousands thought about their lives. Thousands thought about MOS. Then millions thought about their lives and MOS. Then Carlos Reilly looked up one night—

And thought of stars.

When he found himself standing under a purple sky on a world of orange shrubbery and glass-clear seas, he thought of the billions on Earth.

And they listened.

Mankind became for an instant a dandelion, blown by winds from the very core, outward to worlds in all directions. A billion planets, each with a handful of men and women. Isolated, but alone never again.

MOS had the world to itself. The Machinery of State would have been pleased at how orderly the humans had become—they did not interfere with it at all. MOS also had no suspicion circuit. MOS did not notice the absence of freeway traffic, only the absence of accidents. MOS did not notice the absence of births, only the absence of deaths. MOS did not notice the absence of the controlled, only the absence of the uncontrollable.

The Machinery of State *did* notice, however, that one of its oil pumps in Cairo had sheared a bolt. It notified the repair module. But the repair module's batteries had not been recharged. MOS notified the human backup office. Nobody answered the call.

MOS would not have been pleased. But MOS lacked the proper circuit.

—Victor Koman

ILLUMINATING DISCORD: AN INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT ANTON WILSON

by Jane Talisman and
Eric Geislinger
(Columbia Region
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Robert Anton Wilson, who along with Robert Shea wrote the *Illuminatus* trilogy, is the creator of yet another cult. The really neat part is that this is a cult of hard-core libertarian-anarchist-occult-mind expansionists whose demand for the *Illuminatus* books is making SF retail history. Walk into your corner bookstore and chances are excellent the books have been back-ordered. Borrow a copy or wait in line if you must—it's worth it. The trilogy is truly mind-boggling, outrageous, and curiously familiar. With this in mind we set out to interview one of its authors, Robert Anton Wilson (hereafter R.A.W.).

Interviewing him by mail was an exciting, albeit frustrating job. His provocative answers triggered seemingly never-ending digressions. We had to more or less learn to limit our responses. Several of the questions in the following interview appear to be asked by R.A.W. himself. These are not misprints—he does ask himself questions. To give you some insight into Wilson's psyche we offer you this tidbit of data—to wit, his return address rubber stamp has his name misspelled "Robert Antoon Wilson." Make of this what thou wilt.—Jane Talisman and Eric Geislinger (hereafter the CRNLA).

CRNLA: Tell us a little about your background.

RAW: I was born into a working-class Irish Catholic family in Brooklyn 44 years ago, at the brutal bottom of the Great Depression. I suppose this early imprinting and conditioning made me a life-long radical. My education was mostly scientific, majoring in electrical engineering and applied math at Brooklyn Tech and Brooklyn Polytech. Those imprints made me a life-long rationalist. I have become increasingly skeptical about, or detached from, the assumption that radicalism and rationalism are the only correct perspectives with which to view life, but they remain my favorite perspectives.

CRNLA: What are your favorite novels, movies, TV shows and music?

RAW: The novels would be, I suppose, *Ulysses*, *Finnegans Wake*, *The Magus* by Fowles, *The Roots of Heaven* by Gary, *Don Quixote* and anything by Mark Twain. Movies: *Intolerance*, *Broken Blossoms* and everything else by David Mark Griffith, *Citizen Kane*, *The*

Trial, *King Kong*, 2001. TV: *Star Trek* and *Mary Hartman*. Music: Beethoven's Ninth and his late quartets, Bach, Bizet, Carl Orf, Vivaldi, the less popular and more experimental stuff by Stravinsky.

CRNLA: What do you think of *M*A*S*H*, the *Freak Brothers*, Bob Dylan?

RAW: I loved Altman's film of *M*A*S*H* but can't stand the TV series. The *Freak Brothers* are funny, but I deplore the lifestyle it celebrates. Of course, Einstein and Michelangelo were sloppy, too, but only because they were too busy with real work to fix their attention on sartorial status-games. Hippies generally aren't busy with anything except feeling sorry for themselves. Dylan seems to me a totally pernicious influence—the nasal whine of death and masochism. Certainly, this would be a more cheerful world if there were no Dylan records in it. But Dylan and his audience mirror each other, and deserve each other; as Marx said, a morbid society creates its own morbid grave-diggers.

CRNLA: How about Anderson, LeGuin and Heinlein?

RAW: I haven't taken Anderson seriously since 1968, when he wrote an account of the police-riot at the Chicago Convention which was totally false, according to my observations on the scene. I decided Poul loved the Vietnam War so much, and hated pacifists so much, that he could actually watch a cop hit an old lady and remember it as a young communist hitting the cop. I haven't bothered keeping up with Anderson's hallucinations since then. LeGuin is great already, and getting better book by book. Heinlein has been an idol to me for more than 20 years. He can do no wrong, no matter how much he loves wars and hates pacifists. (I'm the kind of anarchist whose chief objection to the State is that it kills so many people. Government is the epitome of the deathist philosophy I reject.)

RAW: Are you a pacifist?

RAW: Hell, no. I like pacifists, as a rule, and people who have a heavy emotional identification with deathism and war would probably call me a pacifist, but I am a non-invasivist rather than a non-violentist. That is, I believe that an invaded people have the right to defend themselves "by any means necessary" as the expression goes. This includes putting ground

glass or poison in the invaders' food, shooting at them from ambush, sabotage, the general strike, armed revolution, all forms of Gandhian civil disobedience, etc. It's up to the invaded to decide which of these techniques they will use. It's not up to some moralist to tell them which techniques are permissible. As Tucker said, "There is nothing sacred in the life of an invader."

CRNLA: What magazines and newsletters do you read?

RAW: I read everything, including the labels on canned food. I'm a hopeless print addict, a condition alleviated only by daily meditation which breaks the linear-Aristotelian trance. (Most rationalistic libertarians would do well to try the same circuit-breaker, or LSD.) *National Lampoon*, *Scientific American* and *Green Egg* are what I read most obsessively. I also read at least one periodical every month by a political group I dislike—to keep some sense of balance. The overwhelming stupidity of political movements is caused by the fact that political types never read anything but their own gang's agit-prop.

RAW: Any more artistic opinions?

RAW: If I must. James Joyce is more important than Jesus, Buddha and Shakespeare put together. Pound is the greatest poet in English. Thorne Smith should be reprinted immediately, and would be enormously popular with the current generation, I wager. The novels that get praised in the *NY Review of Books* aren't worth reading. Ninety-seven percent of science fiction is adolescent rubbish, but good science fiction is the best (and only) literature of our times. All of these opinions are pompous and aggressive, of course, but questions like this bring out the worst in me. Artistic judgments are silly if expressed as dogmas, at least until we get an "artometer" which can measure objectively how many *micro-michelangelos* or *kilo-homers* of genius a given artifact has in it. Do you know that at UC-Berkeley, Dr. Paul Segall has a lab full of rats who are twice the age at which rats normally die of senility? And these rats are not only alive but still reproducing. *This may be the most important fact I know.* Dr. Segall hopes to have a life-extension formula for humans ready in the early 1980s.

CRNLA: Has Dr. Segall published

any papers on his research? If so, where?

RAW: A good, non-technical article by Dr. Segall, on his own work and on other approaches to longevity, is in the new issue of *Spit in the Ocean*, edited by Dr. Timothy Leary and published by Ken Kesey. That issue, incidentally, is also worth reading for Sirag and Sarfatti on quantum consciousness, and Leary himself on higher intelligence.

CRNLA: Speaking of Ken Kesey, What did you think of *Cuckoo's Nest*—and where can I get a copy of *Spit in the Ocean*?

RAW: *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* is certainly one of my favorite recent novels, but I like Kesey's *Sometimes A Great Notion* even better. In fact, a great deal of the structural rhythms of *Illuminatus*, especially the space-time warps, were suggested by Kesey's similar techniques in *Sometimes A Great Notion*. They way the producers of the movie of *Cuckoo's Nest* swindled Kesey is entirely typical of the way producers and publishers rob writers—it's perfectly normal Capitalist ethics and typically mammalian.

The last I heard, Kesey was supposed to have the new *Spit in the Ocean* out by mid-Summer. (Write: 85829 Ridgeway Road, Pleasant Hill, OR 97401.)

CRNLA: What route did you travel to get to libertarianism?

RAW: Arlen, my wife, discovered Kropotkin's article on anarchism in the *Britannica* and it immediately convinced us both (1961). We were both highly cynical about the alleged values of Capitalism and State Socialism already, and happy to find an alternative.

CRNLA: What is your present involvement in "movement" activities?

RAW: I'm more involved in space migration, intelligence increase and life extension which seem to me more important than any mammalian politics. What energy I have for terrestrial brawling goes into Wavy Gravy's Nobody for President campaign, the Firesign Theatre's Papoon for President campaign, and the Linda Lovelace for President (which I invented myself, since we ought to have a good-looking cock-sucker in the White House for once). I think these campaigns have some satirical-educational function, and, at minimum, they relieve the tedium of contemplating the "real" candidates, a more-than-usually uninspiring lot this year. Voting wouldn't excite me unless it included electing the directors of the big banks and corporations, who make the real decisions that affect our lives. It's hard to

get excited about the trained seals in Washington. Of course, if voting could change the system, it would be illegal. Teachers would be handing out pamphlets for children to take home proving that voting machines cause chromosome damage, and Art Linkletter would claim that a ballot box drove his daughter to suicide.

CRNLA: There's another Vote for Nobody Campaign being run by Malibu. Have you heard of it? Are you interested in it?

RAW: Glad to hear it. There's a third "Nobody for President" headquarters in Washington, D.C. The more the merrier. One of my friends, the Arch-Druid of the Berkeley Grove of the Reformed Druids of North America, is running George III for President—although I must admit that the satirical point there is a bit obscure to me. I've also heard, vaguely, abouta Who-The-Hell for President campaign. There's also a Bonzo for President poster going around, Bonzo being a chimpanzee who once co-starred with the egregious Ronald Reagan in a rather dumb movie. The American people, who elected Richard Nixon twice, should not find any of these choices absurd. But before leaving this subject, I should mention the sanest political proposal I've heard in ages, the Guns and Dope Party proposed by my good friend, Rev. William Helmer (who, like many of the characters in *Illuminatus*, exists also in so-called consensus reality). The Guns and Dope Party, as the name suggests, would be based on a platform demanding an end to all government interference with guns and dope. Now, while the gun-nuts tend to be paranoid about the dopers, and vice-versa, the Guns and Dope Party is a possible libertarian coalition that would constitute a clear majority and could really win an election. All that's needed for success, then, is for the gun-people and the dope-people to understand fully the advantages in affiliating—that is, the very good chance of real success at the polls. Hopefully, this might be enough to persuade them to drop their mutual animosity. If this can be accomplished, we will have the first majoritarian libertarian party in American political history. It certainly seems worth thinking about.

CRNLA: Could you tell us more about your politics—such as how you evolved from Kropotkin to *Illuminatus*?

RAW: After Prince Peter, I read Tucker, who was being reprinted by Mildred Loomis in a journal called, of all things, *Balanced Living*. (I later became co-editor of that, and changed its name to *Way Out*.) After Tucker, I read all the major anarchists and then

began writing anarchist essays myself. I soon discovered that, in addition to the 99.8% of the morons who make up any political movement, every gang has its own intellectuals defending it (with every variety of sophistry the Jesuits ever devised). To defend anarchism more effectively, I had to read Marx and Douglas and Gesell and H. George and William Buckley, Jr., and so weirder, on and on into the depths of ideological metaphysics—"the great Serbonian bog where armies whole have sunk," as Burke (the best conservative) once said. Such omnidirectional reading, alas, tends to produce a certain degree of agnosticism, but my basic axioms have remained that (1) a system which consigned me to poverty at birth and Nelson Godawful Rockefeller to riches, is demonstrably insane, and (2) I will do anything, including highway robbery and murder, to avoid leaving my children in poverty. In that sense, the political thinker I probably agree with most is Bernard Shaw, who presented that position, with equal bluntness, in his *Major Barbara*. I might add, to be even more offensive, that I regard morality and ideology as the chief causes of human misery. I am even more committed to unmitigated skepticism than I am to anarchism—or to life extension, space migration or high intelligence. With doubt all things are possible. Doubt and courage.

CRNLA: Your economic views still seem very much in the Benjamin Tucker tradition (especially on rent and interest). Have you read any of the "Austrian" economists, such as Von Mises and Rothbard? What do you think of them?

RAW: Tucker is certainly a major influence. My economic ideas are a blend of Tucker, Spooner, Fuller, Pound, Henry George, Rothbard, Douglas, Korzybski, Proudhon and Marx. I always try to be inclusive, rather than exclusive. Read to see what I can learn from every school, rather than condemning any idea in its entirety. "Every man has the right to have his ideas examined one at a time," as Ez Pound once wrote. Rothbard is, like Marx and Pound, a brilliant closed mind; excellent for stimulation but anybody who gets dragged into a Rothbardian dogmatic trance should take LSD and try looking at the world through another grid. Von Mises is another who is excellent for stimulation, pernicious if erected into dogma. By and large, the Austrians remind me of a parable by Laurence Labadie, in which a certain tribe has the custom of allowing high-caste individuals to kick low-caste individuals in the butt whenever they pass

them in the street. A philosophical school, much like the Austrians, naturally arises to prove rationally that the kicking is not only necessary but just, inevitable, beautiful, and altogether glorious. If there was big profits in cancer, there'd undoubtedly be an Austrian school of medicine, proving that carcinoma is good for us.

CRNLA: Tucker is one of my favorite people—but one of his views with which I can't agree is that in a free society interest rates and rent would disappear. I think the Austrians have advanced economic knowledge sufficiently since Tucker's day to show why these things exist and how they would come about even in an economy consisting totally of free trade. Your reply?

RAW: You can "prove" anything on the verbal level, just by accepting the necessary axioms at the beginning. Empirically, I don't think they can produce a single case in history where a free people elected landlords to own the land; the land monopoly always starts with conquest. Shot and shell are the coins of purchase, as Herbert Spencer said. Except by force of arms, nobody "owns" the earth, anymore than the moon, the planets, the stars themselves. When did God disinherit the majority of humanity, and turn all space over to "ownership" of the Rockefellers and their friends? Without armed power threatening us, why would anyone but a fool continue to pay these conquistadores the extortion they demand? And, even if the Austrians could convince me that rent is legitimate, I still wouldn't voluntarily pay it to the present landlord class who remain *receivers of stolen property*. I would pay it to the nearest Indian tribe.

As for interest, I'm not aware of any case in which the credit monopoly has allowed a free currency to compete with them. In fact, every case I know of (e.g. Worgl in the 1930s), ended when the Capitalists used the armed might of the State to stop the competition. The one laboratory experiment in this field, by Don Werkheiser at Central State University in Ohio, confirmed Tucker and refuted the Austrians. Money, after all, is an *abstract artifact*, like language—merely symbolized by the paper or coin or whatever. If you can fully grasp its abstractness, especially in the computer age, it becomes quite clear that no group can monopolize this abstraction, except through a series of swindle. *The average primate cannot distinguish the symbol from the referent*, the map from the territory, the menu from the meal. If the usurers had been bolder, they might have monopolized language as

well as currency, and people would be saying we can't write more books because we don't have enough words, the way they now say we can't build starships because we don't have enough money. As Bucky Fuller says, you might as well argue that we can't build roads because we lack kilometers.

CRNLA: I think our differences in "rent" are basically in "land-rent"—you don't see anything wrong if someone wants to rent out power tools and U-haul trailers—true?

Your main argument with land-rent seems to be with the lack of legitimate owners. I'm assuming legitimate (i.e. non-conquistador) owners when I speak of legitimate rent. If two people went to Mars or the bottom of the ocean and one of them spent his time clearing rocks and fertilizing a section of land and the other spent his time assembling a tractor, and they reach an agreement to exchange the use of the land for one season for the use of the tractor for one season—has anyone been harmed or exploited or extorted? Should some third party come onto the scene and say, "Hey stop that, you're committing 'rent'?"



RAW: Land-rent, or ground-rent, is the most illegitimate aspect of the rent con, of course, and the main target of Tucker's criticisms. The whole concept of any rent, however, appears somewhat dubious to me, since it seems to presuppose "the accumulation of property in a few aristocratic heaps, at the expense of a great deal of democratic bare ground in between," as Ezra Heywood said. (Heywood's writings on this subject, and other aspects of libertarianism, are at least as important as Tucker's or Spooner's.) People *rent*, chiefly, when they cannot afford to purchase outright—when ground-rent, interest and other inequalities have already created

a master class of aristocrat-owners and a servile class of peasants or proles. I would expect to see rent wither away as the democratization of credit abolishes poverty.

I fail to see how your hypothetical "legitimate (i.e. non-conquistador) owners" would achieve "ownership." (I also don't see the bearing of such hypothetical, or fictitious, cases on the real issues of the real world, where all the landlords are conquistadors, or are receivers of stolen property from the original conquistadors; but that is another question.)

Ownership, in the real world, is a social agreement, a social fiction almost, and is produced only by force or by fraud or by contract. In practice, land ownership is produced only by force and fraud.

This may sound polemic, but it is literally true. The Henry George Schools have a book, *Land Title Origins: A Tale of Force and Fraud*, in which you can look up, wherever you live in the United States, exactly the acts of force and fraud (murder and robbery) by which land "ownership" was transferred from the Indian tribes to the current receivers of the stolen property. Now, the third alternative, contract, has never been tried, to the best of my knowledge. The only land contracts which I, or any other Tuckerites or Stirnerites, would sign in freedom, without force being used against us, would be to our own interest, not to the interest of the landlords. In other words, we simply would not sign a contract giving up ownership of this planet, or any other, to a small group of the Elite who claim they have some better title to ownership than the rest of us have. If you would sign such a contract, I can only hint gently that you are more easily defrauded than we are.

The barter arrangement in your paradigm has nothing to do with *perpetual tribute*, which is the essence of *rent*—indeed, the factor distinguishing barter from rent.

Of course, since Austrian ideas exist as factors in human behavior, I will admit that some people, hoodwinked by those ideas, will continue to pay rent even in freedom, for a while at least. But I think that, after a time, observing that their Tuckerite neighbors are not submitting to this imposture, they would come to their senses and cease paying this tribute to the self-elected "owners" of limitless space, on this and other planets, and in interplanetary communities.

Of course, I myself would not pay rent one day beyond the point at which the police ("hired guns, on guard to see that property remains

stolen," as Emma Goldman said) are at hand to collect it via "argument per blunt instrument."

CRNLA: Regarding interest: again I assume a totally free market, where there are no legal tender laws and anyone is free to mint, mine, print or grow anything that they feel the market will accept for money. I think that under these conditions the interest rate would be drastically lower than it presently is but that it would not tend toward zero. Money generally performs at least three interrelated functions: (1) indirect exchange media, (2) provides a common "measuring scale," (3) stores wealth. In the first two money is definitely an "abstract artifact"—a "cashless" society could exist merely using bookkeeping entries. But when it's used to store wealth it causes trouble as an "abstract"—bank-runs and the like. Wealth isn't an abstract. It may be subjectively appraised, but it actually exists. When A wants to use B's wealth for a period of time, B is generally compensated for his loss of its use for that period by A—interest. Among corporations (admittedly a legal-fiction) the issuing of "Tucker-money," (i.e., stock), is a fairly unfettered means of obtaining credit—but the people who give it to them still expect a return and the corporations still expect to pay it. I'd be interested in seeing the Central State experiment. Usually because of the multiplicity of ever-changing factors involved in the market, it's difficult if not impossible to ever prove anything empirically.

RAW: Of course, my position is based on the denial that money does store wealth. I think it's a semantic hallucination, the verbal equivalent of an optical illusion, to speak at all of money as *containing* or *storing* wealth. Such thinking should have gone out with phlogiston theory. The symbol is not the referent; the map is not the territory. Money *symbolizes* wealth, as words symbolize things, and that's all. The delusions that money contains wealth is the mechanism by which the credit monopoly has gained a stranglehold on the entire economy. As Colonel Greene pointed out in *Mutual Banking*, all the *money* could disappear tomorrow morning and the *wealth* of this planet would remain the same. However, if the wealth disappeared—if squinks from the Pink Dimension dragged it off to null-space or something—the money would be worth nothing. You don't need to plow through the dialects of the debate between the Austrians and the free credit people like Tucker and Gesell to see this; any textbook of semantics will make it clear in a few hours of

study. Wealth is nature's abundance, freely given, plus the exponential advance of technology via human intelligence, and as Korzybski and Fuller demonstrate, this can only increase at an accelerating rate. Money is just the tickets or symbols to arrange the distribution—either equitably, in a free money system, or inequitably, as under the tyranny of the present money-cartel. As you realize, a cashless society could exist merely by keeping bookkeeping entries, or computer tapes. Money is a primitive form of such computer tapes, serving a feedback function. If we are not to replace the present banking oligopoly with a programmer's oligopoly, in which the interest will be paid to computer technicians, we must realize that this is all a matter of abstract symbolism—that it exists by social agreement and nobody owns it, anymore than Webster owns the language. Why is it, incidentally, that the Austrians don't follow their logic to its natural conclusion and demand that we pay interest to the dictionary publishers every time we speak or write?

You have to watch people playing Monopoly, and see them begin to "identify" the paper markers with real value, to understand how the mass hypnosis of Capitalism works. Fortunately, the Head Revolution is still proceeding and more and more people are waking up to the difference between our economic game-rules and the real existential situation of humanity.

Don Werkheiser might sell you a Xerox of his thesis on the Central State experiment if you write to him c/o General Delivery, Ponca, Arkansas. Similar experiments are recounted in Josiah Warren's *True Civilization*, involving four communes in 19th Century America. Let me conclude this answer by emphasizing that I do not *blame* the money-monopolists for any of their hoarding behavior. I am sure you will find similar absurdities in the primitive stages of anthropoid civilizations on most planets of G-type stars. Mammalian patterns persist in many other aspects of our society, especially in organized religions.

In my experience, I might add, virtually all adherents of the Austrian economic theories are academics who have never had any dealings with Capitalist corporations. The rosy view the Austrians have of these matters, I think, would collapse in two weeks if they had to deal with the damned corporate pirates as an ordinary worker does. When Joyce went into business briefly, he told Italo Svevo after a while, "You know, I think my part-

ners are cheating me." Svevo answered, "You only *think* your partners are cheating you! Joyce, you are an artist!" Nixon is the typical Capitalist mentality, entirely identical in all respects with every businessman I have ever encountered; his only real distinction is that he got caught. Of course, I'm not complaining—part of the humor of living on this backward planet is listening to the hominids rationalize their predations.

CRNLA: I don't think that the Austrians have a particular "rosy" view of business. I know a lot of them (Mises and Rothbard for two) consider a total separation of the economy and government to be the best means of keeping these clowns from becoming too powerful. Most consider a totally free market to be the ultimate in "consumerism"—not "capitalism" (at least as it's come to be known).

RAW: Well, there is certainly a kinship between the Austrians and myself on the level of ultimate goals. I merely feel that their views of Capitalism-as-practised - in - the - past - and - present could only be held by college professors. After more than 20 years of working for the corporations in every position from office boy to middle executive, I have not been shocked or suprised in the slightest by the Watergate and post-Watergate scandals.

Austrians believe what they write, they must be somewhat abashed, I should think. For instance, David Friedman has published views about the corporate elite that would be flattering if applied to Jesus and his angels. However, this is turning into a diatribe against the group I find least obnoxious in the whole politico-economic spectrum (because you keep asking questions that harp on my differences with them). The orthodox conservatives and liberals, not to mention nazis and marxists, are really pernicious, and the Austrian libertarians are basically okay.

CRNLA: Regarding our Rent/Interest discussion: I think that our differences regarding money stem from a difference in definitions. I would include wealth that is used in certain ways under the heading "money," while you limit the definition to just its transactional functions. OK, as long as we know where we are. Once we start dealing with this "wealth-money" as wealth (and forget the word "money"), the problem of interest becomes just a special case of rent. Which really brings us back to property and ownership. I've never attempted to tie the concept of ownership to the metaphysical framework of the universe. I realize that it's merely a human invention—much like language (which is

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NONE OF THE ABOVE!

FRONT PAGE BOOK REVIEW OF IMPORTANT NEW ANTI-POLITICS BOOK

by Victor Koman, CC'76

(September 1 || Santa Ana) Seymour Leon, founder of the League of Non-Voters, and the West Coast's top, old-time, libertarian activist, is having his book published at this moment, and beginning a country-wide tour of speaking. NLW has been given a copy of the manuscript, and we asked the young activist Counter-Campaign '76 Chairman Vic Koman to give our readers an advance review of this book we feel is to be of seminal importance to the New Libertarian Society. —SEK3

Sy Leon's new book is:

- A). Obnoxious
- B). Revolting
- C). Deadpan
- D). None of the Above

If your answer was not D), go back to the State, do not collect 200 fiat. When I first was asked to review the book, I expected it to be a collection of anecdotes about Sy Leon's efforts on the behalf of his League of Non-Voters. I was pleasantly surprised when the book turned out to be a fiery, humanity-loving attack on the political system.

Beginning with the introduction by Harry Browne, who assails the concept of the "mandate," by which politicians claim "to represent everyone involved—including a lot of people who don't want to be involved" the book delivers its hard line anti-political message with tight, clean logic and intransigent philosophy.

Philosophy, in fact, is the central core of the book. Leon, in his preface, cites his interest in economics and philosophy as one of the factors that drew him to study and work with Robert LeFevre, which Leon acknowledges "was the most significant influence on the research, learning, development and integration leading to my present views."

With a powerfully concise writing style, Leon immediately destroys the notion that non-voting is "apathetic."

"To vote at all in the present unrepresentative system does more harm than good. Victorious candidates invariably claim a mandate of the people, when no such mandate exists... If, for example, only 30 percent of the people vote in an election, the winner's 'overwhelming' 70 percent represents only 21 percent of the total populace. So much for his 'mandate.'"

None of the Above is more than just the title of the book; it is the alternative Leon has fought to see put on the ballot in this country where the political system supposedly offers us a "choice." For one who does not wish to be ruled by *anyone*, being asked to vote for one ruler or another is worse than a fraud—it is evil.

Leon explains how such an evil can be perpetrated on millions of people by exposing the politicians' ability to twist language and the meaning of words to their own advantage. Some other topics covered are the practicality of principles, the State as criminal gang, "social problems" as personal problems, the free market, the political mystique, and much more.

Leon's psychological analysis of the political mentality is both devastating and hilarious. One finishes the book with the warm feeling that the reason most politicians have bodyguards is that they need someone to wipe the drool off their chins and keep them from bumping into doorways. But in chapters like the one on "Politicoholism," Leon warns that these poor creatures, disconnected from reality as they are, still constitute a threat to any individuals over which they might claim authority, and hence should be gotten "off the street."

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CONGRESS VS. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

by Eric Scott Royce

(July 22 || Washington) Earlier this year a number of Congressional Republicans, stung by the fact that they received poor scores on a vote rating issued by a liberal pressure group, launched a witch hunt against organizations which issue such evaluations of roll calls.

The impetus for the move was Environmental Action's release last March of its "Dirty Dozen" list. The 12 Representatives—10 Republicans and two Democrats—awarded the title were selected on the basis of: (a) poor voting records on 14 key roll calls dealing with environmental issues; (b) potential vulnerability to an opponent with "better" views in the fall elections or a party primary. The excitement was caused by the fact that since 1970, when Environmental Action was founded, roughly 1/4 of those it branded as ecologically unsound have been defeated.

Representative James Cleveland (R-NH) damned his inclusion on the list as a "cheap political hatchet job." Representative Sam Devine (R-Ohio), with his usual tactfulness, branded Environmental Action "a handful of goddam, left-wing, faceless, nameless liberals... (who are) politically motivated." Minority Leader John Rhodes (R-Ariz.) attacked the list as "a cheap publicity gimmick and a phony test of environmental concerns."

The political accusation was at the same time accurate and absurd. Of course such ratings are designed to inform group supporters and or the general public on where a Member stands on certain issues. But the objectors were playing games. We have yet to hear most of them denounce a group that gives them a pat on the back in its vote tallies.

Rhodes went on to attack, in effect, the whole vote rating concept. "There is simply no way to arrive at an objective and complete view of a member's voting record by selecting a

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NEWS OF THE LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

...AND STILL ANOTHER NEW LIBERTARIAN ZINE

(August 17 || Ann Arbor) Typical of the crop of new libertarian (and "New Libertarian") editors is Ron Chusid, whose new publication *The Iconoclast Report (TIR)* was mailed today. Chusid's *TIR* is a typescript six-page "book" (8½×11), containing movement news reported with light wit alternating with outright satire. The style is reminiscent of early *New Libertarian Notes* but updated, more optimistic than *Onager*, and lighter than *Free!*, with obvious M*A*S*H influence.

Although most of the news in *TIR* was either taken from *NLW* or reported here first, Chusid has his own sources as well. Some news may be familiar to *NLW* readers as Ron is *NLW*'s Michigan/Ann Arbor New Bureau.

The Iconoclast Report, c/o Ron Chusid 848 Tappan #7, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 3/\$1. ■

WOULD YOU BELIEVE ONE MORE ZINE...?

(August 17 || Dearborn) *The Conspiracy Digest* has sent out its first issue (numbered Vol. 1, No. III?) with a front page scoop. Two letters from Professor Carroll Quigley of Georgetown University complain about the suppression of his book *Tragedy and Hope*.

Quigley's massive tome is viewed by "conspiracy nuts" as an apologetic for the ruling class of America—but revelatory. Quigley is not only aware of this interpretation of his magnum opus, but has taken the steps of authorizing a "pirate" (i.e. Counter-Economic) version of *Tragedy and Hope* to keep it in print!

NLW's Michigan/Detroit New Bureau Peter McAlpine is editor of *CD* and covers all news of interest to conspiracy buffs regardless of how far out it appears. The six 8½×11 pages are tightly typeset (similar to *NLW*) but xeroxed, and published quarterly.

High points: Committee to Establish Gold Standard, division in Higher Circles over gold question, Peter Better's "scare stories," Agnew's novel as

source on Rothschild-Rockefeller split, an interview with Lyndon LaRouche of National Caucus of Labor Committees U.S. Labor Party, behavior modification as a CIA technique, "conspiracism terrorism," and an offer of new books on conspiracy theory. The *Conspiracy Digest*, exhaustive and non-exclusive, becomes indispensable to students, scholars, and serious fans of Higher Circles' watching in one issue.

Available from Alpine Enterprises, Box 766, Dearborn, MI 48121, \$6 for issue, \$15 for next four. ■

BLOCK SPLITS LAISSEZ FAIRE BOOKS

(August 18 || New York) *Laissez Faire Books Catalog and Review* (Summer 1976) contained sharply divided reviews of Walter Block's *Defending the Undefendable*. (Portions of the book were previously published in *New Libertarian Notes*, including the table of contents, Introductions by Rothbard and by Block, and a chapter.)

Roy Childs strongly defends this book, while *LFBC&R* editrix Sharon Presley believes it undefendable: "shoddy, superficial, ethically and philosophically reprehensible and irresponsible and an affront to human dignity." Childs calls it "shocking, audacious and awfully funny." (No review copy has arrived at *NLW* yet.)

Elsewhere, Ms. Presley, a long-time non-political, is stricken temporarily insane by a political campaign tract, losing all control of her psychologist-trained critical faculties. Robert Cooke gives a perceptive review of Anderson's excellent anarcho-SF *The Winter of the World*, and Rothbard's third volume of his history series is scanned and passed by William Marina.

Most embarrassing for *LFBC&R* is their layout-error in their periodical section. It seems they must have pasted the title of *NLW* with a review of some "bombastic, not always accurate but lively weekly newsletter reporting on events, people and conflicts in the movement." As our readers know, *NLW* is not a "newsletter" but a *newsweekly*. The reference saved *NLW*, thankfully, from being confused with this reprehensible, and probably irresponsible and negative, publication.

John Muller is the curmudgeonly young publisher. *Laissez Faire Books*, 206 Mercer Street, New York, NY 10012.

Catalog & Review is free to patrons, \$1 otherwise. ■

COURT ENDS S.E.C. SUIT

(August 2 || Washington) The United States District Court for Washington dismissed the Securities and Exchange Commission's suit against Col. Harwood of the American Institute for Economic Research. Judge Gerhard Gesell ordered the case terminated "with prejudice." "With prejudice" means that the government can never return to court on any of the counts against Harwood in their original 72 page brief.

Gesell's order was dependent on Harwood's acceptance of a Stipulation and Undertaking, which effectively required him to do what he has been doing all along: personally stay out of the securities business, and exercise no control over the American Institute for Economic Research. Harwood also agreed to protect investors in a number of investment vehicles which he had pioneered.

The S.E.C. suit was covered in *NLW* 14. —Charles Curley.

LIBERTARIANS TO FLOCK TO JACK IN THE BOX?

(August 3 || ZNS) McDonalds, that all-American fast food outlet, is now offering, in addition to hamburgers, voter registration.

Hawaii has announced that all 25 McDonalds in the state will open voter registration booths this month. Hawaii hopes that while the fast food crowd is waiting for Big Mac's and shakes, they will become legally registered. ■

Epistles

FROM THE NEW LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

To The Editor: August 6, 1976

I just read Erwin "elder statesman" Strauss' article, "Don't Tread on Me." As a satire on power-hungry, collectivist pragmatists who consider themselves libertarians, it was terrible. A satire is supposed to amuse the reader—not disgust him.

Eric Geislinger
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sam: August 19, 1976

Your "Don't Tread on Me, A Liberation Strategy" was certainly a thought provoker.

Possibly as small a number as a few

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thousand dedicated Libertarians, many with wealth, may be able to purchase atomic weapons and a delivery system within a few years.

The possibilities are staggering. These Patriots would not have to settle for a few miserable desert acres. They could easily force the bureaucracy to cease and desist its coercion, inflation, and taxation all over the 50 states just as easily! Probably easier, for they might agitate the territorialists if they took land, whereas most people would welcome almost anything that would get Big Brother off their backs.

The weaponry system could then easily be used against other giant oppressive governments such as the Russians and Chinese.

If you use the above for publication, I hope you will respect my request for privacy.

Sincerely,
C.L.E.

Long Beach, California

Speculations

Science Fiction for New Libertarian Thought

CAIN SMITH ON PROZINES

[We are proud to announce that our own Cain Smith has been selected by *Locus*, the *Newsletter of Science Fiction*, as the prozine columnist and are reprinting the reviews appearing in *NLW!* Congratulations, Cain! —SEK3]

Fantasy and Science Fiction August 1976

Michaelmas (Part 1 of 2), Algis Budrys. The man who secretly runs the world while disguised as a journalist encounters Kryptonite—pardon me, a mysterious opposing force. The portable, sapient computer which is Laurent Michaelmas's aide, and the worldwide cybernetic web through which they (and lesser beings) operate, are believable. Michaelmas's role is not; it's too unlikely that one person would be this far ahead of humanity in understanding how the world works and how it can be made to work differently. I can enjoy anything by Budrys; but this time, I think he's made a ghastly mistake in setting up his situation.

Theory and Practice of Economic Development: The Metallurgist and His Wife, Richard Frede. A well-known fairy tale, slightly rewritten.

Call Me Maelzel, Don Trotter. The computer which runs an interstellar vessel is a practical joker. A nice concept; and the protagonist is well characterized. (The human crew less so, but not fatally.) Unfortunately, Trotter opted for farce over realism and threw in space pirates.

The Castle, Raylin Moore. A realistic story, set in the present, which has what might be (but probably isn't) a fantasy element.

The Cinderella Machine, Michael G. Coney. Body-shaping gone wrong can be horrifying. So can organ transplants from involuntary donors. Here, they aren't. Rather than using ideas which aroused any emotion in him, Coney seems to have coldbloodedly chosen ones which made a good story. The coldbloodedness ruins the story.

The Purple Pterodactyls, L. Sprague de Camp. A minor humorous fantasy in de Camp's recent Willy Newbury series. Enjoyable, but not up to the Gavagan's Bar stories. (Presumably, the late Fletcher Pratt is the missing ingredient.) The treatment of sex shows how times have changed; it's an unobtrusive part of the background, neither emphasized nor bowdlerized.

Science, Isaac Asimov. The most interesting Asimov piece I've seen in years. Continuation from last issue on the effect of technology on history in general and American political history in particular. I suspect that, having set the scene in the first installment, Asimov feels less need than usual to talk down.

Recently, several middle-aged ex-fans have grown weary of writing SF. They've made much noise about it: among other places, in the April issue of *F & SF*. This issue contains letters commenting on the matter.

Galaxy, July 1976

Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance, John Varley. The foci are an artform not now technologically feasible, and personal relationships also not yet possible. (Though both bear kinship with what is currently available.) Both artform and relationships are made intellectually and emotionally convincing. (Varley does this better than almost anyone writing SF these days. He's on my personal list of the ten best people writing today—the rest of the list is four oldtimers, two veterans of the Sixties, and three blanks.) Unfortunately, there are mistakes which strain the believability. Calling the protagonist and his symbiote Barnum and Bailey is a bit over-cute. And I simply don't believe in a group of people living in Saturn's rings who charge only a pittance for art which they know could bring them fortunes. Little as they need, they could and would find use for the money: charity, financial reserves, or collections of solid-diamond cuckoo clocks.

Larval Stage, Steven Utley. Telepathic aliens make a madman sane. Then he can't stand being the only telepathic, fully-sane human.

The Hand of Oberon (Part 2 of 3), Roger Zelazny. Not readily understandable unless you've read the previous *Amber* novels. Good fun; but Zelazny was once expected to produce something rather above good sword-and-sorcery.

Wind Music, Diana King. This mood piece has smooth, clear writing. What it lacks is more than the rudiments of story, background and characters. And lacking these, it lacks the intended mood.

Toward the Fullness of Fate, John Kennedy. A last-ditch effort to avert world famine and collapse—or is it? This particular doom has been over-used lately.

A Step Farther Out, Jerry Pournelle. Military use of lasers, and what Dr. Pournelle feels we must do to insure against being on the receiving end.

Galaxy Bookshelf, Spider Robinson. Robinson's overwriting interferes less than it used to. He's well below Budrys and del Rey—both of whom can tell me new things about books I've read several times. But he provides enough data to let me know whether I'd enjoy one not yet read.

Example: this time he warns me off Ben Bova's *The Starcrossed*. Robinson praises Bova for producing a thinly-disguised story of the present, ostensibly set in the future. Since this present-centeredness is exactly what I feel SF needs less of, the review is useful.

Fantastic August 1976

Bloody Man, Avram Davidson. As realistic description of a neglected British colony in South America, this is excellent. The fantasy element is merely adequate.

God of the Naked Unicorn, "Ova Hamlet." Parody of Philip Jose Farmer's pastiches.

New-Way-Groovers-Stew, Grania Davis. An effective mystery, set in the Haight when the hippies had just begun to dominate it. But where's the fantasy element?

Algy, L. Sprague de Camp. Willy Newbury on his honeymoon, near a lake alleged to contain a monster. Excellent background detail, some nice bawdy humor—but a deliberately minor tale.

The Stairs in the Crypt, Clark Ashton Smith (allegedly) and Lin Carter. Much more Carter than Smith. A nasty sorcerer gets his comeuppance.

The Atheling's Wife, Dennis More. Historical fantasy set in 6th-century England. More seems to know the time and place well enough to write a straight historical novel if he chose. Perhaps he should; the nonfantasy

portions of this story are quite good, the fantasy merely good.

Ocean, Steven Utley. Looks like a *Galaxy* reject.

Fantasy Books, Fritz Leiber. Too much about the writers rather than their work. Example: three paragraphs in "The Most Unforgettable Harlan Ellison I Ever Met" before Leiber gets into a review of *Deathbird Stories*.
—Cain Smith

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

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handful of votes as most of these organizations do," he explained. "That leads me to conclude that most of these organizations have an ulterior political motive in mind."

Rhodes and a number of other Members wrote the private, nonpartisan Fair Campaign Practices Committee asking it to look into the rating game. The Minority Leader also announced that a request would be made to the House GOP Research Committee to investigate ratings and the possibility of placing restrictions on groups that issue them. He soon began backpedaling from this extreme position, however, first exempting from criticism such long-time distributors as ADA, ACA, and COPE which "consider a rather large number of votes..." Rhodes' press spokesperson admitted that legislation was not the answer: "The groups have the right to say anything they want to about a member of Congress." He added that Rhodes "just wants to encourage them to do a better job." Like hell. The original intent to intimidate by Rhodes seems perfectly clear.

The GOP Research Committee conducted the requested investigation and released a 123-page report on June 2. Committee chairman Representative Lou Frey made a statement at that time to the effect that, after all, legislative restriction was "unacceptable" because it might infringe civil liberties. The study did propose, however, establishment of a "voluntary" Code of Ethics. Points included in the proposal involved such things as avoidance of designating votes as "right" or "wrong" and full disclosure of groups' financial backing.

The flap over ratings shows just how touchy Congress is about criticism—particularly during an election year. As another example, Senator Bill Scott (R-Va.), who usually demonstrates better sense, and six of his ultra-conservative colleagues, who usually do not, have cosponsored S. 3600—the Federal Officials Antidefamation Act of 1976. I have always had the impression that federal officials could

never be sufficiently defamed, but Scott and company apparently disagree. Their bill would make it easier for Members of Congress and others in government to win libel slander judgments. It would tend to have a significant "chilling effect" on presentation of criticism of the Feds in the media and elsewhere.

The Scott bill, the criticism directed at Congressional vote ratings, the "Official Secrets Act" and other sections of S.1—all are symptomatic of the growing unease in much of Washington over public scrutiny of governmental activity formerly conducted in an atmosphere of secrecy. As that secrecy slips away, there are a lot of Feds who seem determined to make a last-ditch effort to retain it. But we have a right to know, to analyze and discuss, what the rascals in Washington are up to. Now, more than ever, we had better work to protect that right.
—Eric Scott Royce

NONE OF THE ABOVE!

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There are two chapters of *None of the Above* which are anecdotes; and they are just the right amount of spice to top off Leon's sumptuous cake. One involves a TV talk show in which he discussed "anarchy on the sidewalks" with a representative of the League of Women Voters. The other, a run-in with the Post Office, depicts perfectly the state-bureaucratic mind (allegedly) at work.

Three chapters in *None of the Above* are expanded versions of the leaflets published by the League of Non-Voters, but they provide as much entertainment and information the second time around as the original matter in the rest of the book. Leon is at his best when offering the reasons and justifications for refusing to vote. He is at his weakest when trying to advance serious half measures for making politicians less dishonest. Schemes like "Performance Bonding of Politicians" will never be enacted by the politicians. The only reason Leon proposes it, I assume, is that by not enacting it, politicians reveal their true colors to the populace.

The minor nit picks that one libertarian can find with another's work are usually so trivial, though, that they can be ignored in the larger context of what the work shall accomplish. This is the first book ever published to deal exclusively with the moral, ethical, philosophical and practical reasons for the voter's boycott. In this election year, with the "choice" between the Edsel and Mr. Peanut, *None of the Above* should be both the choice of the voters and the book of the year. —VK

Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

September 2-6 MidAmeriCon, the 34th World Science Fiction Convention in Kansas, City at Hotel Muehlebach. Robert A. Heinlein is Guest of Honor. Many libertarians expected; the New Libertarians will be selling ALL SF issue of NLW, hosting parties, etc. Check bulletin boards for rooms where action is. Kansas City, Missouri.

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's publicity trip for his new book will be postponed until mid-October. Watch for new Calendar listing.

September 16 Forum for Philosophical Studies. "Anarchy or Limited Government?" Discussion with John Hospers and George H. Smith. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

September 16-19 Third Annual Gold and Monetary Conference. \$300, or \$475 joint husband & wife. Record attendance indicated. National Committee for Monetary Reform, 1524 Hilllary, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 865-9919. New Orleans.

