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## Bergland vs MacBride: Supper Club Effective? LP PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT DISAGREE?

(December 3 || Orange) David Bergland, Vice-Presidential Candidate under Roger Lea MacBride, called Libertarian Supper Clubs "effective" and "carrying the battle on totally different fronts." MacBride had earlier been reported in the *Los Angeles Times* as believing that "ideologues [in the Libertarian Movement] should stay in their Supper Clubs" and give up activism, leaving the LP a clear field.

To a follow-up question, Bergland responded he did not know MacBride's position, and when it was quoted from the *Times*, he declined to answer, but maintained his position on Libertarian Supper Clubs being effective.

Bergland also cited alternative outlets to that of Libertarian Party campaigning such as Campus Studies Institute, First Libertarian Church, and the Society for Libertarian Life (SLL). SLL had sponsored Bergland's talk at Chapman College in Orange, California.

Bergland stated a New Libertarian Alliance charge that the LP is parasitical on the Movement was "irrelevant." He said he speaks primarily to new people, and always assumes his audience has never heard of libertarianism.

It was pointed out that Bergland was addressing a group gathered by a non-partisan educational libertarian group and that most of his campaign speeches were to LP Party Faithful. Although not asked specifically on where he stood on George Smith's fear of LP "gradualist tactics," Bergland did say the approach to government elimination should be "whittling away over a long period of time."

How far? The 1976 LP Vice-Presidential candidate said that the min-

archy vs anarchy debate was a "fun issue," and he likes to discuss it, "but it's not a practical use of my time." Bergland thinks that the State must be reduced gradually until it is reduced "so far that we can discuss whether to eliminate it completely."

David Bergland does seem to believe in the concept of *legitimate* laws. He said that there were "99 times as many illegitimate as legitimate ones."

At one point in the question cross-fire between Bergland and NLA, moderator Howard Hinman interrupted to note that the *New Libertarian Weekly* had an anti-Party line and believed in the "one, true Libertarian way." After examining *NLW* samples and talking to the editor, he retracted his remark, realizing he had confused *NLW* with NLA.

One Partyarch, as the meeting ended, approached the *NLW* table and harangued the purveyor, in an attempt to drive away crowds. He identified himself only as an "organizer of the Alaskan Party." NLA helped avoid an incident to mar the SLL meeting by passing out *NLW* leaflets to attendees so they could order the zine and avoid the table.

The Society for Libertarian Life, presided over by Lawrence Samuels, is organizing several campus chapters at this time, contending with raids from the Partyarchs' Young Libertarian Alliance. Samuels, an artist, utilizes posters and pamphlets effectively, and his SLL has been cited by the Society for Individual Liberty (with which it is affiliated) as its model affiliate.

SLL and NLA gathered after the meeting for socializing at a pizza parlor. No prominent Partyarchs chose to attend. ■

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**Libertarian Lobby  
v. Federal Pay Hike**

(November 23 || Washington) The National Taxpayers Union, in a written statement to the Quadrennial Commission on Executive, Judicial and Legislative Pay, has announced its opposition to the proposed pay raises for high level government workers.

The Commission is considering the adequacy of current pay levels for upper-grade level civil service employees and other high ranking officials. The Chairman of the President's Advisory Committee on Federal Pay recently called upon the Quadrennial Commission to recommend an increase of 50% in the maximum pay levels for civil service employees. That amounts to a raise of \$19,800. Increases for other high officials were also advocated.

In explaining the N.T.U. position, spokesman Glenn Jackson said "Is it any wonder people have such little respect for government when these 'super-crats' aren't satisfied with earning four or five times the salary of the average taxpayer, but ask for more?"

N.T.U. disputes the argument that salary increases are necessary because private business is luring away government personnel with higher offers. "Business has traditionally hired some government employees because of their specialized knowledge," Jackson noted. "In these cases the government is serving essentially as a training academy for industry. A raise for these employees will amount to little more than an increase in tuition which the taxpayers will have to pay."

The National Taxpayers Union is a non-partisan, public interest group working to stop wasteful government spending. ■

# The Week

News of and for the New Libertarian Society

## FREEDOM TODAY TRIMS

(December 1 || Phoenix) *Freedom Today*, the third largest-circulation libertarian publication has given up maintaining a full magazine a month. Nonetheless, the plucky Freedom Fellowship staff will hold fast to a monthly schedule, alternating the full magazine with an "Action Workshop" Issue.

The Action Workshop supplement "will contain tear-out-forms, worksheets, lawsuit briefs, quizzes, construction plans, self-improvement evenings, news flashes and answers to questions from readers. *Freedom Today*, \$15.00/year from *Freedom Fellowship*, 30 W. Pasadena, Phoenix, AZ 85013. ■

## RENE BAXTER REPUDIATES LP

(November 30 || Charlottesville) In an interview just released in *Southern Libertarian Review* (Vol. 3, No. 2, November 1976), Rene Baxter both split with the Libertarian Party and opposed Browning out. The interview was conducted by Vincent Drosdik, a contributing editor of *SLR*, when Baxter spoke in Charlottesville in June.

Baxter says, "I'm not a political person. I got involved with the Libertarian Party and I got tied up with all that "point of order, Mr. Chairman" and all that *Roberts Rules of Order* thing, and I absolutely got so turned off and revolted by that, I decided that political activity couldn't be where it was." Baxter also explains the way the LP Partyarchs fouled his attempts to turn the Arizona LP newsletter into a presentable newspaper.

Elsewhere in this *SLR*, Abby Goldsmith relates her combat with sexism while working as an auto parts mechanic. *Southern Libertarian Review*, E. Scott Royce, Editor, 1236 S. Taylor St., Apt. A, Arlington, VA 22204. \$6/year. ■

## MACBRIDE RUNS LAST IN HIS HOME STATE

(November 25 || Arlington) Roger Lea MacBride, presidential nominee of the so-called Libertarian Party, ran a dismal seventh place in his home state of Virginia—behind five other presidential candidates and Nobody.

President Ford carried the Old Dominion by a narrow margin over Jimmy Carter. Running in third place was Nobody; 19,088 Virginians who went to the polls on election day declined to vote for any of the non-choices offered them for the nation's highest office.

Among the minor parties, the results were as follows: Peter Camejo (Socialist Workers), 17,802; Tom Anderson (American), 16,686; Lyndon LaRouche (U.S. Labor), 7,508; Roger MacBride (LP), 4,648.—E. Scott Royce [Mr. Royce's figures do not include the overwhelming vote for Nobody cast by the vast majority who refused to enter the polling booths. —SEK3]

## ANOTHER LAW ABSURD

(November 3 || ZNS) A U.S. government sponsored study says that one of the nation's toughest drug laws has flopped.

Three years ago, New York state's "Get Tough" law took effect with much fanfare. Now, according to the new study, the law hasn't worked at all after costing \$55 million to be administered.

According to the report, the new law has not only failed to have any effect on hard drug trafficking, it may have made things worse.

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, quoting from the federal study, says that the number of hard drug offenders sentenced to prison has actually declined, and that the speed with which cases are processed has not improved at all.

## SUPERMARKET ANARCHY

(November 1 || ZNS) General Mills, one of the largest food packagers in the U.S., has launched a new crusade designed to enlist supermarket shoppers in a kind of vigilante war against shoplifters.

General Mills is selling what it calls "honesty patrol" kits to supermarkets. The kits contain buttons and cards to be mounted in shopping carts which read "honesty patrol on duty."

The idea behind the new campaign, General Mills says, is to create a kind of volunteer police corps among shoppers to stop others from shoplifting.

The supermarket trade publication *Supermarket News* carries a General Mills ad which predicts that the new campaign will "deter thieves, who can't be sure which badge wearers take their 'honesty patrol' duties seriously." ■

## RIGHT REPORT REVEALS GOP, CONSERVATIVE COLLABORATION WITH U.S. LABOR PARTY

(November 19 || Arlington) The November 19 issue of *The Right Report*, a newsletter published by the ultra-conservative Richard Viguerie Company, revealed in its lead story that "A handful of top Republican party officials and prominent conservatives are now actively cooperating with the U.S. Labor Party."

Among the militantly left-wing, conspiracy-conscious U.S. Labor Party's rightist connections, according to *The Right Report*, is John Causten Curry, editorial writer for the Oklahoma City *Daily Oklahoman*. Curry reportedly hosted a post-election luncheon at which "ten local conservatives and Republicans" met with USLP presidential nominee Lyndon LaRouche. Curry was reportedly acting on instructions from the paper's "conservative publisher."

A major topic of discussion at the luncheon was the USLP charges of election fraud by the Carter campaign. *Right Report* indicates that Curry "later told friends that USLP charges of Carter election fraud may be valid." It adds that Jack Black, who served as state finance chairman for President Ford, "has helped channel funds to LaRouche's group in the past week." —Eric Scott Royce

## OUTLAW FUZZBUSTER?

(October 11 || ZNS) The Michigan State Police are up in arms over a device called "The Fuzzbuster"—and they want the gadget outlawed.

The Fuzzbuster, in case you haven't heard, is an electronic gadget that is fitted into a car's cigarette lighter, and it emits a warning tone the minute it detects a police radar trap.

When a Fuzzbuster goes off, the driver knows that he or she is being traced on radar, and immediately slows down.

Potential speeders across the U.S. have been buying up Fuzzbusters by the thousands. They cost about \$100 each and reportedly have been used to avoid millions of dollars in tickets.

Now, however, Michigan police have asked the state attorney general and the courts to decide if Fuzzbusters are legal. They contend that the gadgets are being used solely to "circumvent" the law. ■



# '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

## RAMPANT RHETORIC

*None of the Above* by Sy Leon  
With Diane Hunter (first  
reviewed in NLW 38)

—Review by Caroline White

Recently, I have come to acknowledge to myself and to others, that I am not always comfortable with my anarchist position. At first I thought it might be the P.R. image that I was uncomfortable with; but slowly I have come to realize that it is the practicality of the position. Further reflection leads me to see that, even granted my skeptical nature, I did not have any significant doubts about the theoretical integrity and morality of anarchism. But, I was and am clear that I wanted more. In addition to logical certainty I would like to experience a measure of logistical certainty in my life. Existentially, I am not seeking the platonic purity of philosophical integration but I do want to translate some of this cognitive certainty into the nuts and bolts of my cultural context.

So it has been that I recently have been looking for solutions to the day-to-day dilemmas within a libertarian context. After identifying my own frustration I began to see that the whole movement was drowning in a sea of rhetoric. Reflection, analysis and rhetoric have their place within the timeframe of the revolution. Now is not the time. If we as radicals are truly intent on transforming society, now is the time for action; now is the time for results. To achieve this it is essential that libertarians concretely confront the basic problems of existence and the "alleged" problems within our social order.

In searching out some practical solutions: Solutions that begin with where we are right now, it was with no small amount of anticipation that I awaited Mr. Leon's book. A book that was promised to offer tactical approaches and remedies to getting the state out of society. A sort of polyglot primer on the practicalities and purposiveness of political non-participation.

Frankly, I was disappointed. I'll recover, slowly. Perhaps it was my own expectations with regard to the book; perhaps it was my current existential frustrations with theoretical translations or the lack thereof; perhaps it was my avaricious appetite for grandiose

tomies; or perhaps it was simply my perennially perverse nature that prevented my from experiencing satisfaction with this book.

What I expected was a deft orchestration of highly individual and passionate and contemporary sources, anecdotes and factual reports and analyses on the political process intricately interwoven into a symphony of freedom. I expected a concerto; I got a collision.

I found the lack of a consistent tone or style torturous. The treatment of a serious issues varied from sarcastic to sober to silly, without any indication of a real suggestion to the reader as to handle the state. There was no unifying thread to interweave the diverse styles, which produced a surrealistic structure similar to experiencing eight bars of Ellington, followed by eight bars of Mozart, and then eight bars of Elton John and so on ad nauseum. John Denver lyrics, no matter how lilting, corrupt when they are interspersed with Mozart. That eclectic I hope never to be.

In spite of all of the foregoing, I am not saying that there is no value here for the reader. I suspect that this book is ideal for coffee-table consumption. It may not be the book for me; it may not be the book-of-the-moment for the movement, but if taken in tidbits, it might be the perfect tantalizer for those misfortunates who have as yet not had the experience of de-mythologizing themselves about their natures and the relationships they must construct economically and socially to keep peace with reality. It does not unfortunately address the crucial problems—but it might help you let go of the old fantasies if you're still fanciful, or if you're already a libertarian you might find pleasant nourishment here, or it might help you in reaching someone who won't wade through two centuries of free thinkers to get where most of us are today. I have no grievance with shortcuts—it's just that for those of us who busy ourselves with the problems of the age, it isn't a question of "making" people libertarians but of "selling" libertarian solutions to all people.

While the book as a whole had many limitations for me, Chapter 9 "Principles are Practical" is a virtue unto itself. Here you will find a clear, concise and commanding refutation of

the disvalue or dispresence of theory and principles in reality. This is the meat on which the book survives. And while you will find here an august argument for the aristocratic position of principles in our lives, you will also receive a dramatic description of their application in terms of the particulars of your life and their value to the effectiveness and orderliness and satisfaction that you experience.

Supporting assets of this book are anecdotes culled from the experience of a rational man confronting "the bureaucratic machine and its robots" told with the charm and cunning of Sholom Aleichim; a refreshing absence of moralizing or self-righteousness with regard to issues that are rarely discussed without such overtones—even by libertarians; and, the inclusion of historical passages from those who ventured before us in search of liberty. With these pathfinders from the past, I find I am seldom sympathetic to their solutions but damn I love their spirit. I'm an individual—not a freak, and I'd never have known that if I didn't have genealogy within a tradition of liberty. I like that.

One final grievance: I do not now nor have I ever been nor will I ever experience visibility nor will a writer reach me so long as he or she—whatever the sex of that person may be—persists in including me within the masculine gender. So long as those who address themselves to the issues of our age persist in perpetuating, consciously sexist linguistic forms for whatever reasons—inertia, inability to change, expedience—they will never define the problems with their masculine myopia nor will they communicate with me. A proposal, a solution, an analysis—no matter how suggestive or substantive, is no proposal, no solution, no analysis if presented in sexist syntax or semantics. To speak to me you must first see me—and seeing means transcending my sexuality by acknowledging it directly with the use of feminine pronouns or by including it within universal forms.

For me the deepest regret of this book is its irrelevance. It may put more in our company, but it won't help us journey on the path of liberty in a statist jungle. I've romanced with rhetoric too long; now I want results.

—Caroline Willis White

## Finance

By Charles Curley

(NLW's Financial Editor emerged briefly from the shooting of a mini-series, Little Vic, for ABC-TV, spewed forth the

following, and, as YFNA scurried around with a sponge to pick it up, returned to that mysterious island off the coast of Hollywood, On Location.  
—CRC

Sam Konkin is interested in the Mises Barter Medallions from the point of view of ideology: they are the first examples of free market money consciously inspired by modern libertarian theory. This is all well and good, but I am interested in the things from the point of view of either making money or preserving the wealth that I have. From my point of view, the von Mises memorial coins rate very poorly.

Recently advertized prices for the 25 gram medallions were as follows: Platinum, \$230; Gold, \$180; Silver, \$12. Converting to the more commonly used unit of account, one ounce (1 troy oz. = 31.103486 gr.), we arrive at the following per ounce prices for the medallions: Platinum, \$286.15; Gold, \$223.95; Silver, \$14.93. On Wednesday, November 17, the price of gold was \$131.25 on the London market, and spot silver in New York was \$4.375. On these two metals, we can then calculate the premium on the von Mises barter medallions to be 41% and 71%, respectively.

Obviously, you can get a better deal with government coins. Nor should all government coins be spurned on ideological grounds. The Krugerrand is the lowest premium gold coin (facing occasional competition from the Mexican 50 Peso [1.21 oz. compared to the Krugerrand's 1 oz.]), with typical premia of 3 to 5%. In fact, the Krugerrand is the result of a fairly transparent attempt by the South African gold mines (private) to evade the IMF (government) rules. The IMF will only allow the South Africans to sell gold on the open market after other central banks have bought what they want at the official price of \$42.22 an ounce. In addition, until the Krugerrand came along, most South African mines were required to sell to the South African Reserve Bank (Central Bank). Now, the gold goes to the Chamber of Mines (an analog of our Chamber of Commerce, also private), where it is minted, and then sold at the market price. The mine receives payment almost immediately for the gold thusly sold, instead of three to six months later under the old system.

The South African government lends exactly two items to the production of the Krugerrand; the dies, and legal tender status. The dies, from which the coins are stamped, are provided by the government in order to make possible the legal tender status as current international law defines it. The legal tender status of the coin is irrelevant in South Africa.

Rather, it is part of an ingenious marketing plan concocted by the Chamber of Mines.

Most Western countries (with the notable exception of the U.S., but not for long) have a nasty form of tax called the value added tax, or VAT. Under the VAT, a sales tax is levied each time an item is sold, but only on the value added by the seller as he moved the item from raw material to finished consumer product. This is a vicious tax, for it is similar to a sales tax, but the effects are much more hidden. In addition, for each percent of levy, a VAT will raise more revenue than a sales tax of the same level. West Germany has a VAT of 12%, compared to the highest sales tax in the US, 8% in New York City.