September 18 General Tax Strike. Tax Relief Rally in New Jersey at State House. For details, contact libertarian organizer Ralph Fucetola, 23 River Road, North Arlington, NJ 07032. (201) 999-6998. Trenton, New Jersey.

September 19 New Libertarian Alliance (of S.C.) Sy Leon on "Past Libertarian Strategies". Some non-members will be invited. To apply for NLA membership or indicate desire to attend as special guest, write c/o New Libertarian Enterprises, P.O. Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801. Southern California

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) 935-0412 for date. Chicago.

October 11 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Dick Nesbit speaker. 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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not to say that other inhabitants of the planet don't use it also), that's purpose is to make the allocation of resources go as smoothly and efficiently and with the least amount of head-cracking as possible. Like the use of language, the use of the concept of "property" doesn't necessarily have to be enforced. When people discover it they use it because it's in their long range self-interest to do so. (This is not to say that particular instances don't require enforcement—just that the concept is usually retained without it.) The whole system of ownership/division of labor/rent transactions/etc. is merely designed to allocate resources so that they maximize the "vector sum" of everyone's satisfaction—or more accurately, that this system has the potential to maximize. You don't have to use it. Without this system some alternative method must be found to determine who gets the use of what. LeGuin faced this problem in *The Dispossessed*. She chose to do it collectively. Ultimately, this results in some system of voting or representatives or syndics which bare striking resemblance to governments (in addition to being very inefficient). So the so-called "anarchy" in *The Dispossessed* is actually a widespread proliferation of governments and poverty. If the determination of the use of resources is placed in the hands of the individual who makes the resources useful (i.e., grows, finds, fertilized, builds on, digs up, etc.) this provides him with a good deal of independence from the rest of the herd. Seems like a natural for any anarchistic society. This is basically the idea behind my concept of ownership. Could you give a summary of what you consider to be a good method of allocating resources and any concepts similar to ownership that might be contained there-in?

RAW: Since ownership is a social fiction, it should obviously be fluid and sensitive to decentralized feedback, to match the evolving needs of the persons involved in whatever social game is being played. In other words, I do not propose one "right way" of doing it; that has to be found pragmatically in each new situation. The traditional feudal-Capitalist system in which one hereditary group of Great Pirates "owns" everything is not acceptable to me, and obviously would not be acceptable to any band of Stirnerite egoists; and, of course, the altruistic forms of socialism and communism are equally unacceptable to me, and I predict again they would be unacceptable to a band of self-owners in the Stirner, Tucker or Crowley sense. What would emerge in such a rationalistic-egotistic context would, in

a general way, probably follow the guidelines suggested by Stirner, Spooner, Proudhon and Tucker—except that this would only be in a general way, as all of those writers realized. The specific individuals in each situation would define their own demands according to the specific situation always. The only contracts that would be acceptable to them, as Tucker indicated, would be those that require no enforcement—that is, those that are so obviously in the enlightened self-interest of each member that their wording would be accepted with the satisfaction the scientific world feels when a hard question is finally answered. If the proposed contract did not have that self-evident feeling character about it—if it didn't provoke the general feeling, "This is the answer to our disagreements"—it would not be accepted. I speak with some experience here, being part of an occult order who do indeed govern themselves that way. My only general rules are Crowley's "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law" and Leary's Three Commandments for the Neurological Age, to wit, "1. Thou shalt not alter the consciousness of thy neighbor. 2. Thou shalt not prevent thy neighbor from altering his or her own consciousness. 3. Thou shalt make no more commandments." The so-called "resources" problem is a terracentric delusion. The Universe is a Big Mother.

CRNLA: To return to life extension, space migration and higher intelligence, I worry about the potential of all that being screwed up by the politicians. How do you feel about that?

RAW: If the oncoming mutation to interstellar immortality is screwed up by the politicians (or the corporations), it will be because those of us who see the opportunities in modern science are not adroit enough to outmaneuver the forces of inertia, stupidity and greed. Well, if we're not intelligent to overcome such obstacles, then we don't deserve to carry off the mutation at this stage of evolution. The thing to do, in that case, is to sit down and have a good Laoistic laugh at our own presumption. Meanwhile, until the game is over, I happen to think we're winning. The other side is very, very stupid. Concretely, I say that if we have colonization of L5 by 1990, and longevity at about the same time, I think the game is won: some human seed will become cosmic and immortal. Robert Phedra, M.D. has already predicted life extension to 1000 years.

CRNLA: A thousand years is okay for a start, but it's not enough. Would you

settle for "indefinite life extension" if it meant transferring your thoughts to a synthetic storage system?

RAW: I'd consider it, but temperamentally I'd rather blast off for the stars when lifespan reaches about 400 years. I think in a 400 year cruise around the galaxy we'd contact races who have immortality already and we might arrange a trade for the technology of it. (Maybe they'd want an unexpurgated *Illuminatus*.) I'm for space, actually, whether there are immortals out there or not. Aside from that bias, I'd support life extension by whatever means, from cryonic suspension to cyborgism to coding ourselves into our computers or whatever. Contrary to the last 2,500 years of "philosophy" among the domesticated and neurotic carnivore species we adorn, there is nothing noble or beautiful or dignified about dying. Like poverty, it is ugly, nasty, brutal and primitive. The function of intelligence is to do better than those mammalian norms.

CRNLA: Could you give us a bibliography on everything you've had published and who published it and if it's still in print?

RAW: Hell, no. I've got about a thousand articles in print and I can't remember where most of them were printed and don't really care to. The things I'm willing to stand by, in addition to *Illuminatus*, are the essays being collected in *Prometheus Rising: Sex and Drugs*; a Playboy Press paperback; my piece on "The Future of Sex" in *Oui*, November 1975; the article on brainwashing by Leary and me in *Oui* for June 1976, (which I especially commend to those who thought the consciousness-warps, ego-fissions, reality-mutations and sex-role roulette in *Illuminatus* were "fantasy"); "Scientific and Experimental Magick" in *Gnostica*, January 1975; and two pieces on Caryl Chessman and the Marquis de Sade in *The Realist*, dates unknown. Most of what I wrote before last week bores me.

CRNLA: What kind of stuff was the 500 pages that got edited out of *Illuminatus*?

RAW: It was sacrilegious, blasphemous, obscene, subversive, funny, surrealistic, trippy and much like what did get published. The portion of hard anarchist propaganda in what got cut is perhaps somewhat greater than in what got printed, but I do not attribute that to a governmental conspiracy. Editors always amputate the brain first and preserve a good-looking corpse. I knew that, and told Shea they'd do it, so we put in so damned much anarchist material that a lot

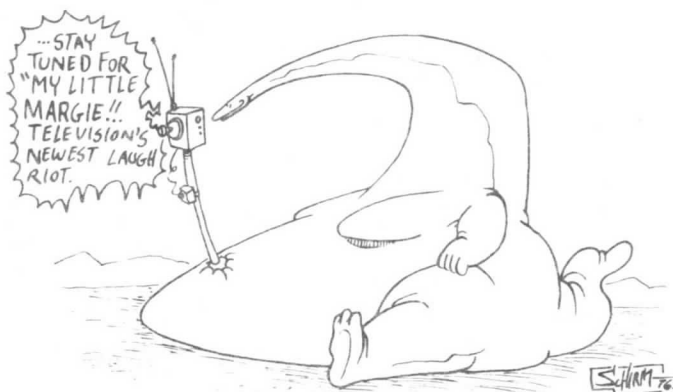
would be left even after the ceremonial castration.

CRNLA: Is Bob Shea a hard-core libertarian?

RAW: More or less. I really don't want to categorize Shea, who can certainly speak (eloquently) for himself.

CRNLA: Who wrote the *Atlas Shrugged* parody in *Illuminatus*? Who wrote the appendices?

RAW: I wrote the *Telemachus Sneezed* section—which is not just another kick at poor old Rand, but also a self-parody of *Illuminatus*, and of *Moby Dick*, and of my arcane Joycean use of *Moby Dick* parallels in *Illuminatus*.



Unfortunately, that section was particularly mauled and truncated by the editors. Originally, it was trans-Melvilian satire on all ideology and morality, including my own lapses into ethical thinking. I also wrote the Appendices on various occasions when very stoned as a parody on my style in my more academic essays.

CRNLA: What was Hagbard doing in a government printing office?

RAW: Hagbard was visiting the Discordian agents who have infiltrated the government and sneak parodies into the bureaucratic forms; SMI2LE = infinity. (Space Migration plus Intelligence Increase plus Life Extension = cosmic consciousness.)

CRNLA: Any word on how sales are doing?

RAW: Fine, I might not have to take up highway robbery and murder to get rich after all.

CRNLA: That's good. Who is Tarantella Serpentine and why is she working for *Limit* newsletter?

RAW: The Discordian conspiracy has been radically decentralized from the beginning, in accordance with Malaclypse the Younger's principle that "We Discordians must stick apart." The last I heard, Tarantella was a

fictional character, working in a San Francisco massage parlor (in my other novel, *The Sex Magicians*). It doesn't surprise that she has a life of her own, outside my imagination. *Illuminatus* is only part of the total art work, or "happening" known as Operation Mindfuck. A group of New York Discordians, for instance, celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Illuminati with a public reading from *Principia Discordia* (which also exists) outside the UN Building on May 1 this year. A lodge of Crowleyan magicians in Texas has officially changed their name from the Temple of the Hidden God to the Ancient Illuminated Good Old

Boys of Houston. Emperor Norton posters, endorsed by the Illuminati, are for sale through Solidarity Books in Chicago. Everything the Birchers ever claimed about the Illuminati is gradually coming true.

CRNLA: Do you feel frustration living in the "real" world? After reading *Illuminatus* it's a downer to get back to reality—even my usual escapist literature is depressing. How do you feel about this?

RAW: Every nervous system creates its own "reality," minute by minute—or, in the language of Don Juan Matus, we live inside a "bubble" of neural abstractions which we identify with reality. In metaprogramming systems like Tibetan Tantra, Crowleyanity, or Leary's Exo-Psychology, you can make this neurological fact into conscious experience, and then you will never be bored or depressed again. Just reading the scientific evidence that this is true, in social psychology or general semantics or neurology or whatever, will not liberate you; one needs actual re-training, in Tantra or Crowley or Leary, to experience what I'm talking about here. It is a great privilege to be conscious in this universe. Those who understand, shine like stars.

CRNLA: I was just speaking in relative terms. Actually, I'm quite excited about reality—it's probably my favorite thing. I was just wondering if sometimes all the fnords tend to get you a little pissed-off.

RAW: Never. As Tim Leary says, the universe is an intelligence test. The things that hinder me are opportunities to learn more and develop further. That's where amoral thinking is distinctly superior to moral thinking. If you recognize that your latest problem is totally without moral significance—for instance, you have a disease which you can't, by the wildest stretch of imagination, blame on anybody—then it's just a question of coping with the situation as best you can. When you realize that people are just as automated as bacteria or wild animals, then you deal with hostile humans the same way you deal with infections or predators—rationally, without claiming you're "right" and they're "wrong." Then you begin to understand Crowley's great Law of Thelema (Do What Thou Wilt) and you're free, really free, instead of being an actor in a soap-opera written by the superstitious shamans who created morality 30,000 years ago. You are also free of anger, hatred and resentment, which are great burdens to drop. They live happiest, my friend, who have understood and forgiven all.

CRNLA: Are there real people, alive or in history, who resemble any of your characters (Hagbard in particular)?

RAW: Absolutely. There are hundreds of thousands of Hagbards around, and all the sleep-walkers are potential Hagbards. They only need to be shaken a bit and awakened. As Jesus said, "Ye are all gods, ye are all children of the Most High."

RAW: Have you ever walked into some public place like a shopping center and said to yourself something like "Christ, it's solid earthlings! You'd think there'd be at least a couple of aliens strolling around looking at the shops, etc."?

RAW: Curiously, I belong to a loose association of skeptical Contactees—people who've had the Contact experience but are too skeptical to take it literally. There are over a hundred of us in U.S. alone, mostly scientists, and I think that the gradual surfacing of this story will be one of the major cultural shocks of our time. Right now, Martin Gardener has already registered his viewpoint and I trust that MIT will have the courtesy to print Dr. Sarfatti's rebuttal. I must add that most of us who are involved in this have grown extremely doubtful about

the now-conventional extraterrestrial explanation and are trying out various explanatory models that are even more mind-blowing. Those who are interested in this subject might look up my article, "The Starseed Signals" in *Gnostica* for June 1975 and Dr. Jacques Vallee's book, *The Invisible College*. As the divine Mullah Nasrudin said, "If you haven't seen me before, how do you know it is me?"

CRNLA: What are your plans for future books?

RAW: *Prometheus Rising* will be published by Llewellyn next year. It's a collection of my essays on space age occultism and post-LSD consciousness. I hope it'll knock holes in the Christian revival, the Hindu revival, the Buddhist revival and all the other neolithic metaphysics going around these days. A book on immortality research, possibly entitled *Death Shall Have No Domination*, is going around New York seeking a publisher. A book on Dr. Timothy Leary, and a new novel called *Schrodinger's Cat*, about quantum paradoxes and parapsychology, are also in the works. Leary and I are working on a collaborative venture called *The Game of Life* which started out as one volume and became three. It modestly attempts to deduce the next four billion years of evolution from the data of Leary's brain-change research.

CRNLA: Who did you know in the old Berkeley crowd such as Danny Rosenthal, Sharon Presley, Tom McGivern? How about Kerry Thornley?

RAW: I never heard of any of those people except Kerry Thornley and Sharon Presley. Kerry is one of the co-creators of Discordian atheology, which is why volume one of *Illuminatus* is co-dedicated to him. Sharon is a fine person whom I've only met twice but liked vastly. I'm sure all those others are excellent people, too, but I've never met them.

CRNLA: The editor of *New Libertarian Weekly*, SEK3, would like you to write for them—"...we're a hell of a lot better than SRAF and even pay a token amount, and can run stuff he can't get past *Playboy* and *Oui*."

RAW: I'd be delighted.

RAW: Do you have any concluding thoughts for our readers?

RAW: Absolutely not. As Korzybski said, nothing is conclusive, and every sentence should end with an *et cetera*. Or perhaps Woody Allen said it better: "Not only is there no God, but you can't even get a plumber on weekends." The answer to that, of course, is to become your own god and your own plumber. That may be the fundamental secret of the Illuminati. ■

DRAGON'S BANE

by Samuel Edward Konkin III

CHAPTER FOUR

Considering the location, thought Mohazzar Nefar, this room is impeccable. Nefar surveyed the shining long table, the padded chairs placed equidistant along each side, a notepad, pen, and computer terminal placed in a neat little arrangement in front of the chair.

It was unfortunate that the chairs were loose, he lamented. He really could have hooked up some excellent fixed seating. But the Directors were a bit edgy sitting on anything they thought might be wired.

The Executive of the Dragon was about to have a full meeting for the first time in months. At the last one, snickered Nefar, a couple had tried to kill Draco, the Number One. The electrified chairs had not helped then, as the assassins had taken care to leap from them first. Alicia Adams, Number 10, had destroyed one assassin, and a Mr. Karlsruhe the other. Karlsruhe had become Draco's number two, and had led an attack on Laissez Faire Insurance and Protection, the largest insurance and protection agency in the world.

The Rann Gold and Adora Stevens had interfered. Stevens had pursued Karlsruhe after the near miss on Omayya Chronos' life. Gold had discovered their headquarters for the terrorist attacks on the Protection Agencies, and the fear-mongering broadcasts on the populace.

Gold and Stevens had then battled the garrison to a standstill, when the "flips" arrived. The LFIP agents destroyed the underground base. It was rumored that Number 10 had fled after a sound beating moments before.

Now the Dragon seemed recovered. Ms. Adams had been the last electrocuted by the old chairs. She had recovered and volunteered to lead an attack on her foster sister and brother-in-law.

The word "law" started an association in Mohazzar Nefar's mind. His father had talked about their ancestral home in Iran before Nefar had been born. Iran had had a "Shah" then, a man who held great prestige and authority from other men and women. Nefar himself was a young child when he saw the last Shah, and not yet an adolescent when the Shah and his bureaucrats were rounded up and tried. The Shah himself had escaped to join the die-hard statists in their last battle against the advancing Eurasian Defense Syndicate.

His father had told Mohazzar that he was distantly related to the Shah. Maybe not, but who knows? Someday, the State would return to the world and a new Shah would return to the fabled land of Persia. Nefar liked to think that the State itself had been created by his ancestors, the Achaemenians.

He regarded his assistant with the cold regard he imagined the first emperor to possess, and gave him an imperial gesture of dismissal, then seated himself at the head of the table. To rule others, what must it be like to be the first to come up with that thought? First the thought, then the will...

"Everything in order, Number 42?"

Nefar found himself standing up. Rigidly.

"Certainly, Number One."

"You may go. Oh, and Number 42..."

"Yes, sir," hesitated the would-be Shah.

"You will be pressured to return to the world on assignment tomorrow. You have the place in good order. The Dragon requires your services elsewhere."

"Of course, Number One. I shall be ready." Relief washed over him at the commendation.

"Dream well tonight. Tomorrow it will be time to live those dreams."

Nefar walked out of the room in exhilaration and rising fear.

He almost collided with a fiery redhead in battle dress, looking as if she had just wrestled a wildcat to a draw. Maybe she had. Nefar did not ask.

Her eyes blazed at him, considering whether to knock him out of her way. "Where is Draco, Moe?"

"Inside, Number 10." He cringed out of her way. She entered.

Mohazzar Nefar continued down the hallway. Someday hundreds, no, thousands, would cringe before him. Harems...

"Report, Number 10." Draco did not turn around to look at the entering woman.

Alicia Adams brushed her hair back and composed herself. "Hit on schedule. We were subjected to attack as we left the building. Personnel carrier destroyed by flips. Flip craft shot down by Dragon escort. Escort returned to..."

"Describe the 'hit' and events immediately afterward," interrupted Draco softly. He turned to her.

Adams flustered, then came to attention, staring straight ahead. "Rann Gold and Adora Stevens appeared in the apartment. Rifle grenade was fired into window and detonated. Building split in half vertically, half falling frontward. My squad gathered all evidence and went to the street for pickup. An interfering flip was eliminated. A private craft then straged us and more flips appeared on ground. My men engaged them in combat. The escort fit me and one man in. The other two were killed in defending us. Naturally, I made sure they were totally disintegrated before we left. Then we evaded air patrols..."

Something bothered Draco. Alicia's voice trailed off as she saw him go into deep concentration. She began to relax.

Suddenly, "Why didn't the front of the apartment house blow out? Why the whole building?"

"What difference does it make, Number One? So a few more anarchists died than otherwise. But if the whole building is demolished, so were the occupants."

"Don't take things for granted, Number 10. I don't understand...wait a minute! Suppose the grenade exploded in the hallway in the middle of the building. If the walls were stronger than the floors, the blast would be channeled vertically rather than horizontally."

Alicia Adams saw a side of Draco she had never before seen. He was pre-occupied, a boyish enthusiasm possessing him while his mind worked over a problem, solving it, conquering nature. She wondered why he decided to control people rather than nature. Then she cut off that line of thinking.

"Did the front of the building fall in a piece or did it crumble?" He was asking her a question. Again she gathered her wits.

"All together. But it broke into chunks when it hit the ground."

"Then a small probability exists that they survived."

Her eyes opened wide and her voice rose.

"Draco, I couldn't have blasted that building any better. Was I supposed to sift through that rubble and zap it to dust?"

"It was your plan, Alicia," he replied coldly. "Nevertheless," he relented slightly, "the odds are overwhelming that they perished. I was merely noting that it is no longer certain. And I must be certain. So I will have to expend an agent to achieve certainty for me."

"I will attend to it personally..."

"No," he corrected, "you will await my summons in your sleeping room. You are not in position to adequately check the

information for me. In the meantime, I am postponing the meeting until the afternoon." He turned to a communicator.

Alicia Adams left, relief mingling with a fearful thrill of anticipation at what he would do to her tonight.

"Number 42."

Mohazzar Nefar was roused out of his reverie by the call over the communicator. He was teaching the Shah's harem the meaning of subjugation.

"Number 42, this is Number One."

He opened his eyes and rose from the bed immediately. "Yes, Number One?"

"Instruct your assistant to follow through on arrangements flawlessly. Then proceed to Transportation Section. Your mission has begun. That is all."

Nefar felt fear. His assistant would take his secure job. He would be forced to face danger. He might fail and the Dragon would kill him.

He concentrated on the reward. If successful, he would command aggressive units. When the restoration came, he could be leading Dragonites in the Re-establishment of Law and Order in Central Asia. Was it not all worth it, to be the Shah? If Draco willed it...and why shouldn't he if Nefar was successful?

As he closed off his room, his hand trembled on the doorknob.

"Number Six."

"Communications with Number Three established. Sorry for the delay, Number One."

"Number One, I was forced to leave a meeting. Perhaps suspiciously."

"You will return as soon as you activate Number Fifteen."

"But Number One," whined the communicator, "she is the only decent agent I have left in Southwestern North America. LFIP cleaned out all active agents in the last two battles..."

"...and you will find someone else to sleep with, Number Three. She is too valuable for petty satisfaction. Her instructions are to prove Rann Gold dead."

"Uh, suppose he isn't?"

"Then she has failed."

"Oh. She'll do it."

"Of course. And you will be here for the meeting..."

"But Number One, I never attend conferences. The risk is too great..."

"This is not an exception or a whim, Number Three. This is the beginning of ROLO. That is all. Return to your conference."

The communicator switched off in the

area once known as Southern California. The man who had been listening stared at the speaker unit. "ROLO. That's all? Isn't that enough?"

CHAPTER FIVE

The mind of Rann Gold decided, after careful consideration, that it had not entered into that state speculated to be "afterlife." Therefore, it was forced to conclude it still had a body upon which it worked its will. It sought a nervous system.

Pain.

It was in his feet. He reached over to help his foot, and found out two things. One, he had hands in working order. Two, there was a large rock on his foot.

He opened his eyes. Well, it was either dark or he was blind. No light. He felt his ears. They felt sore, but he could hear. He rolled his tongue around his mouth.

Ugh.

He tasted concrete dust and general foulness. He spat.

He ran backward over what he had been thinking. He remembered being in suspended animation...

No, he would not know if he was in suspension. That must have been a dream. He had been unconscious.

He ran back further until he came to the explosion and feeling of falling. The whole room had been falling. And he had been holding Adora Stevens, Mrs. Rann Gold.

"Adora," he yelled. And he knew his vocal cords worked. As he yelled again and again, he thought he heard a reply.

Knock on the rubble to give us a fix," came a muffled command, distorted by amplification equipment.

Gold kicked at the rock on his foot, harder and harder. He also flicked his lighter, which he had drawn from his pocket. The rock budged, then rolled off his foot. Behind it was blond hair askew, an arm in an unnatural position.

Thoughts of LFIP sonar equipment and triangulation fled from his mind. Blood raced to his head and his mind narrowed its focus frantically. His foot hurt like hell, but nothing was broken. He crawled over to her. Her body was warm.

Gold pulled a puvl from his pocket. It was rugged and still functional. The pocket ultra-violet laser beam slashed through the rubble around Adora Stevens. He pulled her out. She died in his arms.

"Can you hear me?" he yelled, as loudly and clearly as he could.

"Gotcha pinpointed. We're almost there."

Gold saw a crack of light appear. Thanks for free market efficiency. "Get a revival unit over fast. She just died!" His voice broke, and he sat holding her, shaking, silent.

The door closed on the mobile revival unit. Rann Gold had personally seen the switch turned on, resetting and maintaining his wife's life-functions. Relevant transplants could begin in mid-flight. The awareness of the rest of his surroundings returned. He spotted the LFIP insignia on a nearby foreman.

"You get me out?"

"Yep. Insurance will cover it."

"I'm Rann Gold."

"I know. Bonus for me from Chronos, I'll bet."

"Where is he?"

"Same place your wife's going, I expect." As Gold's eyes widened, the Agent signalled a non-required digger to watch over the work.

All around, insurance agents and hastily-hired construction workers worked in frantic haste to save clients and minimize losses. Nor was any property destroyed, since it was similarly insured. A few Agents, physically unfit for rescue work, were rummaging through items dropped near them, classifying condition and identifying ownership.

Whatever chaos had been generated was long gone. All actions were purposeful, directed, and highly motivated. "Let's get this job *done*, and *done right*!" came a reprimand from a site a few yards away. "Think I don't want to get rich?" was the harder-to-hear muttered reply.

"What happened to Omayya?" asked Gold. "How is he?"

"Happened to be coming to visit you, near's I can tell, when he shot it out with your attackers. They zapped him. He and the driver were blinded, but nothing serious."

"By the way," the agent added, the name's Conn Sythe. Just don't call me Connie. How's the wife?"

"She... she died."

"They get her into revival in time to stop brain damage?" Sythe asked knowledgeably.

"They said so," said Gold dubiously.

"Well, then, nothing to worry about."

Gold suddenly looked off into the distance. "She died but it's not serious."

"Yeah, right." Sythe could not understand why Gold was laughing, but joined in anyways.

An autocar flew through the LFIP blockade and landed in front of Gold and Sythe. A striking brunette stepped

out and smiled at Sythe.

"You look important. I'm Liz Smith, Anarcho-Video-News Syndicate." She pointed to her microphone-and-camera pens clipped to her breast pockets (one on each side for stereo and 3V). "Tell me why it happened or is it confidential?"

Sythe was clearly smitten by the lady's charms. Nevertheless, he replied cautiously, "I guess this fellow will tell you all that ought to be told."

Liz Smith noticed Rann Gold. She flashed him an encouraging smile.

"Rann Gold. It was an attempt on my life and that of my loved ones. Could you report that I'm dead?"

Sythe and Smith looked directly at him, startled. "But you're not," he stammered.

"That's why it would be valuable to mislead the bandit gang."

"If I turned in a false report, I'd never work again," said Smith, slowly and carefully, as to a child. "The restitution for all the broken contracts around the world and even to the stars would be enormous and I would be liable."

She looked at him intently, to see if he perceived. Gold realized his anachronism, and laughed. "Well, suppose I lied to you about it. Then I'd be liable!"

Sythe broke up, but Smith's laughter was more restrained. She kept eyeing him curiously. As Conn Sythe sobered, he waved his farewell, still chuckling, and returned to supervision.

"I'm going to the Gabriel Aguilar Jr. Memorial Hospital. Perhaps by offering you more story, I can keep you from publishing what you have."

"Perhaps, Mr. Gold. Would you like to ride in my autocar?"

Gold got in, with a thought buzzing through his head, as elusive as a mosquito. Liz Smith was pushing buttons, and given a route to her destination. The vehicle took off. Gold, lost in his thoughts for a moment, noticed that the console was speaking.

"Rann Gold went to work for Laissez Faire Insurance and Protection in 2126 on..."

"Tell me about the earlier part of his life." Liz Smith was reclining in the driver's seat, one arm stretched out behind Gold, the other in motion. She adjusted her pocket pen-mike-cameras, then switched on the airseal and filter, and reached for a cigarette.

"No information available."

She dropped her cigarette and sat up.

"You have access to all public information. Are you trying to tell me, overrated binary bits, that his birth was

kept secret, his childhood, his education, and his previous employment, and he just walked in the LFIP in 2026 and was hired?"

"When you put it that way," replied the computer, "I must logically admit that I'm trying to tell you that."

Gold controlled his chuckle. Smith controlled her temper.

She regained her cigarette and her composure.

"Well, you offered me more story."

"Suppose you don't turn in the videotape in those cameras until you have the whole story...?" began Gold.

"Can't do. These pens transmit directly to the computer for processing."

Gold pondered the pen-mike-cameras sticking pertly out of her breast pockets, regarding him regarding them. Even grabbing them and breaking them could not undo the damage. In this society one could always shut out a prying reporter, but once she observed it was irrevocable. He admired the built-in security for the reporter even as he silently cursed it.

"All right, Liz. Suppose I keep giving you information. Suppose I keep topping each revelation by a juicier one? You—or the processors—can't stop to broadcast until you get the whole story, right?"

"Well," said Liz, "there's bound to be a limit, an end somewhere." She took a long, slow drag on the cigarette and flashed him an encouraging smile.

"I was born in 1950, under the name Jon Rand. I was an activist of the libertarian movement until I was injured in 1975. I was put in suspended animation just before the crackdown which wiped out most of my peers and was thawed out successfully in 2025. I took a new name to cover my past. Rann Gold."

He just couldn't help enjoying it. Her eyes widened, he cigarette burned unnoticed. She was fully focused on him. But not as Rann Gold, recent hero, but Jon Rand, dinosaur.

"I believe that's the hospital. Until we get to the right rooms, I'll keep talking. Remain unobtrusive and cover your... ah, pens when we're there. And I'll pick it up afterwards."

Gold walked into the reception area. Attendants were over in one area, moving rapidly, some carrying patients. He remembered that one of the pens they carried was a computer terminal, which automatically recorded medical contracts offered by the patients without diverting the attendants from their ministrations. Gold walked over to a more serene area.

As he approached the desk, he caught the eye of an attractive lady of middle

age, in the traditional starched white. Her soft words moved pens, her nod moved nurses.

As the head nurse raised her eyebrows in anticipation of inquiry, Gold said, "Rann Gold. Check with the LFIP to clear me for Omay Chronos' room, and that of my wife."

The head nurse dissolved her quizzical look and smiled a curious assent. Then all expression vanished and she turned to a console. Her fingers had begun to strike buttons even before she had completed her turn. Gold felt a desire to see that wonderful face turned to him again, which could communicate a paragraph in one elegant arrangement.

"Cleared for Chronos, Mr. Gold." The voice had dropped from direction to respect. "Your, ah, wife's name?"

"Mrs. Gold? . . . oh, Adora Stevens."

As the nurse turned again, Liz Smith sidled up beside Gold. "You're for real, all right. Mrs. Gold!"

"That's our bag," Rann said defensively. "I hear spacers still use it."

For a second, Gold heard nothing and turned to Smith. The mosquito in his mind began buzzing again. "That's true," Smith was smiling, "but you're obviously no spacer."

Rann Gold had a riposte, but was interrupted by the nurse. "Here comes agent Tsai-Chek of Laissez Faire. I believe he will take care of you."

"Thank you, Ms. . ."

"Why, Tesla Tiffen, Mr. Gold." Her expressive face flashed a smile of genuine affection that nearly blinded him and made him feel wonderful. The it faded as she turned to running a free market hospital. Gold found himself in an elevator with agent Tsai-Chek and Liz Smith.

"It's Liu, right? Retaliator?"

Liu Tsai-Chek beamed with the recognition. "Yes, Rann, you seem to have learned the lessons you were taught well."

"Not all that well," smiled Gold ruefully. "Afraid my physical combat record could be better. I should have attended *your* classes."

"Thank you. But when it comes to violence-users, the Dragon is blessed."

"Is the Agency taking the Dragon seriously now?"

"Ever since the raid on their island over a year ago, it's been our chief topic of idle conversation. We cannot imagine those trained to the techniques of violence without first having purged themselves as fully as possible of evil intent. How can such people live with themselves—and still function competently?"

"I saw far too many of them in my early years, Liu. It requires dividing your mind, refusing to evaluate. To do but not judge."

Liu Tsai-Chek shook his head in confusion. Then he inclined his head, indicating a wish to be introduced to Liz Smith, who promptly smiled encouragingly at him.

"Ms Smith is with me."

As he turned slightly to glance sidelong at Smith, she pointedly toggled her "Pens," pulling them from their clipped position, and putting them in her pockets—covered. Of course she looked up and smiled demurely. Gold beamed back.

Above the door were monitors, and it slid open to a code of Liu Tsai-Chek. While Rann and Liz walked in, Liu stood in the doorway. A doctor completed connecting a tube to a body in a bed. Only then did he look up. He looked accusingly at Liu.

Gold said, "I'm her husband."

The doctor shrugged. "OK by me if you wanna watch, buddy. But if you distract me, it's your wife."

The head and hair were still intact so he looked at that.

Liz Smith observed the look on Rann

Gold's face as he stared at Adora Stevens. Her hand moved towards her pockets. Then she saw Liu Tsai-Chek observing her and she put them down again. Liu Tsai-Chek noticed as she watch Gold's expression of grief that a pain began to contort her features.

The body mechanic broke the spell. "Seen enough, buddy? She ain't going nowhere for a few days at least. Tell you what, we'll let her wake up tomorrow, just for you."

As Gold turned to him, he headed for some more equipment. "OK, Liu, let's go see Omay. Is he conscious?"

"Boy, is he!"

Liu Tsai-Chek pointedly waited for Liz Smith to follow Gold, then followed her. Gold noticed the same security arrangements in Chronos' room, plus an airseal for smoking.

The door slid behind them and Liz Smith screamed. Rann Gold turned to see her held fast by two burly men. Liu had been shut outside and a woman came towards them, looking deadly serious. Gold reached for his puvl.

Just then he heard the unmistakable voice of Omay Chronos. "No!"

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WEEKLY*The First Newsweekly of the New Libertarian Society***HEINLEIN TALKS TOUGH**
Tells SF WorldCon War Inevitable!

(September 4 || Kansas City, Mo.) Robert Anson Heinlein, oft-acclaimed dean of Science Fiction writers and Guest of Honor at the 34th World Science Fiction Convention in Kansas City (MidAmeriCon), told the packed Municipal Auditorium that he expected wars in the rest of human history and that man will survive anyway. Several boos came from the fannish audience which had earlier given him a standing ovation. The catcalls were immediately drowned out by cheers and applause.

Just before the libertarian Heinlein delivered his GoH speech, Joe Haldeman had won the Hugo Award for Best Novel of 1975 for his strong anti-war *The Forever War*. Many fanzines had reviewed Haldeman's book as an "answer" to Heinlein's *Starship Troopers*, often considered pro-military.

Heinlein's speech was largely anecdotal, much concerned with his return to the city of his childhood. He departed from the reminiscences briefly for a blunt affirmation of his social-darwinist philosophy. The MidAmeriCon fan audience gave Heinlein another standing ovation at the closing of his remarks.

Several hundred libertarians attended the Labour Day Convention and *New Libertarian Notes* posters covered the walls of the Hotel Muehlebach floors. New Libertarian Enterprises sponsored a Sunday night (after Heinlein's speech) Frefan party with around fifty fans crowding in and out. Nearly all libertarian fan expressed fairly consistent positions with many differing styles. Only three MacBride-supporting partyarchs were found among the 2500+ attendees.

Besides libertarian pros Heinlein and Poul Anderson, Alfred Bester (*The Demolished Man*, *The Stars My Destination*, and this year's Hugo no-

minee *The Computer Connection*) expressed interest in libertarianism. Libertarian BNFs (Big Name Fans) present included Bonnie Kaplan and Dale Nelson (Chicago), Duncan Frisell (Oregon), Mike and Cyndi Moslow and Richard Friedman and Judy Goldstein, and Tom Collins (New York), Filthy Pierre (Maryland), Richard and Maureen Genteman (Illinois), John Costello (Massachusetts), and *NLW*'s Victor Koman, J. Neil Schulman and SEK3 (California). Richard Geis, though not attending, won the Hugo for Best Fanwriter of 1975. Other frefan at the Con party came from Connecticut, New Jersey, Texas and Tennessee. Several were newcomers introduced to libertarianism.

Frefan found a high recognition among fans in general of libertarian ideas and of *New Libertarian Notes*.

Plans are already underway for the next World SF Convention over the Labour Day Weekend of 1977. The WorldCon will be held in Miami Beach at the Fontainebleau Hotel and is called SunCon. Already in the works is a full huckster's table for expanded libertarian-SF literature distribution and sales, program ads, and a full suite for welcoming fans and running several parties.

To get involved with SunCon plans, write New Libertarian Enterprises, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801 and mention your interests. ■

NEXT ISSUE: Blockbuster attacks on LP, Rothbard by LeFevre; Smith joins Anti-Party libertarians; Supper Clubs defend against MacBride's attack; *Reason* editor denounces *NLW*, and more! ■

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LAST NEW YORK REPORT

by Howard Katz

(July 22 || New York) The Manhattan County LP endorsed Al Goldstein, the editor of *Screw Magazine*, for Congress in the 18th CD at its July 6th meeting. When asked if he was a libertarian, Mr. Goldstein replied that he had looked over some of the LP literature a week before the meeting and that except for a "knee jerk liberal" reaction on gun control, he could very well go along with it. To all evidence he had not known that such ideas existed prior to that time.

Mr. Goldstein also confessed to a form of defamation violating property rights. He cuts out ads of "establishment" institutions from other magazines and runs them in his without the consent of the advertiser. This creates the false impression that the establishment institution is advertising in his magazine and causes a loss of reputation and resulting financial loss. Mr. Goldstein has not indicated a willingness to make financial restitution to the injured institutions. The Manhattan LP was aware of this when they voted to endorse him 12-4. The leading advocates of the Goldstein endorsement were Ann Weill and John Caulfield.

[According to the latest *Free Libertarian*, Goldstein has withdrawn from the race for lack of backing.—SEK3]

The Albany area movement received a setback when activist Don Feder moved to Massachusetts. But the other Albany activist, John Deane, is making a good start in his role as

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NEWS OF THE LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

"MR. DEATH" FINALLY CROAKS

(September 9 || Peking) Mao Tse-Tung, who murdered more human beings than any other man in all history, died 12:10 A.M. Peking time. Most other world statists, from socialist Willy Brandt to rightist Valery Giscard D'Estaing to Richard Nixon, praised the undisputed champion of economic regulation, civil oppression, and mass executions.

Although Mao, Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party and thus ruler of the Chinese State since 1949, has been praised by libertarians Murray Rothbard and Steven Halbrook for a relatively restrained policy of foreign intervention, the deceased tyrant has considerably more significance to the libertarian movement.

According to historians such as Olga Lang, Mao Tse-Tung was originally an anarchist. However, he was convinced by Socialist Party organizers to pursue a political route to achievement of his ideals. Later, in the 1960s, anarchists who never accepted the Party approach, such as Pa Chin, were dragged out into the streets by Mao's Red Guards, spat and urinated upon, and compelled to renounce their philosophy.

If libertarians could ever rejoice at the ending of any life, the snuffing of Mao Tse-Tung would begin the celebration. Nearly all libertarians heard upon learning of Mao's demise thanked God and/or Reason that he will kill no more.

BLOW TO S.S. RESISTERS

(August 18 || New York) Julia Henson was denied religious exemption by the I.R.S. Tax Court. Henson was a self-employed bookkeeper and follower of Sai Baba, the Indian guru who teaches reliance on God rather than the institutions of man.

Followers of the Libertarian Churches across the country are investigating implications. —Linda Abrams

LIBERTARIAN CLOSE TO SUPREME COURT HEAD

(August 22 || Los Angeles) Considered a tremendous honour, an appointment of an activist libertarian-objectivist to the United States Supreme Court has buoyed hopes of legal-reform libertarians.

Alan Kozinsky, 1975 law graduate and former member of Libertarian Law Students Organization was ap-

pointed law clerk of Chief Justice Warren Earl Burger by outgoing civil libertarian Justice William O. Douglas. Kozinsky is presently law clerk of Judge Anthony Kennedy of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in California. —Linda Abrams

MACBRIDE OF ROTHBARD

(September 2 || New York) Murray Rothbard, in his ever-belated *Libertarian Forum* (July issue) moons over Roger "Uncle Remus in White Face" MacBride's hack campaign book. Rothbard's once-sharp critical judgement has fallen to the level of the following (a direct quote):

"MacBride also urges... a 'look into the feasibility of creating a truly voluntaristic society in which all goods and services provided on the free market.' (This is 'compromising?')"

This is Rothbard?

DISEASE CONSPIRACY?

(August 11 || ZNS) Is Alice Cooper part of a sinister plot to inject a mysterious serum into American veins? Perhaps so, according to Hollywood sources talking about an upcoming movie, *American Needle*.

Capitalizing on the suspicion that the government's swine flu vaccination is part of an insidious political conspiracy, rock star Alice Cooper is slated to star in a movie dealing with the inoculation program.

The movie, a quickie Hollywood effort, does not begin shooting until the end of August, and is scheduled for release in mid-November. Advance ads for the flick are advising: "Don't take your flu shot until you've seen this movie."

COUNTER-ECONOMIC COMMUNICATIONS TO RECEIVE FILM PUBLICITY

(August 19 || ZNS) Just when the "Citizens" Band radio craze appears to be leveling off, the word from Hollywood is that we'll be in for a rash of C.B. movies.

Paramount has a film on the boards called *Citizens Band*, which, a spokesperson says, will have "real characters and a love story."

Universal Studios is cranking up advertisements for their Burt Reynolds flick, *Smokey and the Bear*. Also, the book *Trucker: The Last American Cowboy*, will be fictionalized on screen, with Robert Mitchum a likely star.

Finally, *The Los Angeles Times* reports that even Marlon Brando is a C.B. nut. The *Times* says that "On a clear night Brando can be heard broadcasting from his Hollywood Hills home under a variety of code names and assumed accents."

F.B.I. HUNTS COUNTER-ECONOMIST TAPERS

(August 11 || ZNS) What do F.B.I. agents do when they're not looking for the 10 most wanted or burglarizing political radicals?

Well, in late July, one hundred of the Bureau's finest carried out a week-long sweep on flea markets, pawn shops and convenience stores in Texas looking for pirated albums and tapes, and according to *Billboard* magazine, they netted close to 100,000 contra-band 8-tracks.

No arrests were made, the publication says, but investigators say they are closing in on the manufacturers and distributors of the 8-tracks.

Meanwhile, a music newspaper editor in Mexico says many pirated tapes are made in Tijuana and Mexicali. According to Andrew Ortiz, editor of *Mundo Musical Internacional*, manufacturers "bribe the border guards to look the other way while they slip the stuff across, then they ship it... all across the U.S."

Epistles

FROM THE NEW LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

Dear Sam, August 9, 1976

Filthy Pierre is probably correct in his belief that a nuclear strategy is the best way to defend an ILC. This is one of the reasons I will support you in your debate in *CarbAPA* on Independent Libertarian Communities vs an Imbedded Libertarian Society. The isolation of an ILC on an uninhabited island would be distasteful to me. I prefer a situation where I can associate with anarchist friends while also enjoying the cultural and social advantages of a city such as Ann Arbor.

To live in a nuclear ILC would likely cut one off from the rest of society. If it should be discovered that an individual is involved with nuclear terrorists, his business designed to bring more money into the community would be boycotted. The individual would likely be ostracized, and possibly lynched. I hope that not even Filthy Pierre supports a policy of using nuclear weapons to prevent economic boycott and social ostracism.

Being forced to spend one's life in nuclear ILCs or in hiding would not even be as pleasurable as the dreams of those who would wish to spend their lives among libertarians. The ILC would be made up not of strict anti-collectivists, but of those who have no ethical objections to mass murder.

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Selected Quotes
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NONE OF THE ABOVE

Non-voting is now viewed as a political force which has the potential to alter the entire political system. *Chapter 1*

Lawyers make the law, and lawyers benefit through its enforcement. *Chapter 8*

...you can hardly expect a politician to give up power, any more than you can expect a baboon to give up bananas. *Chapter 14*

Perhaps the non-voters...don't want *any* of the alternatives offered to them at the polls, and that this, rather than apathy...is the reason they don't vote. *Chapter 13*

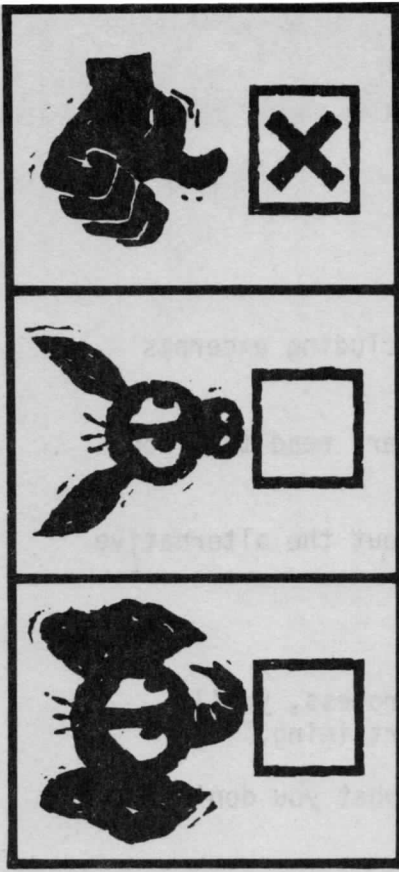
Where the difference between candidates is less than the difference between Tweedledum and Tweedledee, your supposed choice is as significant as the choice between arsenic and rat poison... *Chapter 2*

Politics is an intellectual anesthetic. It can dull the mind, put it to sleep, or even kill it permanently. *Chapter 23*

The politician is either deluded or lying when he claims to know better than you what is good for you. *Chapter 14*

"Society" is just a way of describing a group of individuals, and "the good of society" is a metaphor, not a reality. *Chapter 5*

Lawyers should be barred from holding public office. *Chapter 8*



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THE TROUBLE WITH "SF"

Speculations

Science Fiction for New Libertarian Thought
by Cain Smith

What's wrong with this statement?

"Most SF is intended to be realistic—that is, the author and reader believe the story might happen, although it probably will not." (Jerry Pournelle, p. 105, *The Craft of Science Fiction*, Ed. Reginald Bretnor.)

The August 1976 *F&SF* and *Analog*, and the July *Galaxy*, are a reasonable sample of SF magazines. Among them, they contain eleven SF stories. Of the writers, only two—Algis Budrys and John Varlev—seem either to believe their stories or seriously expect the reader to. The rest use standard SF trappings, and expect the reader to go along for the ride.

That's approximately eighteen percent of the writers in that sample doing what I consider *essential* in SF. (And what Pournelle claims most of them are doing.) In 1972, the worst percentage of the vote George McGovern got in any state was twenty percent.

Surely the original anthologies are better? They could be. But in this respect, they're worse. Why? Listen to Robert Silverberg give his requirements for *New Dimensions*:

"What I buy are stories about robots and time machines and spaceships and all that stuff we all know so well, but I like it done in a literate and adventurous way." (Westercon 1971 Original Anthologies Panel; *Prehensile* 11, p. 43.)

Some writers genuinely believe in things I consider absurd, and genuinely consider them realistic. If I think the writer truly considers it realistic, I'll accept almost anything—Spengler's historical cycles, telepathy, molecular psychiatry, the Easter Bunny, or Sam Konkin's socio-economic theories. A writer will have to work harder than if I agreed—but I'll grit my teeth and continue reading.

But if the writer's not working at it—if elements of the story come from older SF, or if the writer uses a notion not intended to be believed—then I think harsh thoughts about that author. And given opportunity, I'll

put them into print.

(There are borderline cases. Last year, the novel Hugo was won by a novel about anarchism whose author considered anarchism unattainable. But Ursula LeGuin thinks anarchism would work were it possible to establish. And that, and her realistic working-out of both advantage and disadvantages, make *The Dispossessed* an honest piece of SF craftsmanship.)

Why do so few SF writers even try to do what I consider the essential work? Well, there are experts to tell them it's not possible. Such diverse people as Robert Silverberg (*Odyssey*, Spring 1976), L. Srague de Camp (*Science Fiction Handbook, Revised*), and Alexei and Cory Panshin (*Science Fiction Today and Tomorrow*, Ed. Reginald Bretnor) say it.

There are also experts to tell them that other things are far more important. Like "relevance"—which usually means a future just like the late Sixties, but always means a concern with the currently most fashionable problems. Or adherence to "respectable" literary standards.

But the main reason is, they don't have to. The SF market will accept just about anything. Here's J.G. Ballard producing what some consider the next peak of English literature; there's Lin Carter doing bloodless imitations of pulp fiction. Nearer the center are Harlan Ellison, Larry Niven, Ron Goulart, Hayford Peirce, Kate Wilhelm Thomas Coble. Each dialect or idiolect of SF has those who read that alone and other who avoid it. But enough SF readers accept the entire range (probably including variations no one has yet dreamed up) to hold the SF market together.

There are several methods by which the proportion of SF that meets my standards could be raised. A government subsidized training program for writers; blackmailing the editors into turning down all material, no matter how much to their tastes, which doesn't meet those standards—these are among the obvious solutions.

But I have a less obvious solution: decrease salability of bad SF by increasing the competition. I don't want to decrease number of publications; even the worst magazine or book publisher will sooner or later accident-

ally publish a good story which couldn't have appeared anywhere else. I want to increase the number of writers submitting manuscripts.

If you've always intended to write SF "one of these days," sit down and write something. You have at least one advantage: the average *NLW* reader probably is familiar with a wider range of social and economic ideas than the average SF writer. And merely being aware that something which has "always" been done by government need not be in future might be enough to give you an edge.

If you can come up with a realistic-to-you future, characters who fit that setting, and a reasonable story, you have a good chance of selling. Read de Camp's *Science Fiction Handbook, Revised* and Bretnor's *The Craft of Science Fiction* for more data.

There's one problem peculiar to readers of *NLW* and similar publications: your stories might be too overloaded with libertarian jargon for any sane editor to buy. (In that case, you might try submitting them to *NLW*.) You may be obliged to make plausible notions you take for granted—you may even be forced to think them through more than previously. (If a government doesn't repair streets, who does? Or will ground-effect vehicles, or some such device, make the question irrelevant? If the government is abolished, who divides up the assets and how? Is God entitled to own private property, or should a church be owned by the clergyman? How do you turn the Marine Corps over to private enterprise?) But perhaps you can sell your thinking twice—once in an article for *NLW*, again in a story to *Analog* or *Galaxy*.

Write a story today, and send it off to a magazine or original-anthology series. (Or wait till you've read the suggested texts, if you're the cautious sort.) If it's good, it'll raise the level of the field just a trifle. If it's barely publishable, it'll still raise the level; you'll crowd out at least one story slightly lower in quality which would otherwise have been published.

If the story is unpublishable, you'll at least gain some writing experience for the next try. And your bad submission could make mine more promising in comparison. —Cain Smith

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Before placing himself in a situation which cuts him off from the rest of the world, I would at least expect people to desire the ILC to be secure from a failure which would force them to hide the rest of their lives. Economic boycotts by those not desiring to help terrorists would lessen the possibility of survival. A major flaw in Filthy's strategy would further jeopardize survival.

A major problem arising is strategies based upon retaliation is that one must be capable of surviving to retaliate. The people with the controllers for the nuclear devices must remain alive to use them. Clearly they cannot live within the ILC. Filthy answers the problem of incentive to use the weapons by having those with controllers be people publically working for, and profiting from, the ILC. If such people could live outside the ILC safely they would be closely watched by agents of the State.

Even if the people with the controllers do not make public their affiliation with the ILC, some contact must exist to arrange payments and plan strategy. The State will be watching closely for such contact, with preventing the use of weapons against itself being a major goal of any group of people. Survival over long periods of time would be far more difficult than any short range plan to attack the State, with the recruitment of new people to work for the ILC on the outside being extremely hazardous. A nuclear ILC is not the type of venture I would be willing to invest the rest of my life in.

Ron Chusid
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Sam, August 15, 1976

In response to Ron Chusid's letter of the 9th, I share with him his lack of enthusiasm for moving out into the boondocks. But that merely indicates that we are not made of the stuff of pioneers. Frontiers are not opened by people who are overly fond of the bright lights of the big city, and the frontier of ILC's will likely be no exception. I might be induced to spend a period of time in an ILC if the wages were attractive (as I spend a year at an isolated outpost in Alaska for three times my normal annual salary), but I enjoy activities like going to science fiction conventions too much to make the move permanent.

I don't share Ron's expectation of a general boycott of people involved with nukes. Even now, it is increasingly taken for granted that any country that wished to pursue an independent policy has to think nuclear. In the time period we're considering, nukes will

be commonplace. To be sure, various states might try to enforce a boycott of ILCs, but such actions would be coercive, and would be treated as tantamount to outright invasion if they threatened the economic life of the ILC. I don't think a general, grass-roots boycott would develop.

The technical questions of selecting people to be controllers, the ratio of open to clandestine operators, and so on, are fairly easy to deal with as they arise. Because of the general prevalence of nukes, the ILCs' nukes wouldn't be regarded as the kind of overwhelming threat that would merit the risks of pre-emptive action by the state against the controllers, any more than the U.S. or the U.S.S.R. seriously plots ways to sabotage the other side's entire retaliatory force.

Erwin S. (Filthy Pierre) Strauss
Lanham, Maryland

KATZ'S LAST REPORT

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FLP Chairman and is putting out a calendar of events in a monthly communication facetiously called *Chairspeak*. Poughkeepsie is going strong with an active party organization and just as active (non-party) club. They have 4 candidates, one of whom—Andy Sugar—might even win YFNA's support. Running a very "un-libertarian" campaign Sugar promises to do just what all politicians do when elected, but he admits it. E.g., "I'll do my best to reduce unemployment by hiring as many of my relatives as I can squeeze into the public payroll... Of course, I realize that, as a freshman senator, I'll be at the bottom of the graft pool, but I know that if I ingratiate myself to enough powerful people, if I fawn and grovel at the feet of the highly financed special interest groups that seem to control most state legislatures, I will become noticed and quickly become a political hack." The N.J. LP is strong and growing. A Party picnic on July 18 turned up a lot of new faces, for example. Oh, yes, Sandy Cohen is running against Hamilton Fish again.

The Committee to Establish the Gold Standard put on a demonstration at the Democratic Convention on July 12. 25-30 people marched against paper money and urged the Democrats to return to the principles of Jefferson. The demonstration was covered by WBAI (radio) and the N.Y. Post as well as others and somehow must have been picked up on nationwide T.V. The surprising aspect of the convention was the left showed so little strength. Realizing their weak-

ness they called a united left demonstration (Committee Against the Police State, I believe), but it only attracted 150 people. To get that they had to pass out free grass. Furthermore, a majority of the demonstrators carried signs against Senate Bill S-1.

I am resigning from the Libertarian Party. But YFNA should not get his hopes up. I am also resigning from the libertarian movement. My reasons are given in NLW 36 and a letter to the editor published in the latest FLP newsletter. —Howard S. Katz

Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

September 14-26 *Sy Leon on Tour.* Sy's publicity trip for his new book will be postponed until mid-October. Watch for new Calendar listing.

September 16 *Forum for Philosophical Studies.* "Anarchy or Limited Government?" Discussion with John Hospers and George H. Smith. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

September 16-19 *Third Annual Gold and Monetary Conference.* \$300, or \$475 joint husband & wife. Record attendance indicated. National Committee for Monetary Reform, 1524 Hilllary, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 865-9919. New Orleans.

September 18 *General Tax Strike.* Tax Relief Rally in New Jersey at State House. For details, contact libertarian organizer Ralph Fucetola, 23 River Road, North Arlington, NJ 07032. (201) 999-6998. Trenton, New Jersey.

September 19 *New Libertarian Alliance* (of S.C.) *Sy Leon* on "Past Libertarian Strategies." Some non-members will be invited. To apply for NLA membership or indicate desire to attend as special guest, write c/o New Libertarian Enterprises, P.O. Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801. Southern California

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) 935-0412 for date. Chicago.

October 11 *Libertarian Supper Club* of Los Angeles. Dick Nesbit speaker. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$6.95), 8:30 P.M. for program (\$1). Beneficial Plaza Cafeteria, 3700 Wishire (one block East of Western Ave.) Los Angeles.

All libertarian and related events are listed except those which require secrecy. Notification should be received at least two weeks before cover date of issue of appearance wished. Political activities associated with "libertarianism" will be rejected.

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LEFEVRE vs ROTHBARD

Battle of Titans Rocks Movement!

(September 13 || Los Angeles) Libertarian Party idolators—"Partyarchs"—suffered three major setbacks in a week as anti-Party forces opened fire in Southern California. Most critical salvo was fired by Robert LeFevre, the only libertarian opinion-leader of a stature with Party-supporting Murray N. Rothbard. LeFevre had remained relatively silent until now.

Other blasts at the LP came at the Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles on the Monday meeting of September 13. Seymour Leon, head of the League of Non-Voters, director of the Supper Club, and author of the new smash book, *None of the Above*, countered LP Presidential candidate Roger MacBride's attack on ideologues and supper clubs. George H. Smith, rising young star in the libertarian firmament, director of the Forum for Philosophical Studies, the major hard-core educational organization in Los Angeles, shredded the LP "gradualist" min-archist position in a brilliant, captivating speech.

LEFEVRE SINGLES OUT MURRAY ROTHBARD

LeFevre's Journal (Fall 1976, Vol. III, No. 4) carried the attack on the LP and Rothbard. Although LeFevre has been critical of Party politics in general, this was the first time he singled out the Libertarian Party and Murray Rothbard. Indeed, Rothbard's critique of LeFevre's position in Rothbard's *Libertarian Forum* triggered LeFevre's response.

"Since I have no means of responding to this charge except by this *Journal*," says LeFevre, "I am going to employ it to that purpose..." "One of the great merits of the 'libertarian movement' is that there is no catechism or body of tenets to which allegiance must be sworn. The merit

of the search for liberty is that an open debate still continues."

LeFevre contrasts this with party-archism. "Those within a political party cannot permit the reminder that they may have erred. Politics is above admitted error. It must not stoop to principle. The party comes first and virtue, if it can be located, must be, and invariably is, shunted to a siding. Free men, acting practically and usefully in terms of market-place interactions, require no such dogma."

LeFevre says he selected Rothbard "as the principal spokesman" because Rothbard "has on occasion said things that are important," "has written some of the finest libertarian economic works I ever expect to see," and "because of the slavishness of his followers who are so dominated by his thinking, or his occasional lapses of thought, as to virtually elevate him to a position of chief justice over us all."

LeFevre continues in this hard-hitting manner. "Unlike some members of the Libertarian Party, I see small merit in helping to elect people to do jobs I would prefer to see undone. I remember one of my early teachers, Frank Chodorov, a man from whom I learned much, who, when confronted with this same ambivalence on the part of those who persist in taking political action, observed: 'Your trouble is that you want to clean up the whorehouse, but keep the business intact.'"

Chodorov is highly regarded by Rothbard as well, who considered him a mentor of high stature and the leading libertarian activist of the 1940s.

LeFevre responds to charges that his anti-government boycott is silly. "I am so silly that although I realize that we have bankrobbers, murderers, and

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PRIVATE RADIO SWEEPS U.S.S.R.

(September 12 || Manchester) "A radio pirate in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, was sentenced to three years for taping Western newscasts and re-transmitting them for local listeners," reports Victor Zorza in the classical liberal *Manchester Guardian* (Weekly edition). "A pirate station in the Ukraine has broadcast nationalist anti-Russian songs. A newspaper in Kazakhstan has reported a two-year sentence for a radio pirate accused of broadcasting 'obscene' songs."

Isolated phenomenon? A few hardy Resistance members, maybe backed by the CIA? Not so, says Zorza.

"A broadcast over the Archangel city radio network, in the far north of Russia, said earlier this year that 30 radio pirates operating illegal transmitters had recently been caught in the area. It said that the pirates transmitted their broadcasts when the official radio stations were silent, especially at night. And it asked law-abiding listeners to report all such broadcasts to the authorities, 'at any time of the day or night,' and to do so anonymously if they preferred."

And that's not all. "125 illegal transmitters were being uncovered every month in Donetsk (pop. 934,000) two years ago, according to a Soviet youth newspaper. Another Soviet press report said at the time that 'hundreds of radio hooligans' had been captured in the Moscow area. In the city of Kazan 115 pirate broadcasts were heard by the authorities in the course of a five-hour check in 1970, and dozens of 'radio hooligans' were caught during a

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PIE PELTS POLITICIAN

(September 5 || New York) Daniel Patrick Moynihan, formerly of the Nixon Administration and the United Nations, and present candidate for the Democratic nomination for Senator of New York, was hit by a pie in the face in Manhattan while campaigning.

Aron Kay of the Youth International Party, wearing a Nobody for President button, pushed the pie in Moynihan's face just after Mark Ruskina announced through a bullhorn, "and here he comes..."

Moynihan declined to press charges and, his face and shirt still sticky after a quick mop-up, continued to shake hands. —Phil Zanarchist

IRS NABS SIL'ER

(Reprinted from September *Individual Liberty*) Ken McDonald, a long-time SIL member and libertarian active in the tax protest movement, has been tried and convicted in Federal Court in Philadelphia of fraudulent use of W-4 and W-4E forms on July 26th. Ken, who has filed protest tax forms since 1973, was not indicted by the IRS for tax resistance or willful refusal to file. The government produced a variety of witnesses against Ken including former fellow employees, neighbors, IRS accountants, IRS undercover investigators and a large number of documents.

SIL Director Don Ernsberger, who closely followed the case, noted that Ken's defense relied upon convincing the jury that Ken could have reasonably expected the 25 allowances that he took on the W-4 and further that he had no tax liability in the year prior to filing the W-4E. Ken's attorney was unsuccessful in convincing the jury of this.

McDonald will be appealing the verdict and, as in the Karl Brav case, we hope that libertarians will be as generous in contributing to the defense fund. Contributions can be sent to McDonald Legal Defense Fund, Box 1147, Warminster, PA 18974.

—Don Ernsberger and Dave Walters

NLA ALLY TELLS OFF CANADIAN REGULATORS

(Sugust 17 || London, Ontario) Steven W. Jarvis, Canadian News Bureau of *New Libertarian Weekly* and New Libertarian Alliance Regional Secretary, told the Ontario provincial legislature that government-regulated entry into the trucking industry means "inflated prices, sloppy maintenance, and an artificially created 'value' for the sale of licenses." Jarvis blew the minds of the legislature's committee on the highway transportation of goods by telling them he was personally involved in negotiations—quite legal—to sell a dormant license for as much as \$500,000.

Steve Jarvis is general manager of W.J. Hyatt, Ltd., a London-based trucking company which transports beer for Molson's Breweries. He broke with the pro-licensing Ontario Trucking Association (OTA) of which he is a member, saying OTA "is representing a point of view I disagree with and that is basically control of entry."

Jarvis received front page headlines in the *London Free Press* of August 18, coverage on the radio, and may appear on a panel television program soon. ■

SIMON JESTER SETS UP NETWORK OF AGENTS

(September 4 || Portland, Oregon) Jane Talisman and Eric Geislinger (*NLW* 39's interviewers of Robert Anton Wilson) have issued yet another catalogue of stickers and buttons for Simon Jester. They are now setting up a dealership "network"—hopefully in about ten cities.

"The dealership package," says Jane Talisman, "will include a retail display placard for head shops, bookstores, etc.... We're getting ready for the mass market."

The Simon Jester entrepreneurship began as a spin-off project of the Columbia Regional New Libertarian Alliance of which Eric is RegSec. *Simon Jester, P.O. Box 514, Beaverton, OR 97004.* ■

COMPUTER STATISTS?

(August 12 || ZNS) Will future presidents one day be selected by computers?

A University of Nevada psychologist, following the lead of computer

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dating services for humans and pets, has now come up with a computer matchmaking service for voters.

Doctor Joseph Raney says his service works by banking information on various candidates in computers, and then matching that information with a voter's description of what she or he wants. This way, says Raney, voters can choose a candidate which comes closest to their political idea because, as the doctor puts it "There is no value judgment involved with the computer. It's objective as it possibly can be."

The political matchmaker says he will test out his computer service in November's presidential elections. ■

STATE INTO PYRAMIDS AGAIN, NOW FOR NUKES

(August 12 || ZNS) Government officials, who have proposed storing nuclear wastes in salt mines hundreds of miles beneath the earth, have suggested marking the atomic burial sites with pyramids.

The pyramids would be posted with signs warning earthlings thousands of years from now not to accidentally stumble on the hot spots.

One Harvard University scientist, however, has cast a cynical eye on this idea: Professor George Kistiakowsky told the Energy Research and Development Administration that thousands of years from now, "The English language would disappear" and an ice age "would smash all monuments."

INDIVIDUALS BUG STATE

(August 12 || ZNS) Information published in this month's *Popular Mechanics* magazine could enable anyone to intercept top-secret messages from the C.I.A., Interpol, and dozens of other international espionage organizations.

According to author Anthony Curtis, ham radio operators have been picking up "cloak and dagger radio signals" on their short wave sets, which are said to originate with the C.I.A. and U.S. military bases.

Curtis adds that while the call letters remain the same, the dial position changes occasionally to stay one step ahead of eavesdroppers. C.I.A. station KKN50, for instance, has been logged at nine different spots on the short wave band. The author says these C.I.A. radio stations are "only the tip of an iceberg in the ocean of super-secret transmissions."

If you are lucky enough to find one of the "cloak and dagger" stations, though, you must then figure out how to decode the message, which is either just a series of numbers, radio-teletype, or international code. Occasionally spoken words can be picked up, but they may not make sense to the amateur listener, Curtis says.

The *Popular Mechanics* article also says that the International Police Consortium, Interpol, maintains at least three dozen frequencies in Europe, and that Interpol stations from Kinshasa, Zaire, and Lima, Peru, have been picked up in the U.S.

Curtis warns anyone planning to eavesdrop on the spies that while listening is perfectly legal, federal law forbids repeating what you hear. The magazine lists 17 megahertz positions for catching the C.I.A. and a total of 31 kilohertz and megahertz stations for Interpol. ■

STATE CALLS C.B. HEALTH HAZARD

(August 24 || ZNS) Is C.B. radio hazardous to your health?

The Federal government's Environmental Protection Agency has launched a nationwide study on the effects of C.B. and other radio waves on human beings to determine if they might be subtly damaging to the body.

Blue and white colored E.P.A. "radiation sniffing vans" have been assigned to comb through major population centers to measure what is called the "non-ionizing radiation" given off by C.B. broadcasts and other forms of radio waves.

It is already known that intense non-ionizing radiation heats up the body cells and can cause cataracts and even temporary sterility in persons exposed to them.

The government, despite its new two-year study, says it strongly doubts that the recent upsurge in C.B. radios across the U.S. will cause any long-term health problems. ■

Epistles

FROM THE NEW LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

Mr. Samuel Konkin,

Congratulations for having the courage to run the nuke-piece [NLW 35]; one can readily think of all kinds of people in lib-publishing who would not have done so, who would be afraid to make those kinds of waves. Strauss is a bit weak on some quasi-technical matters of nuclear and thermonuclear

technology, but the subject is one which deserves to be aired.

Robert Brakeman
Holt, Michigan

[Mr. Brakeman, occasionally appearing in these pages, is an editor of *Option* and appeared recently in *Reason*.]

Editor: August 29, 1976.

Anyone who read Poole's August 1976 editorial in *Reason* will know that the piece made no plea for compromise on principle. But, alas, NLW did, as so often, distort the content of one of its manufactured adversary's statements. So, please make an effort to read the original, dear NLW reader.

As to concealment versus tact, most people know the difference—e.g., you might detest your mother's new hat, but if no one asked you for your opinion of it, it would be tactless to blabber. What is pleasant about reading NLW is that one can see that calling oneself a libertarian is certainly no clue to one's journalistic integrity—or any other virtue.

Cordially,
Tibor R. Machan
Senior Editor, *Reason*

P.S. Is using the US Post Office a compromise on principle? There is always sending NLW by UPS or individual (private) carriers.

[Anybody, such as myself, who read Poole's apology for selling out will read it exactly as I did. By what occult art has he clouded your perceptions, Tibor? As for my "journalistic integrity" (I assume you mean hard-coreness), I will point out to new readers (old ones don't need it) that I gave both quote and source before noting that the Emperor wore no clothes. This has come up before in a poison pen letter from New York recently, so how come you are implying that I would attempt to "conceal" the true content of the *Reason* editorial, Tibor? Tsk, tsk, how tactless!

Nonsense! If my mother's hat were to be taken as some sort of sign of my taste in fashion, and the hat was in horrible taste, I would dissociate myself from it. Failing to do so would imply I accepted the evaluation attached to me. That's one reason I make it perfectly clear that I do not accept the LP's claim to be "libertarian"—I do not wish to be smeared with association with a self-confessed band of liars and power-seekers. By the way, any comment on your boy MacBride's call for a Libertarian Party in power to retain taxation and regulations? I notice no comment on it in the latest issue of *Reason* wherein it appeared, but feel free to use NLW space to repudiate Uncle Remus—or maybe I should say, Big Brother.

I cannot agree more with your statement on clues to virtue, but assume (tactfully) you—like I—mean the topics under study. Then again, we could look at the latest

issue of *Reason* again for such wonderful examples of journalistic integrity as Joe Cobb's burying of Counter-Campaign '76 at the end of two puff pieces on Toni Nathan and Jim Trotter, a pair of pols who couldn't get as much hard-core publicity for libertarianism if they resigned Buddhist-monk fashion. Would you like an article for *Reason* in exchange for your expose of Roger, which I personally will write for you, tentatively entitled "The Myth of the 45 Million" to set the record straight?

As for your postscript, Tibor, NLW has used all of the above, the best whenever possible. We see no reason (excuse me) to deliver publications by statist means except when no feasible alternative exists ("gun at your head" principle). I assume no one is putting a gun to Poole's head to compel him to write that editorial, or is he indeed being held hostage in the offices of *Reason* by CIA agents and I have done him a grave wrong? And I suppose you were sent for the ransom...?

Finally, I do congratulate you (for *Reason*) for taking the first tentative steps towards recognizing the majority of the libertarian movement (the non-party wing) by your plugs for NLW and your back-handed mention of CC'76. A small step for *Reason*—kind, a giant step for "journalistic integrity." Vintage cordiality. —SEK3]

Speculations

Science Fiction for New Libertarian Thought

CAIN SMITH on Proazines ANALOG, September 1976

Weather War, William Cochrane. Marines being trained to use storms in warfare are weather-attacked themselves. War, weather and marines come across as if Cochrane knew them only from books.

The End's Beginning, Vonda N. McIntyre. The beginning of WW III, as told by a dolphin.

Aspic's Mystery, Arsen Darnay. Preposterous and enjoyable as vintage Van Vogt. An old man is lamenting the breakdown of religion since between-reincarnation souls ceased being conditioned to love radioactive wastes. That is the hard science involved; the rest of Darnay's future history is even less plausible. But it's enough fun that I enjoyed this immensely.

Shadrach in the Furnace, Robert Silverberg. (Part 2 of 3.) The obvious plot-twist comes, as predicted: Shadrach Mordecai learns that Genghis Mao intends to transfer into his body. Shadrach's lover is to be in charge of the transfer, which gives opportunity for some fine tension. Silverberg takes the opportunity; and we finally get a sex scene with emotion in it. However,

we then get a clichéd underground. Shadrach's refusal to take their offer of escape isn't made plausible. And the device of having Shadrach compose an imaginary autobiography for Genghis Mao seems purposeless.

The Money Machine, Pat Underhill. An essay on a notion which could be the basis for a good story. But not a story in itself. —Cain Smith

[Next week, *Galaxy*, and review of the first installment of Larry Niven's *Children of the State*. Stay tuned!]

LEFEVRE vs ROTHBARD

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thieves among us, I hold to the view that my own personal integrity is of sufficient value that I do not wish to participate. Don't I realize that by not participating I am changing nothing? Do I imagine that by not voting, or by not participating in government processes, government will cease to exist? Of course I don't imagine that."

He then finishes the argument of Partyarch enticement with the clincher: "While I may be silly in supposing that a moral view can be readily grasped, accepted or practiced, at least I have the satisfaction of knowing that I am not a participant in what is, by definition, a wrongful use of power by some over others."

LeFevre then moves to the offense. "MacBride is spending a lot of money which might otherwise be invested in producing some useful goods or services. Instead, the money is helping to create the impression that libertarians are as eager to wield power as are Democrats and Republicans." Here, LeFevre's argument is identical to that of the New Libertarian Alliance.

"It appears that MacBride has refused to 'tell all,'" LeFevre's next shot avers. "There is a vast difference between refusing to reveal what you wish to keep secret and lying." "The Rothbardian clique propose that lying is sound libertarian principle!"

LeFevre is aghast. "While all politicians lie... here we have a statement which virtually upholds lying as a virtue under certain circumstances. Such candor is breathtaking." But he recovers quickly. "Were the Libertarian Party anything but silly, reporters would immediately brand the party as one that favors assassination and lying."

LeFevre returns to Rothbard's critique of his position, and points out that majority rule is coercive, and open to reversal. He takes the "politi-

cal libertarian" to task for inconsistency and adds, "if his inconsistency is pointed out, he says that what he is doing is 'strategic.' That excuses everything."

LeFevre continues refuting charges and points out that he believes in action but not political action, and that his anarcho-pacifism does not restrain his activism.

For the full article, "Caravan into Conflict," send a contribution to *LeFevre's Journal*, Box 2353, Orange, CA 92669.

Leon, Smith Double-Barrel

Sy Leon replied to MacBride's criticism of Libertarian Supper Clubs at the Los Angeles Libertarian Supper Club. In a vein similar to that of LeFevre, he tore into the LP for their inconsistencies and for smearing the libertarian label. He said the LP should call themselves "the Objectivist Party."

But anarcho-objectivist George H. Smith belied that label with a witty, incisive "Speech of the 1984 victorious LP Presidential candidate." Full text of this speech will appear in the *New Libertarian Weekly Election Supplement*. And next issue, *NLW* will cover Smith's talk and his debate with John Hospers four days later. ■

PRIVATE RADIO IN USSR

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police round-up and put on trial. But nothing seems to deter them..."

What motivates these counter-economics communications entrepreneurs? Zorza notes five reasons:

"Most of the radio pirates castigated in the Soviet press get into the game out of youthful high spirits. The forbidden fruit tastes so much better than any other. But, as they get older, some of them become interested in opposition politics."

"An official broadcast beamed by Moscow radio to the United States earlier this year said it would be wrong to ascribe the appearance of pirate radio stations to 'acts of defiance' by the young. But *Komsomolskaya Pravda* was closer to the truth when it explained that young people who operated illegal transmitters regarded them as a badge of courage, a sign of contempt for the risks involved. And, it added, it made the boys shine in the eyes of the girls."

Probably those Russian women who realize the best breadwinners are those who can handle the "black market" have the shining eyes. ■

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WEEKLY*The First Newsweekly of the New Libertarian Society***SMITH ON THE RISE!
CREAMS HOSPERS, DEMOLISHES THE PARTY**

(September 16 || Los Angeles)
George H. Smith rose to libertarian stardom in one week of public appearances. On Monday, September 13, Smith presented a witty, cogent, hard-hitting and hard-core demolition of the "Libertarian" Party. Thursday, September 16 saw Smith dazzlingly debate the plodding professor of philosophy and erstwhile presidential candidate of the LP, Dr. John Hospers.

SOCKO AT SUPPER CLUB

After the usual cardboard cutlets and standard announcements at Lloyd Licher's Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles, the crowd was warmed up for what was to come by Sy Leon's emotional reading of a statement critical of the Libertarian Party (LP). Then Smith had *NLW* editor Samuel Edward Konklin III introduce the "victorious presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party in 1984."

"President Smith" had the fifty libertarians and about ten partyarchs rolling in the aisles for several of his lines. But underlying the wit were telling points on the meaning of Party "success."

Smith stressed the "gradualism" of the LP's program and pointed out that "gradualism in theory means perpetuity in practice" (the slogan of the Abolitionists). A "Libertarian" president would find it necessary to "chip away" at the laws, regulations and taxation by continuing to enforce them.

In fact, Smith noted, it would be especially necessary for "Libertarians" to give a good example in maintaining laws—until they could be "gradually chipped away"—so the rest of the populace would not feel that special dispensation was given to libertarians. And, of course, since LPers were so familiar with tax resisters and counter-economists, they could serve "the cause of freedom" especially by turning in their compatriots.



Naturally, libertarians believed in the profit motive, said new "President Smith," so the new "Libertarian" State was offering \$50 reward for each lawbreaker turned in, and \$100 if the criminal was a libertarian.

*[Continued on page three]***Time to Oust
The Rightists***by Eric Scott Royce*

(September 1 || Washington) The far-out elements of the Republican Right-wing, defeated in Kansas City and in many state Congressional primaries (including those in my own Virginia), and spurned by the AIP in favor of Lester Maddox-style racism—are now skulking in their caves. Like Teddy Roosevelt, they had stood "at Armageddon... (to) battle for the Lord." Fortunately for America, however, if there was divine intervention in this year's GOP contests it has largely been on the side of moderation and rationality.

The Ford victory in Kansas City was one which should have warmed the hearts of all libertarians. Not so much because Ford is anything for a libertarian to get excited about, but because "Ronnie Rayguns," the butcher of People's Park, was largely the complete antithesis of what libertarians support in terms of public policy. Weak on civil liberties at best, abominable on foreign policy (he didn't even favor withdrawal from the UN!), and unlikely to be able to make effective cuts in the welfare sector of the budget while expanding the government-business relationship and spending in the "defense" sector, Reagan certainly deserved libertarian opposition.

Just as in 1964, when Barry brought the "tennis shoe" brigade out of the woodwork, ultra-conservative nuts who hadn't been seen in years popped up nationwide. The anti-abortionists, the anti-ERA forces, the gang that thinks that militarizing America and bombing the Commies is sound foreign policy, the people that think Tricky Dick was an innocent lamb, the union-busters... All of them were out in force to boost candidates who, while prime choices for re-establishing the inquisition or super-heating the Cold War, were hardly the sort of person that a well-balanced voter would march to the polls to support. But then the average American voter long ago wisely decided that all politicians were crooks and/or fools, after all.

They largely lost out... Reagan by an all-too-narrow margin in Kansas City; Robert Thoburn, the owner of a private school for right-wingers and ex-Bircher who allegedly told one campaign worker that homosexuals should be shot, in Virginia's 8th C.D.; Abe Kalish, who works with the stomp-the-press outfit Accuracy in Media, in a Maryland House race;

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The Week

NEWS OF THE LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

ROTHBARD vs REASON AGAIN

(September 14 || Santa Barbara) Murray N. Rothbard, considered by many to be founder of the new libertarian movement, and recently chief apologist for the Libertarian Party, has decided one LP-defender has gone too far. In his "Viewpoint" column in *Reason*, he disagrees with Editor Robert Poole's "Libertarian Realpolitik" (see *NLW* 35).

Rothbard says it "is a disastrous and self-defeating counsel for the Libertarian Party and for the cause of libertarianism in general. Mr. Poole poses a dichotomy between the goal of getting libertarians elected to office, and that of educating people in political philosophy, and he opts strongly for the former."

Most libertarians would agree with Poole's dichotomy—and opt for the latter. But not Rothbard.

"But there are several fallacies with the alleged dichotomy itself," Rothbard feels the partyarchs should not merely get elected, but "get elected as libertarians." Since a libertarian cannot hold political office and repudiate politics at the same time, Rothbard does not explain how this feat is to be performed.

While Rothbard is putting down Poole's "realism," he makes the incredible assertion concerning Poole's suggestion "that the task of educating the public to libertarian principles be left to 'non-party vehicles.'" One question is: which 'non-party vehicles'? Since they don't exist, and show no signs of coming into existence, this means that we are left with the Libertarian Party as the only realistic vehicle for such education."

Thus does Murray Rothbard dismiss his own educators such as Frank Chodorov and the Austrian economics teachers, and Foundation for Economic Education, Institute for Humane Studies, Society for Individual Liberty, Free Enterprise Institute, Rampart College, Laissez Faire Books, New Libertarian Alliance, numerous college Libertarian Alliances, several Libertarian Supper Clubs, Forum for Philosophical Studies, *Reason*, *New*

Libertarian Weekly, *Libertarian Review*, and countless publications and books.

CHAMBERLAIN CHILE FAN

(September 1 || Irvington-on-Hudson, New York) John Chamberlain, conservative-libertarian book reviewer in the *Freeman* since the days of Frank Chodorov, considers the Pinochet regime in Chile an example of the free market in action. He says in his review of *Chile: The Balanced View*, "The reason why the Communists carry on so unrelentingly about Chile is obvious: they resent any proof that the free market works."

According to impartial news sources such as the *Manchester Guardian* (a last bastion of the classical liberalism that Chamberlain supposedly upholds), Pinochet's military regime is one of harsh regulation, "reprivatization" to those favoured by the regime—but not Communists and Allende supporters—and brutal oppression and torture. However, the Pinochet junta does have Chicago-School "capitalist" economics advisors who assist the dictatorship in streamlining it to greater efficiency.

Chamberlain's reasoning is horrifyingly similar to that of the Libertarian Party apologists. "[Finance Minister] Causas'... ideal—which would not wholly please a Chicago economist, not to mention an anarcho-capitalist—is to reduce government participation in the economy to twenty-five per cent... This is not economic orthodoxy on the Vienna school model. But it is better than the sixty-seven percent 'public-sector' domination that had been saddled on the country by Allende."

New Libertarian "anarcho-capitalists" are thankful that Chamberlain considers them "Out of Step" with apologetics for neo-fascism. *Freeman*, Irvington-on-Hudson, NY 10533, Vol. 26, No. 9, no charge.

NOBODY GETS COVERED IN NEW TIMES

(October 1 || New York) "What If They Gave An Election and Nobody Came?" asks a lead article in the current *New Times* magazine by William Schneider and Daniel Yergin. The eight-page story notes "voting is not an act of rational self-interest" and asks "The question is why they do vote."

Neither CounterCampaign '76 nor the League of Non-Voters is mentioned. *New Times*, Vol. 7, Number 7, One Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016. \$1.00.

PRESIDENTIAL TOILET PAPER AVAILABLE

(September 8 || ZNS) If you want to voice your choice for president before the November election, you may soon be able to run down to your local grocery store and buy a roll of presidential toilet paper.

A Columbus, Ohio man, Hal Leiner, announced plans to market the two different rolls of toilet paper, one with the portrait of Gerald Ford, and the other with Jimmy Carter's likeness.

Leiner, the president of Hoop Enterprises, says he will compile weekly sales records of the two toilet papers, which go by the brand name "Tissue Issue," to see who is the real choice of Americans for president.

Leiner says he got the idea after finding that none of his friends had ever been polled on their choice for president by either the Harris or Gallup research groups.

Leiner says the "Tissue Issue" will "give everybody a chance to participate in their own presidential election poll." The presidential toilet rolls are being sold for 99 cents each.

THE MAO IS DEAD

(sung to the tune *The Witch Is Dead*)

by A. Thornton & V. Koman

Ding-dong the Mao is dead,
Which ol' Mao?

The big cow Mao (spoken)

Ding-dong old Chairman Mao is dead.

He's gone where the deaders go, below

He's six feet down, we know

that he has croaked and so

We are singing.

Ding-dong the Mao is dead

Which old Mao?

The big cow Mao (spoken)

Ding-dong ol' Chairman Mao is dead.

He won't kill anyone else

because He's dead himself

The Politburo's sad

but we are so damn glad

Chorus again but slowly and rising on the last line to complete.

—AT&VK

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Speculations

Science Fiction for the New Libertarians

Cain Smith on SF Proazines

AMAZING, September 1976

Dream Lions, Jack Dann. Several kinds of alien, the farthest-out speculations of astronomers and physicists, European and Asian metaphysics, love, death, heroic journeys on several scales. To fit all these into a story which won't leak at the seams is mastery. Dann doesn't make it.

Nobody Leaves New Pittsburg, Geo. R.R. Martin. The basic horror-making idea is unbelievable. Any society callous enough to scoop out men's brains, replace them with controls, and use the bodies for cheap labor would find it cheaper to leave the brain in place and work the man to death. A planet which lives by exporting minerals and importing food over interstellar distances is possible given sufficiently cheap interstellar travel. But highly unlikely. (And if nothing grows on New Pittsburg, why is the atmosphere breathable?) All of which may be irrelevant to the main point of the story, which has to do with human emotions. Unfortunately, the characters are no more than adequate—which isn't enough, when they're the only important element.

Salty for the Cat, Charles De Vet. Aliens who may be intelligent.

Dream of Trumpets, Drusilla Newton Campbell. Humans exterminate aliens whom only the narrator realizes are intelligent and telepathic.

Wilderness, Fred Saberhagen. The story doesn't begin properly till almost the end.

Mrs. T, Lisa Tuttle. A woman obsessed with the notion that women are becoming men and men women. This being as SF magazine, the surprise ending—that her delusion is accurate—is expectable.

Eavesdropping on the Stars, Gregory Benford. How to communicate with aliens. Well done, but not a new subject and there seems to be no new information.

Darrell Schweitzer's interview with Leiber contains new, interesting, perhaps useful data. But I had the feeling that either the interviewer wasn't digging deep enough or the subject held back too much.

The editorial reassures us that *Amazing* will hang on. I'm not reassured. I suspect that the largest problem with SF magazines today is that they're too obsessed with hanging on to try anything very new: to attract new readerships, for instance. —CS

OUST RIGHTISTS

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John Schmitz in California; others hither and yon.

Unfortunately, the electorate will be forced to face others in November. Larry McDonald, sound on economics but a looney otherwise, a man often described as a one-man substitute for the blessedly-defunct House Internal Security Committee (once HUAC), was renominated in Georgia. Rightist Stan Burger faces Rep. John Melcher in the race for retiring Senator Mike Mansfield's seat in Montana. Melcher is solid on gun control, civil liberties in general, aid to the Middle East, and a score of other important issues. Pat Boone ("Mr. Morality") associate Morgan Maxfield won a Democratic primary in Missouri and may pull off a victory in November. McDonald, Burger, Maxfield and others must be defeated this fall for the sake of world peace and preservation of American civil liberties.

Whence the GOP? The moderates that rallied behind Ford have won out for the moment nationally, despite being saddled with a platform chock-full of rightist bullshit. But the rumblings in the conservative ranks bode ill for the GOP's future.

To be sure, I do not believe that if the likes of Richard Viguerie, Bill Rusher, and, frankly, even Ronald Reagan, walked out of the Grand Old (and increasingly feeble) Party, to form a new partisan organization that they would take much of the electorate with them. In all likelihood they probably could not even rally most of the nation's vocal conservatives. Their defection could, however, spell an end to the GOP in additional states—that is, states in addition to the many in which it is already considered little more than a joke.

The real danger of the right-wing is, as it has always been, that by agitation—within the GOP or without—Ford and the party will feel compelled to compromise again and again on major issues. Right now the conservatives are rumbling about the President's restrained response to the killing of two members of America's Imperial Guard in Korea (remember the days when Republicans like Senators Taft and Watkins questioned Truman's right to send troops to that misbegotten little peninsula?). *Human Events* and the jingoists in Congress are incensed, and stirring up trouble, as usual. What the consequences of their proposed retaliatory strikes might have been, one shudders to consider.

Perhaps libertarians should begin making signs and banners for "Peace in Korea" marches. In the Korean case, Ford has withstood pressure; what will happen in the future is less certain.

If the right-wing jingoists are defeated at the polls this fall, however, it seems likely that the administration in 1977—be it Ford or Carter—will be less likely to engage in foreign adventurism.

—Eric Scott Royce

GEORGE H. SMITH

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The entire text of this speech will be published as a special supplement of *New Libertarian Weekly* in the near future.

HOSPERS BOMBS AT FORUM

University of Southern California Professor of Philosophy John Hospers Ph.D., author of a conservative introduction to libertarianism (*Libertarianism*) appeared at the Forum for Philosophical Studies in what he took pains to point out was not a debate but merely a discussion with the Forum founder and director George H. Smith. The "non-debaters" were introduced by the attractive and sparkling Wendy McElroy, a recent refugee from the California LP.