But: foreign currency is exempt from European VATs! And, since we are talking about the government's taxes, we will use the government's definition of foreign currency: that which is legal tender in the country of origin. Thus, by making the Krugerrand legal tender in South Africa, the Chamber of Mines saved the West German gold buyer a considerable chunk of money by making the coin exempt from the VAT. Result: after Switzerland, the largest Krugerrand-buying country in the world is West Germany.

So, while the Mises may be the prototype of the currency of the future, and therefore of great interest to the ideologically motivated libertarian investor, the same investor should have a Krugerrand or two in his collection as a magnificent example of using the interstices in the State's laws against it. Besides, any coin that bears the likeness of a major opponent of British imperialism can't be *all* bad.  
—Charles Curley

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## EPISTOLARY

### NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS

Dear Sam, November 14, 1976

Last month I attended a meeting of

the Ann Arbor Libertarian League and, as expected, criticism of a certain group of power-seekers which is acting to discredit libertarianism as a movement for liberty was not welcome. (The AALL is indistinguishable from a local party organization.) Yes, it does seem that they are now lying about lying. Highlights of the meeting were Michigan Party Chairman Jim Hudler's assertion that there can't be legitimate grounds for criticizing the MacBride campaign because MacBride is a libertarian and his prediction that MacBride would do well in the election in Alaska due to being ahead of Carter. Should the AALL hold an event attracting non-members I have prepared a letter criticizing the LP and recommending a few magazines, including *NLW*, as sources of information on the LP and on libertarian activities.

Although the LP did have posters for their power-seekers up all over campus, the true libertarian candidate did get some last minute publicity. Just before the election I put up about one hundred "Nobody for President" posters. They had several lines such as "Nobody keeps his promises; Nobody deserves to live off your taxes; Nobody should run your life; and Nobody deserves your vote." Other lines included "The lesser of two evils is still evil" and "Don't vote—it only encourages them." As you must know by now, the result of the election was that 110 million out of 150 million eligible voters thought Jimmy Carter did not deserve their vote.

The LP is sure making things easy for those wishing to expose it, with the Reed expulsion being the latest example of suppression of controversy. Even McAlpine's account shows the one-sidedness of the Palestinian panel. Although I have no knowledge of Adam Reed beyond his conduct in debates in the *Libertarian Connection*, his writings make me inclined to accept his word over that of an officer and former candidate of the LP. If Reed says that his speaking was limited to times and places which did not interfere with the business of the convention I am inclined to believe him. I have found from personal experience that those who see one as a violator of their standards of behavior are not likely to notice self-restraints of the violator.

Sincerely,

Ron Chusid

Ann Arbor, Michigan

[We'll all be looking forward to your future news reports, Ron. You know, if everyone was as hard-core as you, what would *NLW* have to expose? Frightening thought...]  
—SEK5]

# analysis

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## On Bears and Hugs

Yugoslavia is a patchwork country thrown together at the end of World War One out of the Balkan remains for the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Made of mutually hostile elements it was ruled, in the interval between the wars by the Serbian government, with a little help from the Serbian Army.

After the German invasion and the resulting elevation of the Croatian Fascists to power the country devolved into factional fighting. Tito, a Croatian Communist partisan, climbed to the top in military and political power. His goal of a united and independent Yugoslavia claimed supporters from all nationalities and the intellectuals.

The Red Army liberated Yugoslavia from German control. Naturally they give support to the Communist Party. After the war, when the government was duly elected it had a Communist majority.

At first Tito was willing to go along with the Russian line. Finding that Russia was more interested in empire than socialist revolution he broke with them. Tito is a pragmatist. The Russian model was not working; therefore it had to go. That was in 1955. Since then Yugoslavia has gone the way of Titoism. This has been mostly an independent line away from Russian interests into Yugoslavian interests.

At the last International Communist Parties Congress they ended the official Soviet Party domination of the rest of the Western Communist Parties. They were allowed to go their own way and to fight for Socialism in accordance with national priorities. Yugoslavia led the fight against Russia.

Now that, officially, the main Tito heresy has been announced correct, there is not a major article of difference, ideologically, between Moscow and Belgrade. That has meant a Soviet diplomatic defeat but has paved the way for a possible Soviet resurgence in the Middle East.

Let's face it, right now Yugoslavia counts for nothing in world politics except for one thing. It is the

only major industrial power in the Eastern Mediterranean, and second to only France in the Mediterranean as a whole.

To hold the Middle East you have to have one of several things, depending on who you are. If you are Russia, you need A) the Suez Canal or the Dardanelles—which the Soviets don't, B) Relatively safe ports in the Eastern Mediterranean—which they don't have, C) a port in the home country that has railway links to the factories that is open all year. The Russians have *one*; on the Pacific but the only Trans-Russia Railway line runs within forty miles of China.

You can begin to see the problems. Tito could give Russia all of the above and its nearest industrial nation is Italy. Italy is not a major threat.

So why did Brezhnev go down to Yugoslavia? Certainly not to give Yugoslavia Russia's word that it would respect their independence. *That had already been given*, at the Congress. Brezhnev gave the Russian speech at the end and agreed with the resolution.

If we know what Russia wants from Yugoslavia, what do the Yugoslavians want?

The Yugoslavian economy is hurting. In the recent tussle with Italy over the oilfields in the Adriatic they found themselves outgunned by the weight that Italy could swing in the General Assembly of the U.N. Tito needs that oil for the continuing expansion of his country.

along with the fuel problem is the agricultural mess that every socialist country has. The price of bread has risen 25% in Yugoslavia causing a total rise of 3% in the cost of living index. Even the decentralization of the communal farms back to private hands has not brought production back to pre-war levels.

There is also the problem of the nationalities in the country. There has never been a total disarmament, only a watchful peace. That could break out any moment: witness the Croatian hijacking.

Finally, the problem of Tito's heir. Who will be able to hold the country together, while maintaining independence from Russia? There has been a recent purge of the most outspoken enemies of Russia but that will not lessen Yugoslavian distrust, only make it quieter.

Yugoslavia has never had a better chance to grab some benefits from Russia than right now. Russia is moving back into the Middle East with a vengeance. They had been out-maneuvered by the Nixon/Kissinger attacks and thrown out of a commanding influence of the Middle East.

In this counter-attack they will be helped by the Arab distrust of Peanot. Two days after his election the Egyptians and Russia restarted talks that had languished since 1973. The ceasefire in Lebanon and the Arab Expeditionary Force there *must* have had Russia's acquiescence. There was no statement of value coming from Washington, while there was from Moscow.

Until Peanot gets a statement out there will be



no American diplomacy forthcoming. Kissinger cannot give any assurances that are worth the breath to say them. He has no backing. Once there is a new Secretary of State named it will take several months to get to the same place that Kissinger is now, in terms of trust and ability.

## Cotton Covered Peanuts

There is great fun in speculation.

Especially on three areas, what Moscow thinks Washington is doing, what Washington thinks Moscow is doing, and what is happening in Peanut's brain. I doubt that there is a major paper in the world that hasn't tried it.

No president has been put into that office with so little known about him. Through the campaign Peanut never said anything that hadn't been a bromide or contradicted by a statement a few days later. Like a good politician he kept his promises to a minimum, but hasn't promised a darn thing. That makes him about the freest pres. since Washington.

In other areas, *The Irish People* is claiming that Peanut is from Ireland and sympathetic to the Republican movement, while the *Manchester Guardian* claims that he will use statesman-like restraint in that area.

Oh well, it's going to be an interesting four years.

## Why This Thing Exists

This is the *Analysis*'s second running. With any luck you readers out there have gotten some decent facts and good introspective essays. Some, er, most of these are based on newspaper and magazine accounts.

They, unlike *NLW*, have the money to maintain reporters in the field collecting data. I do not base my analysis on only American sources. Hopefully this will give me a more balanced account of world affairs.

For it is in world affairs that libertarians are sadly lacking. Most Americans have the historic ability of a Mayfly and the world-view of a mole. Even in libertarian circles foreign policy is usually discounted as "when we take over we will just initiate Isolationism anyway."

When stated that boldly its fallacy becomes painfully self-evident. This column will attempt to fight that view by pointing out how International Relations and Affairs have impact upon other countries and, of course, the American Empire.

For this is an Empire and it behooves us, the fighters of that Empire, to know what is happening in it. Good analysis makes for good critiques which leads to good tactics which leads to a winning cause.

Also, as a personal prejudice, I hope to do some debunking of that dratted "International \_\_\_\_\_ Conspiracy"ites that continually plague radical movements.

## Britain: Reaching for a Rope

There is little overt signs of panic in Britain. Nobody is jumping off buildings but in 1975, 7,200 companies shut their doors through bankruptcy or otherwise.

The list of problems are endless and problems deep. Recent studies have pointed the cause of the decline on social and political systems that have educated the young wrongly, failed to make the economy competitive, shunned change, and tolerated governmental and managerial incompetence.

One good example of all of the above is the Norton Motorcycle Company. Despite marketing and feasibility reports the managing concil decided that Norton would stick with kick-starters instead of moving into electrical starters. Result, Norton Motorcycles has lost several millions each year since 1965.

The amount of work done by each worker—productivity—remains low. A European autoworker does twice as much work as the British counterpart. Absenteeism and worker lethargy persists. A large industrial firm has said that it has problems "achieving an average of three or four hours worth of work out of an eight hour shift."

The current economic problems have been fueled by the fiscal policies of British governments. Those policies have been characterized by sprees of inflationary spending ending with oppressive deflationary measures, harsh taxation, wage and price controls, credit squeezes, and borrowing from abroad to finance debts.

A veteran diplomat said recently "Britain spends 60% of the gross national product in the public sector." In other words, the British government eats 60% of the G.N.P. Britons on public payrolls have increased 4% to 27%.

Billions have been spent on the key nationalized industries, steel, coal, railways, and the Post Office. The effects are dubious. They are worth billions, have extensive payrolls, and the total profits have, in the last 12 years, amounted to \$750 million.

Britain has lost out, in the years since World War Two, in shipbuilding, motorcycles, automobiles, aircraft, and its once prestigious machine-tool industry. They have lost out to more competitive American, West German and Japanese companies that stressed prompt delivery, service, new and quality-proven goods and product efficiency.

The danger signs were apparent in 1920 when Sir William Ashley pointed out that American mass production and German applied science were threatening. While Britain poured capital into investments in the colonies, now largely lost, other countries were using capital to strengthen home industries. The result is that Britain needs \$30 billion to retool its industries, and doesn't have it.

# Speculations

SF AND OTHER SPECULATIVE THOUGHTS

## Some Protocols of the Neos of Zion

by Michael Moslow

"I Was Beaten Up—LP Orders" by Adam V. Reed, Ph.D., *NLW* 48, points up something I have been trying to say for years, and now that the proper time has arrived, I don't want anyone to miss the moral for the forest. And this time I am hopeful that things have changed enough so that Sam will not again rush off to defend Murray Rothbard.

The name of the game is Jew.

All of us are at one square or another of that monopoly board land of libertarian theory. I say monopoly board because, unlike chess or poker, monopoly is the best example I know of a game that truly symbolizes conflict—the conflict of solid and liquid assets. (How Marxian of me.) And to know where you stand, it is not enough to know what the libertarian is saying; first you must know the libertarian. And in many cases, the libertarian is a Jew.

What really *must* be understood at the outset is that the very same idea, expressed in the very same words, by different people, will be interpreted differently, and sometimes, very-very differently. Every argument contains the seeds of its own contradiction. I can quote Marx to support anarchism as well as something called the dictatorship of the proletariat. All I have to do is focus away on the withering away of the state. It's all a matter of finding your key axiom in an argument, and rearranging the other points in the doctrine to *your own personal perspective*. Hell, I can use the Bible as an argument for atheism. To tell me that the seeds of authoritarianism are implicit in *Atlas Shrugged* is missing the point—the seeds of authoritarianism are implicit in the authoritarian. Anyone want to risk calling my liberal wife a cowardly compromiser? Anyone care to suggest that a shit who converts to anarchism will become anything else than what he really is?

Don't tell me that a particular action is inevitable as a response to a specific doctrine—if a contradiction is unavoidable and undeniable, a person, for better or worse, will resort to hypocrisy. Lewis's *WW2* Englishman will not think worse of himself for giving tea and cigarettes to the captured Hun pilot; people do not quit going to church because they refuse to even feel remorse about refusing to love their neighbor. We feel what we must; we do what we feel; and after that we are rationalizers. We look for

the words that justify us or give a little purpose to our scratching, and pretty much take the first ones that come along. They're all the same, really, and we can always rework them to suit our need.

Pretty much like a fan looking for a piece of ass. Don't look at the principle to find out what's going on, that's like looking at a blank sheet of paper to find out who won the Hugo. You have to look at the partisan. And since, at least as far as the east coast is concerned, you can't look at the libertarian partisan without most likely looking at a Jew—let's look at the Jew.

Jews are in the woodwork of every side and every fringe fold of every issue you can name. (Yes—Nazis.) This is because we are a wordy people who love to talk and talk and talk. Something to do with our having big mouths. (We also come complete with ☐ well hung cocks and ☐ tight pussies—check one—but that's another mythos.) Whether you approve or not of our philosophical multiplicity, or call it something else and far more nastier, it is really not worth the time to argue that such is not the question.

Jews are pretty much divided down the middle between those who like being Jews, and those who don't; and this is what the whole shit is all about. Jews are the original oldies but goodies on the top ten hate list. If there's one thing the entire world agrees on it's that they don't like us. And if there is one necessity for a Jew, it is the necessity of knowing what he is up against and being prepared to deal with it. Some can't; they try to escape the stigma of being a Jew by trying to escape being a New.

One doesn't have to like the methods some Jews use to protect their interest (from the State of Israel to implanting radio control devices in Sammy Davis, Jr.) to realize that some people are trying to find solutions in a very harsh world to some very real problems. But there are those who turncoat—there are the "protestant" Hebrews (Hi, Andy...). They ask people if they really look Jewish, change their name from Friedman, and support the P.L.O. They even join the right wing, traditional baiters of Jewry (e.g., the F.L.P.) and sign up for the waiting list to vote for Martin Borman (who, having undergone plastic surgery and monkey gland transplants, is now working and living in New York under the name "John Pachak").

I'd like to give them all renewals on their circumcision.

Please don't be surprised. There is a difference between talking about the common human frailties we must and can overcome, and pretending they

are not very important factors in what we say and do. Jews are divided between people who have a healthy respect for all the varied facets of who and what they are, and those who don't. And so are Jewish libertarians.

Kindly understand that I am not speaking about Jews who consider themselves not Jews but "People" because they truly believe themselves to be not Jews but "People"—I am talking about Jews who call themselves "people" because they don't want to be taken for Jewish, and would rather be taken for something else. Anything else. Even a Canadian. It is a family struggle, it is thousands of years old, and don't take it for anything else. If someone says something about Palestine, and you know they are Jewish, don't listen. The feelings are too strong for it to have any content whatsoever that is relevant to you, the student of libertarianism.

On the one hand, it scares me. Richard Friedman is the only other person who could have written this article. On the other hand, I'm the one with something to lose. Nobody takes Rich for Dondi. But on the third hand—Rothbard is a Jew. Come the counter-revolution—don't miss him. I'm informing on him now, so when I go to the showers I damn well want Rothbard there with me, so I can give him a GI bath.

Can the Decline of the West be traced to Eisenhower's failure to secure Boardwalk and Park Place, or does it all have something to do with Gene Autry?

Why is a fine young man like Moslow engaged in Jew baiting? Why is Murray the K (the K stands for kike) pretending he's Henry Kissinger? And why allude to Protestant Hebrews when you can come right out and say Orange Jews?

If you want answers to these questions, send five dollars to me at this address. As an added bonus, I promise that come the revolution you will all be six feet tall. —Michael Moslow

[Mike was a favorite in our old *New Libertarian Notes* format in his regular column "Books to Burn." We're glad he's back to liven up our Speculations column. —SEK3]

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OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

**December 13 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Harry Watson on his experiences working with Alan Greenspan on the Council of Economic Advisors. 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 Avenue), 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, D.C. area.

**December 18 Austin Libertarian Alliance** Pot luck dinner, all libertarians welcome. 7:15 P.M. 836-4052. 9702 Churkar Circle, Austin, Texas.

**December 19 New Libertarian Alliance of Southern California Christmas Party.** Open to NLA and guests. 7:30 P.M., Room 500, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood. || *First Meeting of the Libertarian Supper Club of Chicago.* Order from menu, no charge otherwise. 6:00 P.M. for supper, 7:00 P.M. for discussion on "Is Libertarianism Amoral?" Eagle Restaurant, 5311 S. Blackstone, Chicago.

**January 6 None of the Above.** Usually meets first Thursday. Call (312) 935-0412 for details. Chicago.

**January 10 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.

**January 13 The Forum for Philosophical Studies.** \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Room 500, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood.

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**February 1 Society for Libertarian Life.** John Hospers, Ph.D. on "Will Freedom Survive Until 1984?" \$2 for tickets from SLL, Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632. 7:30 P.M. Campus Theater at Fullerton College, Fullerton, Calif.

*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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## LIBERTARIAN LAWYERS HAVE OWN LUNCH CLUB Gather to hear innovative system

(December 8 || Los Angeles) Libertarian lawyers, legal secretaries, and reporters gathered to hear a libertarian-leaning professor with the power to change the system—who's doing it. Professor Norman Karlin has introduced an innovative teaching system which completely dispenses with traditional subject courses and substitutes an interdisciplinary approach including libertarian philosophy and economics.