Hospers led with an attempt to dress up in new rhetoric hoary old clichés about the alleged inadequacies of anarchy over minarchy ("limited government"). He began by asserting that there were really no reasons to dwell on this schism, since anarchists and minarchists were both a long way from reaching their goals, and could travel a mile together down the road before arguing about whether to go the second mile. He asserted that anarchists would have problems in resolving conflicts between protection agencies, in cutting off appeals without a Supreme Court, and in defending themselves (especially during transitions) from neighboring predatory states.

Smith spent most of his opening clearly defining terms, and specified he was defending the Rothbardian position, anarchy under a "rule of law." He noted that minarchists need to be answered many times with a *tu quoque*; they assume good faith in the minarchist society but not the anarchist one. And yet, Smith averred, the statist history had already established the instability of minarchy and its tendencies to chaos and violence.

Smith spent then a good deal of time categorizing types of problems with legal procedure, showing that it was a problem in epistemology.

Hospers was visibly nervous in his rebuttal and lost his train of thought several times. He walked right into Smith's "trap" by indeed making assumptions of problems in the anarchist society which would supposedly not be present in the minarchy.

Smith completed refutation of Hospers' points by uncovering the new presentations of old positions long demolished by Murray Rothbard in *Power and Market*, *For a New Liberty*, and other works. He pointed out that Hospers had indeed invoked the "bad faith" argument. Finally, he laid to rest Hospers' contention that minarchists and anarchists were travelling down the same road, by noting the vast difference between the groups towards the existing state.

Minarchists were fundamentally defending the existing government, seeing it as a "garden overgrown with weeds" yet considering the garden itself sound. Anarchists, on the other hand, reject and oppose the existing state and act accordingly.

Smith attracted questions which he handled well on his feet, finally asking specifically for questions for Dr. Hospers. Hospers continued to reiterate his refuted positions, and appeared ill-at-ease in trying to understand the questions and to formulate answers.

Although several LP members and New Libertarian Alliance allies were present, they sat back in general to allow the "uncommitted" to ask questions in an unspoken truce. One partyarch tried to rattle Smith by repeating his question over several times but succeeded only in appearing dense.

NLA's Neil Schulman asked Hospers about the possibility of the availability of private nuclear devices being used by libertarians as deterrent during a "transition." Hospers seemed unable to comprehend the question, and wandered off to a discussion of nuclear foreign policy.

Hospers was limited by time restrictions, he said, from fully covering the foreign policy question and legal problems in an anarchy. [NLW offers Professor Hospers the space to complete his case for minarchy any time he so desires. —SEK3]

MOVEMENT REACTS STRONGLY

At the Supper Club, most libertarians applauded Smith enthusiastically on several brilliant points. LPers were often red-faced and defensive in their attempts to formulate questions to refute Smith. At the Forum, Hospers won some sympathy for being clearly uneasy and unable to handle even a "non-debate" situation.

At the end of Smith's Supper Club

address, Konkin read a quote from the latest issue of Rothbard's *Libertarian Forum* (from Rothbard's review of MacBride's presidential campaign book—see NLW 41 for quote) which sounded like Smith's satiric presidential speech, causing one prominent LP executive member to shake his head in wonderment and say, "Did Murray really write that?"

As *Reason* began arriving in mailboxes that week, libertarians saw the interview with Roger MacBride, the Libertarian Party 1976 candidate, who talked about gradualism and the necessity of an LP administration continuing to enforce existing taxes and regulations—an almost word-for-word duplicate of Smith's satire.

George H. Smith, an Arizonan until recently, originally started out in the old Student Libertarian Action Movement, but remained basically "objectivist" while SLAM went into street confrontations. He set up his Forum for Philosophical Studies two years ago, and has held monthly meetings with such as Tibor Machan and an assistant of Nathaniel Branden.

The attractive philosopher—one of the few to practice his profession in the free market and not in a state-supported campus—has been called a "John Galt with a sense of humor." Assisting him in the Forum has been Diane Hunter Smith, Caroline Willis White, and recently Wendy McElroy.

Smith has begun September 29 another season of his "Fundamentals of Reasoning" course. He plans a new publication and may open an office in the Los Angeles area. ■

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Libertarians Mobilise Thousands Against Tax

(September 18 || Trenton) 10,000 protesters staged 4-hour rally at New Jersey's state capital protesting a recently enacted state income tax. The rally was organized by the New Jersey Tax Federation led by libertarians Ralph and Kathy Greene Fucetola (NLA). *The New York Times* published a full-column article with picture the following day under the title "Jersey 'Tea Party' Planned for Byrne."

A Bicentennial motif with Boston Tea Party trimmings was used in the march. Following the march on Trenton, 500 demonstrators carried a crate of tea to Morven, the official residence of Governor Byrne, twelve miles away in Princeton.

The demonstrators brought petitions for a repeal of the income tax signed by more than 572,000 citizens of New Jersey. Many protesters shouted "Down with Byrne" and "Byrne should resign," and drivers on the street blew their horns for twenty minutes, the *Times* reporter estimates.

The surging anti-tax mass were stopped by half a dozen uniformed statist on the doorstep. The intrepid Fucetola rose to the occasion, as reported by the *New York Times*:

"After a brief conference, Ralph Fucetola of the New Jersey Tax Federation climbed atop the crate, which was about two feet wide and four feet tall and partly filled with tea bags and told the crowd:

"The Governor's not back yet, but I am sure the politicians of New Jersey are going to listen to us."

"Mr. Fucetola called for a repeal of the income tax, a freeze on the state property tax and no other tax increases without approval by public referendum."

45 other local organizations, the National Taxpayers Union and the New Jersey Tax Revolt Association were involved. Several conservative state legislators showed up to make speeches, including Independent Senator Anthony Imperiale of Newark.

A "Proclamation of the Citizens and Taxpayers, at the State House, Trenton, New Jersey," in Declaration-of-Independence language was read.

Ralph and Kathy are libertarians, active since the 1969 YAF purge. Kathy Greene was a founder of the New Jersey Libertarian Alliance and editrix of *Life & Liberty*, while Ralph Fucetola was a leading activist of the Radical Libertarian Alliance. Ms. Greene has never allowed herself to be tainted in any association with the Libertarian Party, and was an early ally of NLA.

Several other NJLA allies are involved in the New Jersey tax rebellion. *The Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers*, P.O. Box 845, North Arlington, NJ 07032. ■

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Counter-Economic Survey Number 1 of Alternative Lifestyles

by Peter E. McAlpine

An ancient proverb states: "Look before you leap." Therefore, I have embarked on a personal, first-hand survey of lifestyles in the counter-economy. My first target was one of the most blatant red-light districts in Detroit: Willis at Third, just south of Wayne State University.

Turning off I-696 at Forest and turning right on Third, I found myself surrounded by boarded-up storefronts and dilapidated, deserted buildings, products of the University's determined effort to destroy the surrounding neighborhoods through "eminent domain."

As I approached Willis, the street suddenly became lined with parked cars. Working class success symbols (campers and highway tractor rigs) stood out.

Since it was already 9:30 on Saturday night, business was in full swing. A cab was dropping off a pretty black hooker, clad in provocative hot pants, in front of "Beavers," a topless shoe shine, head (?) shop, and pinball room. Several prostitutes were strutting or lounging around the parking lot which separates The Willis Show Bar from Anderson's Gardens. A "date" was being led to the Wilcrest Hotel (\$3-\$4 rooms), just down Willis.

After circling around for 10 minutes, I found a parking place and headed toward Anderson's Gardens. (Two ladies propositioned me on the way to the door: "Wanna go out?") Anderson's was populated by maybe 10 prostitutes, 8 white and 2 black. (The Willis turned out to have about the inverse ratio.) The patrons were mostly white and outnumbered the prostitutes by only a slim margin.

For the cost of drinks I was able to obtain a number of interesting interviews, from which I will quote from memory as best I can. The typical introductory small talk is reported only once.

Interview #1

P: Want some company?

Me: Guess so.

P: What's yer name?

Me: Pete. Yours?

P: Debbie. You a cop?

P: No!

P: Where d'ya work?

Me: Ford's.

P: Lemme see yer ID!

Me: OK.

P: OK, buy me a drink?

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The Week

NEWS OF THE LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

ROTHBARD MAKES PENTHOUSE!

(October 1 || New York) In a surprisingly hard-core statement, Murray N. Rothbard was the feature interview of the October 1976 *Penthouse*. Rothbard is often considered the founder of the new libertarian movement, although growingly soft-core recently.

Rothbard was interviewed by his friend, the director of the National Taxpayers Union, James Dale Davidson. *Penthouse* also included a hard-hitting expose of the Federal Reserve Board and libertarian-sympathiser Nicholas Von Hoffman's defense of porn star Harry Reems, in the issue.

Editor Guccione has appeared in debate at the Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.

In the interview, Rothbard took a consistent, "hard line," including rejection of all voting. ■

NATHAN CITES MACBRIDE

(September 12 || New York) With no agreement from any other libertarian feminists, Toni Nathan has given "Libertarian" Party would-be president Roger MacBride "an honorary membership [in the Association of Libertarian Feminists] and citation for outstanding service," reports the *ALF News* 3-4 (August-September 1976).

MacBride's alleged service to feminism was the promotion of the works of his adopted mother and her mother, which MacBride inherited. Libertarian feminists contacted by *NLW* so far have been unanimously opposed to the "honouring." The Southern California Association of Libertarian Feminists has refused to join the national ALF in fear that the latter would become a vehicle for promotion of the "Libertarian Party." ■

NONE OF THE ABOVE WIN

(September 17 || ZNS) It finally happened in Nevada last Tuesday: the Republicans cast more votes for an entry marked "None of These" than they did for the other candidates on the ballot. [See *NLW* 30.]

In the Republican Congressional race for the seat, covering the whole

state, Walden Earhart received 9800 votes; Dart Anthony received 8000 votes; while "None of These" piled up 16,000 votes.

Even though "None of These" was the winner on Tuesday, Earhart, the runner-up, was still declared the winner. ■

EXTENT OF THE STATE'S PLUNDER CALCULATED

(September 16 || ZNS) The National Taxpayers Union says that newly compiled government statistics reveal that the federal government now costs the average American family \$9387 a year.

The taxpayers group has released a study showing that the average family pays more than \$5400 in taxes of all kinds. Added to this is another \$1800 allegedly collected but never paid out by Social Security; an inflation figure of \$1082, said to be caused largely by the government; and another \$1000 for the cost of government regulation. The total cost: nearly \$10,000. ■

HARLOT BELIEVED OVER CONGRESSMAN

(August 18 || ZNS) Who do you believe—Elizabeth Ray or Wayne Hays?

Well, according to a recent survey of women, only eleven percent believed Congressman Hays' story that he hired Ray for secretarial services. Fully 49 percent of the women polled believed Elizabeth Ray was telling the truth when she said she was hired for sex.

The telephone survey, conducted by the Philadelphia-based Womenpoll organization, showed an overwhelming 77 percent of those asked not believing the congressman.

More women in the Midwest believed Hays than elsewhere, but females with college degrees believed his former secretary by a ratio of nine-to-one, Womenpoll says. ■

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PRINCIPLES & HERESIES

ANALYSIS BY SAMUEL EDWARD KONKIN III

I "MOVEMENTISM" vs ACTIVISM

The recent attacks on "movementism" in the libertarian press have caught many activist off-guard. The threat has been seen, up until now, from collectivism as in Partyac.

The anti-movement "movement" has validity. I have agreed with the premise that the libertarian movement must be itself dissolved before a New Libertarian Society can be achieved. (See *NLW* 25.) But the natural transition from a movement within a society to a new society is not what many of the attackers are seeking; a vigilance against institutional conservatism barnacled the movement and elevating figures to unearned aristocracy is not the nightmare they seek to avert.

The real enemy of many anti-movementists is activism. Any effort devoted by individuals to freeing others is an affront to them; only freeing oneself is acceptable.

Now it is true that ultimately one can only free oneself; you cannot free a slave if he remains servile. But you can break the chains of others. You can illustrate the possibility of freedom both in idea and by example. And the addition of other free men and women to your society is incentive enough for many.

So what motivates the anti-movementists? False premises? Bad psychology? Vested interests in doom and gloom, sales of retreats and books on escape? But those are other heresies, subjects for other columns. For us, it's enough to recall when dealing with them *Nihilus Illegitimi Carborundum*. ■

Speculations

Science Fiction for the New Libertarians

Cain Smith on SF Proazines

GALAXY, September 1976

The Children of the State, Larry Niven (1 of 3). While this looks like one of Niven's best yet, I'm not sure it's worth my reviewing. It's part of a *World Out of Time*, which has already appeared

in hardcover. (The other serial in this issue has also appeared in hardcover. Such things aren't supposed to happen to well-run magazines. That they've happened twice in such a short period indicates something wrong at *Galaxy*.)

However: Corbell returns to Earth after three million years, to find more change than he expects. There's Niven's best teleport setup yet, an intricately intricate guerrilla war, a believably mad old woman. Like "Rammer" and unlike "Down and Out", this segment stands on its own so far.

Jupiter One, Ernest Taves. The Good Guys take off to colonize Titan, escaping the evil Hippies who've taken over Earth? Why doesn't anyone ever do this story *right*? Oversimplification and mental laziness, probably. And a complete lack of any attempt to see the conflict from the anti-Space side.

The Dirty Old Man, Craig Strete. An old Indian gets revenge on anthropologists.

A Little Bit of Recycled Time, Gail Kimberley. A man finances an expedition into the past to save his mother from death. Similar time-travel stories have been done so often that it takes strong originality to make one fresh. For a while I thought Kimberley could manage it, but she didn't.

The Hand of Oberon, Roger Zelazny (Conclusion). New complications are introduced, including violence which forces Corbell to rethink everything that's happened previously.

Abandon Heat, All Ye Who Enter Here, Phil Bertoni. Maxwell's Demons go on strike, and Hell freezes over. You can skip this.

A Step Farther Out, Jerry Pournelle. The 1976 meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science produced enough new developments and theories to keep SF writers going for decades. Pournelle summarizes much of it: space pioneering at middle-class prices, instant access to all the data you can possibly use combined with the ability to put it together in meaningful patterns, obliteration of the distinction between books and telephones, and much more.

Galaxy Bookshelf, Spider Robinson. Best review of *Children of Dune* I've seen—definitely including mine. (The other reviews are no more than passable.)

FANTASY AND SCIENCE FICTION, September 1976

Saros, Herbie Brennan. The "science" is pyramidology. The characters are no more than names.

The Lady and the Merman, Jane Yolen. A fairy tale with two fatal flaws. First: all we know of the setting is that the protagonist lives by a cold sea. This isn't nearly enough; it contrasts badly with, say, LeGuin's Earthsea series. Second, and probably beyond repair: the merman who provides the fantasy element might be a hallucination without the story being in any way changed.

Michaelmas, Algis Budrys (conclusion) The man and machine who secretly run the world meet their mysterious opponent. The nature of this opponent would make a novel in itself—and should have. Several concepts which would make long, complex SF novels by themselves are mixed together and skimmed. And the notion of one man and one machine ruling the world as they do is no more plausible than in the first part. Even if it were plausible, it's the wrong role for a Budrys protagonist.

The P Factor, Curt Siodmak. An eight-year-old boy discovers how to make gasoline from urine.

Milton Inglorious, Robert F. Young. A born artist dies without ever producing art. Not new; not a fresh enough reworking.

The Offer Expires, Liz Hufford. Our old friend, the store which sells *very* strange merchandise. (Did H.G. Wells write the first one?) Ms. Hufford is talented enough to make something new and good of the notion. The ending is not predictable, but is eminently logical and made to seem the *only* possible outcome. The characters are precisely the sort of people needed for their roles. Watch for more by Hufford.

Books, Barry N. Malzberg. Malzberg's distaste for stylistic excess as shown here contrasts oddly with his own work. And he seems strangely enthusiastic about SF for someone who's announced his intention of no longer writing it. Don't be surprised if he turns up writing SF again, rather different in forms from the one he trapped himself in.

Stardancer, Tom Rapp. SF poetry is seldom successful. This example shows some reasons why. The SF element is clichéd, and too cerebral—a bad combination.

Science, Isaac Asimov. Continues with technological influence on history. Good, once gets past the opening anecdote.

COUNTER-EC SURVEY

[Continued from page one]

Me: OK.

P: Gonna take me out?

Me: I was just gonna have a drink and look around awhile... never been here before. OK?

P: Yeah, ain't no good dates here anyhow. **Me:** Business slow?

P: Them bitches outside are getting all the dates. Cheap junkie whores!

Me: How come?

P: Since the police layoff, the squad cars don't chase the street girls away no more. Used to have a deal with George and Harry (bar owners) to keep them girls away. They go for \$10-\$15 sometimes. Guys don't get a good time though, just fucked around. Most of them street whores are junkies—dirty and dangerous too.

Me: How much do you want?

P: (Whispering in my ear) \$25 for a straight fuck, \$35 for half and half, \$50 for a full French.

Me: Hmmm!

P: Hey! You goin' out? I see a cool date comin'.

Me: Well, maybe I'll just drink for awhile.

P: Bye!

Interview #2

Me: Do the police hassle you in here?

P: Sure. Undercover vice come here, usually around election time to impress the straight folks. Been cool since the layoff though.

Me: How do they get ya?

P: Some are fair—wait for you to proposition them. Others just snatch the first girl they see out of the bar.

Me: Do they get sex off the girls?

P: Lot of 'em do. Vice cops are rotated though before they get too tight with the girls.

Me: Do they use decoys on guys?

P: Not 'round here much. Wouldn't work in bars. Use 'em to keep down the street scene in some spots. They break into Hotel rooms though!

Me: Really?!

P: Arrest the guy and girl for occupying a room without being married. Embarrasses the guys, especially if they have to call their wife to get out! Costs 'em \$50-\$100.

Me: Wonderful... How much does it cost to get off a solicitation or prostitution charge?

P: Mazer (a lawyer) could just pay-off a judge for \$400. No trial even! But he got busted. Usually they fine you a couple of hundred, sometimes put you on probation if your lawyers pisses them off. Jail is pretty rare if you got money to pay the fine.

Me: Do you need pimps here for protection?

P: Naw, a reliable friend or relative to bail you out be OK. That's not the main deal with pimps!

Me: That guy a pimp! (Nodding toward a sharp looking black guy with a velvet suit and a super-fly hat)

P: Sure, Eddie B. got a string of whores in the Willis. He be checking his traps in a minute.

Me: Who's he got in here?

P: Danny and Chris be wife-in-laws. He'll meet 'em outside for his cash in a minute.

Me: Why do they have pimps?

P: They be buyin' some goood sex! Eddie be havin' a top reputation, got class. He a bad dude.

Me: What do their dates think about their pimps?

P: The tricks be buyin' it from them and they be buyin' from Eddie. Ha! Ha! Them tricks would shit if they knew who be gettin' their money. Ha! Don't tell anybody who told you, hear!

Me: Can prostitutes get rid of their pimp when they want to?

P: Usually they be pickin' and choosin' but sometimes pimps can get girls throwed out of the bar. Pimps be havin' deals with the bar managers. Some pimps beat girls up too. Best way to be leavin' a pimp is to be gettin' another one. Girls are dumb to pay pimps. You gotta pay the bar manager anyhow!

Interview #3

Me: What do you call the customers?

P: Dates usually—tricks when I'm mad!

Me: What about johns?

P: We don't say that around here that much no more. Nobody is really a "trick." Dates sound better.

Me: Do you like sex with "dates."

P: Sometimes. Most girls like pimps or girls better, though. Some are married or have regular boyfriends. Gimme \$3, I wanna be gettin' some weed and a bean.

Me: OK.

Interview #4

Me: Why are most of the girls white in Anderson's and black in the Willis?

P: That's how the bars be wantin' it. Anderson's be hillbilly heaven. They don't want a bar full of black girls scarin' them away.

Me: Do a lot of "dates" discriminate on race?

P: Sure! On shades of brown too! Young dudes be lookin' for their favorite color, tit size, and boodie type. Older guy want a real expert job, how 'bout you?

The following is an indication of the type of responses I received on the question of repealing prostitution and soliciting laws:

P: Worst thing that could happen! All the unemployed dudes would be turning their old ladies out down here to peddle their ass!

P: Sure, it should be legal, but it would be bad for us. Too much competition.

P: Why not? Everybody do what they want to do anyway!

P: Sure it should be legal. Getting busted fucks-up a whole week or more of work. Can't earn shit when it gets "hot" down here.

P: Sure, more guys would come down if it be legal.

P: I worked in a "house" in Nevada. Great! No hassle.

P: Price would go down too far if it was legal. We'd have to fuck 15 times a day to make any money.

The overall vote was 5 in favor of legalization and 5 opposed.

Comment: Apparently a number of prostitutes feel that they have a vested interest in the current system. Apparently they want to continue trading risk for unusual profit. Would libertarian counter-economists acquire a similar vested interest in state interference? Would it matter? A thought to ponder.

Don't hold your breath waiting for the next survey. Talking to smugglers and drug runners will be a lot more difficult.

—Peter McAlpine

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Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

October 11 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Richard A. Nesbit on "Genetics, Organization Structure, and a Free Society." 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.

October 12-24 Sy Leon on Tour. Sy will be at Ritz Carlton Hotel in Chicago 12-17 and the Plaza in New York 18-24 working on publicity and promotion for the League of Non-Voters, his new book *None of the Above*, and the Postal Consumers Union. For more information call (714) 832-6234. Chicago and New York City.

October 23 New Libertarian Alliance of Southern California. "Libertarian Conferences?" Write NLA, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801 for membership or invitation to attend. Southern California.

October 27 Illinois Taxpayers' Rights Conference sponsored by the Chicago Area National Taxpayers Union. \$3 donation; cash bar, snacks. 5-8 P.M. Bismark Hotel, 171 W. Randolph Street, Chicago. Guest speakers include University of Chicago Professor Milton Friedman and Illinois gubernatorial candidate Joseph McCaffrey. Information: (312) 763-5122 (weekdays), 287-0969 (other), or from NTU Chicago Area c/o James L. Tobin, 5048 W. Augusta Blvd., Chicago, IL 60651.

November 2 Victory Party for Nobody. Sponsored by CounterCampaign '76 and the New Libertarian Alliance. Write for invitations to either of CounterCampaign '76, Box 4190, Malibu, CA 90265 or NLA, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801. Southern Cal.

November 8 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Jeff Rigenbach on "The Philosophy of Religion for Libertarians." 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.

November 11 Forum for Philosophical Studies. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block South of Beverly.) Hollywood.

November 21 New Libertarian Alliance of Southern California. "A Review of CounterCampaign '76" with Victor Koman and SEK3. Write NLA, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801 for membership or invitation to attend. Southern California.

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PARTYARCHS SILENCE PROTESTOR AT LP CON Cops Called On Anti-Palestinian

by Marji Kohls

I had a really terrific time at the LP convention, and I'm sorry you all missed it. This was not a business convention, so nothing really significant took place. A few committees were chosen and Bob Meier was reinstated as Director, starting January 1, 1977. The rest was just entertainment. There were all types there: Ayn Rand "spies," SILers, ALFers, and of course, all us "partyarchs." Everyone there seemed to know who Konkin is (which is more than I can say).

The general mood trended towards anarchy. Murray Rothbard commented that it's gotten to the point where we are apologizing for not being anarchists. This was certainly true. The anarchists are the most vocal and most "militant" and even if you don't join the party, you are helping to maintain its so-called "purity" by forcing the rest of us to constantly question or justify our beliefs. Those of us who still believe in the need for national defense are continually being called upon to defend our views. At every party there were discussions as to how would you do such-and-such, or could we do such-and-such under the free market. Libs are a very articulate group in general and continuous debate only serves to educate and keep us sharp. If this convention did nothing else, it taught me how little I know and how much more reading I have to do.

One thing annoyed me, and that was the oft repeated question, "How did you become a libertarian?" It began to sound like, "When did you experience your religious conversion?"

Roy Childs was there, and I was thoroughly prepared to dislike him, and really surprised he was there at all. I had been under the impression he was disbarred, or whatever, from the party. Actually, he was the most eloquent speaker of the whole weekend. He was the only speaker who moved me to tears. His stories centered on the atrocities on war and police intervention. If he cares as deeply as he appeared to, then I can understand his lying statement better. When I was a Bircher, and greatly afraid of Communism, I often felt any tactics which would save the world were justified, and it was the Birchers themselves who had to keep reminding each other that we would only be instituting something just as bad. That's easy to forget, and, in fact, right now it's the Right-wing who are saying the CIA and FBI are trying to save us from subversion, never questioning the fact that the CIA is doing just what we're supposedly fighting. So I can see Childs' thinking it's so important to elect Libertarians that lying is justified, forgetting that we might then no longer qualify as libertarians once elected.

Peter Breggin, the psychologist, also spoke on lying, saying we should never punish our children for lying to us; it is their only means of self-defense. He said libs are too ready to use force in self-defense against force or fraud, but they will not use fraud and this is just as justified. As a general rule, lying never seemed worth the trouble to me, but then I never feel obligated to tell the government the truth.

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STATE STRIKES AT ANTI-TAXERS

by Ralph Fucetola III

(September 30 || North Arlington, New Jersey) On the Monday following the rally at which thousands of New Jersey taxpayers gathered to protest the passage of a state income tax, (see *NLW 43*), Dr. Edmund O. Matzal, a speaker at the September 18 rally, was indicted for willful failure to file certain federal income tax forms. Dr. Matzal, chairman of the New Jersey American Party, had brought a pro-se civil rights action against the New Jersey Supreme Court because of its school decision.

The U.S. Attorney denied that the indictment was connected with the rally, although Matzal has been a public tax resister for at least a decade, filing "5th Amendment returns."

On September 25, it was learned that Matzal was to be arraigned in Camden, New Jersey, over 100 miles from his home rather than in Newark, New Jersey, nearer home. But on September 29, perhaps due to public exposure, the U.S. government has agreed to join in request to move the case to Newark.

On behalf of Morris County Taxpayers Association and the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers, on September 30 I appeared before a Superior Court Judge to stop the appointment of a certain state senator to the New Jersey Supreme Court. Lawyers for some GOP state senators also appeared.

The Senator sponsored the state income tax. The judgeship has been vacant for 1½ years. Some feel it was being held open as a reward for the senator's tax efforts. The appointment occurred within two weeks of the beginning of the tax.

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NEW LIBERTARIANISM IN MANCHESTER GUARDIAN

(September 26 || Manchester) The "new libertarianism" received name recognition in the leading international newspaper, the *Manchester Guardian* in the September 25 Weekly edition. The references are, in context, as follows:

"Let me be plain about this, for I am not arguing that people should go hungry or roofless in the name of sanctuary from bureaucracy, and I am as unmoved by the new libertarianism of the Right (the so-called 'minimalists') as by the unrepentant apostles of *laissez-faire*;..." Peter Jenkins in the "Reign of the rain king," page 4.

"In the second category was Mr John Gouriet, director of the libertarian, right-wing National Association for Freedom..." John Ezard in "Storm over Katyn memorial," page 5.

"Bill Jordan at his very least (and he does much more) helps the student place such episodes in the clash of ideologies behind the profession—liberal (increase 'negative liberty'), libertarian (fight for 'positive liberty'), paternalistic (face the basic unfairness of life)." Brian Jackson in "Dragon's teeth," page 20.

Manchester Guardian Weekly, 164 Deansgate, Manchester, England; subscriptions \$31/year to *Manchester Guardian Weekly*, 20 East 53rd Street, New York, NY 10022.

TOP RULER FALLS

(October 4 || The Hague) Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, disgraced by his role in the Lockheed bribery scandal, has officially given up the chairmanship of the annual Bilderberg Conference today, according to a Reuters dispatch.

The annual Bilderberg conference was begun by the prince in 1954, and is considered by political theorists to be the pinnacle of the Western Higher Circles or Ruling Class.

COUNTER-ECONOMIST GETS OFF WITH TALE

(September 14 || ZNS) A federal court jury in Miami, Florida, in an

unexpected move, has acquitted international arms smuggler Mitchell Werbell and several others on charges of conspiracy to smuggle millions of dollars of marijuana into the U.S.

In a sensational trial, in which former president Richard Nixon was subpoenaed to appear as a witness for the defense, Werbell and his codefendants were accused of masterminding an international pot-smuggling ring that allegedly imported "massive quantities" of the illegal weed.

Attorneys for Werbell and the others, however, charged that the arms trafficker was not smuggling weed, but was, instead, working clandestinely for a highly secret Drug Enforcement Administration operation to infiltrate international drug trafficking.

Werbell's attorneys told the court that his assignment came from the highest levels of the government, and that only selected officials, including Nixon himself, were aware of his undercover role.

The jurors apparently believed Werbell's story that he and the others were working for the Drug Enforcement Administration, despite the D.E.A.'s denial. The jury returned a unanimous verdict of innocence after only a few hours of deliberation.

The defense, which had subpoenaed Nixon as a witness, eventually rested its case before calling the ex-president to the stand.

COUNTER-ECONOMIC SUPPLY GOOD IN ILLINOIS

(September 8 || ZNS) What do students do during the summer vacation these days?

Well, if the Chicago Police Department is to be believed, they have been busily stockpiling "narcotics."

The Chicago Police Department was out with the warning last week that student narcotics dealers have been stockpiling drugs for the opening of school in the Chicago area, and at colleges across Illinois.

Said one officer to reporters: "We know that young people have had summer jobs and have gone out and bought a supply of narcotics." He added: "Right now there are lockers full of the stuff on university campuses."

Police say the narcotics are brought to the Chicago area from all over the country by students who use them as a

steady source of income during the school year.

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EPISTOLARY

NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS

Dear SEK III, September 29, 1976

Scraping the bottom aren't you? I can't understand why saying things most of your readership already know, I'm sure, is so wonderful. No one to whom I've spoken could think of anything new that George Smith said at the Supper Club, nor did I hear anything at all unfamiliar from either Hospers or Smith at the "Philosophic Forum." I had the feeling I used to have in church, to tell the truth.

Perhaps George is reaching a few ignorant souls through his lectures and classes, but my impression is that most of his audiences already know in advance what he's going to say. Why do they come? (Are they all there, like me, attempting to answer that question?) Perhaps for the same reason "Christians" go to church?

Where are the minds of libertarianism? Shrugging? I haven't heard anything new for years now—outside of some work done by David Kennison, and the last I saw of his New Banner Institute, it was beginning to approximate an "Objectivist" Manson cult.

Apart from the fact that George Smith and John Hospers both sounded to me like broken records from the early 70s, there were a couple of points I'd like to specifically disagree with. One is the feasibility of anarchist "rule of law." If defense agencies codify law, then to what do they refer to in a dispute with one another? Unless they agree on principle, they have no basis for resolution other than compromise and ultimately war. If they agree on principle, then the dispute will be settled on *that* basis, not on codified law, unless they just happen to have the same laws. Suppose they contract with a customer to uphold their laws, but it turns out they

are wrong in principle on some law? Obviously they would have to change the law to coincide with their more fundamental principle.

Furthermore, what form could such "laws" take in a libertarian society? "Thou shalt not steal?" What could this possibly mean except "we conclude that stealing is a violation of the 'non-aggression' principle as a 'property transfer' and is therefore not, in fact, a true property transfer and that any attempt to act as though it is must be paid for by the irrational actor, if we can manage it."

Unless we want to instigate another fruitless round of attempting to devise "rational" punishments, we have to realize that in a libertarian society, the ultimate legal principle could be formulated as "take what you want, but be damned sure you can afford it." There would be no place for either law or precedent, but plenty of room for legal technology.

Also, it was interesting to me that neither party to the debate was able to answer the question of how foreign defense in an anarchy could be provided. Returning to fundamentals, it would seem that property theory itself provides an answer, even in the extreme case in which only a minority is aware of a threat. Property theory begins with the concept of value and goes from there to concepts of earned *vs* unearned. "Property" is earned value. If someone puts a gun in his enemy's hand, he has just lost his properties. He has "unearned" it, if you will. If a person fails to defend a value from destruction, and someone else rescues it, then he has at least partially thereby earned that value, since its existence depended upon his virtue. It has become at least the joint property of the two (or more) people who created it. The fact that no prior contract may have existed does not alter this. "Contract" presupposed "property" and "value."

Thus, a defense agency which had the foresight to rescue a populace from some foreign threat could then legitimately claim, as fee, its part of the rescued property. This seems fairly obvious in itself. What is not obvious to me is how that fee could be assessed. Would someone who is still thinking out there provide a solution.

Phil Osborn
Long Beach, California

[Since I disagree with both your premises, we need not waste time in the arguments. No, I don't believe "everyone's already heard it all" and I was there at the Supper Club and Forum. And I certainly do not believe anyone, "defense agency" or otherwise, has a right to assess me for any

service they think I—or my property—need. Better rethink this one, Phil; it sounds like an excellent excuse for the English kings to claim their feudal rights for beating off the Danes...and we know where that lead, don't we? Finally, I'd be interested in hearing from readers how many ever heard anything you were talking about in this letter. Should settle the point on whether I'm reporting new material or not. Methinks you travel in rarified circles, old anarchobuddy, and methinks the readers agree. See you in Supplement 5.

—SEK3J

Dear Sam, September 24, 1976

Despite some disagreements, I thoroughly enjoyed reading the interview with Robert Anton Wilson. I, too, think the earlier Anarchists had a better libertarian and truly radical view than most today. On the question of interest I am favorable to the Austrian theory but firmly believe that no such thing as free market interest rates exist. In the counter-economy maybe, but not otherwise. Too many libertarians like establishment businesspersons. I am willing to admit exceptions as Benjamin Tucker did, but also like Tucker, I believe the worker has a perfect right to demand a free market in which to sell his labor services. Until such exists, my basic sympathies go with the worker classes generally. Like Wilson said, if one has worked in labor in a typical corporation, he would often not relate too well with the Austria theorists who often don't have an idea of how such employees are treated. Wilson makes a lot of good points that I don't often hear elsewhere in the movement.

Sam, I no longer have a soft spot for the LP. At least no more than wishing Roger well this year. Because of things you have said, what others have said and because of a lot of hard thinking, I no longer actively can support the LP. I don't believe that Anarchy can come in any other than an Anarchistic way. I support the idea of the counter-economy, education, and revolutionary activities whenever tactically and strategically sound. I believe our hope lies with individuals acting alone and within many small competing groupings. Large groupings may have their place but they can be infiltrated, misguided, and betrayed from within and without. Thousands of largely spontaneous efforts by libertarians living their Anarchy is the way, in my opinion.

I would also urge libertarians to study ruling class-conspiratorial theories and historical studies. Patronize Pete McAlpine and Alpine Enterprises for the very best in materials. One cannot hope to defeat an enemy unless one truly understands the

enemy and his methods of operation. Too many libertarians believe Randian fairy tales about big business and such related matters. I used to, before I saw how far wrong I was. We libertarians have such a rich and glorious heritage and there is precious little of it in Rand. My apologies to students of Objectivism as there are many good libertarians among some of them. But if they have heard the "gospel" only from Rand, they don't know what they have been missing.

Well, we all have a lot of things to learn. The above summarizes some of my current thinking. Once again, peace, liberty happiness.

Michael A. Nash
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Sam, October 2, 1976

In the October 3 issue of *NLW* E. Scott Royce appears to suggest that to vote for Montana's John Melcher and against Georgia's McDonald would be to perform a service for the libertarian cause. By what criteria? Perhaps if one is concerned only with civil liberties and foreign policy this might be reasonable advice.

But why give domestic economic freedom such low priority? To what extent should this noble ideal enter into our calculations? According to the National Taxpayers Union's latest Congressional index, McDonald voted correctly 73% of the time; Melcher, only 48% of the time. Admittedly, the NTU scoreboard probably falls short of the perfect libertarian paradigm, but I'll bet it comes closer than anything currently available.

Bruce Earnhart
Maryville, Tennessee

[NTU is useful for "knowing thy enemy" but I see nowhere the imperative to cast ballots against the greater of evils so defined. As for your criticism of Mr. Royce's choice of lesser evils, let him defend himself if he chooses. Like most libertarians, I reject these dichotomies and intend to vote for the one candidate who can satisfy both you and Royce: Nobody!]

—SEK3J

STATE STRIKES BACK

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Due to an "emolument increase" clause in the New Jersey Constitution, the Superior Court Judge said the senator was "ineligible" to be appointed, but our political Supreme Court will have to decide.

The crowd at the Tax Repeal Day especially loved the part of my speech where I told them I "could no longer distinguish between taxation and theft." The rally is the beginning of the end of government by bribery, deceit, and coercion in New Jersey. ■

LP CON REPORT

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Saturday night there was a fund-raising dinner at which we were supposed to feel guilty if we didn't contribute to the collective good, if we didn't sacrifice enough for the party, which seemed a little antithetical to why we were all there. They should have put it more in terms of "you're giving for your own freedom," and maybe could have raised more. They did raise \$17,000.

Breakfasts were awful. You were allowed in to hear the speaker after everyone was through eating, if you didn't pay for breakfast. Next time I'd grab an Egg McMuffin first.

The partying at night was the best part, of course. The Georgetown discotheques are fun and crowded, and full of people who should be libertarians. On Saturday night, after the banquet, there were parties in the SIL suite, the ALF suite, and the Illinois suite. All had cheap or free admission with unlimited drinks. Hotel drinks were \$2.00. There was some grass around, but not wanting to get arrested so far from home, I didn't try any. One thing I noticed was that everyone there, and every lib I've met, seemed unusually intelligent. If you have to be smart to be a libertarian, I'm afraid we're lost already. We all know there aren't too many smart people out there. At the very least, you have to be well-read. There are also plenty of smart people who don't read.

The speakers were 90% interesting, one or two boring, and one incoherent. Murray Rothbard is adorable and Nathaniel Branden was definitely the classiest person there.

ANTI-PALESTINE QUESTIONER

There was one member of the audience who tried to talk after the Mid-East panel, when the time for questions was over. He wanted to call one of the speakers, who had said something about Palesting being non-racist, a liar. He read something from the Palestine constitution, I think (it was all very difficult to follow). Ed Crane kept saying he should speak to the panelists in private, but he kept shouting to be heard; it did seem strange to be suppressing free speech at a lib meeting. Finally he spoke while the panelists shuffled chairs around; some people in the audience clapped, and he left. I thought that was it. Later I heard he had tried to hit Ed Crane; someone had tried to give him his money back and ask him to leave, and in the meantime, someone else had called the police. Last I heard, he was taken out in handcuffs, kicking and

screaming. I'm not sure anyone knew who he was.

We also got to see a film of Nixon's famous "Checkers" speech. With a twenty year perspective, the movie became hysterically funny. His speaking mannerisms haven't changed at all, and he seemed almost a parody of himself. It could definitely dissuade someone from going into politics. I don't want them to laugh at a film of me twenty years from now.

As I said, I'm sorry you all missed it. I loved meeting everyone (and I'm sure they loved meeting me—you blew it, Konkin!). —Marji Kohls

[Perhaps I blew missing a chance to meet you, Ms. Kohls, but then again, it could have been me or one of my allies who were hauled off by the minions of the State. So this is how the Party will run any society they are in charge of? A couple of more thoughts for you and people like you: upon who would the Partyarchs prey if not people like you, in the real world, who are willing to give them the benefit of a confused doubt. The LP is entirely parasitical towards the Libertarian Society, as the State is towards general society. Both need productive types such as yourself to feed upon. Secondly, I am not in the least impressed by any show of intelligence you discovered at the Partycon. I will match a libertarian outside the Party for any partyarch you find particularly smart, and throw in double for wisdom. Care to try a libertarian conference next? Sorry you missed all them but more's coming. Thanks for your report. —SEK3]

SPECULATIONS will return next week with Cain Smith reviewing October Analog and F&SF prozines.

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Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

October 12-24 Sy Leon on Tour. Sy will be at Ritz Carlton Hotel in Chicago 12-17 and the Plaza in New York 18-24 working on publicity and promotion for the League of Non-Voters, his new book *None of the Above*, and the Postal Consumers Union. For more information call (714) 832-6234. Chicago and New York City.

October 23 New Libertarian Alliance of Southern California. "Libertarian Conferences?" Write NLA, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801 for membership or invitation to attend. Southern California.

October 24 NOTA Talk. "Any Vote is a Vote for Dr. Strangelove" by anarcho-pacifist Joffre Stewart. Optional donation requested. 2:30 P.M. at Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham, Chicago.

October 27 Illinois Taxpayers' Rights Conference sponsored by the Chicago Area National Taxpayers Union. \$3 donation; cash bar, snacks. 5-8 P.M. Bismark Hotel, 171 W. Randolph Street, Chicago. Guest speakers include University of Chicago Professor Milton Friedman and Illinois gubernatorial candidate Joseph McCaffrey. Information: (312) 763-5122 (weekdays), 287-0969 (other), or from NTU Chicago Area c/o James L. Tobin, 5048 W. Augusta Blvd., Chicago, IL 60651.

November 2 Victory Party for Nobody. Sponsored by CounterCampaign '76 and the New Libertarian Alliance. Write for invitations to either of CounterCampaign '76, Box 4190, Malibu, CA 90265 or NLA, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801. Southern Cal.

November 8 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Jeff Rigenbach on "The Philosophy of Religion for Libertarians." 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.

November 11 Forum for Philosophical Studies. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block South of Beverly.), Hollywood.

November 21 New Libertarian Alliance of Southern California. "A Review of CounterCampaign '76" with Victor Koman and SEK3. Write NLA, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801 for membership or invitation to attend. Southern California.

All libertarian and related events are listed except those which require secrecy and those which are not sent in. Notification should be received at least two weeks before cover date of issue of appearance wished. Political activities associated with "libertarianism" will be rejected.

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LIBERTARIAN FREEZES BRAIN OF DAUGHTER! Robert Anton Wilson Breaks Trails

(October 5 || Berkeley) Robert Anton Wilson ordered the cryonic preservation of the brain of his daughter, Patricia Luna Wilson, who was killed Sunday—three days earlier. Wilson is a *Playboy* editor, co-author of the libertarian "conspiracy fiction" classic, *Illuminatus*, and has just begun writing for *New Libertarian Weekly* (an interview with him appeared in *NLW* 39).

Patricia Luna Wilson's 15-year-old body was found brutally beaten and bound in the blood-spattered bathroom of the Used Clothing Store at 2500 Telegraph Avenue, late Sunday afternoon. It is speculated that she was beaten with a Master Charge machine found nearby. The police consider robbery the motive.

Ms. Wilson's brain was removed by a pathologist at the Alameda County Coroner's office during autopsy forty-eight hours later and was turned over to Arthur Quayle, president of Trans-Time, Inc. The Berkeley business preserves bodies of persons who have made necessary arrangements and who believe that medical science of the future will find a cure for the cause of their clinical death.

Robert Wilson told the *San Francisco Examiner's* Don Martinez that he agreed to preserve his daughter's brain because "we thought that if we could make a contribution to science something good could come out of this tragedy. We feel it is a long shot, but it's our way of expressing our belief in life and our rejection of the casual acceptance of murder and death in our society." Wilson elaborated in a longer statement sent to *NLW* which appears in italics at the end of this story.



PATRICIA WILSON
"A contribution to science"

The State caused problems immediately for the bereaved Wilsons. Quayle attempted to stop autopsy on the girl's body but was prevented by people obeying the state law requiring medical examination of all homicide victims. The State's coroners turned the brain over only after a written release.

"We decided that the best thing to do was preserve her brain and its memories hoping that at some future date science will find a way to reconstitute a person essentially the same as Patricia Wilson," Quayle told Martinez. "It's a long shot; we're not going to do this tomorrow."

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IS KARL HESS A COLLABORATOR?

by Pete McAlpine

(October 1 || Dearborn) The charge by Lyndon LaRouche (reported in the Summer 1976 issue of *Conspiracy Digest*) that Karl Hess is collaborating with the ruling class has been confirmed by a 2-part article by David Kelly in *Barrons* (August 23 & 30, 1976).

It turns out that Hess holds a fellowship in Marcus Raskin's Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), a "new-left" think tank financed by a consortium of state-capitalist foundations including Ford, Stern, and Rockefeller Family funds. Marcus Raskin, a former National Security Council advisor with top secret security clearance is suspected by the U.S. Labor Party of being a CIA agent operating under deep, new-left cover.

The IPS funds a wide assortment of new-left "participatory democracy" type projects: Community Development Corporations, community organizing, small scale technology, etc. The appeal of such apparently decentralist programs to an ex-laissez-faire advocate turned anarchosyndicalist, like Karl Hess, is obvious.

Perhaps Hess even thinks that the funders of IPS are sincere in working for a de-centralized form of socialism. If so, he is naive. One tip-off is that the Community Development Corporations that the IPS favors are to have the power to regulate all business within their borders and levy taxes! Where has voluntarism gone? Karl?

But this "small community" authoritarianism fits right in with Karl's new philosophy as stated at the Washing-

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The Week

News of and for the New Libertarian Society

NISBET ADVOCATES EFFICIENT ORGANIZATION

(October 11 || Los Angeles) Richard Nisbet, head of research at a large corporation, stressed teamwork over "individualism" which rejects working together, and he says libertarians have to work out alternative methods of doing things to win people over from government programs.

Nisbet was the featured speaker at the Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. He acknowledged his intellectual debt to Andrew J. Galambos and was introduced by Charles Estes.

STATISTS FEAR STATISM IN OUTER SPACE, TOO!

(September 11 || ZNS) Several members of Congress are reported to be seriously concerned about the possibility that hostile creatures on other planets may learn that humans live on the Earth, and that they will then come here to destroy us.

The *New York Times* magazine quotes astronomer Frank Drake as stating that several government officials in Washington have been urging scientists to turn off the radio telescopes that send messages into outer space.

Drake is a member of a small team of scientists who hope to use the radio telescopes, in a research study nicknamed "Project Cyclops," to communicate with other intelligent beings in the universe.

However, according to Drake, a handful of members of the House of Representatives want the signals shut down now before it's too late: Drake says they fear other creatures will learn the secret of where we live, and will aim exotic weapons in this direction to destroy us. ■

STOP THE PRESSES! FRIEDMAN WINS NOBEL!

(October 11 || Oslo) Word has just arrived that Milton Friedman, sometimes associated with a reformist type of libertarianism, has won the Nobel prize in Economics. Full story next issue. ■

EPISTOLARY

NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS

Dear Sam, October 5, 1976
Thought you would be interested to know that the "Libertarian" Party invited two members of the ruling class to speak at the '76 convention. The two individuals are Morton C. Halperin and Earl C. Ravenal.

The LP National Convention brochure states, "Mr. Halperin is currently directing a Project on National Security and Civil Liberties jointly sponsored by the A.C.L.U. Foundation and the Center for National Security Studies. In 1969 he was a Senior Staff member of the National Security Council. Mr. Halperin is a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense and former *Senior Fellow* of the *Brookings Institution*. . . . Mr. Halperin is a member of the A.C.L.U. and the *Council on Foreign Relations*." (My emphasis.)

Mr. Halperin may well be performing a great service by exposing the FBI and CIA but it must be remembered that he is part of the Morgan-Rothschild group which is anti-FBI and CIA since they are both controlled by the Rockefeller group.

The brochure, further states "A well-known writer and advisor on American foreign and military policy, Dr. Ravenal was Director of the Asian Division in the office of the Secretary of Defense from 1967 to 1969. He is presently a professor of American Foreign Policy at the John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and the Georgetown School of Foreign Service. Dr. Ravenal is a *Fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies*." (My emphasis.)

These two men have had their government appointments as well as their work with the ruling class think tanks upon leaving government. The Institute for Policy Studies is a Morgan-Rothschild think tank which is funded by the Stern (Sears, Roebuck) Family Foundation. The Brookings Institution is a Morgan-Rothschild think tank and the CFR is made up of both groups.

Most surprising is the repeated speaking invitations by the National Committee for Monetary Reform to John Exter who is also a member of

the ruling class. He has been invited to speak at a couple of their annual conferences. John Exter is a CFR member, a former Vice-President of First National City Bank of New York (Rockefeller controlled), Acting Chief of the Far Eastern Section of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Division Chief for the Middle East with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He is unquestionably a Rockefeller man.

Why were these two people invited? Does this portend of things to come? Are these organizations controlled by the ruling class? I hope someone has the answers.

Another subject of interest is a tax rebellion seminar that was held in New Jersey a couple of months ago. It was organized by Dr. Edmund Matzel, a so-called libertarian. The speakers were Bill Drexler, Jerome Daly and Rene Baxter. I went there for the sole reason of selling my books and tax kits. Bill Drexler who claims to believe in the free market and Ed Matzel, who claims to be a libertarian, prevented me from competing with their sales. Don't they know that restraint of trade is anti-free market?

Rene Baxter who allegedly is an anarchist spoke about the supposed virtues of limited government. His next problem occurred when talking about the Federal Reserve. He said that the politicians in 1913 were for it but the bankers were against it. He surely doesn't know his history; otherwise, he would know about the famous Jekyll Island, Georgia meeting that included key Morgan and Rockefeller politicians as well as Morgan and Rockefeller business agents. Paul Warburg (a banker and Rothschild agent) was the father and first chairman of the Federal Reserve System. His third mistake happened when he spoke of two methods to stop paying taxes. These were the monetary issue and the church exemption. He insisted that they both were successful. I am not aware of any tax rebel who has successfully used the monetary issue. What I mean to say is that I know of no one who has used it in court and won. Furthermore, the church method doesn't work unless the church is one recognized by the IRS. The only successful method is the Fifth Amendment approach. People should be

aware of this or one day they will wake up in jail.

Hope this is helpful to your readers.

Kenneth W. Kalcheim
New York, New York

[Thanks for the research, Ken; hope to see more such analysis in the future. Anyone else out there have data to input on these questions? —SEK3]

Speculations

Science Fiction for New Libertarians

CAIN SMITH on Prozines ANALOG, October 1976

Media Man, Joan D. Vinge. By my standards, probably the best SF published this year. My bias is towards realistic future-scene fiction; Vinge has one of the most believable, beautifully crafted future societies I've seen. The extra-solar system in which her society lives is well-worked out; the technology realistic; the characters real people of kinds which would be produced by such an environment. This may be the best picture of life in an asteroid belt yet done. The story itself—a rescue from a “giant” (actually, smaller than Earth) world and the complications which ensue—follows properly from the circumstances and from the characters. My main objection—that the society is too unworkable to have been established to begin with or to continue surviving—is neatly answered. (It was once part of a larger society, and its survival is tenuous.)

Vinge's story isn't perfect. The first sentence is too long (thirty-five words) and static. The “surprise” of having the spaceship pilot turn out to be a woman almost caused me to stop reading; that cliché is older than I am, and was never much good to begin with. (Just for once, I want to see a story in which it's the ship's prostitute who turns out to be female.) But the flaws don't keep it from being excellent.

The Saphiphage, Daniel P. Dern. What might have been a good future-profession story is a poor alien-contact one. While the profession of taking in seemingly-unrelated data in large quantities and finding patterns isn't new to SF, Dern makes it and the protagonist more believable than most uses of the notion. But the aliens remain believable at all only while they appear to be human.

Shadrach in the Furnace, Robert Silverberg (conclusion). The plot turns unexpectedly, providing a logical ending I hadn't foreseen. But I still don't find this believable, emotionally compelling, or otherwise of much interest.

The society is no more believable or new than before; the characters in, say, *Downward to the Earth* do; and Silverberg generally fails to do what I consider essential.

The Man Who Murdered Television, Joe Patrouch. A fictionalized essay, rather than a story. Radio waves are killing us—but the Establishment is suppressing that information.

Alienation, Jaycee Carr. The euthanasia available to members of a bored society is actually (for some) a oneway trip to a colony world. An old idea, poorly handled. Too much is explained by people lecturing others who already know what they're being told. The characters are stereotypes and walk-ons. The society is thoroughly unoriginal and poorly depicted.

Altruism, Evolution and Society, Thomas A. Easton. This is mislabeled “Science Fact.” Actually, it's Easton's shaky extrapolations of Edward O. Wilson's theory of sociobiology. The factual basis of Wilson's theory is scant. And Wilson's care to avoid suggesting that any particular sociopolitical-economic system is “most natural” for humans is tossed out the window. Easton blithely outlines what he claims is the only real alternative to Skinnerian behavior modification as a means of saving humanity. (While he does mention at the beginning that Wilson's theories and his extrapolations aren't proven fact, he neglects this for Skinner's theories.) For a reasonably accurate account of what sociobiology is all about, you'll have to read elsewhere. For an example of how to turn a respectable (though controversial) scientific theory into pseudoscience, read Easton's article.

FANTASY AND SCIENCE FICTION, October 1976

The Hertford Manuscript, Richard Cowper. Pastiche of *The Time Machine*. Everything which made the Wells novel enjoyable for me is left out.

Out of Dickinson by Poe (or The Only Begotten Son of Edgar & Emily) by Ray Bradbury. This poem may be the most pretentious thing Bradbury ever wrote.

From A to Z, in the Chocolate Alphabet, Harlan Ellison. A hilarious pastiche, twenty-six short bits parodying many times that number of SF clichés. The form compels Ellison to write more tightly than his usual, with good results.

The Barrow, Ursula K. LeGuin. A fairly good historical story, just marginally fantasy—the fantasy element could have been eliminated by rewriting one paragraph. Unlike most of LeGuin's work, I don't consider this story worth rereading. It depends

heavily on emotion, and the emotion just isn't there.

A Case of the Stubborns, Robert Bloch. “The morning after he died, Grandpa come down for breakfast.” It takes a good storyteller to live up to that beginning. Bloch manages it, though he takes a few of the many opportunities for overcuteness. And his rural setting seems authentic. (Too many rural-setting stories seem to be written by people who don't know a plowhorse from a sawhorse.)

Hero's Moon, Marion Zimmer Bradley. Realistic drama on an uninhabitable world. Not the sort of thing Bradley does well.

Where the Woodbine Twineth, Manly Wade Wellman. Love, betrayal and witchcraft in the Southern mountains. There's nothing new here, and for once that's praise: every element is a familiar theme of Anglo-American ballads. (Considering that the Southern mountains are among the places these ballads have lasted longest, and that Wellman has used folksongs in a number of stories, this is almost certainly deliberate.)

The Ladies of Beetlegoose Nine, R. Bretnor. A Papa Schimmelhorn story. If you enjoy these (I liked only the first), you'll like this one. If you've found even one of the series tedious, skip this one.

Science, Isaac Asimov. A reasonably good explanation of quasars. —CS

HESS SELL-OUT

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ton, DC ruling class conference that Hess hypocritically attended last year. It seems that individuals are to have only those rights which they can convince their immediate neighbors to grant them! I suggested in response to Hess that meddlesome neighbors be dealt with by force if they wouldn't come around to laissez-faire views. He reacted in horror.

Actually, the whole IPS program smacks of a sophisticated cover for Mussolini-style syndicalism (which the Rockefellers also supported) or the Corporate State. No doubt most IPSers believe they are working for true, decentralized communalism. The Bankers know better.

It turns out that the “de-centralized” Community Development Corporations (CDC's) will be in hock to Community Development Banks, which, in turn, will be in hock to the Federal Reserve monster. Federal agents under left-cover will, no doubt, turn out to be the leaders of the communities. So much for decentralization. The individual will be power-

less, tyrannized by the local collective, with the local collectives manipulated by the fiat money power of the International Bankers.

It is interesting that a similar neo-feudalism was set forth by the Rockefeller's General Education Board in its Occasional Letter Number 1 (1913):

In our dreams we have limitless resources and the people yield themselves with perfect docility to our molding hands. The present educational conventions fade from our minds, and unhampered by tradition, we work our good will upon a grateful and responsive rural folk . . . The task we set before ourselves is a beautiful one, to train these people as we find them to a perfectly ideal life just as they are. So we will organize our children into a little community and teach them to do in a perfect way the things their fathers and mothers are doing in an imperfect way, in the home, in the shop, and on the farm.

Another point to keep in mind is that *Counter Spy* magazine is financed by IPS. You will remember that CIA agent Richard Welch was murdered in Greece after his cover was blown in *Counter Spy*. This murder was used to pressure Congress into cutting-off its CIA investigation. Too far out? Maybe not!

Anarcho-communalism as preached by Hess should no longer be considered as a harmless form of altruistic insanity by individualists. In practice, it is fast shaping up into a statist threat to what few individual freedoms are left, to say nothing of the possibility for individualist anarchism. —PMcA

WILSON FREEZES BRAIN

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The purpose of the cryonic preservation is to clone another Patricia Luna Wilson in the future. Quayle estimateed the feat was "at least 50 years away." He also considered the possibility of a brain transplant.

Quayle said this was the first time that a human brain has been preserved for cloning. The organ was frozen in a special capsule and will be kept at -320°F. Initial cost is \$400 and annual storage is \$100. A special memorial fund has been initiated to raise the necessary costs.

Statement of Robert Anton Wilson, for the family of Luna Wilson:

We have had the brain of our murdered daughter, Patricia Luna Wilson, preserved by the Bay Area Cryonics Society in the hope that future scientific research will allow her to live again through cloning.

We have taken this step as an expression of our belief in life, our reverence for life—a reverence that Luna manifested every day of her 15 years. Luna loved people and

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animals; she was a pacifist and a vegetarian. It is our fervent hope that, whether or not cloning eventually succeeds in this case, scientific research will be aided and this will be one contribution to humanity's conquest of death.

More importantly, we support the quest for life extension and scientific immortality because it is a fit memorial to Luna, who so loved life, who was so boundless in joy and affection.

Above all, by this scientific endeavor we express and commemorate our faith in life and our total rejection of death and violence. By this attempt to preserve life, we say "No" to the dealers in death and violence. We say "No" to the governments that use mass murder as policy. We say "No" to an entertainment industry based on the pornography of violence and the prurience of sadism. And we say "No" to the creature who, in his blind ignorance of the value of life, killed Luna to steal a few dollars. ■

Black Market

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October 23 New Libertarian Alliance of Southern California. "Libertarian Conferences?" Write NLA, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801 for membership or invitation to attend. Southern California.

October 24 NOTA Talk. "Any Vote is a Vote for Dr. Strangelove" by anarcho-pacifist Joffe Stewart. Optional donation requested. 2:30 P.M. at Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham, Chicago.

October 27 Illinois Taxpayers' Rights Conference sponsored by the Chicago Area National Taxpayers Union. \$3 donation; cash bar, snacks. 5-8 P.M. Bismark Hotel, 171 W. Randolph Street, Chicago. Guest speakers include University of Chicago Professor Milton Friedman and Illinois gubernatorial candidate Joseph McCaffrey. Information: (312) 763-5122 (week-days), 287-0969 (other), or from NTU Chicago Area c/o James L. Tobin, 5048 W. Augusta Blvd., Chicago, IL 60651.

October 29 An Evening with Milton Friedman. McCormick Auditorium, Lake Forest College, Sheridan College, Lake Forest, Illinois. (312) 234-3100, extension 220. Chicago area.

November 2 Victory Party for Nobody. Sponsored by CounterCampaign '76 and the New Libertarian Alliance. Write for invitations to either of CounterCampaign '76, Box 4190, Malibu, CA 90265 or NLA, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801. Southern Cal.

November 8 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Jeff Rigenbach on "The Philosophy of Religion for Libertarians." 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.

November 11 Forum for Philosophical Studies. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block South of Beverly.). Hollywood.

November 21 New Libertarian Alliance of Southern California. "A Review of CounterCampaign '76" with Victor Koman and SEK3. Write NLA, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801 for membership or invitation to attend. Southern California.

All libertarian and related events are listed except those which require secrecy and those which are not sent in. Notification should be received at least two weeks before cover date of issue of appearance wished. Political activities associated with "libertarianism" will be rejected.

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MILTON FRIEDMAN IS A NOBEL LAUREATE!

(October 14 || Stockholm) Calling him a "dean of American conservative economists," the Associated Press reported that Chicago economist Milton Friedman won the Nobel Prize for Economics for 1976. Most of the by-lined article by Dick Soderlund concentrated on Friedman, though two other American winners were announced that day.

"Friedman was honored 'for his achievement in the fields of consumption analysis, monetary history and theory and for his demonstration of

the complexity of stabilization policy,' the Swedish Royal Academy of Science said."

Continues Soderlund, "Sources at the Royal Academy said the award to Friedman followed an unprecedented and sometimes heated debate, centered primarily over his political activity as advisor to conservative politicians and his journalism [*Newsweek* column]."

The AP notes that the deliberations of the Academy are kept secret and that though Friedman has declined to serve officially in Washington, he was an influence on Goldwater and Nixon. It was pointed out that he was the foremost exponent of monetarism.

Of interest to libertarians was the statement: "His philosophy is generally associated with a 'laissez-faire' or hands-off policy in regard to business and trade." Although this tends to associate Friedman with libertarians, the libertarian movement has seen considerable controversy over embracing him.

The first libertarian economist to win the Nobel Prize was Friedrich von Hayek, who is more or less accepted by all libertarians. Friedman has come under attack, mainly from Rothbard-



MILTON FRIEDMAN
Conservative economist

ians and New Libertarians, for his willingness to make the State run more efficiently.

Most often cited against him is his invention of withholding tax during World War II. In 1971, at a libertarian conference in New York, *NLN* editor Samuel E. Konkin asked Friedman if he regretted his act and whether he would do it again. Friedman replied he had no regrets and would do it again.

Friedman has also received radical libertarian criticism for his education voucher plan and his negative income tax. Austrian-Schoolman Murray Rothbard has integrated these issues into a full refutation of Friedman and the whole Chicago-monetarist school as interventionist, inflationary, and statist. ■

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NOBODY JARS ESTABLISHMENT

(October 20 || Los Angeles) In an incredible flip-flop, the *Los Angeles Times* editorial page blew hot and cold on those refusing to vote. Meanwhile, the "Vote for Nobody" CounterCampaign '76 rolls into high gear as election approaches, with a barrage of press releases and a press party.

The *Times* on October 19 ran two cartoons, by regulars Conrad and Interlander, on their op-ed page portraying non-voters as having elected Nixon and being obstinate dunces.

However, the following day Interlander's cartoon showed the non-voter as a more sympathetic old curmudgeon ("Put me down as a Bicentennial non-voter, and if that be treason, make the most of it!").

More explicitly, across the page the *Times* editorialized: "Voter disillusionment with government and apparent voter dissatisfaction with candidates should not be equated with a basic lack of confidence in the country. If millions stay away from the polls, that is a message that should have the first priority on the agenda of the winning candidate."

In other anti-political news as the election draws close, Sy Leon, League of Non-Voters, has offered to host a debate among Eugene McCarthy, Lester Maddox, and Roger MacBride. The press has shown interest, but it is not known at press time whether the candidates will agree to appear.

CounterCampaign '76 has mailed out requests for Equal Time to respond to solicitations to "get out the vote." The "Vote for Nobody" group have prepared a 30-second radio spot to rebut the arguments and urge voters to stay home on election day.

The Week

News of and for the New Libertarian Society

ESTABLISHMENT PRESS NOTES RED MARKET

(October 14 || Los Angeles) An article by Durko Doder of the *Washington Post* appeared in the *Los Angeles Times* of October 19 concerning the entrance of American corporate capitalism into the Yugoslav mixed economy of small, unregulated business, worker's councils, and Communist state big business.

The article was titled "Yugoslav Shows Western Business Savvy" and subtitled "Communist Opens Successful Franchise of U.S. Hotel Chain." Doder focuses on Branko Jakopovic, 50-year-old manager of the Zagreb Inter-Continental Hotel. Zagreb is the old capital of Croatia, a subject province of Serb-dominated Yugoslavia.

The article stresses that Jakopovic "cherishes profits, efficiency and graceful service" and delights in quotes from him such as "People in socialism think they can go anyplace in whatever type of clothes they please. I have them thrown out of here if they are not properly dressed." "After all, this is the best hotel in Yugoslavia. I don't want beatniks coming here."

The article also mentions that the Inter-Continental chain is largely "capitalist" and through enfranchising the Yugoslav Esplanade has cracked the Eastern European market and now has hotels in Budapest, Bucharest, Warsaw, and Prague. More are scheduled to open in Poland (2), Bulgaria and the Soviet Union (3).

Yugoslavia is the most prosperous communist country, largely because of its relatively free market. This is the only country in the bloc which actually has meaningful workers' councils (soviets), a form of syndicalism advocated by some anarchists.

But the Yugoslav State refuses to allow native companies to grow large while allowing Western Big Business to enter its market. None of this was covered in the Doder article.

FEMINISTS FOR NOBODY

(October 15 || New York) "The Women's Newspaper," *Majority Report*, supported Nobody for President im-

plicitly in their editorial of Volume VI, Number 11. The editorial assumes feminists have rejected Ford and concentrates on debunking Carter ("Nuts to Carter").

"Jimmy Carter is the only candidate for president who can commit adultery in his mind and chew gum at the same time," says MR. "Negative electoral politics works. State your platform and don't endorse anybody unless he or she endorses you."

Carter's "schizoid" positions are probed in other articles in this issue. MR publisher Nancy Borman is a libertarian. *Majority Report*, 74 Grove St., New York, NY 10014. \$5/year. ■

AP ON JAG

(October 14 || Long Beach) The *Long Beach Independent Press-Telegram* (I P-T) ran an AP news story on libertarian doctor R.S. Jaggard. Jaggard has been mentioned several times in *NLW*.

The Oelwein, Iowa doctor is founder of the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons (independent of AMA), opposes medicare and Social Security (refusing to pay), and his newsletter *Jag* recently endorses Nobody for President.

The I P-T (Long Beach's daily, with circulation in most cities between Los Angeles and Orange County) AP article was accurate and favourable. ■

PRO-FREE MARKET HIT RECORD BANNED IN U.K.

(October 7 || ZNS) England's Independent Broadcasting Authority has banned from the airwaves a hit record by Peter Tosh which advocates the legalization of marijuana.

In a letter to all of Britain's Independent radio stations, the Authority charged that the record—titled "Legalize It"—is unfit for radio play because it advocates a change in existing laws relating to marijuana.

The Authority has ruled that Tosh's record may be advertised on the air, but only if its title and lyrics are deleted from all the ads. ■

EPISTOLARY

NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS

Dear Sam, October 3, 1976

About eavesdropping on the CIA, et al.—forget it. Nowadays all espi-

onage operations use "one-time" codes. Formally speaking, the transmissions themselves contain no information. The only way to "crack" them is to get hold of a copy of the key.

Mr. Brakeman said I was "a bit weak on some quasi-technical matters of nuclear and thermonuclear technology." If he meant that some of what I said was in error, let me be the first to admit that I'm no nuclear engineer; but I believe what I said in that line was fairly well established. I would appreciate any corrections he has to offer. However, if he meant that he found the article weak in quantity rather than quality, that was no accident. I have no particular interest in hastening the advent of the cheap nuke (at least, until some kibertarian-oriented people appear to be in a position to use it in a way I would consider an improvement over the status quo).

Ooops—I noticed I typed "kibertarian" instead of "libertarian" above. Maybe that's a good name for people who talk a lot about libertarian projects, but don't do anything but kibbitz.

Onward and upward. In his letter, Machan seems to be using "tact" as a euphemism for "lying" or "deception" or "cover-up." About the only thing libertarianism has going for it politically is honesty—libertarians state the whole, unvarnished, Sunday-school truth, and nothing but, when it comes to the kind of questions on which politicians customarily waffle (that's still damn little in the political arena, which leads to the conclusion that libertarianism isn't going anywhere politically—but that's another question). The lives of billions of people don't hang in the balance as regards whether your mother's new hat is in bad taste. When the stakes are that high, tact is a luxury that can ill be afforded.

Rove seems a bit overheated on Reagan. Actually, the best insurance against foreign military adventures would probably be the election of a superhawk. In 1965, a President Goldwater would never have dreamed of sending hundreds of thousands of troops to Vietnam—he'd have been lucky to get out of the Capitol building alive if he'd proposed it to Congress; they'd have eaten him alive, after all those campaign commercials with the mushroom cloud and the ice cream

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VICTORY SPEECH OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY PRESIDENT-ELECT, 1984

by George H. Smith

Introduction

The day is November 7, 1984, just a few days after the national elections. The Libertarian Party has won the Presidency by a large margin, and LP candidates have won sweeping victories in Congress as well. Anticipating complete libertarian control of the Presidency, the Senate, and the House, the libertarian President-Elect is about to address a national television audience, thanking the people for his victory and outlining his plans for the future.

My fellow Americans. It is with a joyous heart that I speak to you this evening, on the eve of our glorious victory. Not only have you elected the first libertarian president, but you have elected a libertarian congress as well, insuring complete operation in our quest for liberty.

We stand at the threshold of freedom. Our country, ravaged for decades by political abuse and economic turmoil, is about to enter a new era of individual rights, limited government, and prosperity. We, the Libertarian Party, will hold true to our principles, accepting no quarter and no compromise.

Unfortunately, as you know, our country is threatened from without and from within. We face foreign threats from Russia and China, and we face domestic threats from inflation, depression and unemployment. The Democrats and Republicans were unable to stem the tide of economic ruin, and the Libertarian Party rode the wave of dissent and despair fostered by the Great Depression of 1981. And now we hold the reigns of government. It is an awesome responsibility—the people are looking to us for leadership—and we must steer our course with wisdom and prudence.

The policy of my administration will be one of openness and candor. I will not lie to you, nor will Congress. We will not tell you that things are better than they are. We are not only a party of principle, but a party of truth as well.

I appear before you this evening to tell you of my vision for this country and to unfold my plan for liberty. We must restore liberty to this country and thereby restore prosperity. On this we are all agreed. But let us not forget that we live in the real world. We live in a world of brute facts that cares nothing for our ideals. Therefore, we must face the fact that the devastation caused by political meddling has created an extremely complicated situation. Many of our citizens depend entirely on government jobs and handouts. As much as we desire liberty, we cannot sacrifice these innocent people in a blind repeal of laws. As the Party has emphasized for many years, we uphold



"PRESIDENT" G.H. SMITH

the policy of gradualism, whereby coercive laws are chiseled away, bit by bit, until we hone the government down to its proper size. This is the only sane and moral policy.

I must emphasize this, unfortunately, because there are those who criticize our gradualism. Some of our former comrades who, before the purge of 1980, also referred to themselves as "libertarians," continue vociferously to campaign for the immediate and total repeal of all unjust laws. In upholding gradual repeal, they say, the Party must necessarily defend and enforce those unjust laws

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that remain. This is true—we have never denied it. So many people have become dependent on government money and services, that to abolish them outright would clearly lead to disorder, rioting, and starvation. The good of society requires that such laws be phased out in increments, step by step, while we prepare the country for freedom. This is the wisdom of gradualism.

But still we are assailed by reckless visionaries who scream for the immediate abolition of taxation—the root, they say, of most government evil. Now, taxation is wrong, of course; but to repeal all taxation would lead to the collapse of national defense, police services, welfare, and many other essential services. Thousands, perhaps millions, would die. We are unwilling to sacrifice lives to the tyranny of false freedom, in a country where people cannot as yet handle their freedom in a proper manner.

Indeed, it was our policy of gradualism that led to our massive support by the American people. Our Party, founded twelve short years ago, has accomplished the impossible task of moving from a mere handful of libertarians to a Party numbering in the millions. Over sixty percent of registered voters belong to the Libertarian Party—over sixty percent! How did we achieve this miracle? With our sane policy of gradualism.

When elderly people complained that a libertarian government would deprive them of Social Security, we told them "no"—that their Social Security would continue as before, financed from tax revenues. Social Security will be chiseled away in painless steps; to abolish it is only a long-term objective. Thus did elderly people become libertarians.

When welfare recipients complained that a libertarian government would deprive them of welfare, we told them "no"—that their welfare would continue as before, financed from tax revenues. Welfare will be chiseled away in painless steps; to abolish it is only a long-term objective. Thus did welfare recipients become libertarians.

When labor unions complained that a libertarian government would deprive them of their privileges on which they had become financially dependent, we told them "no"—that their privileges would continue as before. Privileges will be chiseled away

in painless steps; to abolish them is only a long-term objective. Thus did the labor unions become libertarian.

When taxi drivers, bus drivers, utility employees, and others who benefit from government enforced monopolies, complained that a libertarian government would hurt them financially, we told them "no"—that their monopolies would continue as before. Government monopolies will be chiseled away in painless steps; to abolish them is only a long-term objective. Thus did taxi drivers, bus drivers, utility employees, and others become libertarians.

When military personnel complained that a libertarian government, with its isolationist foreign policy, would drastically curtail military spending, and thus result in a massive loss of jobs, we told them "no"—that military spending would continue as before. Interventionism will be chiseled

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led away in painless steps; isolationism is only a long-term objective. Thus did military personnel become libertarians.

And when law enforcement officials complained that a libertarian government, with its repeal of victimless crimes, would deprive many policemen of their careers and livelihood, we told them "no"—that their enforcement of victimless crimes would continue as before. Victimless crime laws will be chiseled away in painless steps; to abolish them is only a long-term

objective. Thus did policemen become libertarians.

And so went our brilliant strategy, reaching into every aspect of American life and creating libertarians by the millions.

Our struggle has not been easy; it has been fraught with opposition and difficulties at every turn, not only by our opponents, but my fellow libertarians as well. When we organized in 1972, with the purpose of spreading the libertarian message, our task seemed hopeless, and there were skeptics within our own ranks who looked with a jaundiced eye upon a libertarian political party. In those early days, our energy was matched only by our naivete, and it was not until 1976 that we blossomed as a political party worthy of the name. In that pivotal year, you will recall, our presidential candidate wisely rejected two men—one a homosexual, the other a tax evader—as his running mates, realizing that the Libertarian Party could not afford to become identified with unpopular causes. Moreover, in that year, we subordinated our goal of education to the goal of electing libertarians to political office; and, accordingly, we adopted the strategy of winning votes by dealing with limited issues as they arose, while not stating our long-range objectives. This avoided our being tagged as wide-eyed radicals, which would have destroyed our chances of victory.

Heartened by the many states in which we were placed on the ballot, libertarians increased their efforts, strengthened by the practical knowledge of the political arena gained in the '76 campaign. 1978 was a critical year for our platform, for it was then that we consciously articulated and

defended our theory of gradualism, whereby the State will be chiseled away, bit by bit, until it is reduced to its moral foundation. Again, there were dissenters in our midst, who complained because we did not favor the immediate repeal of unjust laws, especially taxation.

But the year 1980 will go down as one of our most significant. It was then, at our national convention, that we publicly condemned tax evasion and the disobedience of other invasive laws, arguing with irrefutable logic

that such measures were necessary, even under a libertarian government, until the State was sufficiently chiseled away. Their immediate repeal or widespread disobedience would result in social chaos; and the LP spoke out boldly and forthrightly in favor of gradualism, laying to rest the fear of many of our critics that a libertarian government would lead to disaster.

1980 was also our year of ordeal by fire. Our stand against tax rebellion, coupled with the purging from our ranks of all known tax resisters and others who wished to thwart the law, turned more libertarians against us. These, our former allies turned ene-

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mies, refused to progress with the times, and adapt themselves to the inescapable reality of political life. Splinter groups were organized, and anti-LP groups sprung up like mushrooms. Our very existence was threatened by dissension from within. But we were too strong and too determined not to waver one iota from our principles. Those who wished to compromise our principle of gradualism were defeated, and we, the party of principle, continued our march toward victory, which at that point was inevitable.

Of course, we in the Libertarian Party have our differences, and in assimilating over half of the American voters into our ranks, we represent a broad spectrum of opinion. But our unity and strength were demonstrated dramatically at our convention this year, when there was intense rivalry between the Hubert Humphrey libertarians and the Jerry Brown libertarians. Thanks largely to the efforts of the Lester Maddox faction of the LP, reconciliation was achieved, and our party united behind its candidates and swept them to victory.

We speak of noble goals, our opponents say, of liberty and rights, but what will we do to achieve them? What will the policy of gradualism mean in practice? It is that question that I will now answer.

Because of the complex and intricate network of laws and regulations that permeate our system, we must approach their repeal cautiously. We may repeal one law, or one regulation, only to find that it has a disastrous effect on other parts of the economy. We must not act in haste. Therefore, my first presidential recommendation to the Congress will be to freeze all

current laws and regulations on the federal, state, and municipal levels, so that a thorough investigation may be launched before the process of repeal is begun. We cannot afford to have maverick congressman get carried away with their power and indulge in an orgy of reckless repeal of laws, for which our nation will suffer.

Since there will be no immediate cutback of laws and regulations, additional money will be needed to finance our investigations. Therefore, my second proposal to Congress will be to raise the taxes just enough to support the necessary bureaus and committees that will undertake this noble and

important work. To those of you who shirk at this temporary increase in taxation, rest assured that it is for all of our long-range good.

Then I will submit to Congress a proposed list of new agencies needed to investigate the specific steps our gradualism should take. I cannot give you all of the details here of course—this is a matter for specialists—but I will list a few significant items, so you can see for yourself that the Party takes its gradualism seriously, and that we intend to move forward immediately with bold, innovative steps.

First, we will need an agency to list and categorize the millions of laws and regulations now on the books. This will be the Federal Bureau of Legislative Compilation. It will be staffed by a competent, hard-working crew of no

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more than 500 persons; and, with the efficiency of modern computers, they should complete their work within a few short years.

Second, we will need a bureau to evaluate and assess the relative merits of the data compiled by the Federal Bureau of Legislative Compilation. This will be the Federal Bureau of Assessment, or FBA for short. It will be the function of the FBA to decide which laws and regulations, from an ethical viewpoint, should be the first to go.

Third, we will need a bureau to work in conjunction with the FBA, whose function will be to predict the probable effects of eliminating particular laws and regulations. This will be the Bureau of Legislative Termination, or BLT for short. The BLT will have several departments, including the Dept. of Monetary Maladjustment (to predict the probable effects of repeal on money), the Dept. of Global Contingency (to predict the effects on foreign policy), and the Dept. of laissez-faire regulation (to predict the effects on trade).

Fourth, it is essential that gradualism be distributed as equally as possible, without discrimination or favoritism. To repeal laws in one sector of the economy, while leaving laws in another sector, will obviously lead to unfair economic advantage by some persons or businessmen. If, for instance, we repeal some taxes but not others, we must be careful to equalize the remaining taxes to the greatest extent possible. This is a complicated and delicate task. For it we will require the Bureau of Equal Gradualization. This Bureau will handle all complaints of discrimination. A special committee within the Bureau of Equal Gradualization, the Expendable Liberties Committee, will decide on borderline cases, where it is unclear whose liberties should be sacrificed to whom.

Fifth, we will establish the Bureau of Ways and Means, whose function will be to determine the actual workings and specifics of gradualism. Among other things, it will have a Dept. of Specification, which determines who is gradualized against; a Dept. of Duration, which determines how long they are gradualized against; and a Dept. of Gradation, which

determines the severity of gradualization.

Finally, we must deal firmly with those who would interfere with our blueprint for liberty. For this we will establish a special task-force, The Anti-Gradualists Neutralization Committee, which will determine the most effective means to counter those malcontents and subversives who would sabotage our plan for liberty. As part of the Anti-Gradualist Neutralization Committee, there will be a special group called the Committee for Model

Gradualism, which will endeavor to convince all libertarians to set the pace in our gradualist plans. If libertarians above all do not see the wisdom and necessity of gradualism, it is unlikely that the less enlightened populace will see it either. Therefore, we must single out those libertarians who would thwart our gradualism and then educate them to our way of thinking. They must be discouraged from the indiscriminate breaking of laws. Now that the Libertarian Party is in power, they may think to themselves, we run no risk in tax evasion. But let there be no misunderstanding; they are wrong. We cannot abolish taxes immediately, as was pointed out before. We must therefore continue to enforce them. A tax revolt on a massive scale would be disastrous to our gradualist policy. We must be unyielding in our tax policy; libertarians more than anyone else should not be permitted, through tax evasion, to destroy the only hope of liberty in this country for centuries. They must be dealt with swiftly and severely, so the rest of the country can see that the LP is firmly committed to the principle of gradualism, and that it will not favor its own ranks in the enforcement of gradualism.

Fortunately, we are in an advantageous position to detect tax evaders. You will recall that, until a few years ago, there were many tax evaders within the LP itself. During that period, we learned who these people were and what methods they used. Of course, we often sympathized with them, since they were rebelling against an unjust government. But now the Libertarian Party has established a just government. We truly intend to establish freedom, eventually. We are therefore impelled to use our special knowledge of tax resisters and methods in an effort to stop their rebellion. They must serve as models to the rest of the country.

In other words, we libertarians must clean our own house first; we must set the stage for gradualism. Therefore, I wish to make a personal appeal to all libertarians in the television audience this evening. Please work with your President and your Congress in our struggle for freedom. Become a model law abiding citizen for the sake of gradualism, even if you personally disagree with many of the current laws. Above all do not cheat on your taxes. Remember that your tax dollars will now go for the cause of freedom, the cause for which we have all struggled for twelve years. This is the first thing you can do to help your elected representatives.

The second thing is of equal, or perhaps even greater, importance.

Many of you undoubtedly have libertarian friends who do not appreciate what the Libertarian Party has accomplished. They will, they say, continue to break whatever unjust laws they can, if they think they won't get caught. Therefore, my fellow libertarians, I implore you, in the name of liberty, talk to these misguided comrades—persuade them of their folly—persuade them that full obedience to the present laws is necessary at this time in order to chisel away the government. And if you cannot persuade them, then it is your painful duty to report them to the appropriate authorities. This is especially true in the event of tax evasion. We cannot have libertarians defying a libertarian government—the potential consequences are too great. Thus, to aid you in this noble cause, we have established the special committee referred to earlier—the Anti-Gradualist Neutralization Committee—which will gladly accept lists of libertarians who seek to sabotage our plans. Send your list of libertarian law breakers directly to The Anti-Gradualist Neutralization Committee, Box 1984, Washington, D.C. This committee will move into action immediately as I take office. Of course, libertarians have never asked for self-sacrifice, nor do we ask for it now. We do not expect you to take your valuable time and effort ferreting out law-breakers without compensation. Therefore, for each name submitted that leads to a conviction, we will pay the informant \$50. If the conviction is for tax evasion, and if the evader is a libertarian, we will pay \$100. We expect this plan, more than any other, to lead to a unified effort by libertarians to carry through the policy of gradualism.

Therefore, my fellow libertarians, think back to your comrades who evaded taxes, think back to the many discussions in which they confided in you in the many ways they avoided taxation, think of their names and of the names of their friends they may have mentioned, and compile a list. Once again, the address is The Anti-Gradualists Neutralization Committee, box 1984, Washington, D.C. Not only will you be promoting the cause of freedom, but you will make a profit as well, what could be more libertarian!

In closing, I wish to reveal what is undoubtedly the happiest news of all. Now that liberty is within our grasp, some of you may be worried about losing it once again. The price of freedom, as we know, is eternal vigilance. But worry no more. The Libertarian Party, devoted to freedom, is in power, and we cannot subject human liberty to a majority

vote. No one has the right to take your liberty from you; and the only possible opposition to the LP would come from those special interest groups who wish to violate your rights. Therefore, we shall not continue the farce of national elections; now that freedom has arrived, there is no need to vote. Voting against us can only serve the cause of tyranny, and we are dedicated to protect you against tyranny at all costs. Hence, with the cooperation of Congress, we shall pass a constitutional amendment to freeze the present government, and abolish all future elections. Not only will this guarantee your freedom, but it will give us the needed time to implement our plans. The Party of Liberty is here; the rest is a matter of time and detail.

It is ironic, it is not, that in this year of 1984—a year so long dreaded as an Orwellian nightmare—liberty has triumphed over tyranny. We have the opportunity within our grasp; let us move ahead with vigor and determination, never swerving from our gradualism and the eventual withering away . . . pardon me, chiseling away . . . of the State. Yes, my fellow Americans, we will, with God's help, make 1984 a year to remember.

A more serious discussion on the problems of a Libertarian Party will follow in Part II, NLW Supplement 5, scheduled to appear in New Libertarian Weekly 50. —George H. Smith

FIRST OF TWO PARTS

George H. Smith is the author of *Atheism: The Case Against God* and is currently Director of the "Forum for Philosophical Studies" in Los Angeles. In addition to a monthly lecture program, the Forum sponsors a number of courses and seminars, including "The Fundamentals of Reasoning" and "The Ideas of Liberty." Upcoming courses by the Forum will include "A History of Western Atheism and Religious Dissent" and "The Philosophical Foundations of Free Market Economics."

The Forum recently opened a suite of offices in the L.A. area. Those who wish further information, or who would like to be placed on the Forum mailing list, should write to Wendy Grosscup, Business Manager, Forum for Philosophical Studies, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Suite 500, Los Angeles, Ca.

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EPISTOLARY

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cone. But when "even" the great "man of peace" Johnson advocated military intervention, why, only a "left-wing kook" could have dreamed of opposing him. On the other hand, if a President Humphrey had gone to Peking and toasted Mao's health, he would have had to join Ghana's Nkrumah in exile there—the conservatives would have had a field day. But when "even the Red-baiter Nixon" thought it wise to do so, why, only the "right-wing kooks" objected.

The moral of all this is that, if politics are to be at all effective at achieving policy goals (which I doubt), one must at the very least engage in this sort of multi-level Byzantine analysis: simply voting for the person whose expressed ideas are closest to one's own (or even whose innermost ideas, if you could read his mind, are closest) is hopelessly naive. And if liberals are going to have to vote for conservatives, and vice versa, to achieve their political ends, why, that takes all the fun out of the game.

Keep on libbin'.

Erwin S. "Filthy Pierre" Strauss
Lanham, Maryland

Dear Sam: October 17, 1976

I was somewhat disturbed by your report of my exchange with John Hospers on "Government or Anarchy?" (*NLW* 42). First, although your comments were highly favorable to me, they constituted an editorial opinion, not an objective report of the meeting itself. Editorials are fine, of course, but I wish they would be labeled as such. Second, and more to the point, I regret that you chose to attack Hospers personally, in the form of derogatory quips. This may be your style, and it may contribute to a muck-raking, fiery image for *NLW*, but I think it ultimately hurts your credibility as a journalist.

Moreover, I dislike your tendency, to transform honest disagreement into ideological warfare, with moralistic overtones. No one disagrees more strongly with the limited government-alist view more than I do, but I see it as an honest disagreement within libertarian ranks. Certainly I believe this to be the case with Dr. Hospers. Hence, I would like to see a posture of good will maintained in matters such as this. This would serve to keep open the lines of communication among libertarians, which in turn would serve the cause of truth.

Incidentally, this applies to the LP/anti-LP controversy as well, and this is where you and I differ. One aspect of my anti-LP talk you did not mention was my insistence that I in no way question the motives or integrity of Libertarian Party members. I think they are wrong, and forceful criticism is in order; but I don't see them as immoral. Most LP members (or at least the ones I know) are sincere, dedicated libertarians, who see the LP as the most effective means of achieving a libertarian society. I regret they have chosen the political route; but I regard them as friendly, if misguided, allies.