Karlin is a professor at Southwestern University School of Law and creator of Southwestern's Conceptual Approach to Legal Education (SCALE.) His presentation was sponsored by the Libertarian Law Council at their bimonthly luncheon.

Although the Libertarian Law Council has not received much notice until now in movement media, the meeting was covered by both a reporter from **New Libertarian Weekly** and one from the legal profession's *Daily Journal*. Chairman Manuel Klausner (an editor of *Reason Magazine*) informed the gathering that since the Council opposed occupational licensure, the Libertarian Law Council is not restricted to lawyers and anyone can attend their luncheon (if space is available).

Those who attended included such libertarian luminaries as Shawn Steel, Richard Devo, and Klausner (and the editor of *NLW*). The luncheons alternate between academic and topical matters, with a previous meeting dealing with battling the Diamond Lane.

This topic was academic, but highly inspiring, moving one lawyer to exclaim at the close that he wished he

could take his degree over again. Professor Karlin was rushed for time by the inflexible time limit to cover his complex subject, but provided considerable literature for the sixteen attendees explaining SCALE.

The luncheon began, appropriately, with food, and then a string of announcements by Klausner. The Libertarian Law Council is quite activist, filing *amicus* briefs on behalf of a NORML challenge to the constitutionality of the state marijuana statute in California.

Other projects besides the successful quashing of the Diamond Lane and the pending NORML suit for L.L.C. include an Advertising Project, for which the Council filed a statement to the Bar Association supporting no regulations on advertising and supporting a test case in which lawyers who advertise would be sanctioned by the Bar.

Other battles proposed by Klausner with the State Bar are opposition to compelling lawyers to "help the poor" by statute, and opposition to a mandatory program for lawyers' insurance. Klausner is also eyeing the coming State attack on discrimination by private clubs, and he supports a two-pronged effort of fighting legal compulsion to end discrimination while fighting discrimination by voluntary means (most lawyers present were members of several of the clubs).

Professor Karlin spoke next on SCALE. He stated there were two classes so far, which seem successful and will be taking bar examinations in June.

The following two paragraphs from SCALE's "An Alternative Professional

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#### IHS HOLDS A CONTRACT CON

(November 13 || Los Angeles) The Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) held a Conference on "Freedom of Contract—An Exploratory Conference" on the weekend of November 11-13 in Los Angeles. The IHS, operating from Menlo Park, California, was formed by the late F.A. "Baldy" Harper, and is one of the longest-running libertarian educational institutions.

The Conference was part of IHS's Toward Liberty Project and brought together law professors, lawyers, and philosophy professors such as Tibor Machan. According to attendee Manuel Klausner, discussion centered on the basis of contract theory, and was found valuable by all. ■

Education" sum up the program:

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"While SCALE is an intensive educational experience, it is not a shortcut to a law degree. The student spends 82 weeks, approximately 1,450 hours, in class and 12 weeks, approxi-

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# The Week

News of and for the New Libertarian Society

## ANOTHER CALIFORNIA LIBERTARIAN CON

(December 8 || Los Angeles) According to organizer Shawn Steel, he expects the largest turn-out to a Libertarian Conference. He, Dana Rohrabacher, and Doug Kennell have set records in a series of cons since 1969—and they're together again.

The Conference is set for April 23 and 24 (see *Calendar*) and the theme is "Future of Freedom" to be expressed by speakers and workshops. Subjects will include Law, Economics, Science Fiction, Philosophy, Psychology and Technology.

To deliver on this promise, Shawn says the following speakers are confirmed: Murray Rothbard, Nathaniel Branden, John Hospers, Rod Manis, and Robert LeFevre. He has also invited Karl Hess, Dr. Henry Manne, Herman Kahn, Poul Anderson, and Skye D'Aureous.

As usual, the con will be at USC. Ticket prices are not yet set. ■

## CORPORATIVISM PROVEN

(October 12 || ZNS) If you sometimes feel that the United States is being run by "big business," you're absolutely right.

A study by a New York sociologist has found that nearly two-thirds of all the members of the Presidential Cabinet between 1987 and 1973 were influential corporate executives prior to joining the cabinet.

Sociologist Peter Freitag of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, after surveying the backgrounds of 205 cabinet members and acting secretaries, found that the overwhelming majority were also corporate directors or officers in major industries, banks, insurance companies, utilities or transportation companies.

Freitag discovered that the proportion of big businessmen in the cabinet reached its highest figure in history in the Nixon administration when 96 percent of the cabinet members came from big industry.

After the cabinet members finished their terms, nearly two-thirds of them returned to big business. ■

## PIRANHAS DINE ON VOTERS IN BRAZIL

(November 25 || Brasilia) During the mid-November municipal elections in Brazil, 38 voters drowned and/or were devoured by man-eating piranhas when the bus on which they were traveling to the polls failed to negotiate a ramp onto a ferry.

The bus was swept downstream by strong currents; only the driver, the ticket agent, and two passengers survived.

Brazil is one of the nations in which voting is compulsory. —E. Scott Royce

## STATE CAN'T KEEP IT UP

(November 2 || County police in Baltimore, Maryland, have been ordered to stop issuing so many traffic tickets because the county is running out of ticket books. ■

## BIG BROTHER LOBOTOMY

(October 11 || ZNS) The Federal Bureau of Investigation, in an unexpected move, has asked permission to abandon its massive national crime information computer system which was designed to contain the records of every criminal or suspect in the U.S.

The Bureau has been avidly collecting criminal histories ever since the computer system was launched nine years ago. However, *New Scientist* magazine reports that the F.B.I., in a letter to Attorney General Edward Levy, has requested permission to pull out of the whole computer scheme.

Critics of the government's National Crime Statistics Bank have argued that the computerized index would be too expensive, and that it would leave opportunities for invasion of privacy, not just by F.B.I. personnel, but by anyone else who has access to the computer system.

According to *New Scientist*, the F.B.I. is not worried about possible invasions of privacy or the over-all expense of the system. Instead, the bureau has reportedly asked that the whole system be tossed out as a result of Attorney General Levy's refusal to permit the F.B.I. to expand the system so that it would allow all state and local police to tap into the computer's information.

*New Scientist* reports that Levy is expected to make a decision on the F.B.I.'s request just after the November election. ■

## TAXMAN TO SING BLUES

(November 9 || British pop singer Engelbert Humperdinck has followed in the footsteps of such notables as John Lennon, Rod Stewart and Tom Jones by becoming a tax exile in the United States.

Engelbert, whose real name is Arnold Dorsey, said he decided to join the exodus of talent from Great Britain after suffering one too many large bits out of his sizeable entertainment paycheques.

Says Humperdinck: "I'm going to miss England like hell, but who can go on paying 96 percent tax? It's like working for nothing." ■

## Speculations

SF AND OTHER SPECULATIVE THOUGHTS

**Speculations** will return next week with Samuel Konkin's "The Legend of Anarcho Claus" and various Anarcho carols...

## EPISTOLARY

NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS

Editor: November 28, 1976

At the risk of unduly prolonging the argument over whether Karl Hess is a pawn of the so-called Ruling Class, I'd like to respond to author McAlpine's missive in *NLW* 50—his reply to my earlier criticism.

First, IPS's receipt of funds from certain "state-capitalist" foundations (among its various *other* sources, which McAlpine conspicuously ignores) is no more news, as McAlpine claims, than was his statement that Hess is associated with the outfit. Again see, for instance, Paul Dickson's *Think Tanks* (NY: Ballantine Books, 1972), pp. 91, 297, for information on the Stern and Ford Foundation contributions. I have uncovered no record of Rocky Foundation money going to IPS, but I'll give Pete the benefit of the doubt on that.

Second, it was McAlpine who, in his article, effectively made an issue of whether *Counter Spy* blew the cover of the late CIA agent Richard Welch. It did not—one "fact" that is "wrong"—as I documented in *NLW* 48. In addition, McAlpine never explicitly stated who he felt eliminated Welch; I am glad to see he gives credit to the possible verity of the CIA-as-killer thesis.

Third, to consider trusting the U.S. Labor Party looks as a source for virtually *anything*—particularly whether Marcus Raskin, of all people, is “an outright agent”—is to display a stunning naivete. The group is simply too off the wall to be taken seriously; try scanning a few issues of its rag *New Solidarity*. As for USLP’s ideological position, it is an apologist for the Soviet regime and has endorsed policies more repressive than any state-capitalist-fascist society would likely institute.

Fourth, if, as McAlpine himself notes, the IPS has to be infiltrated by the State (Rees’ infiltration work was done prior to her work for McDonald; bear in mind, too, the IRS audits), doesn’t it stand to reason that its “anti-Establishmentism” *should* be taken more seriously? A quick review of the connections of some IPS associates with overseas radical and terrorist groups further bolsters this point. See, for instance, *National Review*, November 12, 1976, pp. 1221-22, and Rep. McDonald, *Cong. Record* (unbound), September 17, 1976, p. E 5104.

Fifth, I believe McAlpine has misrepresented the IPS position on neighborhood governments—“totalitarian . . . unlimited government financed by the Feds.” IPS’s civil libertarianism would scarcely countenance a local totalitarianism any more than they do the present federal one. As students of history and/or the present Superstate, Hess and most of the other IPS fellows recognize the need for limitations on the powers of *any* State. Furthermore, I stand by my original contention that communities of *any* sort have every “right” to regulate certain conduct of their citizens—such as non-victimless criminal activity and pollution.

What of McAlpine’s contention that IPS-envisioned “decentralization is phony since it is to be federally financed”? The *Barron’s* piece he cites as a major source in his original article actually indicates that one IPS fellow, Milton Kotler, suggested in 1969 (in *Neighborhood Government*) that one idea for movement for decentralization was to expand the authority of the sort of community development corporations that OEO had sponsored during the 1960s “to the point at which they function as governments.” A review of Kotler’s ideas indicates that on balance their implementation *would* bring a positive shift away from federal control to local control. Not so radical a shift, perhaps, as McAlpine or I might favor, but a positive shift nevertheless. Ideally the local units would become self-sustaining financially; any aid would be merely at the initial stages of organization.

One final point—many of those during the 1939-41 period who I at least would consider to be among the “most radical of the left” were far from “anxious to fight Hitler.” On the contrary, they were doing everything possible to keep the U.S. out of war.

Needless to say, I do not agree with everything IPS has ever done or is doing. But on balance its activity is quite commendable from a libertarian perspective and, to my way of thinking at least, antithetical to the interests of the Establishment.

E. Scott Royce  
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Sam, November 15, 1976

Interesting reading about the LP con. At last year’s LP con, I nearly had a similar thing happen. I was posting signs advertising a running bull session on non-political roads to freedom, when one delegate started saying I should be thrown out for “anti-Party” (his term) activities. At the time, the other delegates present brushed off the suggestion, and nothing much happened. But, given the heightened atmosphere of frustration that must have followed a year of campaigning without notable media attention (and, it seems to have turned out, without notable voter attention—though I still haven’t been able to find out what MacBride’s final total was), I can see how paranoid tendencies could have developed.

Depending on the details of just what Dr. Reed did, and to what extent the Secret Service acted on its own initiative and not that of the LP, the Party may have been within its rights, as strictly construed. However, the whole affair reinforces a point that should be considered by anyone thinking of getting involved with the Party. That is, most of its events (like this con, like the *LP News*, like the ballot-position signature drives) are carefully choreographed events directed at achieving specific goals.

The goals themselves are not open to question during these activities, and are not something that a great deal of attention is ever devoted to. As nearly as I can make out, the leadership of the Party has as clear an idea of what it wants to do as it is interested in. Discussion of those goals, to whatever extent it takes place at all, takes place in the private deliberations of the leaders.

Any new recruit can expect to be admonished to keep his mouth shut, and do as he is told. He can expect to be told (as were the signature collectors) that discussion of the issues is not an efficient use of time, and should be cut off as short as possible. To the extent that cutting it off is not possi-

ble, the standard LP position on the issue involved should be handed out—mention of other views will only confuse the public. The *LP News* is a propaganda sheet, and, as we know, Ed Crane has openly stated that discussion of other than the official Party line is not in order.

The convention was a carefully-staged media event, with every minute allocated to some particular purpose.

Questions from the audience or statements of opposing views simply had no place in the schedule, served no purpose of the leadership.

Your attitude towards the LP-types who showed up at the Nobody Victory celebration, however, showed tendencies in the same direction, as did your headline attributing Reed’s beating to the LP. Nowhere in his letter did Reed say that the LP had ordered the beating, and there seems to be some question as to whether it was the hotel guards, or the Secret Service acting on its own initiative that administered it. In both cases, you’re trying to make those you oppose come out as badly as possible, without any special regard for the facts of the case, or the merits of the positions involved. At the celebration, you would have been better advised to let the LPers in (T-shirts and all), and discuss the issues with them before the cameras. Instead, you gave first priority to seeing to it that they didn’t “steal” any of “your” media time. Only when that was assured (by their removing their slogans) did anything else take place. Similarly with your headline (in fact, with many of your headlines)—go for the most spectacular wording, even if the article below itself shows that it isn’t supported by the facts.

Erwin S. “Filthy Pierre” Strauss  
Lanham, Maryland

*[Your last paragraph is both confusing and confused. First, the confusing: there are two “yous” involved, though it’s true most of them are involved in both cases. Nonetheless, the Victory Party was run by CounterCampaign ’76—who are not even mentioned in that paragraph. The defense of the party from Partyarch invasion was done by New Libertarian Alliance—without knowledge of either CC’76’s Chairman or Press Secretary. Finally, New Libertarian Weekly follows a different position than both of the above.]*

*First, NLW. You better believe I go for the headline that will get somebody reading the article in question; nothing’s going to get communicated unless the channel is open. And I deny your contention that my headlines have not been born out by the article every time—and I have several hundred readers of the last 50-odd issues to bear witness to my claim. In the case you cite, Reed did in fact state Linda Webb (a*



Partyarch) led the attack on him. Or did you think she was a Secret Service agent?

As to NLA's action, I think it was heroic—and, unlike Washington, not a drop of blood was shed. Nor was the question one of shaving time—as you are well aware, Pierre, NLA has strongly pushed the position that the greatest evil of the L.P. is its association with libertarianism—and NLA would simply have betrayed its principles utterly not to have prevented the coward from climbing into the nest to drop its egg.

Frankly, if you believe in self-defense, I cannot see how you could criticize the NLA position. Or the method it was carried out. Take a lesson from them and try running a self-consistency test to see if your ends and means are fully integrated. —SEK5/

## LIBERTARIAN LAWYERS

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mately 150 hours, in externship training totaling 91 weeks of supervised instruction. It is hoped that the outcome of the Program will aid educators in rethinking goals and content of legal education.

Most striking about SCALE is its integrated approach, a position that libertarians with their passion for self-consistency should enjoy. Libertarians used as references in the course include F.A. Hayek, Robert Nozick, Harold Demsetz, Richard Posner, and Milton Friedman.

Professor Karlin notes SCALE keeps students' interests high, unlike traditional programs though assignments are longer. Karlin answered a question with a strong stand against state regulation, blaming the economic ignorance of many lawyers, judges and legislators for so many regulations.

Karlin did say he felt the need for a few regulations. No one got to ask him which as the time ran out.

The L.L.C. began meeting in 1974 and has been at the Arco Towers in downtown L.A. since. (See *Calendar* for next meeting on February 16.) ■

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# Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

**January 6** *None of the Above*. Usually meets first Thursday. Call (312) 935-0412 for details. Chicago.

**January 10** *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles*. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.20); 8:15 P.M. for program only (\$1). Note new price and place: Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill St. (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**January 11** *Forum for Philosophical Studies*. Series of 10 lectures by George H. Smith: "A History of Religious Dissent" begin today. \$60 tuition. 7:00 P.M. Reservations required (213) 467-1051. Suite 500, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles.

**January 13** *The Forum for Philosophical Studies*. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Room 500, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood.

**January 14** *Libertarian Social Club*. "U.S. Foreign Policy and National Liberation Movements" discussion/debate by Steven Halbrook. Cash bar 7-8 P.M., dinner 8-9, discussion 9-10 followed by more socializing. Discussion, 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, D.C.

**February 1** *Society for Libertarian Life*. John Hospers, Ph.D. on "Will Freedom Survive Until 1984?" \$2 for tickets from SLL, Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632. 7:30 P.M. Campus Theater at Fullerton College, Fullerton, Calif.

**February 12** *Tax Resistance Seminar* featuring Bill Drexler and John Joseph Matonis. Call Sam Hancock (313) 278-0970. Metro-Detroit Airport Ramada Inn, Detroit, Michigan.

**February 16** *Libertarian Law Council Luncheon*. Bob Peterson on community involvement in a libertarian case. 12:00 noon to 1:30 P.M. sharp. \$3.00 for catered lunch and talk. Reservations from M. Klausner's secretary at (213) 680-2222. Conference Room of Coopers and Lybrand, South Tower of Arco Plaza, 555 South Flower Street, Los Angeles.

**April 23-24** *Libertarian Conference*. "The Future of Freedom." Murray Rothbard, Robert LeFevre, Nathaniel Branden, and John Hospers confirmed. Hosted by U.S.C. Society for Libertarian Studies. Advance tickets from CLA, P.O. Box 1202, Venice, CA 90291 and Conference two days at Town and Gown, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

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# **“NOT HISTORIC RELIC,” SAYS ROBERT LEFEVRE “It didn’t begin with Ayn Rand”**

(December 9 || Los Angeles) Pressed for anecdotes about libertarian movement past, Robert LeFevre replied to this reporter that he was not a historic relic and did not want to be made into one. LeFevre, the senior West Coast libertarian, appeared at the Forum for Philosophical Studies in Hollywood to speak on the topic, “It Didn’t Begin With Ayn Rand.”

In an era when most well-known libertarians are feuding with each other, LeFevre refreshingly opened his remarks by stating he had respect for Rand, and pointed out where he agreed and disagreed with her. He then pointed out that the “Movement” around Rand began with the publishing of *Atlas Shrugged* around 1957.

LeFevre remembered that Leonard Read began his Foundation for Economic Education in 1946. Supposedly Rand offered to do Read’s intellectual work for him, but he decided to do his own.

LeFevre’s talk, as usual, was filled with humorous asides, and the audience, though largely of objectivist background, broke up several times.

LeFevre noted that Read first popularized “libertarian” as a label in the modern sense. F.A. “Baldy” Harper and his Institute for Humane Studies was added to the list of pre-Rand libertarian educators.

The ladies also were well-represented before Rand, added LeFevre. He cited Rose Wilder Lane and her *Discovery of Freedom* and Isabel Patterson and her *God in the Machine*.

Spreading the word, and educating LeFevre into hard-core libertarianism from his earlier, more primitive anti-New Deal position, were the Freedom

newspapers of R.C. Hoiles. LeFevre was editorial writer for *Colorado Springs Gazette* for ten years, during which time a vigorous libertarian stand was demanded of him.

Hoiles had considerable courage, reminisced LeFevre. His papers were the only ones that took the side of the interned Japanese after Pearl Harbor.

LeFevre himself was radicalized by wartime experiences in the military, and the economic “temporary war measures.”

In the 1950s, LeFevre began his Freedom School near the Rampart Mountain Range in Colorado, supporting himself by editing Hoiles paper. He and his small, loyal staff lived in shacks they built themselves, with little outside financial support.

The school eventually became Rampart College, and thousands of new libertarians would graduate each year from it until after he moved to Orange County and retired as head at the end of the sixties.

On Rand’s behalf, LeFevre said that Ayn Rand never said she was a libertarian but an objectivist. He added that many students calling themselves libertarians today are no more libertarian than Rand.

Besides the neo-objectivists, LeFevre also questioned whether the “anarcho-capitalists” put Liberty at the apex of their values, and he doesn’t think if we “get rid of government” and “win the revolution” that everything will be all right. One has to work for Liberty all the time—“eternal vigilance.”

LeFevre answered other questions and adjourned the meeting to return home with his wife and stalwart worker, Loy. ■

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## **“LP Innocent,” Claims Childs**

**By Roy A. Childs, Jr.**

(December 3 || Brooklyn) Both Peter McAlpine’s and Adam Reed’s account of the disruptions at the Libertarian Party’s national convention are seriously flawed, in Mr. Reed’s case to the point of utter distortion, and I’d like to present a different view of what happened. I was there at the time, and witnessed most of the relevant events.

NLW’s headline to the first account by Adam Reed—“I was Beaten Up—LP Orders”—reads like something out of the *National Enquirer*. It didn’t happen that way. Mr. McAlpine is incorrect when he states that “The Middle East panel was strongly anti-Zionist.” Murray Rothbard had been called in to chair the meeting only at the last minute, and had really nothing to say at the panel. Leonard Liggio spoke in the main about 19th and early 20th century struggles to control the Middle East region on the part of various world powers. His only remarks about Zionism were peripheral, centering around his contention that the Western powers supported the Zionist movement out of a sense of guilt at their own anti-semitism and anti-semitic immigration policies before and during World War II. John Hagel III focused almost entirely on the struggle for control of the area based on the importance of the oil in the area. Steven Halbrook was the only speaker who attacked Zionism in the way McAlpine and Reed report.

The panel was running between 45 minutes and one hour overtime. Indeed, both Sharon Presley and myself

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# The Week

News of and for the New Libertarian Society

## PARTYARCHS RELY ON ANTI-PARTY SPEAKERS

(December 13 || Los Angeles) Latest reports indicate that four speakers chosen for the State Convention of the California Libertarian Party will be well-known opponents of political action. The four in question are Linda Abrams, Caroline White, Diane Hunter (Smith), and George H. Smith.

Smith, in particular, was told to speak on his objections to Party participation. Diane Hunter is best known for her ghost-writing of *None of the Above*. Caroline White is active in feminist circles as well as anti-political libertarian ones, and Linda Abrams is a libertarian lawyer and occasional spokesperson for the non-voters (*Time* magazine).

Conspiracy theories have sprung up, from some New Libertarian suspicions of a co-opt to some paranoid Partyarchs claiming it's all a "Rothbard plot to destroy the Party"—even though Rothbard is a staunch Partyarch. Most likely explanation is the naivete of the Party's programmer, who invited competent acquaintances to appear without realizing the importance of allegiance.

Last anti-Party person to speak at an LP Con was Samuel Edward Konklin at the Cleveland National LP Convention in 1973. The Party suffered its most serious split the following year.

The California State Libertarian Party 1977 Convention will be held at the Airport Marina Hotel in Los Angeles, February 18-21 (it will *not* be listed in *NLW Calendar*, as all money goes to support a political cause). There is still a chance that the "Gang of Four" will be purged before Convention time. ■

## LEFEVRE ZAPS PARTY-ARCHS, SELF-DEFENDERS AND CONSPIRACISTS

(December 13 || Orange) The quarterly *LeFevre's Journal* (Winter 1976, Vol. IV, no. 1) arrived in the Christmas mail with a hand extended to those "others [who] are still human even if they belong to a political party." LeFevre also takes shots at the

many who were his allies in the anti-political campaign of 1976, claiming that the "Freedom In Our Time!" slogan—used mainly by anti-Party activists in SIL and NLA—leads to politics, and still putting forward his belief that Protection Companies lead to government.

Another article takes a crack at refuting those who believe in a "businessman's conspiracy" by means of a concrete example. None of the material presented would be objected to by "Higher Circles" theorists in the movement, and indeed would be considered largely irrelevant.

Excerpts from letters to LeFevre range from Peter McAlpine to Carl Watner to Phillip Abbot Luce to Kerry Thornley to Guy Riggs. *LeFevre's Journal*, Box 2353, Orange, CA 92669. (Voluntary contributions.) ■

## DAVIDSON, CHILDS NOW CONTROVERSY IN LR

(December 13 || Alexandria) Hottest controversies in *Libertarian Review* (Vol. V, No. 6, November-December 1976) range around James Davidson's review of Walter Block's *Defending the Undefendables* and Roy Childs' review of Michael Emerling's *Theistic Objectivism: An Autopsy*. Letters on Childs dominate the *LR* letter column, while a separate page is used to contain rebuttals to Davidson.

To complete the cycle, Childs defends Block from Davidson. Elsewhere in this issue, Walter Grinder spends a whole page of space on the Convention of the Libertarian Party of which he is supposed to be skeptical, and never mentions the Adam Reed incident (see page one).

Cover story is a review of H.L. Mencken's *A Gang of Pecksniffs*. *Libertarian Review*, Circulation Dept. 6737 Annapolis Road, P.O. Box 2599, Landover Hills, MD 20789. \$8/year. ■

## "IDEA THIEVERY" OR CENSORSHIP?

(November 16 || ZNS) Kinky Friedman has been forced to re-arrange his entire new album because of threats of expensive legal action against him by country music writer Buck Owens.

Friedman's new L.P., titled "Lasso from El Paso," was supposed to include his popular take-off of Merle Haggard's "Okie from Muskogee." Problems developed, however, because Owens is the one who wrote

"Okie from Muskogee," and he is flatly refusing to allow any parody of that song to be released by Friedman's record company, Epic Records.

Friedman's parody, which originally had an X-rated title, was going to appear on the new album as the "(Bleep) hole from El Paso," but even the name has been deleted because of Owens' threat to sue.

Kinky has salvaged his album, thanks to Bob Dylan. Dylan has agreed to let Kinky replace the deleted tune with Dylan's recent song, "Catfish," a tune about pitcher Catfish Hunter of the New York Yankees. ■

## PROHIBITIONISTS PULL FRAUD FOR FILM

(November 17 || ZNS) The Phillip Morris Company is threatening to take legal action against a British film production firm that has featured the famous "Marlboro Man" in an anti-smoking documentary.

The documentary in question contains short segments of the Marlboro cowboy interspersed with filmed interviews of real-life cowboys who are dying of lung cancer and emphysema.

One of the segments features a real cowboy being interviewed on horseback while tubes of oxygen, connected to a special tank on his saddle, run into his nose. The cowboy reportedly developed terminal emphysema as a direct result of smoking.

A Phillip Morris executive says that advertising footage of the Marlboro Man in Marlboro Country were provided to the British company "in good faith." Says the executive, Frank Saunders: "We were had, sandbagged and double-crossed."

If Phillip Morris is unable to stop the film's release, C.B.S.'s *60 Minutes* has indicated it may televise portions of the film in the U.S. next year. ■

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## Speculations

SF AND OTHER SPECULATIVE THOUGHTS



# The Legend of Anarcho Claus

"Suddenly, there arose such a clatter..."

Janie White awoke with a start. She found herself on the chesterfield in front of the fireplace. She couldn't have been asleep long for her cheeks were still wet.

Janie had been crying.

Wait! Another sound. Up on the roof? Yes, a muffled voice could be heard.

"Cool it, Rudy. Enough of the clatter of hooves from you eight tiny reindeer already. Keep watch for patrols with your ultra-violet vision, Rudy."

That didn't sound like the white-bearded, red-suited fellow she was waiting for. Now she remembered. It was Christmas Eve and she had been hoping to get to the gift-giver before her parents could change what she asked for, for what she was supposed to *really* want.

What to her wondering eyes did appear? Well, one moment she was looking at the fireplace (trying to figure out how fire worked) and the next minute a somewhat rotund, sardonic elf blocked her view.

"Gosh, how did you do that?" Janie was very inquisitive.

"Simple teleportation device, kid," said the white-bearded gent in a black suit with ermine trimmings. He stepped gingerly away from the fire. "Where did you stash your socks?"

"My stockings?" asked Janie.

"Come on, kid, we haven't all night. My old man's patrol could be around any minute."

"Is your father San—"

"He ain't the Big Red Cheese. How do you think I got these elvish abilities? Rolled them in a D&D game?"

"Gosh, Mr. Claus, are you helping out your father? Just a minute, I'll be back with a stocking." She ran into her bedroom. Then she remembered some of the rules of the game, and thoughtfully brought one out for her little brother as well.

"Here you are, Mr. Claus. Here's one for my brother, Bobby, too."

The not-so-old fellow was stoking a meerschaum pipe with various carvings on the bowl. He unslung his sack when Janie presented the sacks.

"Call me Anarcho, kid." The ebony-clad character seemed to go into a trance.

"Okay, Anarcho Claus. And you can call me Janie. Instead of 'kid'."

She decided he probably wasn't doing TM. "Are you checking to see if I was naughty or nice?"

Anarcho Claus came out of it. "You're clean, kid. Naw, I just see whether you ripped anyone off lately. No point in giving somebody property if they don't believe in it."

Janie felt as if she were getting away with something. "Well, there was the time when I pushed Bobby away from my construction..."

"That's okay, Janie. Your parents shoved him on you and told you to *share!*" He spat out the last word as if it would cause your mouth to be soaped. "Now *that* was wicked. Nothing for *them* this Christmas."

"How do you know all that?" said Janie.

"You mean 'Read Morality at a Distance'? An esper-related ability, natural to high elves. I inherited it, of course." He snorted and reached into his sack. "Don't you read SF?"

"Oh, every chance I can sneak it under my covers!" bubbled Janie. Then downcast, she added, "But my parents says girls don't make good scientists or starship pilots."

"Ah, that's it," said Anarcho Claus. He pulled out a Deluxe Model Chemistry set. "Groove on this and next year I'll run in some acids they won't sell with this to kids."

Janie was overjoyed. Her wish had come true. "But...but what will my parents say?" She hid the set as they were talking.

"They should know? Kids are entitled to privacy, just like other people." He dug around in his sack again.

"You mean parents can be wrong?"

"You better believe it, Janie. You know something, I've been smuggling in forbidden toys to hard-core girls and boys since I read Tucker in the 1880s. And I've never been finked on."

"That's why nobody's heard of you!"

"Right. OK, mind you don't go making bombs or lasers for the State with that."

"Oh, golly, Anarcho Claus, I'd never make War! My parents don't believe in it."

"That's no reason, Janie. You do something 'cause it's right, not because your parents tell you. Or even 'cause I tell you." He pulled out a realistic-looking model submachine gun. "And this is for Bobby."



"Wow!" jumped Janie. "Mom and Dad are pacifists. They'd kill him if they found him with a gun!"

"Breaker 77 for the one-A-C!" A faint, crackling voice could be heard around Anarcho Claus.

"Say, Anarcho Claus, I thought you didn't believe in war? So how come you're encouraging Bobby's gun trip?"

"Hey, pretty good, Janie. I bet you sound just like your mother! Actually, a fair question, if not well put. Let me ask you one, Janie. Do you think you should decide for your brother whether or not he should use his new gun to practice for war?"

"Well..." said Janie, "if it's so wrong..."

"And should he decide whether or not you should have the chemistry set...?"

"No!" shouted Janie, then put her hand over her mouth. Did she wake her parents?

Again the faint, crackling voice was heard in the silence. This time, Anarcho Claus answered. "I read you, C.B. Double score down here. How's up top?"

Janie leaned close to Anarcho Claus to hear the voice. It was awfully deep.

"Another sleigh sighted by Black Nose on Ultra-Vision. The Redcoat is coming!"

"10-4, C.B. Pull me up and out. Over."

"Who's C.B., Anarcho Claus?" asked Janie. She tugged on his sleeve and...

She was standing in the snow on a roof! And there were nine reindeer, a sleigh full of toys, and a white polar bear on the sleigh with a radio set... or whatever it was.

"Oh, oh! Another kid snagged on to you during beam-up," said the polar

bear in a not-unfriendly growl. The ninth reindeer, with a glowing black nose, was not attached to the sleigh, and he was making sounds to the bear.

"And Rudy says we haven't time to beam her down, or Redcoat'll see us."

"Gosh, Anarcho Claus," volunteered Janie. "I'll get down somehow. You get away and keep doing your good things. Maybe Santa will help me down...but don't worry, I won't tell him about you!"

"Janie, I wouldn't let you fall into that phony junk-dealer's hands. Tell you what, how would you like a ride in our sleigh? Make a few stops with us? And I'll give you a Revisionist History of Christmas."

"Oh, wonderful!" exclaimed Janie, jumping up and down and clapping her hands. She hopped up on the sleigh, then slowed down as she approached the polar bear, who had put down the set and was scanning the sky where the black-nosed reindeer was pointing. Anarcho Claus jumped in after her, and his bulk pushed her right up into the warm, white fur of the bear.

"Let's go, team!" called Anarcho Claus, and the reindeer began walking motions...right up into the air. "They're a telekinetic breed," said Anarcho Claus to Janie.

The lead reindeer, still not attached, flew back. "Rudy has an ultra-violet projector/detector in his nose," explained Anarcho Claus helpfully. "You know, black light? C.B. here watches out for the other kind of bear—the Smokey kind."

"What's so bad if San—er, Redcoat catches us, Anarcho Claus?" asked Janie, now trusting the black-suited gentleman not to leave her in mystery.

"Let's begin with the Elvish Economy of the North Pole," said Anarcho Claus. "You see, objects of human amusement are a waste product in our industry, damaging to our ecology."

"Objects of..." wondered Janie. "You mean toys?"

"Sure, the old geezer dumps our waste on you, and gets you kids to toe his line, follow his altruistic policies and serve the establishment parents he's backing. Simple imperialism."

"Rudy says he spotted us. Now what, A-C?" broke in the polar bear.

"Keep her warm, C.B. Only one chance, we'll have to outrun him to the Pole and hope we can get behind our anti-detection systems. Hold on!"

And that's how Janie got to see the Other Side of the North Pole. But that's another story for next Christmas. —Samuel Edward Konkin III

## Anarcho Claus Is Coming To Town

("Santa Claus is Coming to Town")

Initiate force?

You better not try.

You better not steal;

I'm telling you why.

Anarcho Claus is coming to town.

He's taking a risk,

Flying in low

Smuggling in toys

So the statists won't know

Anarcho Claus is coming to town.

He sees you when you're trying

To trade what's good for you

For all that which you really want

So he'll run it in for you.

So...Be closing your door

But not very tight

The market will clear

Late Christmas night.

Anarcho Claus is coming to town.

## Counter-Economic Xmas

("Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem")

Counter-economically

We earn our daily bread

No T-men will...observe our still

Or Vice Squad see our bed.

No narcs will smell our hash pipes,

And OSHA is unknown.

Our disputes rate an arbitrate

We call our lives our own.