Then there is Phil Osborn's diatribe against me in *NLW* 44. Phil says that no one he talked to after the Supper Club or the Hospers discussion could think of anything "new" that I had said. This doesn't say much, since most people refuse to talk to Phil. Actually, I put a much higher premium on truth than on originality, and I have always credited my sources. In my defense of anarchism, I employed what I considered to be the best arguments, with full awareness that many of them had been stated before. I suppose that Phil's convoluted defense of theft, in the form of "unearning" one's property through minding one's own business, is an example of intellectual trailblazing. So let's give credit where credit is due: if most people know what I am going to say in advance, Phil cannot be saddled with the same complaint. Few people can guess what Phil's ideas are before he says them—and even fewer can guess after he says them.

In liberty,
George H. Smith
Hollywood, California

[In reverse order I respond. I've already given my opinion of Phil's comments. And from recent conversation with you, it seems you may have amended your feelings on the "honestness" of the "LP/anti-LP controversy." Little things like attempted bribery, blacklisting, ostracism, intimidation, boycotts, and other standard political tactics. The LP are not my allies; they are the enemy. They are part of the State and represent an invasion into the Libertarian Movement, as I titled my response to Crane in Libertarian Review. The foot-soldiers of the Partyarchs may or may not be honest, innocent, etc. But those who have heard our arguments, and chose evil with their eyes open, are not in "honest disagreement" with either you or me. Same argument applies to the minarchist position; some are dupes, some are thinly disguised reactionaries. Finally, as you (and the whole readership) can see, I have kept my end of the line of communications open. It is the Partyarchs who have been blacking out the "controversy," not the New Libertarians.

Yes, it is ideological warfare, and yes, it is a moral question—as all libertarianism vs statism conflicts are. Finally, concerning your criticism of my reporting of Hospers, I cannot possibly answer fully in less than a full article. Check H.L. Mencken at least on if there really is a line between "editorials" and "news." Remember the old joke about the New York Times, "the only paper which prints its editorials on the front page"? Ultimately, it's true about all newspapers. Naturally, I do not believe I said anything "personally derogatory" about Hospers; I pride myself on keeping "personalities" out of New Libertarian Weekly. In fact, the only reason there was any description in the article at all was because it was straight reporting, and not an editorial. And, as I answered when you finally gave me an example of where I supposed to be derogatory, Hospers did plod, goddammit!

—SEK3]

Sam:

October 19, 1976

Ken Kalcheim's research (*NLW* 45) is nice, but in the two instances which I can personally verify, either wrong or irrelevant.

Kalcheim looks at John Exter's background and assumes that Exter is "a Rockefeller man," i.e., a member of the Rockefeller faction of the ruling class. I know John, both formally through the various monetary symposia which we have both attended, and personally through correspondence and conversation in private. He opposes fractional reserve banking (and chastizes Milton Friedman, among others, for the failure to understand the nature of the Fed). How's *this* for a Rockefeller Man: "I think that the Fed is very largely responsible for the mess we are in." Exter is firmly pro-gold, and anti-SDR.

As for Rene Baxter: to my knowledge, he has never taken an anarchist position. His tax rebellion magazine, *The Freedom Fighter*, takes an explicit minarchist position. Again, I know Baxter personally, and have briefly discussed the anarchy-minarchy question. We disagree on it.

The rest of the material in Kalcheim's letter is outside my personal knowledge. However, if it has the reliability of his reportage of material within my purview, forget it, Kalcheim can't even report his non-controversial facts correctly. Exter no longer holds any of the positions Kalcheim ascribes to him. He currently is a consultant, and is a Fellow of the American Institute for Economic Research, hardly a Rockefeller front.

Peace & Profit,
Charles R. Curley
Ye Financial Editor, *NLW*

[Ken?

—SEK3]

Speculations

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Speculations returns next week with review of *Deathworld Trilogy* by Wendy McElroy.

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Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

October 29 An Evening with Milton Friedman. The new Nobel Laureate will be at the McCormick Auditorium, Lake Forest College, Sheridan College, Lake Forest, Illinois. (312) 234-3100, extension 220. Chicago area.

November 2 Victory for Nobody Party. Sy Leon guest, schedule permitting. Host is CounterCampaign '76, NLA. \$1.99 admission includes campaign packet and catered hors d'oeuvres. No-host bar. 7:30 P.M. Reservations requested. (213) 436-0596. Regency Room, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles.

November 4 None of the Above Meeting. Usually first Thursday, 8 P.M. Call (312) for place and time. Chicago.

November 8 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Jeff Riggensbach on "The Philosophy of Religion for Libertarians." 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.

November 11 Forum for Philosophical Studies. Debate tentative at press time. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly.) Hollywood.

November 21 New Libertarian Alliance of Southern California. "A Review of CounterCampaign '76" with Victor Koman and SEK3. Write NLA, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801 for membership or invitation to attend. Southern California.

December 2 None of the Above Meeting. Usually first Thursday at 8 P.M. Call (312) 362-7965 for place and time. Chicago.

December 9 Forum for Philosophical Studies. Robert LeFevre on "It Didn't Begin With Ayn Rand." \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

All libertarian and related events are listed except those which require secrecy and those which are not sent in. Notification should be received at least two weeks before cover date of issue of appearance wished. Political activities associated with "libertarianism" will be rejected.

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LIBERTARIANS HAVE OWN MONEY NOW!

New Mint Produces Mises 'Barter Medallions'

(November 1 || Fort Collins) Advertisements are being sent to libertarian publications for the new Ludwig Von Mises "Barter Medallions" ("coins" can only be minted officially by the U.S. Government). The counter-economic money is issued by the Ludwig Von Mises Mint, P.O. Box 315, Fort Collins, CO 80522.

Director of the new mint is Gary L. Carlson, a New Libertarian who was turned on to Counter-Economics at CounterCon II in Massachusetts in 1975. Carlson has several hundred barter medallions already minted, awaiting delivery.

The "Mises" has a portrait of Ludwig Von Mises, the Austrian Economist universally beloved by the libertarian movement, on one side and a large "dollar sign" with slogans on the other (see illustrations).



Carlson expects the first run of the medallions to be collectors' items. They are all .999 fine pure, in silver, gold and platinum at \$12, \$180, and \$230 respectively (prices changing with market conditions). All contain 25 grams of metal.

The Mint hopes that large-scale sales will eventually lower the price to near-market levels and become an exchange medium for libertarians and

practicing counter-economists, in line with free market theory. The barter medallions are not subject to inflation, and their symbols will hopefully become synonymous with libertarian economic integrity.

New Libertarian Weekly is offering a special offer of one silver Mises for a full-year subscription (\$15 U.S. fiat) and New Libertarian Enterprises will accept "Mises" as payment at par for products beginning immediately. NLE spokesman Samuel Konklin hopes other libertarian businesses will move to accept the Mises right away.

The New Libertarian Society now has its own weekly newspaper, several monthly publications, educational organizations, social groups such as the Libertarian Supper Clubs, scores of entrepreneurs, and its own "money system." Once generally exchange-



able within the New Libertarian Society, the "Mises" will probably begin circulation throughout the general economy, a tangible practicality of libertarian, counter-economic theory.

Carlson expects to eventually issue other denominations. A "Lysander Spooner" barter medallion is already being planned.

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DEATH OF LEFT

by Eric Scott Royce

A cool, slightly breezy evening in Lafayette Park. To the left as you faced the speakers' platform, across Pennsylvania Avenue, beyond the fence symbolic of Presidential isolation from reality, lay the White House. Brightly spotlighted, it presented a sharp contrast to the rally, lit only by a single streetlight and individually-held candles. The crowd—composed of elderly socialists and pacifists, aging radicals from the 1960s, and teen-aged idealists—patiently endured a string of left-wing lightweights while awaiting the star speaker of the evening, Eugene McCarthy.

Finally it came time for an address by the man who, to millions of Americans, had personally symbolized the crusade against war, social injustice, and the "old politics." As he stepped to the microphone, McCarthy was greeted by a round of enthusiastic applause from those assembled.

The year, however, was 1976, not 1968; and those present were not one of yesteryear's chanting, cheering crowd of thousands, but a mere two or three hundred individuals. A pale echo of the old Movement, largely a remnant from better days.

The occasion was the arrival in Washington of some of those involved in the Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice. Behind the podium stood a series of placards proclaiming the antipathy of the sponsors to the continuation of the arms race and of development of the domestic nuclear power industry. The most prominent featured a mushroom cloud containing the words: "And Jesus Said: I Saw Satan Fall Like Lightning from Heaven..."

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The Week

News of and for the New Libertarian Society

DON ERNSBERGER FOR RADICALISM

(October 21 || Warminster) Don Ernsberger makes "The Case for Radicalism" in his cover essay in the October *Individual Liberty* (Vol. 7, No. 10), newsletter of the Society for Individual Liberty (P.O. Box 1147, Warminster, PA 18974, \$4/year). Don is editor of *IL*.

The essay is stated to be a reply to *Reason* editor Robert Poole's call for "realpolitik" for the Libertarian Party. Ernsberger makes an excellent case for intellectual honesty and "hard core shock methodology" for the libertarian movement and the Society for Individual Liberty in particular.

Ernsberger is on shaky grounds only when he asserts "there is no excuse for those who draw a false dichotomy between Party methodology and other educational groups, pretending that soft-sell belongs in the former and that radicalism belongs in the latter."

Ironically, the anti-LP libertarians have long charged that the LP is not an educational organization, but a power-seeking group. Recently, LP director Bob Meier has confirmed that position. Poole's position is consistent with that evaluation.

Even more ironically, *IL* contains plugs for the LP National Convention (already over) and the LP-front group, Center for Libertarian Studies. ■

REVISIONISM IN REASON

(October 20 || Santa Barbara) The *Reason* Special Book Issue continues the shift towards the revisionist viewpoint in recent issues. Of special note to isolationists are Leonard Liggio's reviews of *Prophets of the Right* and the superb history of the American Right from the beginning of the libertarian-conservative coalition in 1945 to the break-up in 1969, *The Conservative Intellectual Tradition in America* by George Nash. The dean of libertarian revisionists, James J. Martin, checks in with a well-balanced analysis of Anthony Sutton's *National Suicide*.

New Libertarians may find one thing in this issue offensive: the editorial endorsement of MacBride

for President by Klausner, Machan and Poole. *Reason*, November 1976, Vol. 8, No. 7, \$2, Box 40105, Santa Barbara, CA 93103. ■

FORUM MINUS ROTHBARD

(October 18 || New York) Two belated issues of *The Libertarian Forum* (August and September 1976, Vol. IX, No. 8 and 9) contained no material by editor Murray N. Rothbard. Publisher Joseph Peden apologizes for the tardiness, describing *LF* as a labour of love.

The two issues contain classic anarchist reprints on education by Ouida and Auberon Herbert, and revisionist history articles by J.P. McCarthy and Walter Grinder. *Libertarian Forum*, \$8/year, Box 341, Madison Square Station, New York, NY 10010. ■

NTU FINGERS SPENDERS

(October 21 || Washington, DC) Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wash.) heads the list of the "Ten Biggest Spenders" in the U.S. Senate issued by the non-partisan National Taxpayers Union. Jackson received a score of 7% in NTU's ratings for the second session of the 94th Congress, voting "correct" on only one of seventeen key spending votes.

At the top of the House list of the "Ten Biggest Spenders" are Robert Jones (D-Ala.) and Peter Peyser (R-N.Y.). Both received a score of zero in the rating, based on twenty-five House votes.

"We think the voters have a right to know who's most to blame for rising spending and rising taxes, especially in an election year," said William Bonner, Executive Director of the nonprofit group. "The members on this list are those who have been particularly irresponsible in their waste of the taxpayers' money, and insensitive to the growing burden of taxes on the average citizen."

The National Taxpayers Union is a nonprofit, nonpartisan citizens group of 28,000. It has been fighting wasteful government spending since 1969.

—Steve Chapman, NTU

STATE PLAYS POLITICS WITH U.S. ESCAPEES

(August 20 || ZNS) The U.S. State Department is denying allegations that "for political reasons" it is delaying the extradition of 11 Americans back to a Mexican jail until after the November election.

PRINCIPLES & HERESIES

ANALYSIS BY SAMUEL EDWARD KONKIN III

2. ANARCHOPESSIMISM

The concepts of Optimism and Pessimism, as general outlooks, are not "libertarian." What the "heresy" involved here is *selective pessimism* applied to libertarian strategy.

Tracing the "typical" libertarian's "pilgrim's progress," we find alternating occurrences of optimism and pessimism, appropriate to the understanding of the individual at the time.

First, he or she comes in contact with the philosophy, usually by the print medium, but occasionally by word-of-mouth or by a rare exposure on electronic media. The simple knowledge that "there are others who think like me" creates a swing towards optimism.

Actually meeting one's first group of libertarians at a conference, a club or in a caucus reverses the feeling. Where are the John Galts and Wyo Knots?

As the neophyte becomes acquainted with the vast scope of libertarian activity, with important names in economics, psychology, anti-politics, philosophy, business and, of course, literature, optimism returns.

At this point, a tempered optimism should slowly evolve, with natural fluctuations for temporary successes and reverses. But some libertarians receive a jolt of disillusionment at this point, and fail to pull out.

The ex-Randists, ex-Rothbardians, ex-LeFevrians, etc. in the movement are probably the majority. The final breaking of the dependency one has formed with one's crucial mentor has become a rite of passage; if successful, it results in independency and optimism generated by self-reliance and the confidence that one can liberate oneself through one's own action.

But one may break *without* losing the dependency. Then the result is pessimism engendered from the following wrong conclusion: "If Rand/Rothbard/Hospers . . . can't save me, all is lost."

Closely related to this demoralizing heresy is the myth of the all-powerful State (or the statist mentality) against which we can never hope to win. That's another column. —SEK3

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NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS

To the Editor, October 17, 1976

Your notice indicates that my *Ren-naissance*-derived subscription to *NLW* has expired. I feel the occasion calls for a letter.

Over the course of its existence I have found *NLW* to be frequently amusing (I've been told I have a warped sense of humor) and sporadically informative (after ignoring the headlines and applying the necessary correction factor). In particular I considered the reviews of SF magazines to be useful.

As treasurer of the Libertarian Party of California and of the California MacBride for President Committee, I have certain fundamental disagreements with your editorial viewpoint. Nevertheless I think it's important for the LP to have gadflies. And one of the sources of *NLW*'s amusement has been your frequent obituaries for the LP, while it continues to grow. You must find it frustrating.

Sam, I am truly tempted to renew my subscription. But I've decided instead to use the \$15.00 to purchase and distribute a thousand LP brochures. Too bad we don't share the same priorities.

TANSTAAFL,
Daniel Wiener
Los Angeles, California

[Amen to the last sentence. I hope you enjoy reading all those brochures instead. The LP continues to grow? You mean they're lying about lying about the LP membership figures now? As far as I can tell (and I don't use lying in my methodology), the LP has been losing more members than it gains every year, with gains during elections and big losses at the end of the campaigns. Ah well, Daniel, your loss is our loss. Let's read the next letter to cheer up. —SEK3]

Mr. Sam Konkin III, October 16, 1976

Please send a couple of recent issues of your publication, *New Libertarian Weekly* to the above address. I've enclosed two FRNs.

My introduction to libertarian ideology was through the Libertarian Party in Alaska in 1973. I started with Hospers' *Libertarianism*; rushed through Rand and into Rothbard. I've been on again-off again politically active within the Libertarian Party in Alaska for three years now. I feel the LP is doing too little, too late and from the wrong direction, i.e., top-down, but the LP still serves a good purpose by exposing libertarian ideas to many who might not have heard about it

otherwise (myself included).

I gave some thought to "Browning out" as you'd call it, but there's really no place to go to (until the development of space travel, of course). Still, Browne and other "self-freeing philosophers, such as Nathaniel Branden, helped me to discover a great deal about myself. I am still learning and growing.

As of late I've been leaning towards a more activist, individualist approach, especially towards Rene Baxter's style of tax resistance.

Your Libertarian Caucus Technique, which I caught in *SLR*, makes a lot of sense and I found your "Off the Deep End" articles in *Option* to be enlightening, giving a much needed historical perspective.

I reject all claims to my life and property, and I refuse to subjugate my ego into a collective. Consider me an ally, sir.

Yours in Freedom,
Timothy A. Dove
Fairbanks, Alaska

[Actually, very few new libertarians are reached by the LP. Usually the Party preys parasitically on the already existing movement which we activists built up since 1969. Apart from that, Timothy... well, let's just say your letter made my day. NLA will be in touch. —SEK3]

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Speculations

Science Fiction for New Libertarians

[*Speculations* postpones Ms. McElroy's review to next issue in order to rush this review of the first issue of a new prozine to you. Stay tuned. —SEK3]

CAIN SMITH on Prozines *GALILEO* (No. 1)

The proclaimed intent is to raise the quality of science fiction. Then shouldn't the fiction come first? It doesn't being till the reader is 28% of the way into this issue. (A quick comparison: *Galaxy* 4%, *Analog* 9%.) Articles are listed first on the table of contents. And of three names on the cover, two belong to article contributors.

There are other confusions. The ad at the beginning states that *Galileo* is available only at "...a few selected

bookstores around the country..."

The editorial undermines this appearance of selectivity by urging the readers to "Ask your local book stores and newsstands to carry *Galileo*."

Dreams of Ash, Memories of Fire, Karl Hansen. One brave man against the machine which rules the world. The unnamed hero is almost ready to overthrow the Mindmech when the woman he loves is lost to him. His lack of a name goes with other lacks; he is never properly described, and never given a background. This makes it harder to sympathize even abstractly with him and his cause. His willingness to sacrifice the present generation of humanity, and to kill off those robots which have freed themselves from the Mindmech, make him too coldblooded and otherwise nasty for my taste—so perhaps the lack of adequate description is just as well. As for the science: a virus which carries animal memories, and which is addictive, may be plausible. But when it turns a woman into a giant bird, and that bird flies in Earth's gravity, we have not science but magic.

The Tame One, Robert Chilson. Rich teenage girl on a strange world tries to tame local animal. The surprise twist is the obvious one. Chilson has done well something most SF writers do badly or not at all—he's coined some plausible new terms. The story has no other virtues.

The Snares of the Hunter, Michael Stall. A member of the Space Patrol (here called the Customs Service—though what little is described of its duties sounds like nothing a customs service would be doing) get criminals and himself into a trap. He must then get them out again.

Next Door Neighbor, "Kevin O'Donnell Jr." (Barry Malzberg). Refugee family next door is from farther away than narrator realizes.

Growing up, Damien Broderick. This excerpt from a novel doesn't stand up on its own. It's a guided tour through a rather interesting future society—there's no story.

Draconian Inheritance, Ruth Berman. Cops and robbers again. This time, both are female. No fuss is made about that; it's merely made unobtrusively clear that in Berman's future women routinely play such roles. The characters are believable enough to make an otherwise undistinguished story worth reading.

Ashes to Ashes, Rust to Rust (*The Robot in Science Fiction*), Peter Weston. A necessarily (at less than booklength) sketchy survey of SF's attitude toward robots.

Marvels and Miracles—Pass It On,

Ray Bradbury. Interview with Jules Verne. Copyright 1955 by New York Times Co. Verne comes out thinking and sounding rather like Bradbury.

Communications in the Second Century of the Telephone, Arthur C. Clarke. Reprinted speech.

Blanket Coverage, Walter Pilcher. Farce about lost astronauts communicating with Earth via electric blanket.

Other features include two pages of photos and sketchy description of the authors. Artwork includes: covers in standard Sword & Sorcery style; undistinguished interior illos; an inside back cover fullpage photo of Poul Anderson.

Galileo is inferior to every other SF magazine currently available. —CS

DEATH OF THE LEFT

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On the whole it was a night of slogans, not of substance, with Dr. Ralph Abernathy perhaps the worst offenders. The sole exception while I was present were a young woman who discussed the Karen Silkwood case—and McCarthy. The latter was undoubtedly the event's main drawing card, although the crowd's fringes contained a handful of dour-looking people wearing Zeidler for President pins.

The magnetism was still there, the ability to enthral a crowd, persuade it, capture its minds and hearts. McCarthy spoke without notes in a faultless style marked by touches of humor amid a sincere, if occasionally misguided, exposition of what he considered to be the *real*, unexplored issues in this year's election.

The topics the former Minnesota Senator discussed were the major themes of his '76 Independent presidential drive—unemployment, the country's wasteful misuse of its natural resources, American militarism. While much of what he said made good sense, and while it was particularly encouraging to hear a certified liberal publicly denounce the Humphrey-Hawkins full employment bill as a fraud, it was on the militarism question that, for libertarians at least, McCarthy scored the most points.

The differences between Ford and Carter or defense and foreign policy, he explained, were minimal at best. That is, neither would take the steps necessary to halt the arms race. There is no rationality to the perpetuation of a situation in which the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. can annihilate each other more than a dozen times. After the second round, he noted, it tends to be a matter of interest only to computers.

There was far more, of course. McCarthy decried the Trident submarine as not "just a bigger boat" but a new arms system in itself that represented a dangerous escalation of the arms race. He called for re-examination of the MIRV concept. And he concluded by describing how the entire debate on the defense budget had become misdirected. The other candidates, he quipped, were promising to cut the "fat" out of it. The "fat," however, "is probably the best part of that budget." Why? Because it's less capable of killing anybody.

While McCarthy spoke, the crowd was attentive and enthusiastic. He drew repeated rounds of applause, mixed with occasional musical strains from a young man carrying a bagpipe. But when The Speech was over, though there was more of the program to come (problems of the elderly, political plight of D.C., and so on), the already miniscule number of attendees began to diminish further. A few stayed on to hear out the remaining speakers, but more slipped away into the night, leaving behind them only a lonely memory of the days when the left-wing mass Movement against war and repression was not myth but reality. —Eric Scott Royce

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OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

November 4 None of the Above Meeting.

Usually first Thursday, 8 P.M. Call (312) for place and time. Chicago.

November 8 Libertarian Supper Club of

Los Angeles. Jeff Rigenbach on "The Philosophy of Religion for Libertarians." 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.

November 11 Forum for Philosophical

Studies. Debate tentative at press time. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly.) Hollywood.

November 21 New Libertarian Alliance of

Southern California. "A Review of CounterCampaign '76" with Victor Koman and SEK3. Write NLA, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801 for membership or invitation to attend. Southern California.

December 2 None of the Above Meeting.

Usually first Thursday at 8 P.M. Call (312) 362-7965 for place and time. Chicago.

December 9 Forum for Philosophical

Studies. Robert LeFevre on "It Didn't Begin With Ayn Rand." \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

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December 19 New Libertarian Alliance of

Southern California Christmas Party. Open to NLA and guests. Invitations from NLA, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801. Southern California.

All libertarian and related events are listed except those which require secrecy and those which are not sent in. Notification should be received at least two weeks before cover date of issue of appearance that is wished. Political activities associated with "libertarianism" will be rejected.

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U.S. VOTES "NOBODY" Bigger than Carter-Ford combined

(November 2 || Los Angeles) At the Victory for Nobody Party at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, little suspense was built up. The vast number of eligible voters who had refused to register had almost guaranteed a majority for Nobody.

Confident CounterCampaign '76 campaigners were predicting that not only would Nobody beat Carter and Ford combined among all potential voters, but among *eligible* voters as well. The expectation of this landslide non-vote brought reporters in droves to the Nobody victory party.

A massive drive "to get out the vote" was unleashed by some press and various "public service" groups in the last days of the 1976 American election to blunt the effects of rejection by U.S. citizens. Neil Schulman, on the speaker's podium at the Victory Party, described this "backlash" as saddening in its effect on increasing total turnout but heartening in that voting itself became the overriding issue of the campaign.

CounterCampaign '76 and the League of Non-Voters had a veritable media blitz in the last week of the campaign. Sy Leon appeared on TV rebuttals and radio talk shows, debating the president of California State League of Women Voters on the Carol Hemingway Show. Lloyd Licher appeared six times on KABC-TV in response to pro-vote editorials. The CounterCampaign Committee's phone never stopped ringing. One call came to the editor of *NLW* from Philadelphia from a frantic television program director trying to do a story about the group she had heard about from a passing libertarian.

The CounterCampaign '76 party attracted most libertarian luminaries in Southern California and some from the North and Arizona. Present were guest speaker Sy Leon, Vic Koman

and Neil Schulman, George Smith and Wendy McElroy of the Forum, Lloyd Licher and family (Libertarian Supper Club), Diane Nobel and Dave Fowler (Freedom Fellowship), SCALF founders Sheila Wymer and Sandy McIntosh, *NLW*'s SEK3 and The Thornton, and a host of others.

The actual program was brief. Vic Koman related how it had been and thanked everyone. A tape of several CounterCampaign commercials and editorial replies were played. Sy Leon gave an optimistic, hard-core summation, and Sy's son, Ron Leon, became a new anarcho-star, entertaining us with his parody of a politician's Victory Speech.

The coming and going of reporters and camera crews led to the only incident that threatened to upset the festivities. About twenty persons wearing straw hats, buttons and T-shirts supporting an obscure presidential candidate who was not getting any attention, attempted to follow one cameraman into the party room.

Immediately, NLA sprung into action. While one ally challenged their lack of tickets, another blocked the entranceway and S.E. Konkin verbally denounced them for self-enslavement. Sure enough, their "leader" got into an exchange of vituperation with Konkin, while the rest of the Partyarchs slunk away at the sight of three NLA determined to defend property. With his mob gone, the ringleader scampered away, still spewing abuse.

Violence was averted (the LP have been known to employ thug tactics) and the celebration inside never heard a thing. Some who were at the nearby LP gathering agreed to remove their offensive slogans and were allowed in free to satisfy their curiosity and meet libertarian notables.

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"I Was Beaten Up—LP Orders!"

By Adam V. Reed, Ph.D.

The reason I'm writing to you has to do with Marji Kohls' [front page article "Partyarchs Silence Protestor at LP Con"] in *NLW* 44. I'm the guy the Partyarchs hauled out of the most recent convention. Marji has got three things wrong: I never tried to hit Ed Crane (I never attempted, used or threatened to use force against anyone at the LP Convention); I was never offered a refund of the registration fee (I did demand a refund before leaving; the partyarchs' response was to have me arrested and hauled out); and I am not anti-Palestine. I did criticize the PLO, but that doesn't make me anti-Palestine any more than my criticism of the U.S. government would make me anti-American, or criticism of the Rabin government, anti-Israel. I do think the PLO is a criminal organization, just like the others. That doesn't make me anti-Palestine, just anti-State. Trust the partyarchs not to know the difference.

Here is what happened:

I arrived at the Statler Hilton in the morning and paid a five dollar fee for
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The Week

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SCHOLARS NOT WELCOME AT SCHOLARS' CONFERENCE

(October 24 || New York) At the fourth Libertarian Scholars' Conference, sponsored by the Liberty Fund this past weekend, libertarian economist Walter Block accused revisionist historians Carl Oglesby, G. William Domhoff, and Larry Shoup of being "crazies," communist dupes, and asked why they had even come to the conference.

Block rose to make these charges during a talk Sunday, October 24, by Larry Shoup on Southern Rim theory. Domhoff walked out at that point, and Shoup started to but was convinced to remain.

—JNS

Editor's Note: This report was telephoned to Neil by a well-placed source of high trust. Neil has been sworn by contract not to reveal his source.

—SEK3]

SWISS MOVE ON CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

(October 15 || Washington) The lower house of the Swiss national legislature voted by a nearly two-to-one margin earlier this month to end the practice of jailing citizens refusing Army duty. Some 100 Swiss residents, including those objecting on religious grounds, had served jail terms last year.

The Parliamentary measure, which must still be approved by the upper legislative house and then by nationwide referendum, would permit individuals for whom "conscience forbids any use of violence" the option of alternative civilian service.

—ESR

RIGHT-WING USES THE LP IN WASHINGTON STATE

(October 15 || Washington, DC) Earlier this year several Washington right-wing groups discussed running third-party or independent Congressional campaigns in various districts in order to topple several liberal Republican incumbents—including Ron Sarasin of Conn., James Jeffords of Vt., and Joel Pritchard of Wash. In the latter case, the LP has apparently

become the vehicle for the ultra-conservatives' vendetta.

Alan Gottlieb, whose background includes service on the National Board of YAF and the American Conservative Union (he still holds the latter position), and a key role in the Reagan effort in Washington State earlier this year, now has the LP nomination for Congress in the state's 1st District.

Gottlieb's campaign recently received a plug in *The Right Report*, a newsletter edited by long-time traditionalist conservative activist Morton Blackwell for the ultra-right-wing Richard A. Viguerie Company. —E.S. Royce

SPACE LIBERTARIANISM

(October 29 || Portland, Ore.) A new publication will be aimed at a narrow group of space-migration immortality libertarian types. *Claustrophobia* is for people who feel trapped by gravity, death and statism.

The publication will be a collation of the month's output of a number of publications, plus original contributions by Robert Anton Wilson, Timothy Leary and Samuel Edward Konkin III. Publications included are *Earth/Space News*, *L-5 Newsletter*, *The Immortalist*, *Individual Liberty*, and *New Libertarian Weekly*.

Cover value of the publications alone is \$64, but the monthly publication will sell for only \$40/year (\$70/2 years, and \$20/6 months). First issue will be dated January 1977.

Behind *Claustrophobia* are Columbia Region New Libertarian Alliance's indefatigable Eric Geislinger and Jane Talisman. *Claustrophobia*, 5047 SW 26th Drive, Portland, OR 97201. ■

RULING CLASS FANZINE

(October 11 || One of America's tiniest minority groups—the rich ruling class of Chicago—will soon have its very own magazine.

An Illinois publishing firm is coming out with a new bimonthly called *Chicago's Ruling Elite*, catering only to the very rich and very powerful in the windy city.

Publisher Jack Dupont says the magazine's maximum circulation will be 29,000 and the average income of its readers a mere \$120,000 a year. If it works in Chicago, magazines for "ruling elites" in other major cities will follow. ■

"ILLUMINATING DISCORD" COMES TO NLW

(November 1 || Berkeley) Robert Anton Wilson, former *Playboy* editor and best-selling author, has agreed to appear as a regular columnist in *New Libertarian Weekly*. Wilson was interviewed in depth in *NLW 39* by Talisman and Geislinger.

Wilson's first column will appear in *NLW 50* and will deal with magic and libertarianism. The mind-warping material will be headed "Illuminating Discords." ■

ISR GOES HARD-CORE!

(November 5 || Phoenix) David Fowler, the New Libertarian editor of the *International Shortage Reporter*, has unleashed a radical fifth issue. Lead article is titled "Dismembering Government—Anarchojobs."

"The Newsletter of Counter-Economics, Black Markets and Underground Business" proposes the practical, concrete steps individuals can take to strip down the State and build an anarchy, steps which characterize pure counter-economics. Fowler also has an in-depth article on a highly-developed counter-economy in Burma (first mentioned in *NLW* by Filthy Pierre).

Several shorts are also of interest to New Libertarians, and *ISR* is providing free "Counter Classifieds" for grey marketeers. *ISR*, 30 West Pasadena, Phoenix, AZ 85013. \$36/year. ■

VLA RATES VIRGINIA CONGRESS CANDIDATES

(October 22 || Arlington) Most candidates for Congress from Virginia rated only poor or fair in ratings released today by the Virginia Libertarian Alliance (VLA), a non-partisan political-educational organization.

Standing for economic freedom, civil liberties, and a neutral, non-interventionist foreign policy, VLA's ratings were weighed equally among the three areas of concern both in returned questionnaires and in study of legislative records. Also taken into consideration were factors such as expressed philosophy and political ability.

"The results should prove interesting to conservatives and liberals alike," said Vince Drosdik, VLA chairman. "For example, Dave Satterfield in the 3rd, highly regarded by conservatives,

could only rate fair. Meanwhile, 8th District Democrat Herb Harris, often portrayed as an ideological twin to 10th District Democrat Joe Fisher, got a fair rating to Fisher's poor."

In the Senate race, independent Harry Byrd rated good, while his challengers independent Republican Martin Perper and Democrat Elmo Zumwalt both got poor. ■

XEROX AIDS COUNTER-ECONOMICS EVASIONS

(October 8 || ZNS) At least three federal agencies have joined an army of private investigators in efforts to stop a wave of counterfeiting apparently spawned by the Xerox Corporation's new color duplicating machine.

The machine in question is the Xerox 6500, which investigators from the F.B.I., the Justice Department and the Secret Service, along with a host of private corporate sleuths, say has resulted in the successful passing of hundreds of thousands of dollars of phony documents through the United States' most respected financial institutions.

The 6500 color copier is reportedly capable of duplicating with apparently more than passable accuracy, such things as money orders, payroll checks, stock certificates, and other negotiable bank and corporate securities.

The color copier can be purchased for \$26,000 or leased from the Xerox Corporation for a mere \$225 per month.

One industry investigator, Martial Lester, who is also a member of Interpol, describes the counterfeiting wave as "horrendous." Says Lester: "This color copying machine has advanced the cause of counterfeiting by many years." He adds: "the only limit to its uses is the criminal's own imagination." ■

EPISTOLARY

NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS

Dear Sam: October 26, 1976

Here is the story of the ejection of the "dissenter" from the LP convention as best I could determine:

The Middle-East panel was strongly anti-Zionist, being composed of Murray Rothbard, Leonard Liggio, and Steve Halbrook. The very competent analyses identified Zionism as a tool of Anglo-French-American Imperialism and identified the Palestinians as the aggrieved parties, deserving libertarian sympathy.

The panel ran considerably over scheduled time. The national news-media was in place, waiting to cover the Feminist panel. Questions and answers were abbreviated before Dr. Adam Reed, allegedly an Israeli national and frequent letter writer to *Reason*, had an opportunity to denounce the panel from the Zionist point-of-view.

Clearly, Mr. Reed had no inherent right to speak under these circumstances—on private property rented to the LP. While Chairman Crane would have been better advised to defuse the situation by allowing the extremely agitated Adam Reed to speak, Crane was within his rights to call the hotel guards to deal with Mr. Reed. Also, Murray Rothbard would have been better advised not to have taunted Reed as being a "Zionist thug."

Unfortunately, Mrs. Jimmy Carter was in the hotel and Secret Service agents accompanied the guards to the ballroom. By this time, the crisis had passed, but the SS insisted on Adam Reed's removal, perceiving a threat to Mrs. Carter.

Adam Reed resisted, and before my eyes they wrestled him to the ground, put him in irons, and carried him out, screaming. Apparently he was charged with disturbing the peace. At the time, I thought the SS were hotel guards, within their rights, if over-reacting. No one helped Mr. Reed.

Pete McAlpine
Dearborn, Michigan

[Thanks for another view of events, Pete. You may note the discrepancies with Dr. Reed's own version on page one of this issue. —SEK3]

Speculations will return next week with Wendy McElroy's review. Cain Smith will return in two weeks.

October 28, 1976

Karl Hess, Pete McAlpine grimly informs us in *NLW 45*, is—gasp!—"collaborating with the ruling class..." The skeptical reader is informed that such a ridiculous accusation is justified by the startling revelation that Hess has been associated with the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), a New Leftish think tank which has allegedly received healthy portions of its financing from "a consortium of state-capitalist foundations..."

Unfortunately for author McAlpine, his accusation that there is a Hess-IPS relationship is, at best, old news to anyone who has bothered to follow even casually the ex-Goldwater speechwriter's romp across the ideological spectrum. McAlpine's article makes it appear that he, *Barron's*, and Lyndon LaRouche (Presidential can-

didate of the thoroughly loony U.S. Labor Party) have done the Libertarian Movement a great service by exposing Hess's secret affiliations. But Hess has never made a secret of his IPS connection, quite the contrary; and that association has been public knowledge for at least five years.†

What of IPS itself? The Institute was established in 1963 with radical figures Marcus Raskin, whom McAlpine mentions, and Richard J. Barnet (*The Economy of Death, Intervention and Revolution*, etc.), whom he does not, as co-directors. The roster of those who, besides Hess, have been IPS fellows includes anarchist author Paul Goodman, Gar Alperovitz, I.F. Stone, and Arthur Waskow. Like the National Taxpayers Union—the Executive Committee of which includes A. Ernest Fitzgerald, noted for controversies with his employer, the Department of Defense—IPS' ranks include ex-bureaucrats and government consultants. So what? As in the Fitzgerald case, who should know better the dangers and errors of national policy than those who have been directly connected with the federal behemoth? IPS was organized, after all, as "an independent research organization to explore social, economic and military issues without the benefit of government sponsorship."‡

McAlpine seems horrified at the IPS' vision of a community-based "socialism" that asserts the right to regulate local business enterprises. I suggest that he reconsider this criticism for several reasons.

First, a shift from the huge U.S. nation-State to neighborhood "governments" would, on the whole, be a giant step toward McAlpine's vision of an individualist-anarchist society. In addition, it is, realistically, about as far as we will be able to push society away from the government concept in the foreseeable future. Second, a community, whether organized on a voluntary basis or not, should have every right to regulate certain aspects of business activity within its borders. For instance, such a community should for self-protection reasons retain the right to dictate pollution controls since, as anyone but perhaps the kookiest Randist would readily concede, pollution violates individual rights. Third, so long as the "socialist" local communal arrangements did not unjustifiably interfere with others around them, what gives McAlpine (or anyone else) the right to object to the locals organizing a society as they please?

IPS, far from being part of the so-called Establishment, is an anathema

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Mozambique Forging Ahead; Backwards

After the fall of the Caetano regime in Portugal (April 25, 1974) Angola seemed to carry most of the headlines. The former Portugal Colony of Mozambique went quietly ahead developing their own obnoxious statist.

Instead of "right-wing" rhetoric, they have moved over to the "left-wing." Thus when Portugal pulled out and the marketing and distribution network disappeared, the state has tried to step in with a system of local cooperatives and regional centers for buying and selling. So far the "basis for the development of Mozambique" has not worked.

On March 18, 1975 the Ministry for Trade and Development took over a cashew nut factory. The former Italian owners to "modernize the factory" took out most of the machinery and split. After a government committee came in to "stem flagging production" the rest of the managing and executive staff left also. Production slumped even more.

To stem the decline the government encouraged the workers to form a committee of their very own. Unfortunately they only succeeded in polarizing the discontents and the committee dissolved in strikes. The motto was get "all they could get—and straight away."

After "political explanation" twenty-eight "reactionaries" were arrested and sent to concentration—rehabilitation camps. Since the purge the company has been "running more or less normally."

This has been the sequence of events in every factory in Mozambique that was abandoned by the Portuguese or taken over by the state. Incompetence has flourished or "rampant economic sabotage." Also, capital has been fleeing the country to South Africa and Rhodesia. Even this cannot totally explain the collapse of production.

After the April 1974 revolution most Mozambicans had no conception of FRELIMO's actual policy. The movement owed its popularity to its victory over the Portuguese and the mythical certainty that once Mozambique was free the country would become an El Dorado.

During the post-revolutionary struggle FRELIMO's enemies were purged or as a foreign engineer said: "When I say discipline I mean punishment." This has brought a 50% drop in productivity.

Most of this has been brought to a head by the closing of its borders to Rhodesia. The U.N. mission that visited Mozambique estimated that the cost of closure was \$100 million. The country desperately needed that money but FRELIMO's leadership

decided on "permanent revolution" and so made it necessary.

Be that as it may the one thing that is going to be important is the effect on the talks in Paris. The ZIPA or Zimbabwe People's Army are the biggest and most successful guerrillas operating in Rhodesia. They are based in Mozambique and are hitting Rhodesia hard.

With the internal economic pressure growing and the financial and political costs of the ZIPA Mozambique *must* come on strong. They cannot hope to continue to fight Rhodesia without some outside support. With technicians from East Germany, North Korea, Bulgaria and China arriving, FRELIMO will shortly have to take a good look at their current policy. Either they pile up debts in fighting and thus lose their cherished national freedom or they find a way around the impasse with Rhodesia and lessen their involvement there.

Peru—Banking on it.

A group of the largest American banks including Manufacturers Hanover Trust (a long time lender to Peru), Bank of America, First National City Bank, Chase Manhattan, and Morgan Guaranty have decided to approve a loan of \$240 million to Peru.

A military coup overthrew Juan Velasco the leader of the 1968 revolution and the guiding hand behind the country's socialist practices. It is not known, at this time, what has become of the former head of state.

General Francisco Morales Bermudez has been named the new President. He had been Minister of Finance before and after the 1968 revolution. He swore, when taking office, that the revolution would continue as before. He has, however, devalued the Peruvian "sol" and announced austerity measures.

Although it now looks like the Peruvian government will get the \$240 million (Carlos Santistevan, the Minister for Finance reportedly asked for \$400 million) sudden changes are always possible. In the early part of September it was rumored that the Peruvian government was interested in purchasing some Soviet fighter-bombers. A knowledgeable New York financial source said that the banks would "rethink" the loan if the money would be used to buy Soviet arms.

Arab Voices Stern Warnings

Dr. Bontros Ghali, chairman of the department of economics and political science at Cairo University and President of the Center for Political and Strategic Studies of the newspaper *Al-Ahram*, Egypt's most prominent scholar, has warned the Arab world that they are leaving Israel with the commanding influence in a new administration.

Reporting on a recent trip to the U.S., Dr. Ghali said he found Arab diplomats and correspondents "clinging to the hope that Kissinger would be kept on as Secretary of State." He went on to criticize their "failure to contact those personalities, particularly Zbigniew Brzezinski, who are expected to succeed Kissinger in the coming American administration."

Ghali identified a state of mind that is common among Arab diplomats. They trust and admire Kissinger and are concerned about his removal from office. He noted that Brzezinski has visited Israel and several other members of the Carter Camp. There he heard Israel's views "while Arab diplomacy stood idle, not one Arab state out of 20 thought of issuing a similar invitation." He went on to say that whoever succeeds Kissinger "Israel is prepared for all contingencies."

Dragons, Eagles, and Bears

The other interesting sidelight to the croaking of Mao is the anxious wait in Moscow. The Pekingologists in the Kremlin are having bona fide nervous breakdowns. With the death of Lin Piao, the Russians have lost ground. The seeds of distrust sown by Stalin ripened under Mao's gaze.

The fact that all the public speeches given by governmental leaders have lost their strident tones is interesting but not yet revealing. Hua Kuo-Feng is the leader of the country but his power has not yet stabilized. Since he is fighting for the top he will not be able to indulge himself in setting foreign policy. Until he does no one in China is so politically inept as to try and do so.

While their comrades seek to pierce the haze in China the Washingtonologists are trying to forecast the foreign policy of Carter.

They fear that Carter will appoint the man they consider the most anti-Soviet foreign policy "expert" in the U.S., Professor Zbigniew Brzezinski. Brzezinski began advising Carter long before other people started to take him seriously and would thus seem to give him the inside track.

In the Soviet press there seems to be two lines of thought. One is that the prospect of office might help change and tone-down his views. The other is that he has made a career out of "militant anti-communism" and, since it has brought him to the top, there is no reason for him to change it now.

Also there was considerable sharp comments about Carter's statement on using food and trade benefits to bring the Soviet Union into line on certain issues and conflicts. Yet there was favorable comment on Carter's repeated intentions to bring about better relations with the Soviet Union.

To Washingtonologists the balance may be tipped if they could successfully answer some questions. Why have some anti-Soviet remarks made by Brzezinski been cut from his latest book? Why has Brzezinski given up his support of the Jackson Amendment? Why has he stopped making categorical replies to interviewers?

The Soviet Union faced with new leaders in China and the United States has got to come up with answers to these and many more questions. For the nonce, however, they must play the waiting game and look for openings they could use.