O, say, Middle American,

So tax-ed and controlled,

While you all sleep, Big Brothers keep

Their watch o'er their paroled.

Cast off your foul oppressors,

That call themselves your State.

And Xmas cheer, throughout the year

Be yours to celebrate.

## Joy to the World

(Tune of "Joy to the World")

Joy to the world

The State is dead.

Let earth receive no king.

Let every heart, be unrestrained

At last we've broken free!

(Repeat twice, second time like so)

At last, at last, we've broken free!

Joy to the earth,

No monarch reigns.

No politician's left.

We come to burn...the ballot box

Far as the vote is found,

(Repeat twice)

No rule on earth!

Now truth and grace

Are everyone's birthright.

The market is free, and anarchy,

Is found throughout the land.

(Repeat twice)

No more let tax

Or tariffs vex

The workers or the boss.

Inflation is gone,  
Our money is sound  
And freedom is our right,  
And freedom is our right,  
And freedom, freedom, is our right!  
by Samuel Edward Konkin III

## Violent Night

(Tune of "Silent Night")

by Victor Koman

Violent night, bloody night,  
Statists drop, left and right.  
Round yon briefcase nuke,  
Million-sun bright,  
Washington, D.C., in fireball light.  
Sleep in Promethean peace,  
Sleep in Promethean peace.

## Blacksleeves

(Tune of "Greensleeves")

by Victor Koman

What notion is this of Anarchy  
Which smashes states and sets us free?  
Which lights the torch of freedom's fire  
And changes all Power to Market?

This, this, the Agora brings  
To rational people who want these things

Gund, Drugs, and Sex and Gold  
And counter-economist Allies.

## Anarchy

(Tune of "Jingle Bells")

by Victor Koman

Smashing through the State,  
In the Anarchist Brigade,  
Non-coercive folk  
Freeing all the way.

Armed up to the teeth,  
The agorists are here,  
Repatriating property  
Back to the private sphere!

(Chorus)

Anarchy, Anarchy  
Freedom all the way.  
Oh, what a bash it is to smash  
The State on Christmas Day!  
(Repeat)

O'er the world we see  
Our golden spaceships ride.  
And young Ms. Liberty  
Is surely on our side.

We fight throughout the day,  
We battle through the night,  
To see the black flag flying  
On our left and on our right.  
(Chorus)

The statists might object.  
They even might shoot back.  
But we will keep them checked,  
With missiles and with flack.

Assassination helps.  
Extortion has its place.  
But if all this should fail  
There's the old pie in the face!  
(Chorus)

# Szasz Blows Statists Cover!

(November 25 || ZNS) A leading American psychiatrist is charging that many top medical researchers in the United States have illegally administered dangerous mind-altering drugs to unsuspecting patients and other human guinea pigs, yet have never been criticized for their experiments.

Doctor Thomas Szasz, a Professor of Psychiatry at the Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, New York, likens many of these drug experiments to those that were conducted in Nazi Germany 35 years ago.

Doctor Szasz says he is alarmed at both the official and public reaction to recent revelations that government researchers administered L.S.D. and other drugs to unsuspecting innocent citizens at the request of the C.I.A. and the Pentagon.

Szasz says there are at least two known deaths—and an unknown number of psychological casualties—that resulted from these programs in the 1950s and 1960s.

Szasz states a study of the official records indicates that—rather than being reprimanded in any manner—the doctors involved in the drug programs have been promoted to the highest levels in U.S. medical circles and have continued to receive large government research grants.

Szasz says: "The American doctors who drugged unsuspecting persons did not perform experiments; they poisoned people . . . prominent American psychiatrists are implicated in the most serious and systematic violations not only of medical ethics, but also of criminal law that have ever been brought to light. The question," he says, "is: What are we going to do about it?" ■

## EPISTOLARY

NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS

Dear Sam, December 5, 1976

Congratulations on obtaining a one-year record of publication. As far as I know, this is the best record of any libertarian publication.

Also, for the Thornton, hurrah! Every other lib publication just lets their subscribers rot, pushing all blame off on the "Postal Monopoly." I know that the Post Awful is a monopoly, but that really doesn't explain why my subscriptions are processed in only four months. You are to be

admired for actually looking to your consumers' problems. Best wishes for the next many years.

Love is the law,  
love under will,  
Dale A. Nelson  
Vernon Hills, Illinois

### CHILDS ON LP CON

[Continued from page one, column three]

were at this point trying to find out when the next two panels would finally convene: her own panel on feminism was scheduled next, and one on Victimless Crimes (on which I was to appear) after that. Both were moved forward an hour, and Ed Crane passed a not to Rothbard urging him to bring the Middle East panel to a close, which Rothbard did.

At that point, Adam Reed stood up and began shouting, disrupting the transition from one panel to another, denouncing Rothbard and Halbrook. Mr. Reed is, of course, a well-known Objectivist-oriented Zionist, who has gone so far as to tell one person that in his eyes the survival of the State of Israel was "axiomatic." There are reasons for Mr. Reed's enthusiasm for the State of Israel, stemming in part from problems which he faced in emigrating from Poland some years ago. This sort of thing is, of course, more than unfortunate, and those who control immigration and emigration in this way—of Jews or anyone else—are in my eyes, and those of Murray Rothbard, *criminals*, pure and simple.

In any case, Mr. Reed would not remain silent, and while he was shouting, a woman security guard whose responsibility the meeting was, called hotel security to have Mr. Reed removed. I am told that Linda Webb did also, but I do not know that first hand. Mr. Reed continued shouting rude and insulting remarks; incensed, Murray Rothbard took the microphone and said, "This is a typical example of hooligan Zionist tactics in action," and left the platform, joining the other panel members who were departing, as per Ed Crane's request to speed things along so that the next panel could begin. To make up for lost time, both the Feminist panel and the panel on Victimless Crimes were cut, particularly the latter, my own time being cut in half.

Mr. Reed finally stopped shouting and left the room. Outside, two men from hotel security had shown up, however, along with several Secret Service officers who were in the hotel to protect Mrs. Rosalyn Carter. They flanked Adam Reed, telling him that he was to leave the hotel immediately.

Mr. Reed resisted; I distinctly heard one Secret Service officer say to him: "Please, sir, just leave the hotel like a gentleman," and repeated it several times. Reed looked like he was attempting a "sit-down" protest, and the group of men simply twirled him in the air, landed him on his stomach, and handcuffed his hands behind his back. They treated him very roughly, no doubt about it. But equally true was the fact that the treatment was not on "LP orders." Adam Reed was acting in a disgracefully disruptive manner, something he had *no right* to do, and should have been thrown out of the meeting. I witnessed rough treatment, far, far too violent, in my eyes, but I did not see any of the kicking which Adam Reed described.

Blaming the entire episode on "Rothbard and company," as Adam Reed does, is pure dishonesty. Linda Webb is, first of all, no "Rothbardian," and secondly, it was not she who was responsible for the rough treatment. Once the security agents were called, they acted on their own, reacting to Adam Reed's resistance to their attempts to escort him from the hotel.

As for Adam Reed's disgusting smear of Murray Rothbard—claiming that Rothbard "endorsed" Yasser Arafat and Enoch Powell—nothing could be further from the truth. A few years ago, in a discussion of Britain, Dr. Rothbard *did* say that Powell would be *more likely* to bring British inflation under control, but that statement of fact, comparing Powell with other British politicians on a *single issue*, was not an endorsement in any way at all. And Rothbard has *never* endorsed Arafat, either. What he *has* endorsed is the movement for Palestinian rights, which all of us should, as Libertarians. As in so many other issues, in this case Dr. Rothbard's position is the correct one: to oppose both Israel *and* Arafat, to denounce the State of Israel for its statism, its socialism, and its mistreatment of the Arab minority that it has conquered, to defend the rights of Palestinians *and* Jews, and to call for justice in returning seized lands rightful owners, no matter what ethnic origins. Just as Murray Rothbard denounces so-called "retaliatory wars for their killing of innocent civilians, so too is he opposed to methods of Arafat and the PLO which these include the murder of innocent Jews to make symbolic points or at political ends. But to denounce in tics on both sides is, apparently, to "unbalanced" in one's treatment the Middle East.

As for Mr. Reed, his account of incident is as sadly distorted as was behavior at the LP convention. Sho-



he have gotten his \$5 back? Well, suppose that someone bought a ticket for a movie, and began shouting in the theatre? Would not the manager be justified in throwing him out, and in not refunding the money? Certainly. Similarly, Mr. Reed's \$5 did not entitle him to shout hysterical denunciations in the middle of the convention hall. And if doing that does not constitute for Mr. Reed any sort of "force," then his understanding of property rights in the case of the LP convention is as shabby as his application of rights to the problems of the Middle East.

—Roy A. Childs, Jr.

[Please note that this format was chosen for your letter to give you "equal time" to the original Reed letter/article. No comment is appropriate on the facts of the case, as all we have to go on are you three observers. There are a couple of logical points which do cry out for correction, however. First and most seriously, if the LP did in fact unleash the security guard, they cannot claim no responsibility for the results any more than I could pull the trigger on you and disclaim responsibility for the course of the bullet. Secondly, Reed specifically states in his original letter that he supported neither the State of Israel or that of the Palestinians—a consistent, libertarian stand. Third, a political convention does not operate under the same customs as a movie theater: demonstrations are considered acceptable and usually dealt with by counter-demonstrations or the withdrawal of sanction by the audience. (For precedent, note the 1968 Democratic Party Convention and the feelings at the suppression of dissent. Finally, although I am inclined to agree with you on Murray's positions, he can certainly be faulted for his attitude towards someone who did indeed exhibit a "passion for justice," even if misplaced, and for lauding the zombies "real people" as he called them in a most disgraceful Libertarian Forum report, who did nothing but sit and accept everything. Since everyone else has had their chance, except for Murray and Linda, may I send this issue back to the Epistolary?

—SEK3]

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**January 10** *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles*. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.20); 8:15 P.M. for program only (\$1). *Note new price and place*: Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill St. (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**January 11** *Forum for Philosophical Studies*. Series of 10 lectures by George H. Smith: "A History of Religious Dissent" begin today. \$60 tuition. 7:00 P.M. Reservations required (213) 467-1051. Suite 500, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles.

**January 13** *The Forum for Philosophical Studies*. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Room 500, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood.

**January 14** *Libertarian Social Club*. "U.S. Foreign Policy and National Liberation Movements" discussion/debate by Steven Halbrook. Cash bar 7-8 P.M., dinner 8-9, discussion 9-10 followed by more socializing. Discussion, 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, D.C.

**February 1** *Society for Libertarian Life*. John Hospers, Ph.D. on "Will Freedom Survive Until 1984?" \$2 for tickets from SLL, Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632. 7:30 P.M. Campus Theater at Fullerton College, Fullerton, Calif.

**February 12** *Tax Resistance Seminar* featuring Bill Drexler and John Joseph Matonis. Call Sam Hancock (313) 278-0970. Metro-Detroit Airport Ramada Inn, Detroit, Michigan.

**February 16** *Libertarian Law Council Luncheon*. Bob Peterson on community involvement in a libertarian case. 12:00 noon to 1:30 P.M. sharp. \$3.00 for catered lunch and talk. Reservations from M. Klausner's secretary at (213) 680-2222. Conference Room of Coopers and Lybrand, South Tower of Arco Plaza, 555 South Flower Street, Los Angeles.

**April 23-24** *Libertarian Conference*. "The Future of Freedom." Murray Rothbard, Robert LeFevre, Nathaniel Branden, and John Hospers confirmed. Hosted by U.S.C. Society for Libertarian Studies. Advance tickets from CLA, P.O. Box 1202, Venice, CA 90291 and Conference two days at Town and Gown, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

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## L.P. OPERATES LIKE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT Says Economics Expert H. Watson

December 13 || Los Angeles) "Decision making in the Libertarian Party is comparable to that of the federal government's bureaucracy," says Harry Watson, who should know. Watson was an employee of the Council of Economic Advisors under Alan Greenspan, the well-known objectivist economist.

Watson, who watched the National Libertarian Party in operation for a week, told the Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles that he saw the same "compromising" and "catering to special interest groups" as in the Departmental decision-making in the federal government. The talk was at a new location for the Supper Club.

Questioned by a member of the Libertarian Party if Watson did not mean some individuals rather than the Party was at fault, Watson replied that he thought all the Party members were probably good people, but the organization itself was at fault. Watson then countered a question from an NLA Ally wondering how he, as an anarchist, could even work for the State.

Most of Watson's address concerned humorous anecdotes of State incompetence and upbeat reporting of counter-economic activities and libertarian intellectual subversion in several departments. Forty-five libertarians flooded a cramped room of The Velvet Turtle Restaurant to hear the Canadian expatriate.

Most redeeming to the hard-core was the fact that Watson was an "illegal alien" until the last day of his appointment, when he was naturalized. In yet another example of State competency, Watson says he was in-

vestigated by the FBI before his appointment—and was cleared anyway.

Watson observed that in the largely autonomous, self-perpetuating Departments of the Federal State, individuals count for a lot. "Presidents have little power over programs already enacted" but all sorts of associations of bureaucrats exist to make or stop rulings and controls.

Business, Watson says, is always on the side of regulation—"corporate statist." He cited the threat to Ford's re-election made by TV networks should Ford permit an attempt by Watson's group to liberalize pay-TV and cable-TV restrictions.

Watson did not notice any Cowboy/Yankee split in internal economic lobbying, though he did observe a split between transporters wishing to smash the ICC and Teamsters supporting it. And he agreed to a question that Nader's Raiders were powerful and did exert an influence.

A 10-15 year study indicated that the economy would be better off by deregulating air transport. "Airlines fought it shamelessly," said Watson, even though the Civil Aeronautics Board Chairman himself has been converted to self-elimination.

Watson regaled the assembly with a story of truckloads of uncashed \$4-cheques sent in by new Citizens' Band radio buyers wanting licenses.

Asked about Carter's plan to reorganize the bureaucracy, Watson said it would be "hilarious, a Roman Circus." He ended with applause equalling that to Lloyd Licher's request for an expression of preference on the food at the new restaurant. ■

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#### Libertarian Magick

*By Bonnie Kaplan*

(November 21 || Chicago) Magick\* and libertarianism are two expressions of the same thing. Or so claims pagan priestess Christa Heiden Kilcoyne. Chris, an Initiate of the Western Mystery Tradition, explained the relationship between magick and freedom at the November None of the Above talk.

The basic ethic of magick is to do as thou wilt, to discover your true will and actualize it. Magick is the art and science of causing changes to occur according to one's will. A magician starts with himself, learns to think for himself, in order to gain control over his own life. A magician needs the capacity for reason so he can make fully conscious choices. But the non-rational side of the brain is vitally important for magick. Magicians also think in images, in global pictures.

Unfortunately, the lack of integration between these two mental abilities, or the overdevelopment of one at the expense of the other, is a nearly universal problem. Most people do not use their full powers. Their growth has been stunted by repression, suppression, and denial of their abilities and their will. The mind can divide itself, wasting energy by fighting itself.

Randroids, for example, consider themselves to be logical, to ignore our feeling, inclinations, and desires. Others are pushed by whims of the moment. Instead, one should listen to himself, unravel his basic assumptions, and discard the wrong ones. Rand makes an excellent case for this reevaluation.

Magick always starts with doubt, challenging everything. Then, through the use of techniques to get in  
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# The Week

News of and for the New Libertarian Society

## AUSTRIAN MINT CHIEF IS BLACK MARKETEER

(December 16 || Vienna) The chief of the Austrian mint, accused of buying 1.2 tons of smuggled gold and processing it into new coins at the mint, was suspended from his job today, said United Press International. Friedrich Zimmermann, 60, was suspended pending an investigation, after the arrest of two Austrian gold dealers smuggling in ingots from Switzerland and the Soviet Union.

The contraband was processed into 1,000 schilling pieces, each worth \$38—with only \$45 gold value at current market values. Austria resumed minting the pieces for the first time in 40 years last month. Replicas of the Habsburg ducats were also minted with the counter-economic gold.

An assistant accountant, Werner Altmens, was dismissed when he nosed around, linked to the Finance Ministry, and is now reinstated. ■

## NEW LOOK, OLD IDEAS

(December 20 || Toronto) After a six-month hiatus, Editor-in-Chief Marshall Bruce Evoy gasped out one more issue of his *Option* magazine (October 1976, Vol. IV, No. 3) and stepped down. He is succeeded at the helm of Canada's libertarian publication by Vincent Miller.

Evoy's last issue contained the most wordage, now set in eight and nine point Helvetica type, in a probably conscious attempt to emulate the U.S.'s *Reason*. The cover switched from its usual slick paper to a parchment-like paper, to match the "U.S. Bicentennial" motif with a "Bill of Rights: Void where prohibited by law" replica.

Content, however, will evoke nostalgia for most libertarians, as Evoy continues to fill his pages with anti-communist polemics and new arguments for discredited minarchist positions. A patient attempt to respond to *Option's* conservatism by New Libertarian David M. Brooks appears in the letter column.

Far more impatient is Roy Childs, who in his "Open Reply to an Open Reply to an Open Letter" brusquely

dismisses Paul Beaird's obsolete defense of minarchy, and spends 800 words on denouncing Beaird's effrontery at challenging him, Childs. One radical libertarian Canadian in Los Angeles hoped Childs' display of "Ugly Anarcho-Americanism" might finally goad *Option* into doing some investigation of American corporate interests in Canadian statism.

Evoy blames Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau's socialist rhetoric and professed friendship for Castro and Mao for Canadian statism as "Trudeauslovakia" in his editorial. *Option* expects to return to a bimonthly schedule under Vince Miller. One innovation in this issue was a cheesecake page of libertarian actress Jean Preece.

*Option*, \$6/year, Libertarian Enterprises of Canada, Box 5159, Station A, Toronto, Ontario M5W 1N5, Canada.

## COUNTERECONOMY PERKING IN UGANDA

(December 21 || Nairobi) Coffee-smuggling over the Uganda-Kenya border surfaced in the establishment news media when a brawl broke out in the outdoor marketplace of Chenkuba, Kenya. A story in the *Los Angeles Times* by David Lamb was headlined "Uganda-Kenya Coffee Smuggling Ignites Fighting Among Racketeers Along Border," a usual smear attempt at counter-economists.

Lamb's story later reveals the brawl was caused by one group trying to steal coffee from another's warehouse. No indication of the proportion of smugglers involved is given, and the Kenyan pretext of sending twenty policemen to "restore order" is swallowed whole.

Actual facts in the article explain that Uganda has a state marketing board for coffee with a far lower price offered than is available on the free market in neighboring unregulated Kenya. Coffee which sells for \$625 a ton in Kenya can get \$2700 in London.

The Kenyan buyers defend their actions to the Kenyan State by pointing out that the Kenyan currency paid is usually spent in Kenya rather than in Idi Amin's autarchic Uganda, which is short on supplies of all kinds. Lamb, the *Times* staff writer, blames profits: "...such huge profits that fighting frequently breaks out among the buyers." ■

## LEFEVRIAN GRENADE?

(November 17 || ZNS) A sign of the times we live in is a recent invention out of Chicago which designers are suggesting may be the latest fad in wearing apparel.

The invention is a hand grenade, which can easily be stashed in a pocket or purse. When its wearer pulls the pin on this hand grenade, however, the weapon doesn't explode. Instead, it emits a shrill, piercing wail that is impossible to shut off.

The inventors, Bo Jarems and Manuel Goodman, think that women and men around the country will want to carry the Urban Hand Grenade as a defense against possible muggers and other like-minded attackers. The idea is that the would-be assailants would flee quickly when the weapon begins shrieking. ■

## COUNTER-ECONOMIC KID MARKET IN ARGENTINA

(November 18 || ZNS) Federal police in Argentina have arrested an obstetrician and 15 medical technicians who have been doing a booming business in the sale of newborn babies.

According to Pacific News Service, the infants sell for \$1000 to \$2000 each, and are transferred to the buyers at birth and registered as the natural children of the new parents.

Argentina has an active infant black market because of high unemployment and the need for money among its peasants. The country's birth rate is now one of the lowest in Latin America. ■

## STATE CHARGES FOR IMPRISONMENT NOW

(November 22 || ZNS) The State of Michigan, in a bizarre move, has filed suit against a prison inmate in an attempt to collect room and board for his stint in jail.

The Michigan Attorney General's office has filed the action against inmate Charles Frum, who was convicted recently of receiving stolen property.

According to the suit, under the rarely used "Prison Reimbursement Act of 1935," the state may require reasonably well-to-do inmates to pay \$12.14 a day for their time spent in prison. Frum, needless to say, has declined to pay for his cell and board.



# NEW LIBERTARIAN WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT #5

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## Kid Lib: COUNTER-ECONOMICS COMES HOME

### Introduction

(On my purpose in writing this article)

I've observed a number of professing libertarian parents at the job; i.e., parenting. What seems noteworthy is the almost total contradiction implicit in their behavior as judged by libertarian/objectivist standards. Too many times I have seen violence initiated, behaviorism substituted for rational persuasion, revenge for restitution. Underlying the contradiction is of course an ignorance of the proper principles by which children may be aided in their natural quest for competence and, implicitly, adulthood.

Yet the problems themselves are not so difficult as to be beyond even a meager mental capacity, granted good premises—which libertarians and objectivists are unusually well equipped with. This ignorance reflects, however, not so much an intellectual incapacity, but a psychological block against challenging any basic "social verity." I.e., it stems from social-metaphysics and dependency. And the worst of it is that it perpetuates itself.

Now the question in the back of the mind of any such parent reading this should probably be, "am I willing and able to apply the same principles I recognize as true when applied to politics or economics to the treatment of my child?" And the main point of this article is to sell you on answering "Yes!"

This is not a negative endeavor. It is not aimed at merely eliminating an ill.\* Rather, it is intended to help lay a preliminary foundation for the successful libertarian revolution, among other things.

You see, I'd like to eliminate death and taxes. There is a certain probability, though I certainly don't know what it is, that this will happen independent of my efforts. I suspect that it's rather low, at least within my lifespan. I'd like to significantly raise it. What are my qualifications? I'm no genius and not tremendously well integrated.

I do know a way, however. The accomplishment of any complex and difficult task requires some degree of intelligence and integrity on the part of the actors. Probability and/or ease

\*Which can only exist, after all, as a function of a value.

of accomplishment is not, however, a linear function of these requirements. It is an exponential function. I.e., one true genius can accomplish more than a legion of average people. (A well-integrated person of average intelligence will, however, generally achieve more real success than a schizoid genius.)

It is possible, albeit difficult, for an "adult" human being to raise his level of integration very considerably. He cannot significantly raise his basic intelligence, because that is a function of physical brain structure. The number and the quality of sensory/perceptual categories is the basic determinant of intelligence and these are "wired in" during his early childhood and fetal years as a function of his experience and how he dealt with it.

Since "experience" implies "the experienced" it is quite feasible to enrich the child's environment in such a manner as to greatly increase his intelligence. Products of such attempts include Cicero, Jeremy Bentham and John Stuart Mill, estimated by some psychologists to be the most intelligent man of his century. Mill is unfortunately also an example of *coerced* enrichment, which tends to produce your super-intelligent human robot, who invariably covertly rebels against the coercers. Mill, for instance, completely reversed the once largely libertarian philosophy of utilitarianism as an underground rebellion against his father, who had helped create it. We still suffer the consequences of that tragedy, since the public policy of modern government throughout the western world still largely reflects Mill's "triumph."

If one genius, such as Mill, could wreak such havoc on civilization, then what could a sizeable number of well-integrated equivalent geniuses accomplish for the good?

My conclusion is that this is not at all an esoteric, abstract question. We, libertarians and objectivists, have the capacity to create just that situation. The requirements are that we apply our philosophy first to creating an environment which will aid the child in developing integrity and then second to creating the environment which maximizes his opportunity for intelligence.

What I would like to do is set forth the fundamental principles of each endeavor. This would require at least

two major articles, however, so first I think I ought to deal with the specific problems I raised to begin with. These will serve as hints of more general solutions to be presented later.

### Part One: Specific Problems On With The Show!

I have never seen a competent parent. A competent parent has to first be an adult. I have yet to meet an adult. The closest thing to an adult is a young child. Most children reach a certain point and then they regress.

Most of what people commonly identify with children as childish is not immaturity, but growth blockage. Maria Montessori was one of the first to recognize this; i.e., that a child has certain hierarchical, natural needs that change with his development. If one of these needs is not met the child continues to develop in other areas, but the blocked area remains as a knot of internal tension, and the blocked desire associated with the need re-surfaces in other forms, generally irrational.

Because of the impetus of these blocked needs, the child is less able to maintain a unified sense of purpose. He feels a tension within him which he attempts to alleviate, but nothing he can do is really satisfactory, perhaps because he has already passed beyond the stage in which the original purpose had meaning. Thus you see purposelessness, whimsy, fantasizing, tantrums, fixations and hyperkinesis as consequences—as underground attempts to get around the block.

Often the source of this problem is simple parental ignorance of epistemological principles—in theory or application. Ayn Rand has written an excellent "Introduction to Objectivist Epistemology," but has not, to my knowledge, followed it up with a more complete presentation. Maria Montessori developed an outstanding set of equipment for the development of concepts in a logical hierarchy in many fields, and most of it is perfectly sound epistemologically. However, it does not reach below two years of age, and the closer we get to the origin of the child, the more profound an effect our environmental manipulations may have. The nervous system is already well developed, for instance, long before birth. Sounds penetrate the womb as well as dim light. Yet we do nothing to take advantage of these opportunities. The means of grasping these opportunities will have to wait

for now, however, because before I can discuss specific blocks on the part of the child, I must first deal with certain major blocks common to most *parents*—even most libertarian parents.

Very young children are outstandingly rational, but their context is very limited. Many "adults" fail to take this into account, and cannot communicate as a consequence. (They probably don't communicate very well with other "adults" either, for the same reason.) "Baby talk" is not a workable substitute. In fact it is worse than nothing generally, since it sets a bad example phonetically and linguistically.

Other adults fail to communicate because there is no conceptual content there to start with. They know that they want the child to behave in a certain manner, but they either don't know or are evading why they want him to. I covered this subject more thoroughly in my previous article entitled "Psycho-subversion" (*Supplement 2, NLW 28*), but I guess I'd better recap.

Briefly, "adults" who fail to communicate rationally with children almost invariably resort to behaviorism. The fault is usually on the "adult's" side to begin with, but he rarely acknowledges this consciously and generally applies well-honed techniques of evasion and repression to the problem of pseudo-self-esteem maintenance. He begins to resent the child as a source of negative self-awareness, so he takes care of that problem by making the price of emotional interaction the relinquishing of the child's intellectual independence. Since emotional interaction is a *sine qua non* of conceptual awareness, the child usually accepts the deal. The child still gets ripped off, of course, since in that context the "adult" is incapable of real emotional response, but since he's made the apparent desires of the "adult" his reality, above his own judgement, he has a block to judging his own situation. The source of the problem is basically that the "adult" went through the same thing and is now passing it on. This is one of those cases, like the church or state, of an invalid concept being preserved because it implicitly includes methods of action to eliminate opposition. Concepts are mental entities which can have a pseudo-life of their own. (In fact, social metaphysics in general might be viewed as a parasitical life form which continually evolves new forms in a changing social environment.)

Another communication block is the artificiality† of much "adult" conver-

†I.e., dishonesty.

sation. "Adults" play a lot of games which involve separating emotion from intellect. When they deal with a young child, they may feel frightened by their emotions toward the child, so they pretend they didn't occur. The "adult" rationalizes that he's doing it for the sake of the child and probably feels resentful about it very soon. The child (usually) see through it all. To him, value responses in the form of emotions are at least half of communication. A conversation which doesn't include them is a partial conversation and carries little weight. Once again, in his context this is supremely rational behavior, and should not be discouraged. Instead, the next time you deal with a child use it as an opportunity to get some real visibility. After all, how often do you run into someone who's really honest and virtually unrepressed?

In this context, one thing which really freaks out "adults" is the child's social exploratory behavior. Children will constantly test their conclusions about other people—with the other people as the guinea pigs. Until he's been subverted, the natural child has every inclination to try all sorts of social behavior. This is often mistaken for "naughtiness" or malevolence, but a rational adult should have no real problem in dealing with it, and in fact he should welcome it as a sign of intellectual growth.

Economics is not the monopoly of economists, nor is it restricted to analyses of government interference or the boom/bust cycle. A proper preparation for parenthood would include a grasp of basic praxeology.

When I was about 11 or 12, I began visiting my grandparents for the summers. Prior to that, the most money I was able to make was about 75¢ per week. My grandfather hired me to paint his house at \$1.00 per hour. I began putting in 40 hour weeks and making as much per week as I had been per year. At 75¢ per week I never bothered to save anything, but at \$40 per week, when I was given carte blanche to spend it as I pleased, I saved over half of it. When I went back to my parents, they immediately started trying to tell me how to spend it. I decided to keep it as my "running away" fund.

I once managed some newspaper routes part time. One of my younger carriers had a big route and wasn't collecting much at all on it. He was new, and I figured he'd probably quit soon. I wasn't surprised when I found the message at the office that he was quitting. It turned out though that it wasn't the kid who wanted to quit at all. It was his mother. She told me that

he was getting "too independent" because he was making too much money. I just couldn't believe it. She went on to say that they had had a terrible row over what to do with the money. She had told him that he had to put half of it in the bank.

Now this lady was not a malevolent fiend. Actually she was a very benevolent, open person who took parenting seriously. She went to great lengths to keep up communication with her children in the absence of a father and while holding down a job. Nevertheless she was setting the stage for dependence resentment and poor economic ability on the part of her child. So many parents utterly fail to grasp that a child's property is seen by him as his own only so long as he has control over it. I remember my reaction to my parents taking over my property was the almost overwhelming desire to smash it to bits, and on occasion I did just that. Secondly, any smattering of Austrian economics should lead one to recognize that at 75¢ or whatever per week, one will satisfy more important needs first. The only important need that the 75¢ can satisfy is a reaffirmation of the child's ability to make economic choices on his own. I.e., he doesn't have to ask permission to buy a coke or whatever because he can do it himself. When he starts making much more money, the sense of satisfaction he gets from partial financial independence will be replaced by the enjoyment of achieving really independent goals which reflect his own standard of value. When the parent steps in, however, and dictates the choice on range of choice, the blocked desire to act as an individual remains and resurfaces often in the form of financial irresponsibility and whim-worshipping even much later on.

But what do you do when you realize there is good reason to interfere with the child's action? First you realize that it is not generally the child's *action* you want to interfere with as a parent. You really want to interfere with his *thoughts*. If you're malevolent and/or ignorant, you perform an ethical lobotomy through psycho-subversion. If you're a benevolent, knowledgeable person, your treatment of the child is based on the same principles as your treatment of any person. It's not really so hard to understand. It only seems so if you're a religious Libertarian or Objectivist or otherwise screwing yourself.

What is the child? He is a person, with values, virtues, possibly problems, and he acts in accordance with these like any person. You may say he's very ignorant, but "ignorance" is

a meaningless concept apart from a particular level of knowledge. If you can't reduce your understanding to his level then you're essentially as ignorant in that context as he is, aren't you? What this implies is that above all else except possibly emotional honesty, the prerequisite for successful parenthood is the ability to prove one's conclusions. I.e., all good parents (also, all adults) are good objectivists. The inability to prove one's conclusions to the child leaves only behaviorism as a means of dealing with him. Faith and force—or reason. The alternatives couldn't be much clearer.

Since many of you may be parents and yet are not well integrated objectivists, I suppose I ought to point out a few more specific errors that are fairly rampant.

Non-objectivists always depend on a combination of faith and empiricism. The fact that they're alive indicates that either they're extremely lucky, or else they use principles of objectivism without generally identifying or integrating them. The child begins life as an implicit objectivist, however. The attempt to communicate an empirically derived or faith derived concept to an objectivist is very frustrating. He may treat you as an "expert witness" but in order to go beyond that you must either subvert him or come up with the proper explanation *in his context*. If you rely too much on your status as expert, naturally he will seek out the explanations himself, and his methods may be rather inefficient or dangerous. Also, he will come to you less often. Eventually, if you back up your "expert" advice with force, or slipshod explanations, he will assume that in fact you are attempting to defraud him—which is the case.

Any explanation is a logical process of knowledge expansion from the point the listener is at to the point you would like him to be. The point the listener is at includes not just the individual specific premises of the deduction, but also a set of logical/epistemological premises. If you start beyond *either* set, your explanation will collapse into meaninglessness. A simple "No" to an eight-monther may generally suffice. He may be quite happy with this level of (largely implicit) explanation. If the explanation could be made explicit at that point it might run: "I am an expert witness. I am on your side. You are not yourself competent to evaluate this situation. My evaluation is that you should not engage in what you are contemplating."

When the harmful consequences can be felt by the child and you think the expense is worth it (e.g., touching

a hot tea kettle or iron), you can help integrate the child's grasp of the meaning of "No" by deliberately setting up such situations. Similarly with "Yes." Otherwise there is of course nothing wrong with physically stopping the child except that, in the absence of objective demonstration, the concept may indicate to him only that you oppose his action, which once again leads naturally to his indentifying you as an enemy.

The blanket "No" becomes less satisfying as the child expands his competence. He devours information and he may value its acquisition more than he disvalues the risk associated with "No." Unless you provide the explanations (a demonstration *is* an explanation) you may find yourself in a running battle.

Furthermore, many explanations are still simply beyond his grasp. I.e., no amount of explanation or demonstration will prove to him that what he's doing will actually harm him. Or maybe the situation is such that you simply don't have the time. (Actually, this is always the case. *Anything* can be explained given enough time—say ten years.) There are two traditional solutions—restraint and punishment. There is a third alternative which is generally better than either—requitall.

Requitall or restitution may be used in *any* case in which the child chooses to take the risk that you are wrong. In those cases in which you think the expense would be excessive, it may be combined with restraint. *He pays you* for restraining him. Otherwise he pays for the damage or risk of same.

Punishment is *always* wrong. With a very young child, you may have to inflict pain in an emergency when you simply cannot take time to restrain him, but if at all possible this should be avoided. Punishment and reward divorces value from objective understanding and results in a canine mentality. Notice what total social metaphysicians most domesticated dogs are. (See my previous article on psycho-subversion for a fuller explanation.)