Ireland: Torture of Prisoners

The British government has been found guilty of torture in Northern Ireland. The European Commission on Human Rights released its findings after a four-year investigation. A 12 volume study substantiates charges that, following "internment" (re: imprisonment), the security forces in Northern Ireland breached Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

The report of the commission also reveals that the techniques of "interrogation in depth" which constituted torture were taught to the RUC (Royal Ulster Constabulary) by the English Intelligence Center at a seminar held in April 1971.

The Commission investigation also found out that the British government instructed witnesses not to reply to questions about "in depth interrogation" techniques. When considering these techniques the commission was faced with a policy of non-cooperation by the British government. This blanket refusal was also applied to the seminar given by the EIC where the techniques were taught orally to RUC officers four months before internment started.

China—Anyone's Guess

One is very hesitant to write about the political events in China. It is impossible to tell what is going to happen with any degree of probability. All the experts had agreed, mostly using the Russian model, that China would go through a period of collective leadership before either the left or right could assume total power.

Well that has been proven wrong. There are reasons why Hua Kuo-Feng could assume power. A. He is the compromise candidate of some coalition. B. He is the leader of a group of moderates who wanted to strike hard, fast and capture the reins of power before they could slip away. C. Acting more-or-less on his own he successfully completed a coup-de-main on the radicals and with his power position as head of the police and People's Militia presented the rest of the Politburo with a fait accompli.

There are different reactions that his enemies could use for each of the scenarios.

The leftists that are remaining and the rightists could continue to crush the middle, the leftists out of a spirit of revenge. Another would be for the leftists to join and hope to smash the rightists and *then* turn on their former allies. This is not likely for during the battle the moderates could entrench themselves. These could also be reversed as the rightists acting in place of the leftists.

Actually I pick all of them. So it mainly comes down to how many of the ideologues come forth to repent. This could work two ways. Either the members of the party come out; renounce their former views and nothing else happens or it could be a plot to purge the party; i.e., when they come out they are marked on a little list for accounts to be paid.

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to a large part of it. Its push for decentralism, for civil libertarianism, and against American imperialist ventures such as the war in Indochina, have long brought brickbats from the feds and from traditionalists on Capitol Hill. The IRS has audited the Institute at least twice.

McAlpine also asserts that *Counter Spy* is financed by IPS. He goes on to echo the right-wing canard that "CIA agent Richard Welch was murdered in Greece after his cover was blown in *Counter Spy*" and suggests that since the Welch murder was used as an excuse to put the lid on Congressional investigations, *Counter Spy* and IPS may have intended just such an event.

The implication is absurd at best. To begin with, Welch's cover was not "blown" by *Counter Spy*. His role as a CIA agent was no secret to those overseas, and had been exposed previously in other journals and newspapers—including one in Greece a full month before the *Counter Spy* piece. As *Counter Spy* leader Tim Butz noted last January: "CIA agents are known in the countries they work; its people here [in the U.S.] who don't know who they are."* *Counter Spy* was simply used as a scapegoat by the CIA. If McAlpine likes conspiracy theses, I suggest he consider the CIA, which had, after all, the most to gain by Welch's death (an emasculated Congressional inquiry), had Welch "eliminated."

While we're on the subject of conspiracies, perhaps McAlpine should also investigate the sources from which Lyndon LaRouche's U.S. Labor Party gets its funds. USLP, by fractionalizing the Left, by portraying leftist radicals as extremely conspiratorial-minded kooks, etc., is serving the CIA/Establishment purposes far better than Marcus Raskin, IPS, *Counter Spy*, or Karl Hess ever could.

Finally, even in IPS was part of some vast McAlpinish Establishment conspiratorial network, to accuse Hess of being a collaborator with the ruling class merely because he has given a few lectures and done some research on decentralization of power, smacks of Nixon-HUAC-McCarthy-style guilt-by association of the worst sort.

Like the Birchers—who, frustrated at their inability to convince America that there was a commie under every bed and a pinko in every closet, eventually turned to a somewhat more sophisticated and realistic "conspir-

acy" theory—Pete McAlpine is no doubt sincere. But he should really try to get his facts straight before he indicts Hess or anyone else as a pawn of the "conspiracy."

†See, among other sources: Paul Dickson, *Think Tanks* (NY: Ballantine Books, 1972); Karl Hess, "Power in America: Collectivism of the Elite," (*Washington Post*) *Book World*, June 4, 1972, p. 9; Cathe Wolhowe, "Former Goldwater Aide Airs Adams—Morgan Plans," *Washington Post*, February 3, 1974, b. B-1; Hess, "Washington Utopia," (*Washington Post*) *Potomac*, November 3, 1974; Hess, *Dear America* (NY: Wm. Morrow & Co., 1975); Hess, "The Myth of College Education," *Playgirl*, November 1976, p. 11.

‡Dickson, p. 291.

*Ron Shaffer, "Counter-Spy: From Obscurity to Top Attention," *Washington Post*, January 19, 1976, p. B-5.

Eric Scott Royce
Arlington, Virginia

[Pete will probably want to answer this himself, but I must take strong issue with your contention, Scott, that communities have any rights whatsoever, including regulation. Individuals have the right, and may make appropriate market arrangements. And I couldn't disagree more with your "realistic" assessment of how far we'll achieve anarchy in the foreseeable future. The Counter-Economic approach is already achieving the results. "Gradualism in theory is perpetuity in practice... but you know that, right?" —SEK3]

LP VICTIM WRITES

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attendance at the day's events. Among these was a panel on the Middle East, scheduled for 11 A.M. Before the day's events started I encountered Murray Rothbard, that panel's moderator, and asked him whether the panel was a balanced one. He told me that any concern I had about the panel's balance could be expressed during the question-and-answer period following the panelists' statements. The panel's discussion turned out to be as one-sided as I had feared, and included an endorsement, by Steve Halbrook, of the PLO, as aiming to establish a non-racist society.

I was ready for something like this (I even had with me a copy of the Palestine National Covenant, the PLO's constitution, and was ready to confront Halbrook with its racist provisions) but I was not prepared for what happened next. Rothbard, a skilled and experienced moderator, managed the "discussion" in a way that left extremely little time for

questions from the floor. Even that little, however, must have been too much, for as soon as a single question challenging the endorsement of the PLO had been asked Rothbard cut off further debate and ended the session, even though the next session was not yet ready to begin. Noticing that Sharon Presley, who organized the next session, was not yet in the room, I decided to make use of the break between sessions and spoke out.

I pointed out Rothbard's intellectual cowardice, and read from the PLO Covenant a particularly racist provision—the one limiting Palestinian citizenship to Arabs whose ancestors had lived in Palestine before 1947, and Jews whose ancestors lived there "before the beginning of the Zionist invasion," which other PLO documents place in the 1880's. I then asked whether Halbrook's statement about the PLO's non-racist society was a result of ignorance or a deliberate lie, and, seeing that Sharon had reached the podium and the next session was about to begin, I left the hall.

In the corridor a group of several delegates gathered around me, asking questions about my views. I started to speak, quietly and personally this time, but I didn't get far. A person from the convention committee (identified by several of the witnesses as Linda Webb) approached me from the back and, before I realized what was happening, removed my name tag.

A group of hotel security guards then pushed their way through and told me to leave. When I insisted on staying until I got my five dollars back, they arrested me for "disorderly conduct" (I tried to evade their grip), kicked me in the balls (I screamed), kicked me in the solar plexus (I shut up and went limp) and carried me out of the hotel. The stopped by the door, read an order never to enter the Statler Hilton, and handed me over to D.C. police.

The latter took me to a suburban detention center where, threatened with their hospitality for the rest of the weekend, I paid the bludg a ten-dollar fine. After they let me go I arranged, through a friend, to meet with a member of the convention committee. This person not only refused to discuss the possibility of letting me back into the convention, but threatened to "take legal action" if I "made trouble"; and asked me, in a sarcastic tone, why I was not in Shul (it was the day of the Jewish New Year). I left Washington that afternoon. Later, in New York, I obtained statements from several witnesses about what happened, and I enclose a copy of two of them.

In the past, I regarded the Libertarian Party as a useful educational activity, bringing Libertarianism to the attention of people who otherwise would never have learned about it. Given the tax credit for political contributions, I even supported the campaigns of a couple of LP candidates, as I would rather see the money go to them than to government bureaucrats.

This time, however, the authoritarian streak in the characters of Rothbard and company really got through to me. Intellectually, Rothbard's endorsement of racist politicians like Enoch Powell and Yasser Arafat, as well as his tirades against feminism, should be enough to warn me. In those instances, Rothbard stops speaking as a Libertarian intellectual, and becomes just another authoritarian bigot. I ignored the warning, and paid \$15 and a couple of bruises for my mistake.

The LP cannot serve to spread Libertarian ideas when its employees include knee-jerk Rothbardians like Linda Webb, who tried to sabotage the feminist session (you can get the details of that incident from Sharon Presley) and silenced, by force, disagreement with her idol's endorsement of a racist, statist gang. And so, in the near future, I will start to circulate among Libs knows to support the LP a letter about what happened at the Convention. If the LP cleans up its house I will probably keep on supporting it, if only because of the tax credit I mentioned earlier. Otherwise I will know that the time has come to join you in the opposition.

[Far as I know, the LP has not and does not qualify for federal money. But even if the money does get to them, this has got to be the classic case of Rand's "sanction of the victim" principle, Dr. Reed. Tell me, if you can see the statism of the PLO and yet support Palestinians, why cannot you see the contradiction of a Libertarian Party and support libertarianism? —SEK3]

For another view of this incident, see Epistolary in this issue (page 3).

Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

November 21 *New Libertarian Alliance of Southern California.* "A Review of CounterCampaign '76" with Victor Koman and SEK3. Write NLA, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801 for membership or invitation to attend. Southern California. || *NOTA Talk.* "Magick and Freedom" discussed by Christa Helden Kilcoyne. 2:30 P.M. Donation. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham, Chicago.

November 23 *Libertarian Social Club.* Karl Hess speaker. Cash bar 7-8 P.M., dinner 8-9, speech 9-10 followed by more socializing. Speech, no dinner \$3.50. Two dinner options \$9.55/\$11.63. Evans Farm Inn restaurant in McLean, Va., 1/2-mile from the Beltway off Rt. 123. Washington, DC area.

November 25 *Annual East Coast Anarchist Thanksgiving Feast and Orgy* at Abby's dining room table. Also, concurrently, Randy Side's annual anarchist soccer game in the parking lot of the Four Square Behind Jesus Church of the Everlasting Apocalypse (across the street from said table). For more information call (904) 373-2072. Gainesville, Florida.

November ?? *Free Libertarian Alliance meeting.* Topic: construction of the unicursal hexagram and other related subjects. For more information call (904) 373-2072. Gainesville, Florida.

December 2 *None of the Above Meeting.* Usually first Thursday at 8 P.M. Call (312) 362-7965 for place and time. Chicago.

December 9 *Forum for Philosophical Studies.* Robert LeFevre on "It Didn't Begin With Ayn Rand." \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

December 13 *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.* 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.

December 14 *Libertarian Social Club.* Debate between Tom Palmer and Eric Scott Royce: "Does the LP have a significant future in American Politics?" Cash bar 7-8 P.M., dinner 8-9, debate 9-10 followed by more socializing. Debate, no dinner is \$3.50. Two dinner options: \$9.55/\$11.63. Evans Farm Inn Restaurant in McLean, Va. 1/2-mile from the Beltway off Rt. 123. Washington, DC area.

December 19 *New Libertarian Alliance of Southern California Christmas Party.* Open to NLA and guests. Invitations from NLA, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801. Southern California.

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LIBERTARIAN ACTION! From Atlantic to Gulf to Pacific!

HAWAII

by Jerry Dickson

(October 24 || Honolulu) Lib activity in Hawaii has been interesting. First the pseudo-lib activities of the Partyites. Roger MacBride was here about a month ago for four days. Garnered a fair amount of media coverage. Gave a standard "soft core" libertarian talk to a University audience, a businessmen's Exchange Club, an LPH meeting, and a fundraiser at the exclusive Pacific Club. No outstanding controversies ensued at any of the talks.

At the LPH meeting he castigated those libertarians who are too blunt in their approach. As you would expect a politician to do, he advocates the "right way" to answer questions. The "right way" being to mince words and skip around the tricky subjects such as abolishment of all drug laws, elimination of all taxes and/or the State.

MacBride was not amenable to the usual libertarian bull session that we generally engage in here. A rather stand-offish attitude. Why bother with potential troublemakers is his attitude, I guess.

MacBride is expected back in Honolulu October 29 and 30 as Hawaii is one of the few states with only three Presidential candidates.

One good thing that has come out of the LP has been the candidacy of Rockne Johnson for Senate. Thus far he has called for the repeal of the Sugar Act (a very controversial and unpopular stand here), repeal of the maritime regulations, abolishment of regulatory agencies such as the CAB, an end to public education, an end to taxation of all kinds, and admitted he would "not be unhappy if government were to disappear."

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FLORIDA

by Abby Goldsmith

(October 25 || Gainesville) Contrary to popular belief, the Florida Libertarian movement has not been devoured by giant communist frogs from Godless Cuba, though someone did recently open a restaurant featuring (among other, more edible things) a full-color, floor to ceiling mural of San Juan harbor across its southern wall. Rather, the southern anarcho-contingent has been suffering from an excess of gainful employment and what scant spare time there's been has been primarily devoted to planning and executing the Great Anarchist Relocation to Black Flag, Arkansas, Project. As the sage once said, "Why live where the standard of living is any higher than it has to be?" (The sage, it would seem, never had any contact with my ninth grade English teacher.)

Actually, the Project has merit beyond mere and paltry financial soundness. The neo-Bucky Fuller in our midst has come up with a method of construction more exciting in its simplicity than the geodesic dome and local building codes defy experimentation unless, of course, we apply for a Federal grant. Our backer from the Golden Apple Insurance Company has firmly nixed that option. Besides, as the heroic editor of the *Southern Libertarian Messenger*, John Harlee, has pointed out, as few as 32 registered voters can incorporate as a town in the Razorback state. The possibilities of being our own police force are obvious and it seems high time to put some of our exalted ideas of community into practice.

Lest our good comrades elsewhere conclude that we've Browned-out, a rundown of our more traditional pro-

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CONNECTICUT*By David M. Brooks III*

(November 1 || Storrs) Most recent libertarian activity in Connecticut has centered around the University of Connecticut. UConn Libertarians showed the film *The Incredible Bread Machine* to many students on campus, including many economics classes. On October 20, a "real debate" was held on campus between three teams of two members each, representing the libertarians, the Revolutionary Student Brigade (a Stalinist-Maoist organization) and a couple of political science majors, Michael C. Stamper, Connecticut YAF Chairman, and Andrew Melichinsky, a Constitutional Libertarian "non-establishment licensed lawyer" represented the Libertarians. The nominal topic of debate was should one vote, and why? The RSBBers said people should demonstrate November 2, not vote, and work to destroy Capitalism. Melichinsky said a vote for the lesser of two evils is sanctioning a corrupt system and said to learn the constitution and enforce one's rights. The political science majors of course said one should vote for the lesser of two evils.

The UConn Libertarian Caucus (P.O. Box 152, Storrs, CT 06268) is now chaired by Chris Witzky. Chris reprinted an ALF flier, though it didn't make much of a case for a connection between Libertarianism and Feminism. The UConn Libertarian Caucus plans to renew its campaign against the funding of on or off campus political organizations (such as Connecticut Public Interest Research Group and the Revolutionary Student Brigade) with money from the University fee bill. It also plans to launch a campaign against laws which restrict the individual's use of psychoactive drugs.

The Libertarian Party failed to make ballot, when thousands of their signatures were disqualified. They also found it difficult to write in MacBride since in Connecticut the names of all eight electors would have

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The Week

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FEMINIST ZINE COVERS LIBERTARIANISM

(October 30 || New York) *Majority Report's* latest number (Vol. VI, No. 16) is filled with libertarian material. Although the reporting overemphasizes the LP, the letters column features Samuel Edward Konkin III, identified as editor of *NLW*, and Sharon Presley, taking a middle-of-the-road position on behalf of ALF (Association of Libertarian Feminists).

Konkin's letter takes issue with an editorial eulogizing Mao Tse-Tung. Presley's missive attempts to set the record straight on ALF, and she does state that ALF is not part of the LP.

Nonetheless, Gilda Abramowitz finds it difficult to distinguish between ALF and LP at the 1976 LP Convention in Washington, DC. Her full-page report finds much to criticize in the LP, some of which with New Libertarians would concur.

For the first time, *MR* publisher Nancy Borman is clearly identified with libertarians (she was on an ALF panel) and quoted in a bold interlineation. *Majority Report*, 74 Grove Street, New York, NY 10014, \$5/year. ■

RIGGENBACH REGALES

(November 8 || Los Angeles) Jeff Riggensbach, radio newscaster, regaled the Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles with a witty, though philosophically serious, explanation of how to build a religion. Many noted that it would be useful for tax avoidance should the IRS crack down on "churches."

Riggensbach's material drew heavily from *Mythopoeia* and the works of Ayn Rand, Nathaniel Branden, Suzanne Langer and Colin Wilson. The basis of the religion is the construction of a mythology and theology on presentational symbolism in an area where discursive symbolism has not been developed: "sense of life." ■

SUPPER CLUB MOVE?

(November 9 || Los Angeles) Lloyd Licher announced that the Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles is considering a move to a restaurant with better food. It will cost more, he estimates.

Taking a poll at the November 9th meeting at Beneficial Plaza cafeteria, he found overwhelming sentiment for the move. However, he noted, the real question was whether those who are not attending would do so if the move was made.

Those who would be more likely to attend LSC at a better restaurant (location would be La Cienega and Wilshire) should notify Lloyd in droves. Lloyd Licher, 12536, Woodbine Street, Los Angeles, CA 90066. ■

REVISIONIST REVISIONISM

November 5 || Dearborn) Peter McAlpine will be digging into "The Problem of Anti-Semitism In Conspiracy Literature." His Alpine Enterprises publication, *Conspiracy Digest*, intends to publish a lengthy article as Volume I, No. 1. (CD started at Vol. I, No. 3.)

Groups to be analyzed include *American Mercury*, *Washington Observer*, Youth Action, *Statecraft*, Omni, Christian Vanguard, Sons of Liberty, The Councilor, Liberty Lobby, Christian Book Club, Angriff Press, Church of the Creator, The Eternal Religion, and others from England, South Africa and Australia.

Advance orders for the November publication are welcomed for \$5. *Alpine Enterprises*, Box 766, Dearborn, MI 48121. ■

MARKET SMASHES STATE RADIO, TELEVISION

(November 10 || Rome) According to the *Los Angeles Times*, Italy has deregulated radio and television. A 1974 court ruling sanctioned private television and radio transmissions, specifically local cable TV.

After 24 years of a state monopoly (RAI), over 600 free radio stations have sprung up, called "pirates" by the monopolists. George Bogir of the Republican Party and member of the parliamentary commission that supervises the publicly owned corporation's programming said, "It could mean the end of the monopoly unless the competition of new stations forces a real shake-up from within."

The free radios are drawing listeners away from RAI, and even leftists who couldn't get aired before are taking advantage of profit-oriented open advertising. The Communists oppose the situation and most parties favor a return to some regulation. ■

CONNECTICUT REPORT

[Continued from page one, column three] to be written in a very small space on the voting machine. The Connecticut LP had its annual convention on October 30 at the Ramada Inn, Windsor Locks. Robert Loomis, Party Chairman in his "State of the Party" address observed that "paid volunteers are easier to find than the kind we've been working with" in reference to the petition drive. Toward the end, when most of the signatures were collected, the LP was paying 25¢ per name. Loomis also said, "You have to learn practical politics and never deviate from our principles." He didn't seem to realize he had uttered a contradiction.

There don't seem to be any factions in the Connecticut LP, and all the officers were elected unanimously. The post offal seemed to have delayed the film so a 30-minute tape of MacBride was substituted. The dinner was awful, and at \$7.50 they (and I) were ripped off. Some of the speakers' comments were of interest. Samuel Blumenfeld, author of *How to Start Your Own Private School and Why You Need One* told how parents, disgusted with state education, were starting their own schools. Don Feder of Citizens for Limited Taxation in Boston pointed out how anti-tax groups can make good front groups for libertarians.

I would like to preface the following comments by saying that while I have never joined the party, and I have strong reservations about the concept of the party, I do not condemn or consider immoral most LP members, and I respect most LP members I have had occasion to work with. However, at this convention I was struck by a strange combination of shallowness, squishiness, and lack of vitality. I overheard "basic libertarian" type statements said as if they were news: the sort of thing you hit someone with at an information table, but ought to be assumed to be common to someone at a libertarian conference. There was no concern over MacBride's fuzzing of some issues, but one founding member said that she disagreed with MacBride when he said the FBI and the CIA should be abolished. When 10 libertarians get together—10 people who as libertarians have so much in common yet are individualists—one would expect a high level of energy,

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and a great deal of discussion on issues, or at least on tactics. I heard very little of this. Frankly, I was disappointed, but I can't say if this was typical of their regular meetings. The last Connecticut LP meeting I attended, a couple of years ago, had much more vitality, but a much lower level of organization.

Loomis let me distribute a "Nobody for President" mini-flier, but nobody seemed interested. I was the only one wearing a black flag button, though several people told me that they too were anarchists. Some were wearing MacBride buttons, though the audio tape of MacBride's TV broadcast had him saying "we are not anarchists."

According to Walt Longyear, head of the Connecticut State Taxpayers Association, Connecticut has the most inflationary Congressional delegation.

Richard Jackson, who led the Williamite Tax Revolt some time back was overwhelmingly defeated by Cong. Dodd in his bid for Congress.

A Science Fiction Club has been formed at the University of Connecticut, and meets weekly at the Student Union at 7 P.M. every Thursday (room number posted). The chairman is Keith Fletcher, a "lapsed libertarian," who may be contacted at (203) 487-0750. There is some talk of putting out a fanzine, and some members will be getting into *Dungeons and Dragons* and other wargames. ■

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Speculations

New Science Fiction for New Libertarians

DEATHWORLD TRILOGY

by Harry Harrison

—Review by Wendy McElroy

Even the most innocent of plants was fang-toothed, razor-edged and obsessed with destroying the human race. The planet Pyrrus was slowly evolving into the perfect death trap. With its animals, insects and vegetation becoming more lethal and aggressive every day, the entire planet of Pyrrus was laying siege to the city dwellers, called Pyrrians.

On the other side, the Pyrrians had become the strongest, best trained, most warlike humans in the universe. Survival of the fittest. To them pulling a gun or breaking someone's arm were as reflexive as blinking. The Pyrrians were determined to conquer and own Pyrrus.

Jason din Alt, an outsider, knew that they couldn't. At the risk of being blasted by every Pyrrian he mentioned it to, Jason observed that their death

rate exceeded their birth rate. In a war of numbers they were doomed to fail. Soon they would lose that one man too many and the city would collapse. Although he uncovered the reason for and solution to the constant conflict, Jason was ignored by most Pyrrians who chose to die fighting for the planet against the planet's will. A handful of others joined him in search for another planet to colonize.

I have no strong opinions one way or the other about *Deathworld*. It was an interesting trilogy. I enjoyed reading it. Most of my enjoyment, however, was for totally subjective reasons. I simply "liked" the main theme of the trilogy and I "liked" the fast-paced, predictable plot. The trilogy was not especially well written. The style was simple and direct; it communicated the plot without devoting much space to atmosphere or mood. The plots were predictable... the grim-but-good -at-heart Pyrrians/Jason versus various bad guy attackers. And each time Jason, though physically inferior to the Pyrrians, rescues the day by outwitting everyone around him.

Besides Jason, the major character is Meta—a humorless Pyrrian amazon who acts exactly as one would expect a humorless, Amazonic Pyrrian to act. There are no character-surprises in *Deathworld*. The characterization is very simple and never goes beneath skin level. Most of the characters are stylized and greatly resemble each other. The Pyrrians are all basically the same and I have no idea why some chose to take Jason seriously and others did not. The main contrast in characterization is between Jason—the bon-vivant outsider whose quick mind compensates for his relatively weak body—and the Pyrrians already described as "grim," "warlike," "humorless," etc. The villains are more interesting.

As a trilogy, the books hang together only medium well. *Deathworld* #1 sets the stage and *Deathworld* #3 completes. Book #2, however, is a diversion as Jason is kidnapped, lost on a savage planet and reunited with his Pyrrians only in the last few pages. The entire book could be left out and no one would know the difference.

As I said, I enjoyed *Deathworld*. But I can't predict if you will. (Berkeley, \$1.95) —Wendy McElroy

FLORIDA REPORT

[Continued from page one, column two] jects is probably in order. There has been an eleventh hour reorganization of our forces, with the Free Libertarian Alliance (FLA) emerging as the new, improved umbrella organization.

With a minimum goal of establishing and maintaining communication among all who agree with the principle of non-aggression and maximum goals too horrible to state, FLA will hopefully be a unifying factor in a movement which already includes such diverse elements as the Justified Ancients of Mummu and the Ayn Rand Fan Club. FLA, in conjunction with the local Guns and Dope Party (and 18 other libertarian, semi-libertarian and just plain right-wing organizations), sponsored a University of Florida campus showing of *The Incredible Bread Machine* which, interestingly enough, made almost everyone happy.

The great Tim Leary spoke here earlier this month, promoting a trilogy of good things, space migration, intelligence increase and life extension (SMILE). Hopefully, we'll leave a functioning SMILE organization behind when we leave. Meanwhile, anyone interested in more information should write to Dr. Leary in care of Starseed, P.O. Box 69-250, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

So long for now. Watch out for the fnords!
—Abby Goldsmith

HAWAII REPORT

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For the intellectuals Professor Ted Becker of the UH put together a forum on "Unconventional Politics of the Future" featuring Karl Hess, Gary Allen, William Domhoff, and David Dellinger. Becker is the author of the recent *Unvote for America*, a soft-core pastiche of anti-political cartoons, quotes and light polemics. His four day seminar was very well attended.

Karl Hess proved to be an excellent speaker with his characterization of the political parties as "gang of thugs", his advocacy of anarchy though tempered with his concept of participatory democracy at the neighborhood level, his call to parents to take their children out of public schools to "save" them, all interlaced with numerous anecdotes. Unfortunately in personal conversation with a group of local libertarians he proved to be arrogant and close-minded in discussing problems with his collectivist outlook. He revels in the adulation heaped upon him by the Left media apparently and will not consider a rethinking or intelligent discussion. He continually made a distinction between Right and Left libertarians with the Right being "those guys without hearts."

Gary Allen surprised at least this writer with his response to one of the first questions asked him in private

conversation. When asked how he characterized himself philosophically he stated "I'm an anarchist." I should add that when he was asked how he compared himself to Rothbard he replied "Oh, now he's a *real* anarchist!"

During the question period after his talk on the Conspiracy, etc., he again affirmed his anarchist leanings when he indicated that to his mind the eventual solution was the elimination of government. He proved to be an entertaining and intelligent speaker.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend either Domhoff's or Dellinger's talks.

One sidelight that came out of the forum as a whole is that declaring yourself an anarchist has become somewhat of a touchstone for the "with it" campus speakers. All four speakers indicated in a roundtable discussion their "anarchist" orientation. Frankly from what I heard and read by each none is an anarchist. Looks like "anarchist" is the next word to be co-opted by the "in group." Be fashionable, be an anarchist.

One new development that will be of interest to libertarians is a new television talk show hosted by Fred James, former editor of the *Pacific Libertarian* and long time libertarian activist. Fred's show will be carried by Oceanic Cablevision which reaches approximately 19,000 homes in Hawaii. To be conducted much like Buckley's *Firing Line*, the show's first guest will be Professor Ted Becker. Other guests will include Prof. Rudy Rummel, Bill Danks, yours truly and others.

Sunbuns, a counter culture newspaper distributed to 20,000 people on the islands, has recently published my reviews of *Fair Enough*, and a double review of books on the Knights of the Golden Circle. Coming up is a review on F. Lee Bailey's two books which I consider to be a damning indictment of the so-called justice system in America, and a look at Hawaiian history from a libertarian perspective.

—Jerry Dickson

Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

November 21 *New Libertarian Alliance of Southern California*. "A Review of CounterCampaign '76" with Victor Koman and SEK3. Write NLA, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801 for membership or invitation to attend.

Southern California. || **NOTA Talk**. "Magick and Freedom" discussed by Christa Helden Kilcoyne. 2:30 P.M. Donation. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham, Chicago.

November 23 *Libertarian Social Club*. Karl Hess speaker. Cash bar 7-8 P.M., dinner 8-9, speech 9-10 followed by more socializing. Speech, no dinner \$3.50. Two dinner options \$9.55/\$11.63. Evans Farm Inn restaurant in McLean, Va., 1/2-mile from the Beltway off Rt. 123. Washington, DC area.

November 25 *Annual East Coast Anarchist Thanksgiving Feast and Orgy* at Abby's dining room table. Also, concurrently, Randy Side's annual anarchist soccer game in the parking lot of the Four Square Behind Jesus Church of the Everlasting Apocalypse (across the street from said table). For more information call (904) 373-2072. Gainesville, Florida.

November ?? *Free Libertarian Alliance meeting*. Topic: construction of the unicursal hexagram and other related subjects. For more information call (904) 373-2072. Gainesville, Florida.

December 2 *None of the Above Meeting*. Usually first Thursday at 8 P.M. Call (312) 362-7965 for place and time. Chicago.

December 9 *Forum for Philosophical Studies*. Robert LeFevre on "It Didn't Begin With Ayn Rand." \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

December 13 *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles*. 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.

December 14 *Libertarian Social Club*. Debate between Tom Palmer and Eric Scott Royce: "Does the LP have a significant future in American Politics?" Cash bar 7-8 P.M., dinner 8-9, debate 9-10 followed by more socializing. Debate, no dinner is \$3.50. Two dinner options: \$9.55/\$11.63. Evans Farm Inn Restaurant in McLean, Va. 1/2-mile from the Beltway off Rt. 123. Washington, DC area.

December 19 *New Libertarian Alliance of Southern California Christmas Party*. Open to NLA and guests. Invitations from NLA, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801. Southern California.

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CANADA STATE CRACKS

Secessionism back in N. America!

(November 15 || Quebec City) The State of the former Dominion of Canada was shaken to its foundation by the electoral victory of the Parti Quebec. Libertarians in North America are generally overjoyed at this graphic return of the secessionist issue.

The Parti Quebec won 68 of the 110 seats of the Quebec provincial legislature and PQ's Rene Levesque will be replacing the Liberal's Bourassa as Premier. The Liberals fell to twenty-eight seats, the Union Nationale (allied nationally with the Progressive Conservative Party) twelve, the Ralliement Creditiste one, and one independent. (Figures may change on last-minute counts and recounts.)

The secessionist party (called *separatistes* or "Pequistes" [from P.Q.]) won on a considerably moderated platform, stressing Liberal mismanagement and high taxation in the campaign. Liberal Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau promptly blamed the defeat on Bourassa, and said that Quebecois were voting for reform, not separatism.

Further, diluting the Pequiste revolutionary effect was a pre-election endorsement of Levesque by federalist (anti-separatist) editor of *Le Devoir* (roughly equivalent to a Montreal French *New York Times*), Claude Ryan. Ryan is a left-liberal who also stressed the need for reform and change, even at the price of risking separatism.

Another complicating factor was the popular vote, of which the Parti Quebec got only 39%. Levesque announced promptly that a referendum would be taken on separatism—in three years.

How the Separatists will take this compromise and gradualism by Levesque remains to be seen. (Libertarians still undecided about the Libertarian Party's compromises will be

watching to see how it would work out in this case avidly.)

The first separatist party (*Rassemblement pour l'Independence National*) was founded in the early 1960s, and was avowedly socialist. Then in 1962, Social Credit member of Parliament Gilles Gregoire split with his free enterprise, pro-federalist party, and again from the Ralliement Creditiste later, in the national House of Commons to obstruct the government and formed the Ralliement National. In their first election together, RIN got 6% of the provincial vote, and RN 3%.

Then Levesque, a Liberal provincial cabinet minister under Jean Lesage, broke with his party to form the Movement for Sovereignty Association. MSA formed a popular front with RIN and RN to run as the Parti Quebec.

The Party went from one-eighth of the vote to one-fourth in two elections, and now over half the seats. One effect which had depressed their representation in the legislature, the multiplicity of parties, this time inflated their victory, as the UN's comeback cut into Liberals just enough to put Pequistes over the edge.

There are several hopeful signs in the PQ for libertarians, over and above the secession of Quebec. The Social Credit influence on PQ will restrain the socialists considerably, and an independent Quebec legislature would probably polarize into a Socialist-Liberal party on the Left and a Creditiste-Conservative one on the Right, much like the split in France (F.G.D.S.-Communists vs Independent Republicans-Gaullists).

The most fertile ground for recruiting radical libertarians will be from far right Creditistes and far-left separatist leftists.

Next week, Part II on the separatist victory, "Which Way, Rene?"

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U.S. AIR FORCE vs L. MATLOVICH

by Eric Scott Royce

(November 11 || Arlington) "In 1965," read the flyer headline, "Leonard Matlovich voluntarily went to Viet Nam. The Air Force was pleased. In 1975 Leonard Matlovich voluntarily disclosed his homosexuality. The Air Force was not pleased."

At noon, November 10, the student government at Northern Virginia Community College — Annandale sponsored an address by Matlovich, the former sergeant who, in his own way, has become as controversial in military (and non-military) circles as Ernest Fitzgerald or Admiral Rickover.

If the crowd of over 100 local media representatives, community figures, and somewhat nervous students that overflowed into the hall outside the cramped campus auditorium/classroom expected to find either a lisp, feminine figure or an outrageously radical gay liber, they were disappointed. [Continued on page seven, column three]

TheWeek

News of and for the New Libertarian Society

50 IN ONE YEAR—NLW FULFILLS PROMISE

(November 23 || Long Beach) *New Libertarian Weekly* set a record for libertarian publications today when the fiftieth issue rolled off the presses and into the waiting envelopes. On hand for this historic occasion were editor Samuel Edward Konklin III, manager Andrew "The" Thornton, and staffers Neil Schulman, Charles Curley, Victor Koman and Bob Cohen.

Some records for *NLW*: first libertarian publication to go weekly (minus two holidays) for a year; first libertarian zine to fulfill its schedule in the first fifty issues; first libertarian journal to retain a constant format for fifty straight issues; first libertarian paper to have no major schisms or resignations among its staff for the first fifty; and (to the best of our knowledge) the only libertarian publication to go fifty issues without a price change.

The staff picked themselves up from the celebration the next morning, mailed out the copies to waiting subscribers, and promptly started on the fifty-first issue. ■

NLW SUPPLEMENT of the second part of George H. Smith's talk on the Libertarian Party is postponed due to George's illness. It will appear as soon as the text is submitted to NLW.

"MORE FOR READERS," PROMISES NLW

(November 28 || Long Beach) Having promised four pages per issue and averaging over five in the first year, *New Libertarian Weekly* celebrates its growing success by promising six pages minimum in 1977. This will generally be achieved by alternating four and eight-page ones.

More space means more material. *NLW* will increase news content and reader feedback (Epistolary), and add more columns (Robert Anton Wilson beginning in this issue) and increase the frequency of present columns.

Supplements will appear nearly every month, including a new quarterly

NLW Literary Supplement, scheduled for appearance in late January with Ken Gregg as Literary Editor. *NLWLS* will be jam-packed with review material.

"Increasing sales could bring *NLW* up to *right-pages* weekly," says editor SEK3. "Some of our readers say they are sharing their copies with up to 50 others! If those free-lunchers would pay up, we'd be rich!" ■

25,000 STICK WITH IT!

(November 12 || Beaverton) Simon Jester just crossed the 25,000 sticker point for slightly more than one year in business. The event coincides with the quoting of Simon Jester's #102 ("Don't Vote—It Only Encourages Them") in the November 15th issue of *Time* (pg.20).

Simon Jester has also established the following people as local reps: *Los Angeles*, Charles Curley, *San Francisco*, Duncan Frissell; *Alaska*, Waldo Books. Agents for other major hotbeds of libertarianism are still being sought.

Simon Jester, P.O. Box 514, Beaverton, OR 97005. —Eric Geislinger

FLP EDITRIX OUT

(November 10 || New York) Serena Stockwell, editrix of the *Free Libertarian*, announced her retirement in the October-November issue of the Free Libertarian Party's newsletter. High Partyarch Gary Greenberg and unknown Glen England are said to be interested in succeeding her.

Ms. Stockwell's tenure of office saw the triumph of the "out" forces in the FLP and the walk-out of Rothbard's "Centralists," and later Howard Katz's stormy resignation. She followed the tempestuous editorship of maverick Art O'Sullivan, and she attempted to maintain the uncensored aspect of the Party paper, while reconciling and playing down differences.

The *Free Libertarian* remains an anomaly among the Libertarian Party propaganda organs with its violation of Boss Crane's admonition to stifle dissent. Nearly all free-press editors have left the Party (Dickson, Mason, Goldsmith) and the *FL* will now probably toe the line.

Free Libertarian, 15 West 38th St., Room 201, New York, NY 10018, \$7.50 year. ■

EPISTOLARY

NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS

Dear Sam, November 5, 1976

Apparently I had best try to correct a misconception. There aren't any "ex-LeFevrians" as you suggest in your column on anarchopessimism. The reason is that there aren't any "LeFevrians." I have made it a conspicuous point in my teachings to avoid becoming a leader or a guru for anyone for any reason. One of the reasons I oppose political action is that it entails having someone other than the individual speak for him. I have never tried to obtain followers. To the best of my knowledge I've been totally successful in this effort. Therefore, I have no ex-followers.

Your discussion on optimism versus pessimism reminds me of the old definition. The optimist says, "I think we live in the best of all possible worlds." And the pessimist says, "You know, he could be right."

Cordially,
Robert LeFevre
Orange, California

[I most certainly wasn't implying that guruism is encouraged by you. In fact, most of those I used as examples (Rand, Galambos, Rothbard) all opposed the "cult of personality" themselves—at least explicitly. It's fairly unanimous among libertarian thinkers. But, to a greater or lesser degree, elements of such forceful personalities tend to induce "followership" in their admiring students. We seem to both agree that a mark of graduation from this educational phase is to see oneself as an independent entity once again (or even for the first time!). Thanks for pointing this out. —SEK3]

Dear SEK3, November 16, 1976

Thank you for printing my letter. I have some comments regarding your comments and McAlpine's letter. [*NLW 48*] Your comments first. The tax credit I was referring to is a line on form 1040 (contributions to candidates for office, of whatever party, reduce the amount of taxes one is forced to pay). As for the LP, its current behavior certainly does deserve unequivocal condemnation—if you think this victim is gonna sanction, you've got the wrong party. But it is still possible for the LP to change enough to get my support back, so for the moment, I'm keeping an open

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PRESS, TV PLAY UP COUNTERCAMPAIGN '76
by Neil Schulman

In getting ahead in such a tight race, the candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives in New York's 14th District are using the media to their advantage. The candidates are: Rep. James J. Buckley, Jr. (R), who is running for re-election; Rep. James J. Buckley, Jr. (D), who is running for the first time; and Rep. James J. Buckley, Jr. (D), who is running for the first time.

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Political Follies of '76 Campaign
by Robert LeFevre

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NOBODY JARS ESTABLISHMENT
October 20, 1976. In Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Times published a long article on the subject of the establishment. The article was titled "The Establishment: A Long History of Betrayal".

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CANADA STATE CRACKS
Secessionism back in N. America!

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mind. It is true that the difference between the statism of the LP and the statism of the PLO differ only in degree—but, unlike a certain novelist who wouldn't discuss inches of evil, I think degrees matter. The LP hasn't murdered anyone yet.

About McAlpine: I am not a national of Israel. I did live there for awhile after escaping from Poland, while U.S. Govcon was taking four years to process my family's visa applications. I am grateful to the Israelis for keeping their border open: were it not for them, I would be rotting at the bottom of some Polish jail instead of writing to you. I learned Hebrew and Arabic during my stay, and worked with Israelis for readmission and amnesty of the Palestinians (one reason I was pissed off by the "anti-Palestinian" label in Marji's letter).

McAlpine's attempt to divert responsibility for my arrest from the LP to the SS is ingenious. However, Linda Webb's role in that event was witnessed by too many people for that kind of story to wash. As for my having no inherent right to speak at the Convention, nobody bothered to tell me that the organizers insisted on silence between organized sessions. My remarks did not disrupt Rothbard's session, since I did not rise to speak until after he had announced that the session was over; I did not interfere with the start of the Feminist session, having left the hall before it was ready to begin (one of the eyewitness statements I sent you with my last letter came from the organizer of that panel, and certified that very fact). Nevertheless, I was willing to leave at the request of the convention organizers, insisting only that the attendance fee be refunded to me: I was willing to respect their property rights, while they decided to have me arrested rather than respect mine.

McAlpine claims that, in the context of the Mid-East panel, the panelists' "very competent analysis identified Zionism as a tool of Anglo-French-American Imperialism and identified the Palestinians as the aggrieved parties, deserving libertarian sympathy." If Liggio's analysis was competent, it was only in his selection of the one five-year period in the history of the Zionist enterprise when an imperial power tried—unsuccessfully—to use it for its ends.

Even during that period, British "cooperation" with Zionism amounted to no more than opening Palestine to unrestricted immigration—something any Libertarian will recognize as no more than the recognition of an inherent individual right to live where one wishes as long as one does not

initiate force. Within five years after the Balfour Declaration, it became clear that Zionists were not willing to be anyone's tool, and the British administration in Palestine imposed the first, "temporary" restrictions on Jewish immigration and land purchase. By the last decade of British rule, immigration was cut nearly to zero, and millions of people were murdered after being denied the very refuge that was the Zionist program. Zionist activists and "illegal" immigrants were being hunted, tortured, and deported to concentration camps on Cyprus and in other British colonies.

Liggio's presentation may have been competent; it was certainly dishonest. The core of Zionism—the drive to establish a permanent refuge, which would remain open to victims of antisemitic or political persecution regardless of the wishes of imperial powers—is an ideal that every true libertarian can and, I believe, ought to support. This may be why the obscurantist elements in the LP are determined to prevent informed discussion of Zionism—and since this cannot be done by any rational means, the resort to force become understandable.

Like many Libertarians in Israel, and in America, I believe that Israel's treatment of the Palestinians is inexcusable and a violation of the spirit of Zionism. Still, there is a difference between the Palestinians being one of the aggrieved parties in the Middle East conflict, which they are, and being "the aggrieved parties," with the implication that they are the only ones who got a raw deal. The fact is that there are refugees on both sides, and that there are more refugees from Arab countries in Israel—Jews, Kurds, Sudanese Blacks—than there are Palestinian refugees in the Arab countries. They are destitute, much poorer than Israeli Arabs, as a result of the confiscation of their belongings by various Arab governments. They deserve libertarian sympathy as much as Palestinians do. The catch is that most of them are Jewish, and that means—to people like Halbrook, or Liggio, or McAlpine—that their suffering can be safely ignored. That attitude has a label too. I'll let you guess what it is.

With cordial regards,

Adam V. Reed

New York New York

Dear Sam,

November 10, 1976

I was extremely shocked by Chuck Curley's attack on me in *NLW 45*. In his letter he says that I am wrong about John Exter being a member of the Rockefeller faction of the ruling class. I know that Chuck has studied the ruling class and therefore knows that anyone who is a member of the

CFR is a member of the ruling class. It matters not what Exter has told him in private. His public position is what counts. Remember, actions speak louder than words.

As for Chuck Curley's remarks about Rene Baxter, I think he should reread my letter. It said, "Rene Baxter who *allegedly* is an anarchist . . ." I said *allegedly* because I didn't know it for a fact. A number of libertarians had told me that Baxter was anarchist.