Explanation, restraint, requitall and honesty are essentially all you need. I have seen the future and it works. Children raised in this context are self disciplined, psychologically healthy and emotionally open. The only major problem I've seen has been a consequence of *parental* dependence. The objective environment requires that parents *earn* their child's attention and affection. They are no longer dealing with a dog, but with a sovereign consciousness. Many parents feel implicitly that they are incapable of earning attention, affection and respect

without the crutch of social metaphysical dependency.

Of course it needs to be mentioned that the child has to have a source of real income (in his context) for requital to work. You can't get blood from a stone. There are many things the average two year old is capable of doing to earn money. In fact, they tend to be extremely cheap labor. Just make sure that you're consistent and that you pay for real work. (I've seen a two-year-old vacuum carpets for 2¢.) The work they do leaves you with time to do other things—including preparing the next job. Slave labor is useless. If the child disvalues the work more than he values the money and you force him to do the work anyway, then he is not doing it for the money; the money is a gift. He did it because you forced him to and he will resent the cover-up attempted in paying him.

After all, he assumes you're going to keep feeding, clothing and housing him. The importance of making money at a job is that it is an act of production and trade—an independent act. He made a choice, acted on it, and received the consequences in the form of pay. The pay he receives is the objective reaffirmation of the worth of his choice and action and to that extent contributes to his self-esteem. If you force him, regardless of pay, he sees the act as one of avoiding loss rather than as creating gain. If you continue to do this he will covertly rebel, like the southern slaves. He will do the lousiest job he can get by with. He will make up excuses to avoid work. He will begin to view work as simply drudgery. After all, if he can avoid the job altogether, he can also avoid the loss without having to do the work.

The value of the earned money disappears when you negate the ownership. Either it's his money to spend as he wishes or it's yours. If he buys something dangerous, you can restrain him from using it until he understands how to safely. If he buys something useless he will soon find that out and won't make the same mistake twice. You might ask him if he wouldn't like to visit a particular store or ask if he wouldn't like you to show him various items, but let him make his own choices.

If you think that he's spending all his money on trivia, remember the previous examples. I.e., raise his pay so that he can afford non-trivia occasionally. Can you afford \$2.00 per week when you're getting several hours labor for it? Don't even worry about what he's spending it on. You're getting your money's worth regardless. For \$2.00 or \$3.00 per week you're eliminating most discipline



problems and simultaneously developing good work habits.

You're also providing an environment for him to learn economics first hand. The increase in self-esteem on his part will have consequences on his entire personality, and the financial independence will broaden his sphere of interaction to include the entire free market. He will have graduated from member of the family to citizen of the world when he earns his first dollar.

The question arises as to why this idea hasn't taken hold long ago. One probable answer is that people are too ignorant economically to follow through with it. They're already operating in a behaviorist context and can't conceive of so total an alteration. Usually they also have a personal block in the form of their desire for dependency relationships. They *enjoy* being able to buy attention and pseudo-visibility through punishment and reward. They can evade the nature of their act when they buy their child an ice cream cone so he'll act like they're a good person, but it would be a little too hard to evade if they offered him a dollar to like them. (Notice this same pattern repeated on the adult level between the sexes. A woman who would be offended at an offered \$20 bill will often do a lot more for a supper, flowers, and a movie. This allows her to pretend that she's really motivated by love—or at least real desire... Where do you think the couple learned this behavior?)

Finally, you are not bound to sacrifice anything for anybody. Although I have heard many people discuss parental responsibility, I have never heard *any one* logically demonstrate why a parent is morally bound to care for and support his child if he sees a more profitable investment. So what if the child dies? A lot of people die because they aren't capable of survival in their context. They have no claim on you except through *your* values. I've heard it said, "Well, you brought him into the world; therefore, you're responsible for him." There's a double equivocation there.

First, there wasn't any "him" to be brought into the world. "He" didn't exist until you created him. Maybe if "he" had existed in some other place, then he could compare the two and possibly lodge a damage suit. You haven't taken anything from him by creating him and every minute you support him is added value—which you could conceivably charge him for. You could also conceivably stop the support and abandon him. What could he charge you for?

Second, "responsible" is used in an equivocal manner. Since you were the

cause of his existence, you are in that sense responsible. You might also be responsible for the immediate damage resulting to other people from his existence, although it's difficult to see how it could amount to much. It's fairly easy to protect yourself from a baby, assuming you abandoned him. You are not "responsible" in the sense of "obligated" to continue caring for him. That's a different concept altogether.

The only reason this whole problem arises, of course, is that children are considered to be the joint *property* of parents/guardians and the state. Children are not allowed to choose their homes and guardians as they are, for instance, in some South Sea island cultures. They "belong" to the parents, just as the wife once "belonged" to the husband. Nor is it generally feasible, even if parents agree, to have custody transferred. The only alternative is an orphanage or institution. I've seen a situation in which the parent realized that she was totally incompetent to care for her child and turned custody over to friends who had Montessori credentials. When the mother's own psychological problems got worse, she wanted her old punching bag back. She demanded the return of the child. The child's guardians fought her and lost because the court would not recognize the child's right to leave an intolerable situation for a better one.

I often hear conservatives (and unfortunately some "Libertarians") bemoan the state's intervention into child rearing. Of course *it is* the state which is causing the problem by maintaining a legal framework which treats children as property, but this is not the objection I hear. What I keep hearing is "parents have the right to rear *their* children as they choose!" Malarky! Parental choice does not alter the rights of these young human beings. Parents have no right to physically or mentally abuse any child, and the "*their*" in the above *does not* denote ownership.

In some South Sea island cultures, the child may move about at will. Since only a mutuality of desire results in his moving in, there is no problem with child abuse or with parental frustration. In a free market society, I suspect that most children would be raised by experts who offered them the best possible environment and charged them for their services. Anyone who forcibly restrained a child from seeking better guardians could be charged by the child for any actual losses.

The closest approach I can see to this in the present situation would be for each parent to seek out a circle of

friends whom they trusted and who might enjoy caring for their child. The child would have the option to try to convince any of them that they should take him in at any time. This demolishes the problem of total dependency on one or two persons. It means that he has to learn to provide something of value in order to survive in the manner he desires. It also means that the "parents" have to offer some incentive. It means that there is an opportunity for an honest relationship.

Is it possible to have an honest relationship based on total dependency? I think not. Even the hint of withdrawal of support in such a circumstance would cause the dependent to forego any such luxury in favor of doing whatever ensured his survival. I can remember veiled threats of reform schools and institutions and the effect they had on me as a child. One of my roommates told me that her parents mentioned insane asylums because she didn't act normal. Her abnormality consisted of reading the *Rolling Stone* and listening to rock music. She totally concealed her atheism, libertarianism and finally objectivism, along with her use of marijuana and her sexual adventures—until she was almost twenty-one.

Having alternatives eliminates the problem of total dependency. When the relationship exists by choice, then all parties involved are free to be open and honest without fear of disastrous consequences. Lack of choice demolishes intimacy between all parties concerned—both parents and children.

The ideal environment for discovery would combine choice of association, opportunity for production and trade, methods of peacefully and objectively assigning responsibility, emotional interaction and psychological visibility, and academic opportunity as well as aesthetic satisfaction. Is such an environment a dream? Yes. Is it achievable? Yes. When? Now. By whom? Any rational parent with the desire.

My next article will probably deal with the principles by which this ideal environment can be created, starting with metaphysics and epistemology and continuing with examples of application in pre-natal stimulation and sensory programming. Sorry I didn't provide the solution for the problem I raised in the first article, but this seemed to take practical precedence, in terms of the amount of benefit provided or destruction averted. If this series continues, I will get back to that problem. Meanwhile, any comments or inquiries from parents or interested parties are welcomed. ■

# Illuminating Discords

"Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law!"

ROBERT ANTON WILSON doeth as he wills.

## Escape Velocity

In three years of presenting the idea of Space Migration to audiences large and small, lay and scientific, hip and straight, I have never failed to encounter the one terracentric in each group who denounces the whole idea as "escapism."

What the hell is wrong with escapism?

Our ancestors, unless we happen to be Amerindians, all escaped from Europe, when it became obvious that there was a better chance for liberty, or for their minority form of tyranny, over here.

We are all descended from a crazy fish who took it into his head to try breathing out of water and eventually escaped from the sea to the land.

Houdini is still a semi-mythic hero, half a century after his death, because he exemplified the human drive to escape from all restraints. James Joyce became the greatest novelist of the 20th Century by taking as his hero the world's first Escape Artist, Daedalus, and regarding "nationality, language and religion" as three "nets I must fly over."

Put the word "escape" in a movie title and, with or without Steve McQueen, it will attract a mass audience, because everybody wants to escape the urban hive and its regimentation; everybody identifies with the convicts or P.O.W.'s trying to burrow out under the wall. Robinson Crusoe and the Swiss Family Robinson exemplify the same genetic yearnings.

Even the survivors-of-atomic-war theme owes its popularity, not just to our wishful hope that there *will* be survivors, but to the same desire to be freed from hive regimentation. It's just the Swiss Family Robinson in the future (escape through time and catastrophe) instead of space (escape through distance).

"But—but—our duties as citizens—our responsibilities to the hive—"

The hive will be happier and more tranquil without us. We have always been disturbers of the peace, trouble-makers, random neophiles in a homogenous neophobe society.

The traditional path of the mutant is very well expressed in St. John's Revelations: "Come out of the wicked city, Babylon. Leave her and her abominations," etc.

This used to mean: go to the deserts, the mountains, the wild spac-

es, and build an oasis of enlightenment and freedom, far away from the domesticated herd of hive-robots.

Today, however, there is no square foot of free land left anywhere on this planet. Leary, Kerry Thornley, myself and various others, in the sixties, were seriously considering floating libertarian communes in international waters as the way out. That was abandoned, at least in my case, when mature reflection suggested that many hassles would still haunt us there, viz. we'd be over-run with spies from the major nations who'd want to know how much threat we posed to their territorial games; we'd be in the middle when the bombs start flying; etc. (The submarine fantasy in *Illuminatus* began here.)

Prof. Gerard O'Neill's L5 space-town shows the path we could not find in the sixties. There can literally be thousands, or tens of thousands, of L5 colonies—varying in size from space-towns like the original L5 design (10,000 population) up to space-cities of 2 or 3 million—within the next half century. Everybody who has seriously examined the subject agrees on that.

Dr. Timothy Leary proposes that if we create 500 free enterprise space migration corporations on this planet, a hundred or so will be blasting off within 10-15 years and the rest very quickly thereafter, on the basis of the knowledge gained from the first successes.

Dr. Roger Wescott, Prof. Magorah Maryama and other anthropologists have argued convincingly that most such ventures not only should be but almost certainly will be libertarian. It will be the self-actualizing personalities, the neophiles, the Faustian types—in short, the libertarians—who will be quickest to jump at the chance to go.

A whole new frontier is opening, bigger than anything we can visualize on the basis of terrestrial experience. E.g. the solar system alone has a radius 40 times the distance between the Earth and the Sun. There is room to build enough L5 habitats in that space to house 70 trillion humans, O'Neill calculates. We're not likely to reach that population density for another 1000 years, even if present population trends continue (which they won't: 100% effective contraception is not more than a decade away).

The Lesbian Vegetarians can have their own world. So can your favorite nut group. The Flat Earthers can build a flat (discoid) L5 and live in bliss, knowing that the Scriptures were right all along: even if the first Earth wasn't flat, the second (where the True Believers live) will be.

*You don't understand a system until you can build a working model of it:* on this axiom modern science rests. Theories are rejected as "non-operational," "meaningless" or "metaphysical" if they don't tell you how to build a working model of the system they allege to explain.

To build a working model of planetary ecology is the greatest challenge facing us. We must do so, to understand the energy requirements of Earth itself, and, in doing so, we can take the next step and build a better space habitation. Without earthquakes, hurricanes, plagues and the other discommodulations of primitive planetary life.

Probably, every advanced civilization in the galaxy has done precisely this. Planets are the nurseries of intelligence. Advanced races all leave the primitive home planet and move into or onto habitats of their own design. (Very advanced races migrate outside space-time entirely, in all likelihood.)

Leary suggests combining space migration research with intelligence-raising research and life-extension research, in each of the 500 escape-ship organizations. This triple mutation (space migration, intelligence×2 and life extension—SMI2LE, in Leary's convenient abbreviation) would easily be self-financing. Each life extension breakthrough, mass marketed, would help pay for the space project, which will not return money on investment until resettled in space. (Then, of course, the space venture will pay off "beyond the dreams of avarice," being the greatest Real Estate project in history. All the original investors will become at least multi-millionaires.)\*

The attempt to build a viable libertarian community on this authoritarian and overcrowded planet is like building your house on a freeway: you will always be in the way of heavy machinery. A libertarian "city" or "nation," planetside, cannot be secure until every authoritarian government on the planet is overthrown, because just overthrowing your local government is a stopgap measure. All those who can seriously propose to overthrow all the governments on this planet can form a line out back by the door marked "Anarchist Theatre, For Madmen Only." —RAW

\*The first settlers in the asteroid belt, for instance, have megatons of precious metals to sell to Earth and to other space habitats. O'Neill's original L5 colony can sell cheap solar power to an Earth running short of traditional energy sources.

## LIBERTARIAN MAGICK

[Continued from page one, column three] touch with the subconscious, it helps one to learn what his true will is, to recognize his own individuality, to discover his own course and to be able to follow it. Magick is one way of integrating body and soul, intellect and emotion, conscious and subconscious, the physical body and the body's energy field. It also develops links between conscious mind, memory, the autonomic nervous system, and psi powers.

Magick is rational and wholistic. On the individual level, it stresses integration of one's mental powers. The universe also is continuous, and a macrocosm of the individual. Dividing the universe into good and evil, god and self, or some other dichotomy, leaves the problems of conflict and how to handle the other half. Thus postulating an external god produces the feeling and sense of sin, but considering the gods to be within prevents grovelling to outside deities.

One can practice magick and be an atheist. But it is most effective in a religious setting, which uses a set of techniques for tuning into oneself by teaching the rational part of the brain to rest. Some of these methods (with the Sanskrit names for them) are (1) Postures (*mundra*). The position of the body communicates attitudes and feelings to the brain. (2) Sound (*mantra*). (3) Image (*mandala*). (4) Identification. For example, tune into the feeling a female fictional character (like Dagny) gives you to help you see women more effectively.

Learning these techniques to discover and actualize your true will takes several years. When you are ready, you can learn to channel external energies through yourself to achieve the results you want, to change the outside world through changes in your consciousness. This requires ethics. Because all is channelled through you, enslaving someone else enslaves you; the chains are forged from your soul. Besides, the magician is too busy with his own true will to want to legislate over others. He acts on himself, not someone else.

Magick, like science, postulates an orderly, understandable universe. (Because you are a microcosm, nothing is alien to you.) Like technology, it emphasizes the application of the appropriate force to achieve desired results. Any intentional act is magick. And like technicians, magicians do not completely understand why what they do works, but they know that it often does.

—Bonnie Kaplan

\*To distinguish it from stage magic.

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## Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

**January 10 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.20); 8:15 P.M. for program only (\$1). *Note new place and place:* Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill St. (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**January 11 Forum for Philosophical Studies.** Series of 10 lectures by George

H. Smith: "A History of Religious Dissent" begin today. \$60 tuition. 7:00 P.M. Reservations required (213) 467-1051. Suite 500, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles.

**January 13 The Forum for Philosophical Studies.** \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Room 500, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood.

**January 14 Libertarian Social Club.** "U.S. Foreign Policy and National Liberation Movements" discussion/debate by Steven Halbrook. Cash bar 7-8 P.M., dinner 8-9, discussion 9-10 followed by more socializing. Discussion, 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, D.C.

**January 16 New Libertarian Alliance of Southern California.** First meeting with new RegSec, alternating education with activism. This is an open, educational meeting. 1838 East 7th Street, Apt. 1. 4:00 P.M. Long Beach.

**January 29 Austin Libertarian Alliance.** Rifle and Small Arms Practice. Non-sexist instruction available. Range Fee: \$1.50. 12:00 P.M. 836-4052. 9702 Chukar Circle, Austin, Texas.

**February 1 Society for Libertarian Life.** John Hospers, Ph.D. on "Will Freedom Survive Until 1984?" \$2 for tickets from SLL, Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632. 7:30 P.M. Campus Theater at Fullerton College, Fullerton, Calif.

**February 12 Tax Resistance Seminar** featuring Bill Drexler and John Joseph Matonis. Call Sam Hancock (313) 278-0970. Metro-Detroit Airport Ramada Inn, Detroit, Michigan.

**February 16 Libertarian Law Council Luncheon.** Bob Peterson on community involvement in a libertarian case. 12:00 noon to 1:30 P.M. sharp. \$3.00 for catered lunch and talk. Reservations from M. Klausner's secretary at (213) 680-2222. Conference Room of Coopers and Lybrand, South Tower of Arco Plaza, 555 South Flower Street, Los Angeles.