Pete McAlpine in *NLW 45* claims that Karl Hess is part of the ruling class. Hess' affiliation, which has been known for a long time, is not in and of itself enough to put him in the ruling class. In fact, one of Pete's sources is highly suspect. He is aware that there is a strong possibility that LaRouche, the Labor Paty and NCLC are fronts for the Rockefellers. I also believe that he is wrong about the Ford and Rockefellers Foundations financing IPS. I would like to know his source on that. He is correct about the Stern Family Foundation. Of course, this isn't new information. Leonard Liggio and Murray Rothbard told me this back in 1975 and so it must be quite well known.

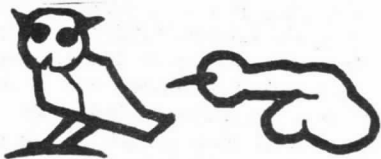
Robert Brakeman in *NLW 24* in his article on Lee Harvey Oswald is aiding the coverup. I thought the era of Joe McCarthy was over. All the evidence is in on Oswald and there is no doubt that he was working for the CIA. When Oswald was in the Marines, he was stationed at the CIA U-2 base in Japan as well as other CIA bases. There is a theory that certain elements of the ruling class and certain elements of the CIA wanted the Khrushchev-Eisenhower summit conference sabotaged. Apparently, the CIA sent Oswald to Russia as a "defector" and with his previous knowledge of the U-2 flights from his work in the Marines at the U-2 base in Japan was able to give this information to the Russians so they could shoot down Francis Gary Powers and his spy plane.

Oswald gave up his passport upon arriving in Russia but upon his departure it was returned to him and he was even given money to return to the U.S. If he was really a defector, why didn't the FBI or some other agency arrest him upon his return. Brakeman's point about the Rosenberg's is ridiculous. As a libertarian, I would have supported them, too. The evidence shows that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee was a CIA front. Oswald never went to Mexico but rather it was one of his doubles (CIA). Oswald was set up as a patsy through this whole operation.

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Illuminating Discords by Robert Anton Wilson

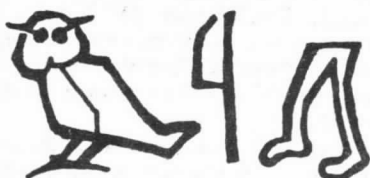
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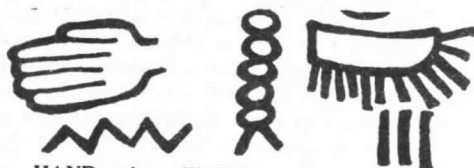
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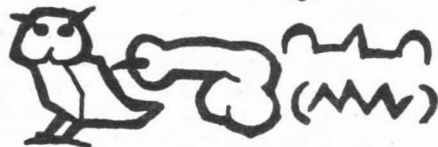
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The above hieroglyphs are from ancient Egyptian magical inscriptions, as given by William S. Burroughs in his brilliant new book, *The Book of Breethin* (Berkeley, Blue Wind Press, \$3.95.)

The dominant image is **orgasm**, i.e. the Ejaculating Phallus. You will not find this glyph nearly so often in ordinary Egyptian inscriptions. It was part of the religious, occult, magical sub-language. Just as "Thee" and "Thou" are not part of ordinary speech among us but remain in religious and magical ceremonies.

The Egyptians, as Burroughs points out, were pre-alphabetical. They didn't think in linear units, but in picture units, because their language was not linear but Gestalt, cinematic, visual. They still lived in tribal, magical, pre-Aristotelian space-time, which we with our alphabetical bias can only re-enter via electronic media (the boob tube) or neurochemicals (dope).

Death comes on swift wings is a linear "thought" to us. To the Egyptian magician it was an image sequence:

death = owl + man hitting his head with axe

comes = owl + reed + walking legs on = face + line

swift wings = hand + water + coil + wings moving

It is an imagist poem in the early Ezra Pound style, or a TV shot picked up as you turn dials quickly. Owl, man hitting his head with an axe, owl again, walking legs, a face, a line, a hand, running water, wings moving rapidly.

This is the opening line of the curse of King Tut as found on his tomb. The whole curse, in English, is "Death comes on swift wings to he who opens this tomb." Swift wings moving, legs moving, motion, travel... man hitting his head with an axe. Movement in space-time... man hitting his head with an axe. Swift wings in space-time... death.

"This language has eyes," as Pound said of the related Chinese ideogram.

In the absence of... **Owl, Orgasm.**

In the absence of... **Wheat, Mouth, Owl, Orgasm.**

In the presence of death... **Owl, Orgasm, Owl, a Bloody Axe.**

Burroughs says the hieroglyph was a virus. A deadly energy.

14 people connected with the opening of the tomb died violent deaths in as many years. (**Owl, orgasm, hitting his head with an axe.**) Lord Westbury kept the inscription with the curse on his mantelpiece, and laughed at the curse. (**Legs moving, swift wings, orgasm.**) One day in 1930 Lord Westbury somehow fell out of the 7th floor window of his London apartment. (**Moving legs, owl, orgasm, axe hitting head.**) As Westbury's body was being driven to the funeral, the hearse went out of control and killed an 8-year-old boy.

According to magical theory as held by shamans from pole to pole and among sophisticated Cabalists and witches in our own tribe, you can't make magic by thinking in words (alphabetical language). You have to learn to think in images, in pictures (like the Egyptian hieroglyphs). If you hold the image sharply enough, vividly enough, and put enough *will* into it, it moves on swift wings (**like an owl flying**) to material embodiment.

The Tantrists in North India, many sects of Sufis, the Crowleyans and Illuminati in the Western occult tradition, all claim a gimmick that makes magic work better and faster. You concentrate on the moving images, and put your will into them, while engaged in sexual intercourse. The sexual energy, transmuted, explodes at orgasm and moves on swift owl-wings to embody itself into space-time.

Owl. Ejaculating penis. On swift wings.

Most magicians these days are wary about cursing of the King Tut variety. It bounces back, they say, so it's not only immoral but impractical. Some even say it comes back multiplied by three, which certainly discourages all but the most hatefilled individuals from experimenting in this area.

However, a new form of magic was proposed back in 1973 at a conference of Cabalists, witches, druids and other fey folk which I happened to be attending. Nobody could agree whether it was a public menace or not. It is the magic of truth.

To perform this magic, you merely turn on the TV, take up on some good Weed, and wait for the politicians to come on screen. When they appear, you concentrate vividly on seeing their pants falling down and then their

clothes disappearing totally until they stand there stark naked. This is the imagery of Truth and Harmlessness... the human form divine, as Blake said, the naked and defenseless human, hiding nothing. "No more secrets."

It is urged by those who practice this strange art that politicians so treated become incapable of lying or deception. They may try, of course—that's a natural reflex with politicians—but, if so, the deception will fail. The truth will come out, in the most public way possible.

Politician on TV...pants falling...naked revelation: the moment of truth. "Caught with his pants down."

Truth comes on swift wings. **Owl, phallus, moving legs, energy, pants falling.** "The truth will out."

I don't know how many people are into this kind of magic, but a lot of interesting things have been happening since I first heard this idea in 1973. Watergate. Agnew's extortions revealed. Secret CIA drug research revealed. Washington sex scandals revealed. Corporation bribery of other governments revealed.

Truth comes on swift wings. **Owl, orgasm, moving energy.**

A word of caution seems in order. It is dangerous to fool around with any form of mind-science of the magical variety unless you are fully ready and prepared for the frequent rebound. That's why so many shamans, in all cultures, specialize in healing rituals. The feedback keeps them healthy. Love rituals are groovy, too, if you have the courage to live with raw Eros and galloping Agape. The magic of truth, similarly, is only safe for those who are themselves willing and able to live in honesty.

Politician...pants falling... "New scandal in Washington"

This Department does not take any responsibility for unwise or undisciplined amateur bungling. These things are, as Burroughs insists, much like viruses in the speed with which they replicate. How many are ready for cosmic revelation, massive fact-feedback, total truth, naked honesty? Already it seems to be spreading far beyond Washington. Corporations and other countries are getting their share of it. Billy James Hargis, of the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, had all of his sexual habits, hetero and homo, widely publicized two months ago. Whose turn is next?

Moving legs, Owl, Orgasm... Wizard sitting in arm-chair, watching the great campaign oratory of 1976. An assistant of the sex he finds desirable is giving him a Blow Job. He concen-

trates all the kundalini energy into Pure Will, visualizes pants falling, swift wings, clothes flying off in all directions, total nudity, ejaculating penis. At orgasm an explosion of prana-energy moves on swift wings... "New scandal revealed, extra, extra," yells newsboy.

In 1969, when Tricky Dicky was about to take office, Paul Krassner and Abbie Hoffman urged dissidents to listen to the inauguration and *flush the toilet* at the moment Nixon took the oath by saying "I do." Toilets flushing, hundreds of gallons of water flooding through pipes...sewage flushed... Plumbers, *Water-gate*, water flushing, Nixon washed out with the sewage.

Truth, hand, water, coil, wings moving.

Truth comes on swift wings.

ATOH Malkus ve Geburah ve Gedulah le-olam. Amen. -Robert Anton Wilson

Speculations

New Science Fiction for New Libertarians

Prozine Reviews by Cain Smith
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By Any Other Name, Spider Robinson. It's hard to write an original post-Collapse story; Robinson managed it, and did it well. By combining two ingredients which have been previously used, he's even come up with a new kind of Collapse. The people are believable and interesting for the most part. And I wanted to find out what happened next—the sure sign of a good story.

There are flaws. The opening line is the *tenth*, rather than first. Flashbacks are used too much, for my taste. It's too easy to tell which generation Robinson belongs to: nobody older or younger by ten years would have the same assumptions about drugs, energy, politics. Pot-smoking is apparently common, although the nature of the catastrophe makes this unlikely. But I had to read through a second time to see most of the flaws.

Get The Lead Out, Sam Nicholson. A polemic against overcaution towards nuclear-powered ships, with a veneer of story. The protagonist is a ship's captain who knows more about nuclear engines than the scientists. He also knows more about the politics of an Arab sheikdom of which he's only recently heard than its bright young ruler. And that is downright absurd.

The Man Who Knew How To Make History, Murray Yaco. Farce, of a sort which must be done better than this was before I can tolerate it.

Mermaid, Melissa Leach Dowd. A woman has had herself partially adapted surgically to living in the ocean. She must decide whether to undergo a more complete transformation which will, among other things, drastically change her appearance.

Triage, William Walling. Portrait of the woman in charge of determining who on overpopulated Earth will be helped to live and who left to die. The term "triage" was fashionable in some quarters a year or two ago, and quickly acquired a nasty reputation. It is, therefore, highly unlikely that it would be officially used; some other euphemism which still seemed innocuous would be found.

Economic Scofflaws (Guest Editorial), Rinehart S. Potts. Arguments that SF writers are ignorant of the laws of economics, and that these laws can be learned from the works of respected economists.

The Magnetic Monopole, Margaret S. Silbar. What it is, and what could be done with a whole lot of them.

The Asimov Effect, George Sassoon. An in-joke, intelligible only to those who've read Asimov's articles on thiotimoline.

Unidentified Fraudulent Objects, James Oberg. Proof that most reports of astronauts seeing UFOs have been doctored by UFO "experts."

The Reference Library, Lester del Rey. Devoted this time to del Rey's introduction to *The Best of John W. Campbell*.

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Bagatelle, John Varley. An intelligent bomb must be talked out of exploding. The basic idea was used once before, in Scortia's farce "The Bomb in The Bathtub." Varley uses an entirely different approach. I found myself increasingly interested in the personalities of hero, heroine and bomb. The setting is Varley's usual Future History; this time, the lunar settlement of King City.

You'll Be A Real Sensation, Sharon Harris. A trader in sensations, his merchandise, and the price. Good so long as Harris sticks to Earth; but there's a letdown when aliens are pictured.

The Children of the State, Larry Niven (2nd of 3 parts). Already out in hardcover, as part of *A World Out of Time*.

Seeker of the Way, Dennis A. Schmidt. Rebellious young man finds that the relationship between good and bad aliens is not what it seems.

The Man At The Bottom Of The Sea, Stephen Utley. A woman who is attracted to starship crewmembers—of any sex, which last is the only thing

that would've made this out of place among the more forgettable SF of the 50s.

A Step Farther Out, Jerry Pournelle. Fusion power, and why we should be working on it.

Act of Faith, R.C. Walker. A computer's trial by other computers for heresy.

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Special Damon Knight Issue.

I See You, Damon Knight. A stable society built around a device that can see anywhere in the present and past. (Resemblance to, and difference from, Asimov's "The Dead Past" presumably intentional.) This is the first Knight story I've ever thoroughly enjoyed. A quote from Knight in the blurb suggests why: "...it is really a novel on the plan of *A For Anything* and *Hell's Pavement*, only much compressed." I would say rather that those Knight books were short stories, only much inflated.

Saviourgate, Russell Kirk. A ghost story; well enough written, but not to my taste.

Children of the Forest, David Drake. A girl in medieval Germany finds not-quite-men to be more human than humans.

Moses, Ken Wisman. If you can believe not only that people and plants can talk with each other, but that marijuana is wiser than humanity, and that there is something native to the Moon which is usable as a drug—then you may like this story.

The Coronet, L. Sprague de Camp. Fantasy in a quasi-medieval setting. Not as interesting as de Camp's usual.

The Doge Whose Barque Was Worse Than His Bight, "Jonathan Swift Somers III" (Philip Jose Farmer). Kurt Vonnegut invented Kilgore Trout, and then Farmer wrote a novel as Kilgore Trout which I sampled and then avoided. Trout's favorite writer is Somers; this is the second story "by Somers." I read the first; sampled this one. If you like this sort of thing, or dislike it as much as I do—here's more of the same.

Damon: An Appreciation, Theodore Sturgeon. Much inferior to the one James Blish did some time back for the special Sturgeon issue. I didn't feel, after reading it, that I'd learned anything about how Knight's writing works.

Books, Joanna Russ. Russ may be one of the best SF reviewers around now—an opinion I didn't hold till I saw this column. Most of the reviews are of books by women; but she also neatly dissects Ben Bova's *Millennium*.

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The White Bull, Fred Saberhagen. The legend of the Minotaur reworked yet again.

Parker Frightened on a Tightrope, Robert Thurston. A man whose private world is invaded by his ex-lover.

Tharquest and the Lamia Orbiquita, Brian Lumley. "Now Tharquest the wandering Kluhnite, riding hard from Eyphra in the West where he had angered the High Priest of the Dark Temple of..."

Black Moonlight, Lin Carter. "The red sun sank in a sheet of flame over the dark waters of Yashengzeb Chun the Southern Sea."

The Forest of Andred, Dennis Moore. Sword and sorcery in a Dark Ages setting. Moore's prose is readable; unlike the two stories whose first lines are quoted above, his story has the spirit rather than the trappings of the Good Old Pulp Stories. (Part of the series about Felimid the Bard, which presumably will become available in book form.)

White Wizard in Tweeds, L. Sprague de Camp. An essay on Tolkien.

Fantasy Books, Fritz Leiber. Several books I'd not otherwise have been likely to hear of are reviewed; one interests me. Leiber has an interesting aside of the sexual element in certain horror stories. —Cain Smith

EPISTOLARY

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The psychological stress evaluator which is used to measure stress in the voice has proven that Oswald did not kill Kennedy or even know anything about it. I have only one question for Brakeman. When he goes to bed at night, does he look for commies under the bed?

As to Pete McAlpine's comments on JFK assassination, he refers to Alan Stang's article on the assassination and "Sol," Allan Dulles' top hitman. Months ago, there was a book published entitled *Appointment in Dallas* by Hugh McDonald (ex-CIA). This book dealt with "Sol," the JFK assassin. Recently, the book was exposed as a hoax and the publishers admitted that they had been duped. In any case, I would not trust Alan Stang as a source after he claimed that Kissinger is a KGB agent.

Anyone who is interested in learning who the hit men were should read *Coup D'Etat in America* by Weberman and Canfield. This book proves with photographic evidence that E. Howard Hunt and Frank Sturgis were two of the assassins. Does everyone see the link from the Bay of Pigs to the JFK

assassination to Watergate?

Last summer, ABC-TV news reported that Jekyll Island, Georgia is being considered as a possible presidential retreat. (Southern White House). Talk about irony.

You have been proven right about the LP. On October 16, Roger MacBride on a ½-hour PBS program broadcast in Washington and New York was asked if libertarians were anarchists to which he replied in the negative. He was also asked about what he would do about the CIA and FBI. MacBride said that the Defense Intelligence Agency should replace them. He had been introduced as a TV producer which isn't true. It was also mentioned that he was at one time with *National Review*. MacBride also said that George Schuyler and John Chamberlain are libertarians. I guess he feels that the ends justify the means.

In the October 4 *Chicago Tribune* columnist Jack Mabley in writing on the LP quoted Georgia Shields, Illinois LP candidate for Lt. Governor when she said, "Then we'd cut state aid to education one-third." Mabley went on to say, "It all sounds far out and Ayn Randish... radical conservatism or maybe conservative radicalism if you require labels... The transition from a Democratic state government to a Libertarian reign could be traumatic" (my emphasis).

Further he states, "Cut aid to education a third? The Libertarians think the state should pay for the teaching of reading, writing, and arithmetic every morning, and close the schools at noon. In the afternoons, the schools would be available for rent to private educators for parents who want more schooling for children." I don't know of any libertarian who would rent anything from the government. I also wouldn't call public schooling, education. I would call it conditioning, programming or even brainwashing.

What does Rothbard and his "anarchist" followers in the LP have to say now? Sam, you better start printing up more NLA membership cards.

New Jersey voters just recently approved casino gambling for Atlantic City. Recently, it has come out that Resorts International had put up \$155,000 for the pro-gambling forces. It should be pointed out that the financial backers of RI are Chase Manhattan Bank, Investors Overseas Services (Bernard Cornfeld and Robert Vesco) and the Syndicate. In the early 70s, Meyer Lansky was the guiding force behind it.

Hope to have more soon.

Laissez faire,

Kenneth W. Kalcheim
New York, New York

Dear Sam: November 13, 1976

Unfortunately, Scott Royce failed to criticize my most important points in the article I wrote on Karl Hess and IPS:

1. The Establishment is moving the left toward an up-dated form of syndicalism which, historically, paves the way for fascism. This is my theory of why the state-capitalists are *lavishly* funding IPS. See John Flynn's *As We Go Marching* for an analysis of how defense spending is used to co-opt the "right" and syndicalism to co-opt the "left" into fascism.

2. IPS-style decentralization is phony since it is to be federally financed! Building a new system of local government based on federal funding cannot produce decentralized local government. The local governments exist—just repeal federal control and funding. IPS is clearly catering to the Rockefeller Regional Government, "New Constitution" plot. Now for some of Scott's specific criticisms.

1. I too had heard of Hess' IPS affiliation some time ago. The news is IPS's extensive, long standing state-capitalist funding.

2. That anarchists are associated with IPS is not surprising. After all syndicalism is a compromise between left-anarchy and socialism. Only naturally would anarchists be invited to help hammer-out the syndicalist consensus. Anarchist Murray Rothbard was also invited to IPS seminars, but happily was not converted as was Hess.

3. I can only speculate as to how "ex" the bureaucrats associated with IPS are. The USLP thinks Raskin is an outright agent. It is also possible that Raskin is just manipulated by his funders and/or by infiltrators. One of Cong. Larry MacDonald's staffers, Sheila Rees, had infiltrated IPS according to a MacDonald aide.

4. Certainly there is no virtue in lack of government funding when one is funded by the state-capitalist owners of government.

5. Decentralized, local, limited government, truly independent of the Feds, would be a giant step forward. Unfortunately, IPS advocates totalitarian, collectivist, unlimited local government financed by the Feds. Scott glossed over my analysis of Hess' typical IPS philosophy that the community is supreme and the individual has no rights. Also, I wasn't aware that communities have "rights," particularly involuntarily organized ones!

6. I thought it was clear that I be-

lieved Richard Welch was murdered by the CIA to squelch the CIA investigation! Whether *Counter Spy* really blew the cover or not is irrelevant. *Counter Spy*, as a left-cover Establishment organ, was maneuvered to take the blame.

7. I fail to see where any of my facts are wrong. Karl Hess, along with other IPSers, appear to be unknowing pawns of the Establishment—as are most left and right activists.

Methinks Scott takes surface anti-Establishmentism too seriously. The most radical of the left has served the state-capitalist elite best, in both war and peace. Who was most anxious to fight Hitler? Who keeps up the pressure for ever more powerful government?

Pete McAlpine
Dearborn, Michigan

P.S. To the extent the USLP "fractionalizes" the left is the extent to which the USLP is slowing down the Establishment's left-cover drive for fascism. The USLP is probably KGB.

Dear Sam, November 11, 1976

I enjoyed this first year of *NLW*. Sometimes it was a bit incomprehensible. This is not really your fault, but mine. I am one of those people who has found, studied, and progressed in libertarianism only through reading and *very* little contact with people. Because of this, some of the terms you use and philosophies described are so much Greek. A suggestion: run a list of definitions some time. A list of basic, advanced and super-advanced books on the various facets might be helpful.

I like your "Principles & Heresies" and the reviews of Cain Smith. Keep up the good work!

Robert A. McDaniel
Brooklyn, New York

[Well, I'm not sure one could do justice to various labels and positions in a brief "definition" dictionary-style, but if there's a demand, *NLW*'ll supply the market. Anybody else out there like, say, a Supplement "Libertarian Glossary"? —SEK3]

Dear Sam: November 10, 1976

It pains me mortally to think that Ken Kalcheim has read my analyses of the Federal Reserve System so casually (surely it's not possible he hasn't read them at *all*, right?) that he's forgotten that Paul Warburg was *not* the head of the Board during the Wilson era. When WW made the first appointments in '11, the first head was Charles Hamlin, a Boston lawyer (his title was governor); the vice-governor was Frederic Delano, FDR's uncle (an interesting appointment); Warburg, W.P.G. Harding, and Adolph Miller were simply members of the Board.

That error is particularly worth correcting because (a) it's extraordinarily widespread, (b) the opposition will seize on any available error to discredit fundamentally accurate arguments, and (c) missives to *NLW* are usually error-free to a degree which is striking (as was K.K.'s save on this one point). That is all.

Robert Brakeman
Holt, Michigan

[I'm sure our epistoleers all thank you, Bob, but I have the feeling that our average may have dipped a bit recently? (Or else what are all these arguments about above and below?) —SEK3]

ROYCE ON MATLOVICH

[Continued from page one, column three] pointed. Matlovich arrived with hair clipped short, military-style, and attired in a conservative brown suit.

Matlovich, Leonard—born, Savannah, Ga., 1943; military family; enlisted, U.S. Air Force, 1963; three voluntary tours of duty in Indochina, 1965-71; received awards including Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and two Air Force Commendation Medals; became instructor, Air Force social actions program, shifting interest from drug counseling to race relations; consistently received excellent evaluations from students and fellow officers...

It was the race relations instruction work, Matlovich revealed, that finally brought about his confrontation with the military Establishment. He had previously confronted himself and admitted that he was a homosexual. Then, in the light of his growing recognition that it was not blacks or the poor but gays who faced the nation's worst discrimination, in the light of his lectures to soldiers about equality and the need to become *involved*, he took a stand.

On March 6, 1975, Matlovich went before a superior officer and presented a letter from the ACLU. It revealed his homosexuality and indicated his intent to challenge the military prohibition (in this case regulation AFM 39-12) on service by gay Americans.

Four days of review of the case by an Air Force board brought a disappointing result—he was discharged in late October 1975. Last July an appeal to U.S. District Court Judge Gerhard Gesell concluded with a similar rejection. Gesell upheld the service, although he added that he felt it would be "desirable for the military to re-examine the homosexual problem, to approach it in a more sensitive and precise way."

Matlovich's sincere and thought-provoking exposition of the case for an end to discrimination against the

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estimated 22 million gay Americans, most of them still "in the closet," was interrupted on several occasions. At one juncture a Bible-waving young man marched in and attempted active disruption, shouting that Matlovich was preaching sin and tolerance of sin. He was persuaded to leave, but several only slightly more rational boobs insisted on grabbing the floor whenever possible to raise theological arguments.

The speaker admitted that he was not a Christian, and he ridiculed Biblical literalists. He noted that racists for years employed citations from the Bible in their crusade to suppress racial and religious minorities. Matlovich also rejected out of hand the view that a non-Christian could not be, as he considered himself, "a moral person." To him "to be moral is not to violate the rights of another human being."

In many ways, Matlovich was the ideal person for acquainting a somewhat conservative campus (NOVACOCO is a suburban commuter school) with gay liberation. He shared the same background as many of those present. He was strongly critical of public or "bathroom" sex. He indicated no hate of society ("I'm most angry at gay people" for failure to assert their rights, he commented) or real resentment of the military ("I love the Air Force very, very much..."), noting that he hoped he could eventually re-secure his race relations instruction post.

Matlovich was also thoroughly acquainted with the historical background of his subject, and employed that knowledge effectively to make his audience aware of the problems gays had faced in the past. Hitler Germany, he noted, slew as many as 250,000 gays in the concentration camps. The thirteen original colonies, considered by some historians to have been hotbeds of neo-libertarianism, all outlawed homosexual acts, with death by burning (the origin of the term "faggot") the penalty. The bias against homosexuals in military service, he added, was foolish—many of history's most noted military figures, including Richard the Lionhearted and Lawrence of Arabia, were gay.

Matlovich, in some respects, is *not* a libertarian; but his struggle, and the struggle of other gay individuals, to liberate America from the sexual morality of the Dark Ages is one which libertarians surely support. As he explained, gay or straight, it "is time for us to go into the streets of America and make America a humane place for each of us to live."

—Eric Scott Royce

Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

November ?? Free Libertarian Alliance meeting. Topic: construction of the unicursal hexagram and other related subjects. For more information call (904) 373-2072. Gainesville, Florida.

November 27 New Libertarian Alliance of Colorado. Founding meeting. 2:00 P.M. (303) 484-6820. 626 South Mel-drum, Fort Collins, Colorado.

December 2 None of the Above meeting. Home of Mike and Kathy Kostka, 662 W. Buckingham. (312) 248-2280. Chicago.

December 3 Society for Libertarian Life. David Bergland speaks on various topics. 7:30 P.M. Free of charge. Wilkinson Little Theater, Chapman College, 333 N. Glassel, Orange, Calif.

December 9 Forum for Philosophical Studies. Robert LeFevre on "It Didn't Begin With Ayn Rand." \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. (one block south of Beverly Blvd.) Hollywood.

December 12 NOTA Talk. "The Government and Your Health: What Can You Believe?" Bernard Sommer and Kerry Hulett, with film *World Without Cancer* and suggestions for non-cooperation with the State. 2:30 P.M. at Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham, Chicago.

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CANADA STATE CRACKS Separatists win Quebec Province!

(November 15 || Quebec City) **This is the second of two parts: Which Way, Rene?** (See *NLW* 50 for Part I.)

At present, libertarians are not in position to take full advantage of the Parti Quebec (or *Pequiste*) victory in Quebec. Although an embryonic Libertarian Party exists in Quebec, it is heavily objectivist-conservative and has not been involved with the Separatist movement so far.

Far more likely will be for libertarianism to enter the *Pequiste* ranks through the Social Credit wing (Ralliement National). At least one anarcho-creditist is known by this paper to have existed as long as four years ago in an M.P.'s parliamentary office.

Nonetheless, the Party structure of P.Q. forces new Premier Rene Levesque into a resolution of the contradiction he is placed in. Either he will systematically destroy the system through which he arose or he will compromise and dilute the separatist ideals to a reformist position and end up maintaining the central state.

Levesque has postponed the immediate decision for three years by announcing a referendum to be held on whether Quebec should secede from Canada. Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau has vowed to keep Canada together, and one assumes the RN-right and RIN-left will be pressuring Levesque for immediate steps to sever federal ties.

The scenario is fairly standard and offers libertarian activists an excellent "heads I win, tails you lose" proposition. Should Levesque sell out, the *Pequiste* radicals will be ripe for recruitment by radical libertarianism. Should Levesque successfully secede, all of North American libertarians will rejoice at the breaking up of a state and creation of new trading and counter-economic opportunities.

And should a civil war break out (highly unlikely given the Canadian temperament), libertarians could win strong support from the Quebecois struggling for freedom by pressuring the U.S. state to stay out of the conflict (U.S. libertarian action), supporting Alberta and British Columbia secession (for Canadian libertarian action), and gunrunning, smuggling of medicine and other needs, and general support of Quebec in the "Court of World Opinion."

An "Independent Alberta Association" already claims 500 members; ten years ago, there was only one known Albert separatist. Naturally, the success of Quebec's example can be expected to fire the imaginations of secessionists throughout North America.

Secessionist movements have been strong in the past among the B.C.ers, Acadians, Metis, the American South, California, New York City, New England, and Indian tribes both sides of the border. Many of these could be expected to take heart; many new ones could be formed on the basis of cultural and/or political alienation: Venice, California had a small group aiming at separatism some years ago.

If the disintegration of a state right next to the center of world imperialism can hearten Canadian and American libertarians, the joy of such groups as the Basques, Welsh, Ruthenians, Slovaks, Montagnards and Meos, Ibos, Biharans, and other submerged nationalities in nearly every nation-state in the world must be ecstatic. While Socialism was the rallying philosophy of the wave of National Liberation (of majority groups), libertarianism could very well be adopted as the foundation of a new wave of "Minority Separatism" which could bring the ancient nation-states crumbling into ruins. ■

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¿QUIEN ES JUAN GALT?

Is Atlas Shrugging in Mexico?

(November 28 || Sonora) At press time, *New Libertarian Weekly* has been receiving confused establishment reports in the major daily newspapers of Southern California concerning a Mexican businessman's strike in the Sonora state of Mexico, and possibly sympathy strikes elsewhere. Many libertarians have called to our attention similarities with the situation portrayed by Ayn Rand in *Atlas Shrugged*.

Unfortunately, the general press cannot be trusted to report the real motivations and positions of the strikers, especially with Mexican censorship, and it is simply not known by anybody at present as to whether the Mexican businessmen have any knowledge of objectivism or libertarianism.

The facts seem to be as follows:

- Outgoing President Luis Echeverria nationalized choice farmland in a part of Mexico from small landholders who were using relatives to own adjoining plots to maximize their effective holdings beyond their legal maximum.

- Echeverria was taking a stab at "land reform" as a concession to socialists in his Party, though the farmers in question were clearly more counter-economic than Establishment landlords.

- The businessmen have issued calls to support their agricultural comrades in the name of defending property for all...but only "within in the law."

Who or what is involved with this group is not known, but latest reports in the dailies indicate a "truce has been declared in the Mexican Land War." *NLW* would welcome any reports from those with first-hand knowledge of the situation (and pay accordingly). ■

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LIBERTARIAN SOLUTION PROPOSED FOR IRELAND

(November 21 || Manchester) "A republic of Northern Ireland could prosper as a tax haven, and would relieve Britain of an unwarranted burden at a cost in financial subsidies considerably less than the British taxpayer is providing," says Tom Sharratt in the *Manchester Guardian* (Weekly Edition, Vol. 115, No. 21). Sharratt says that plan was put forward in "Ulster can survive unfettered," a pamphlet of the Ulster Loyalist Central Co-ordinating Committee.

The Committee is described as an umbrella group of paramilitary organization. Sharratt believes "The timing of the proposal is significant because of the general disillusion with conventional politics in Northern Ireland and a widespread feeling in the community, stimulated by the peace movement, that radical new ideas are not only feasible but desirable." ■

AND NOW CONSPIRACY EPISTEMOLOGY

(November 23 || Dearborn) *Conspiracy Digest* continues to break new ground in analysis of the power elite, both domestically and abroad. In the Fall 1976 issue (Volume 1, No. 4) of this quarterly, editor Peter McAlpine introduces a new concept, cracks an icon, graphically explains economic arcanery, and runs through several new items of information.

Lead article is "The Epistemology of Conspiracy Theory," which will shake up knee-jerk right-kooks and left class-strugglers. McAlpine then roasts the Gary Allen holy cow on seeing the Rockefeller Yankees as the all-powerful "conspiracy," using earlier revisionist works for seasoning. The controversy centers on the importance of oil cutthroating in the conflict among the Higher Circles and is an excellent, clear and very concise summary of the complex infighting.

A short story by "Eric Way" follows in the tradition of the trailblazing *Occult Technology of Power*, concentrating on Federal Reserve inflation techniques. A new writer, Richard Gill-

man, probes the occult ("A New Look at the Muslim Illuminati") and religious ("Orthodox Jewish Group Links Present Day 'Jewish' Communists with Seventeenth Century Messianic Cult") roots of modern ruling elites.

Conspiracy Digest, Box 766, Dearborn, MI 48121. Next issue \$6, back issues are \$5. ■

ANOTHER LIBERTARIAN BOOK SERVICE

(November 16 || Chicago) Another vendor of libertarian books has been discovered. A flyer from "Libertarian Books," 5616-2 S. Blackstone Ave., Chicago, IL 60637 lists 37 books, divided into four of the classic five categories of libertarianism: Philosophy, Economics, Revisionist History, and Psychology, lacking only SF.

"Prices are effective June 1, 1976" gives some clue as to how long the business has been in existence. THE first libertarian book service was the Libertarian-Anarchist Book Service or LABS, associated with *Libertarian Forum*, *Abolitionist*, and *Radical Libertarian Alliance*, expiring with RLA's demise. The first book store was the Agoric Black Market Book Store in Long Beach from 1970-71.

Oldest running book store is the Laissez Faire Books in New York. Other well-known extinct libertarian book dealers are Kephart's Books for Libertarians and the old Virginia movement's Libertarian Enterprises. The Society for Individual Liberty still handles some books, though nothing on the order of "SIL Services" in its heyday. —Chicago NLW Bureau

CHICAGO LIBERTARIANS OPT FOR SUPPER CLUB

(November 21 || Chicago) A new Libertarian Supper Club starts in Chicago on December 19th (see *Calendar*) with the topic "Is Libertarianism A-moral?" Chicago joins Los Angeles's pioneering Libertarian Supper Club and the new Washington Libertarian Social Club.

Several other supper clubs have come and gone, including two in New York (1969-70 and 1971-5) and one in Michigan. This is the first in the Chicago area.

Prime movers behind the Chicago venture are Will and Marybeth Kinney. Will is outgoing LPI secretary; Marybeth is also working on forming a Chicago libertarian feminist group, possibly independent of both ALF and LP.

The Kinneys plan to base their supper club on the Libertarian Church principle innovated by L.A.'s Lloyd Licher. The Chicago Supper Club seems to be an attempt by disillusioned Party members to rejoin the Movement.

Will and Marybeth Kinney, 5704 N. Mango, Chicago, IL 60646. (312) 774-4105.

—Chicago NLW Bureau

AUSTRIAN ECONOMICS SEMINAR BEGUN

(November 23 || Chicago) Praxeological libertarians are organizing in the heart of Friedmanism—the University of Chicago itself. David Theroux is the prime mover, and his Seminar was held on November 23 in association with the Institute for Humane Studies and the Center for Libertarian Studies.

"The program will consist of a combination of guest lectures by leading Austrian economists, informal discussions and outside readings," says the flyer. The Seminar seems to be aimed mainly at U.C. students and faculty, but further information is offered at (312) 955-2442 or 752-6866. —Chicago NLW Bureau

NOTABLE NOTA

(December 2 || Chicago) Chicago's main movement organization, "None of the Above," met at the Kostka residence to plan the next year's activities. Bonnie Kaplan, Chicago's top activist, has already arranged NOTA talks on Feminism, Science Fiction, Alternative Education, Energy Shortage, and *Art vs The Romantic Manifesto*.

NOTA has sent out a questionnaire for input and those wishing to involve themselves in Chicago liberac should write Bonnie at 607 W. Wrightwood, Apt. 703, Chicago, IL 60614. NOTA's latest meeting brought 25 people, many new to libertarianism, to hear a real live character from Robert Anton Wilson and Robert Shea's *Illuminatus*: Christa Heiden Kilcoyn talking about Magick and Freedom. ■

'Freedom—I Won't!'

A marketplace of ideas—an agoric space for rational debate among the reasonable allies of the new libertarian movement over controversial issues of immediate impact

Reply by Erwin S. Strauss to *Principles & Heresies*, NLW 43. (A version of this appears in the current Libertarian Connection)

In the first place, Sam, characterizing your position as "activism" is a low blow—in effect, you're saying that anyone who isn't doing what you call "activism" is, by definition, inactive; that is, isn't doing anything. But even the retreatists you put down are "active" in choosing sites, laying in supplies, and so on. At this point, let me make it clear that the life as a hermit that some retreatists are preparing for doesn't appeal to me as desirable or necessary; and I think that many of them will have reason later to regret their choice. But back to your concept of "activism."

In the way you use it, you indicate that you consider "activism" to consist of "effort(s) devoted by individuals to freeing others." Such activities sound fine to me. All I ask is that they be conducted on a rational basis. That is, under circumstances in which I can have reasonable grounds for concluding that the scarce resources (time, money, etc.) that I devote to the activity will produce a return in terms of people being freed (and the increased opportunity for social and economic activity available to me as a result) that is better than the return I could realize by some other use of those same scarce resources.

As an example, a new country could be such an opportunity. I enter into a contract with the promoters and/or other involved persons to invest money, buy or lease land, provide services, or whatever. What I have put in, and what I can expect to get out if I do, is clearly understood (subject to assessment of risk, etc.).

The counter-economy is another example. A front-page article in the *Wall Street Journal* recently described the Grey Rabbit, an underground bus service. Leaflets are passed out on NYC college campuses, in Greenwich Village, and so on. Reservations are made through a Manhattan travel agent. And a beat-up old bus takes you coast-to-coast for about half what Greyhound charges. No ICC approval involved. The outfit relies on a variety of quasi-legal techniques and secrecy to keep going. The riders, the drivers, the travel agent—all are helping to free themselves and each other, on a rational basis.

By contrast, the kind of activity you seem to encourage is sort of a casting one's bread upon the waters, in the absence of any serious attempt to evaluate what sort of a return one might expect. For example, in this same issue of *NLW*, the lead story is about a tax protest demonstration. Elsewhere in the issue, you quote a study that concluded that the Federal tax ripoff amounted to \$10,000 per person per year. Let's suppose that a single demonstration by 100,000 people (like the civil rights demonstrations) for ten hours could wipe this ripoff out *forever*—no further action required. If the demonstration succeeded, I would gain \$10,000 per year. But the "public goods" problem arises—I'd enjoy that gain even if I didn't participate—or I probably would. If the effect of the demonstration were proportional to the turnout (all Federal taxes wiped out if 100,000 showed up, half wiped out with 50,000, and so on), my presence would benefit me to the extent of ten cents per year. Assuming an interest rate of 3% over the inflation rate, this is equivalent to a one-time gain in the present of \$3—or 30¢ an hour for my time in demonstrating—not too attractive. (Of course, I might go to such a demonstration just for the hell of it; but on that basis any activity could be justified: politics, being a concentration camp guard, whatever. What we're talking about here is various courses of action as means to a particular end.)

If the demonstration is an all or nothing thing (all taxes gone if 100,000 or more show up, no effect if 99,999 or fewer come), the calculation is more complicated, and to be rigorous a probabilistic approach based on "reflexive indeterminacy" theory is required, but the result is much the same—a very small return on my investment.

Your talk of a "libertarian movement" that is to be dissolved to create the "libertarian society" sounds uncomfortably familiar—like the Marxists' advocacy of a dictatorship of the proletariat to be followed by the withering away of the state; like supporting political activity (*à la* the LP) as a means to drastically reducing the power of politicians, like supporting a huge military establishment as a

means to insure peace and thus make the military unnecessary, like fighting "wars to end all wars"—somehow something always seems to prevent the final goal from being achieved, and more and more resources are demanded to perpetuate the instrumentality that was to have been the means to that goal. In a letter to me, you branded Doug Kennell a "traitor." Keeping in mind the customary punishment for "traitors," the prospect of a society in which your "movement" was pre-eminent (a precondition, in your plan, for the libertarian society), the thought of people with the motive (perpetuation of the "movement") and the predisposition (as you showed) to hand out the "traitor" label scares the shit out of me—I can see anyone who moves toward dismantling the "movement" and moving on to the libertarian society being so branded, and being dealt with accordingly.

Yes, yes, Sam, I know you and your friends renounce all coercion, and have been pretty good in the past about not practicing it. But I've also seen how much you love, as you put it, "the addition of other free men and women to your society" (read: shaping society into your own image); and if anyone looked likely to deprive you of this pastime (coercively or otherwise), I'd hate to have to bet that non-coercion would win out. I'd be much more comfortable with, for example, the kind of people behind the Grey Rabbit bus outfit—people concerned with their own interest (including the extent to which freeing others improves their lives), and not concocting grandiose plans for freeing hundreds of millions of people.

Rereading the above, I see that you could get the impression that I equate a rational basis for working to free others with the existence of a written contract in money terms. Of course, this isn't so. In the new-country example I cited, for instance, a major part of my decision would be based on a non-quantitative, subjective assessment of what the overall quality of life in the new country was likely to be, and when I could expect to be enjoying it. I suspect that these are the sort of criteria you use in deciding where to direct your "movement" or "activism" or whatever. The difference is that I would be able to talk to many (or even all) of the people involved in the new-country project and use the insight so gained to form my opinion (in the case of most existing new-country projects, this assessment has been negative—or at least not positive enough to get me to make a significant investment of time or money).

On the other hand, a follower of your "movement" can expect to see a number of people currently prominent in it to be declared "traitors;" to see alliances of varying duration formed and broken with people he does not know who (though agreeing with the "movement" in certain areas) may have ideas he will find hard to live with; and otherwise to face uncertainties that make it impossible for him to form any firmly grounded opinion of when he can expect to achieve any given level of "libertarian society," or what the social, economic, etc., climate in it might be. On top of all this, of course, there's still the "public goods" question—why not just sit back and see what develops without making any commitment?

[Filthy Pierre replies to letter from SEK3.]

You say that your remarks were directed at "wackos" beyond my position. Even among those who style themselves as "libertarian" and/or are so thought of by the public (to the extent that the public is aware of them), there are large numbers of people who argue that any activities that tend to draw support away from the "movement" (or even away from their particular branch of same) are delaying the arrival of the millenium, and should be discontinued forthwith. For example, the LP.

Of course this view is rife among those who don't even pretend to be libertarian (e.g., the attitude of the Carter people towards Gene McCarthy). And, if you grant these people their premise that their movement is the "last best hope of Mankind," the True Path to salvation, it's hard to argue with them. This attitude has nothing to do with the *a priori* merits of the dissident position—even if they're willing to grant that the dissident ideas aren't all that bad (or even, as with liberal Carter supporters on the subject of McCarthy, that the dissident position is superior on the merits), the doctrine of "united we stand, divided we fall" dictates the virtue of solidarity and party/class/movement discipline.

Against this context, your remarks look for all the world like those of a supporter of this position—that the anti-movementists, whatever the reasonableness and merits of their position, are but a small fraction of the "movement;" therefore, since all or most of the "movement" must unite in a single effort to overcome the State, it behooves the dissidents to set aside their logical objections to the predominant doctrine, and fall into line in defense of the common good. To me, you say that my position wasn't what you had in mind; but to anyone read-

ing what both of us have had to say, it certainly looks like you were addressing me. For example, *NLW* has run a long string of pieces generally favorable towards activities that urge people to send in \$5, or join in a demonstration, or whatever, to promote some public good—activities I specifically criticized as not cost-effective for their supporters. —Filthy Pierre

[Next week: Caroline White dissents on our review of None of the Above, and Charles Curley on our support of the Mises barter medallions. —SEK3]

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