**March 13 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Spencer Heath McCallum on "Space Colonization from a Proprietary Viewpoint." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.20); 8:15 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**April 23-24 Libertarian Conference.** "The Future of Freedom." Murray Rothbard, Robert LeFevre, Nathaniel Branden, and John Hospers confirmed. Hosted by U.S.C. Society for Libertarian Studies. Advance tickets from CLA, P.O. Box 1202, Venice, CA 90291 and Conference two days at Town and Gown, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

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## LIBERTARIANS UNDER FIRE IN GREAT BRITAIN Press aim at monetarist, gold bug

(January 2 || Manchester) A flood of letters criticizing the Manchester Guardian for dropping its usual civility and liberal respect for the subjects of its news coverage followed two vituperative attacks by Peter Jenkins in the Guardian's Weekly edition. Jenkins' petulance was stimulated by Friedman's Nobel Prize (see NLW 46) and his growing influence in the British Conservative Party, including leader Margaret Thatcher, very likely to become Prime Minister soon.

NLW Finance Editor Charles Curley gives us an instant analysis on this hot, international controversy immediately below. Perhaps unrelated to the Friedman attack, but at about the same time, the longest-running columnist of the Times of London was dropped without reasonable explanation. The columnist was pro-free market and pro-gold. ■

### by Charles Curley

After reading Peter Jenkins' attacks on Milton Friedman and London Times editor William Rees-Moog, and monetarists in general, one is left with the impression of Col. Blimp hunting mice with a machine-gun. The three articles in the December 12 and 19 Manchester Guardian Weekly leave much to be desired in terms of accurately reporting the positions of the men under attack, and in terms of imputing guilt by association.

The guilt by association is cleverly disguised by reporting on the lone demonstrator at the Nobel Prize ceremony who was complaining about Friedman's alleged work for the Pinochet regime. In fact, the extent of Friedman's work for the regime in Chile was to give three lectures in Santiago in 1975. Should we then consider Percy Greaves a tool of the Peronist regime because he gave several lectures in Argentina?

It is obvious that Greaves had no influence on the Peron government when he was there. However, the Chilean junta is carrying out policies which are quite suggestive of Friedman's recommendations. This is due to an exchange program between the University of Chicago and a local Chilean university. As a result, some sixty of the economists working for the regime are graduates of the University of Chicago and former students of Friedman. Apparently Mr. Jenkins' protestor would blame the teacher for the job taken by the student. And Mr. Jenkins prefers to perpetuate the guilt by association by printing the allegations of the demonstrator on the front page of the Guardian, in bold type, and ignoring the facts.

One might point out also that the policies which Chile is following appear to be helping the country somewhat. The country has a balance of payments which is neutral or slightly favorable. Inflation is down to 200% per year from the Allende high of over 1000%. (A similar reduction in Britain would bring the Pound down to 6% per annum inflation.) Government intervention in the economy has been cut back from over 67% government ownership to about 25%. For a government, such improvement isn't bad at all. Let's see the Labour government do half as well in Britain...

Having set the reader up to accept a guilt by association with the Chilean government, Jenkins goes on to totally misunderstand Friedman's philosophy. "As [Friedman] is always pressing the analogy of an economic and political 'market' and, of course, preferring the former to the latter" [Thus far, accurate] "but never, of course, deal-

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#### CROSSFIRE!

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#### M. FRIEDMAN DENIES CHARGE

*by Eric Scott Royce*

(December 28 || Stockholm) In a press conference held in Stockholm, Sweden, prior to receipt of a Nobel Prize, libertarian-conservative economist Milton Friedman hotly denied charges that he had collaborated with the post-Allende Chilean right-wing dictatorship.

"I am not and have never at any time been an advisor to the government of Chile, nor am I an expert on Chile," Friedman was quoted in an AP dispatch. "My only association with Chile is that I visited the country for six days 18 months ago privately as a lecturer to, among others, some former pupils of mine at the Chicago School." Friedman is the best known of the economists associated with the University of Chicago.

The Nobel economics laureate contended that he had, while in Chile, criticized the regime there, and in his press conference flatly condemned dictatorships of either left or right. "No great achievements of humanity ever came through government committees," Friedman was quoted. He went on to add that "It is central planning and control that threaten the destruction of freedom and democracy."

—Eric Scott Royce

ing with such points as how society shall coerce its members into perfect individualism. By anti-Combination Laws?" Anyone who believes that this "point" merits serious attention fails utterly to comprehend individualism in any form, never mind Friedman's form.

Jenkins continues to state a form of individualism which he attributes to Friedman, and with which this writer can somewhat agree—except that I do not consider the money supply to be in the realm of natural phenomena with earthquakes and famines, and neither does Friedman.

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# The Week

News of and for the New Libertarian Society

## LIBERTARIAN FEMINIST ON FBI LIST

(December 10 || New York) According to Nancy Borman in *Majority Report* (Vol. VI, Number 15), a libertarian feminist was singled out by an FBI agent who informed on fifty woman demonstrators. Lucinda "Cindy" Cislner, an activist of the Association of Libertarian Feminists (ALF), was alleged to have participated in the occupation of the unowned property known as the "Statue of Liberty" on August 10, 1970.

The information came to light when the National Organization of Women gained six documents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the "Freedom of Information Act." Borman reports on the information revealed in the front page story.

Borman, also a libertarian, found several instances of government incompetence in their surveillance, such as getting dates wrong and not realizing that "NOW" is an acronym for the National Organization of Women. *Majority Report*, 74 Grove Street, New York, NY 10014. \$5/year. ■

## TAX EXEMPTION WAVE HITS TOWN IN NEW YORK

(December 28 || Hardenbergh) Some 118 individuals, roughly half the residents of the New York town of Hardenbergh, recently were ordained as ministers of the Universal Life Church and received property tax exemptions on their homes, which had been declared churches.

The protestors told reporters that their action was designed to protest exemptions granted groups such as the Boy Scouts, Buddhists, and Tibetan monks that had set up rural retreats, including resort hotels, in the Hardenbergh area of the Catskills. Such property, under New York law, is tax exempt on educational or religious grounds, and the result had been a near-doubling of property taxes for local residents.

"We're fighting a bad law as best we can," Town Supervisor Lester Bourke commented. "All these exemptions and ridiculous loopholes amount to welfare for the rich." —ESR

## COUNTER-INAUGURAL AFFAIR FOR NOBODY?

(December 28 || Washington) In the tradition of inaugural day protests which accompanied the 1969 and 1973 enthronements of Richard Nixon, the Youth International Party (Yippies) intend to stage a counter-inaugural affair in Washington, D.C., during the official ceremonies on January 20.

While Jimmy Carter is sworn in at the Capitol, the Yippies have scheduled a swearing-in rite for Nobody, the real winning (and libertarian) candidate of 1976. The protest, which will be centered on the grounds of the Washington Monument is expected to draw several thousand attendants, with a giant peanut—50 feet long and ten high—as a major attraction.

A Poor People's Inaugural Ball is projected for the Washington Coliseum during the evening, sponsors say. —Eric Scott Royce

*Counter-Campaign '76, the creators of the 1976 "Vote for Nobody" Bicentennial race, and the largest, most activist, and most libertarian group (of many) in the Counter-Campaign of last year, is not participating in the alleged Counter-Inauguration. After all, Nobody would refuse office if elected.* —SEK3

## MORE RIDICULOUS LAWS

(December 4 || ZNS) If you think that there are so many laws around these days that you could be busted for almost anything, you could be right.

A report in *Parade* magazine tells us that crocodiles may not be tied to fire hydrants in Michigan, and in Pine Island, Minnesota, men must remove their hats when meeting a cow; on the other hand, in Berea, Ohio, every animal out after dark must wear a tail-light (humans excluded).

According to *Parade*, these are just a few of the old laws on the books in the U.S. that chronic law abiders must be aware of. Other statutes to watch out for are in Florida, for instance, where the law requires keeping your clothes on while bathing, even in the family bathtub.

Also, in Oxford, Ohio, women are forbidden to undress in front of a man's picture. If this whole story has gotten you just a little peeved or dejected, watch out...because it's against the law to feel that way in Pocatello, Idaho. ■

## GUN CONTROLLERS GET SILENCER ARGUMENT

(December 28 || Washington) A new gun safety device may effectively destroy some of the major arguments used by gun control proponents to justify banning of handguns. The device, known as the Magna-Trigger Safety system, is placed in the handle of a handgun and prevents the weapon from being fired unless the shooter is wearing another part—a special magnetic ring.

Such a system would tend to prevent most gun accidents and might tend to reduce use of handguns in so-called crimes of passion. The system has been under study by at least one major urban police department as a safety measure to prevent police from being shot with their own weapons by those they are attempting to arrest. —Eric Scott Royce

## CITY POISONS OWN COPS

(November 17 || ZNS) The City of Detroit, regarded as the capital of the American automobile, is encountering an embarrassing problem.

It seems that a high proportion of the motor city's highway police officers are reporting sickness apparently caused by car exhaust fumes.

Many of the freeway cops are complaining of headaches, dizziness and other similar problems after patrolling Detroit highways.

The loudest complaints are coming from officers stationed along what are known as "the ditches," as Detroit's sunken freeways are called.

Scientific measurements along the freeways have found that the amounts of carbon monoxide are not above the levels permitted by the state, indicating that current state levels may be set too high, and that legal pollution may be—in fact—partially asphyxiating people. ■

## DOPERS STRIKE BACK

(December 10 || ZNS) The student government at the University of Texas in Austin has launched a program called "Identa-Narc."

Students are urged to call a special phone number with information on undercover drug agents and informers. The slogan of the program is "Fink on them before they fink on you." ■

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## EPISTOLARY

NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS

Dear Sam, December 27, 1976

Just a note to say that your Xmas Supplement was really enjoyable. *Anarcho Claus* has it all over the stories I recall from my childhood, and the song parodies were interesting, if a little violent for my tastes.

One point, though: Dr. Szasz is of course entitled to his opinions, but when he characterizes psychedelics as poisons, he's talking about the sacraments of my church, and I firmly disagree that they're poisons. Szasz's view that there is no such thing as chemically-aided consciousness expansion is well established, but he is in fact wrong. Certainly, administering our sacraments without the knowledge or approval of the subject is against our values, and nearly everything the State does is against my values, but the subjects would probably be the better for it, if only they were told what they were getting. The man who committed suicide was a victim of ignorance of what was happening, as the testimony of his relatives showed. The church is happy to debate *anyone* on the subject of psychedelics.

H.G. Mark Kernes  
Primate of Pennsylvania

The Neo-American Church  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

[Well, you need not debate Your Friendly Neighbourhood Anarchoeditor on it, Mark. Actually, I believe you distinguish between mind-expanding and mind-controlling drugs (Thorazine?), do you not? Cases aside, we all oppose the State having any nasty toys to use on us. —SEK3]

Dear Sam: December 20, 1976

Glad to read your article about Big Brother Lobotomy (**NLW 53**, *The Week*). That crime information system sounds about typical for the modern age. It seems like everything one does is known. I wish people would remember that computers have a different significance for people who have to look up to the things, not knowing how to operate a simple machine, than they do for people who can look complacently down on them, having mastered an either-or and cybernetic logic. They're not humanitarian enough things to be used for crime control anyway—who can argue with a machine? Where's your justice?

The government's always arguing one damn thing or another that's unfeasible for everybody. Even in peaceful and civil Lafayette, I can't drive down the street without crossing a radar speed control that nobody but me obeys anyway, or seeing some strange antenna with no discernable function, or go into a supermarket and I am confronted with a hoodoo electronic eye or trick mirror and automatic doors closing functioning on an interrupted light-beam principle. When will it all end? Who would have thought it of machines? This country seems to be headed closer and closer to some sort of Armageddon that will happen completely automatically, with no one lifting a finger or indeed, being able to.

My own nonexistent crimes (only time I ever got picked up, and this by a whole bunch of police cars, was in New Orleans which isn't law and order central anyway) are probably being processed almost anywhere right now. I don't think the police themselves are very well adapted to this sort of thing.

I wish you would make it clearer where you stand on issues like this. I'd like to see some more discussion of our modern electronic miracles, and just how much governmental power they have acquired.

John Thiel  
Lafayette, Indiana

[Be glad to see discussion on this subject, John. As a starter, let's recall the principle that guns (or computers) are amoral; morality is contained by the gunman (or programmer). You can still use the vestiges of the free market to avoid the stores using

the codes by patronizing their competitors. And if you're really worked up to do something drastic, there are some marvelous suggestions for constructive sabotage in Robert Anton Wilson (and Robert Shea)'s *Illuminatus* (see especially Markov Chaney, "The Mgt." —SEK3]

Dear Sam, December 28, 1976

In **NLW 54** you gave Roy "If lying helps, then I say lie" Childs a chance to practice what he preaches, and of course he took it, not once, but several times. For the record, I never told anyone that I regarded the survival of any State as "axiomatic": I'm too familiar with the nature of both states and axioms to have said anything of the sort. (This type of lie is known as a fabrication.)

I am also not "Objectivist-oriented," having severed any connection I may once have had with Objectivism after receiving a letter on the subject from Henry Mark Holzer in April 1968. (This type of lie is the *innuendo*.)

There are enough specimens in the article to illustrate a whole typology of lies, for which I don't have the stomach right now; but I'd like to point out one more. Unable to claim I interfered with any session, Childs accuses me of "disrupting the transition from one panel to another." This is a specimen of that rare and nearly extinct species of lie, the *refutation of the zero*. Using Childs' movie theatre analogy: The owner may reasonably expel someone who interferes with a film, but have you ever heard of a paying customer being thrown out for disrupting the intermission?

Adam V. Reed  
New York, New York

## MONETARISTS ZAPPED

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"Why trouble," Jenkins continues, "you may wonder, with the eccentric opinions of an economics professor whose serious reputation is thrown in doubt by the extravagance of his public statements on political matters? Because he has cast a kind of spell and is in danger of adding another 'ism' to our times." This is one "ism" which Britain could use—in massive doses.

Jenkins reports to us on a debate in the pages of the *Times* over monetarist policies, which (he claims) the neo-Keynsians won. As he observes, this was under the nose of his monetarist enemy, *Times* editor William Rees-Moog. However, Rees-Moog is not a Friedmanite, except to admire his historical research, as in his *Monetary History of the United States*.

Rees-Moog is a monetarist, as he draws his economics directly from David Ricardo, a 19th Century British economist. However, unlike Friedman, Rees-Moog calls for a gold



standard. At the 1975 Gold Conference in New Orleans, he observed, "On a gold standard, there is no inflation. There is no example to the contrary. On a paper standard, there is always inflation. There is no example to the contrary. Gold prevents inflation. Paper makes it absolutely certain."

Indeed, according to Jenkins, Rees-Moog had argued for a reduction of the PSBR (Public Sector Borrowing Requirement, i.e. deficit) of some £5 billions. Mr. Jenkins seems to think that this proposal was routed by the neo-Keynsians and "exposed for the dangerous nonsense it had always been." I wonder what Mr. Jenkins would think of my proposal that the PSBR be reduced to zero?

Jenkins then sets up another straw man to attack. He quotes from a 1943 editorial in the *Times*, as follows, "Unemployment is not a mere accidental blemish in a private enterprise economy. On the contrary, it is part of the essential mechanism of the system and has a definite function to fulfill. The first function of unemployment (which has always existed in open or disguised forms) is that it maintains the authority of master over man." *Hardly* a libertarian position, and I doubt that it is Friedman's or Rees-Moog's. To imply that either man hold this position without attributing the editorial to him is, again, guilt by association.

In response to the 1943 *Times* editorial, Jenkins says, "Only if we are an uncivilized community, lacking belief in the powers of self-discipline, shall we make unemployment once more the chief instrument of our policy." Taken out of context—the context of Britain in 1976—this is a fine statement. But the current unemployment in both the U.S. and Britain is the direct result of government policy, the Full Employment Act of 1946 in the U.S. and the White Paper of 1944 in Britain as Rees-Moog has pointed out. As Friedman puts it, "The law of supply and demand works. If the government has a demand for poor people, the market will supply poor people." High taxes and transfer payments (some \$300 billions a year in the U.S.) to the "poor" tend to discourage work and encourage unemployment.

Of course, there are criticisms which the writers at *New Libertarian Weekly* will level at Friedman, but these consist primarily in not taking those things which Jenkins finds objectionable, and extending them to their full, free market, Austrian School conclusions. In Murray Rothbard's words, Milton Friedman is "an extreme leftist, outside the dialog." Of course, where does that put Peter Jenkins?

—Charles Curley

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## Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

**January 10 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.20); 8:15 P.M. for program only (\$1). *Note new price and place:* Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill St. (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**January 11 Forum for Philosophical Studies.** Series of 10 lectures by George H. Smith: "A History of Religious Dissent" begin today. \$60 tuition. 7:00 P.M. Reservations required (213) 467-1051. Suite 500, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles.

**January 13 The Forum for Philosophical Studies.** \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Room 500, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood.

**January 14 Libertarian Social Club.** "U.S. Foreign Policy and National Liberation Movements" discussion/debate by Steven Halbrook. Cash bar 7-8 P.M., dinner 8-9, discussion 9-10 followed by more socializing. Discussion, 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, D.C.

**January 16 New Libertarian Alliance of Southern California.** First meeting with new RegSec, alternating education with activism. This is an open, educational meeting. 1838 East 7th Street, Apt. 1. 4:00 P.M. Long Beach.

**January 29 Austin Libertarian Alliance.** Rifle and Small Arms Practice. Non-sexist instruction available. Range Fee: \$1.50. 12:00 P.M. 836-4052. 9702 Chukar Circle, Austin, Texas.

**February 1 Society for Libertarian Life.** John Hospers, Ph.D. on "Will Freedom Survive Until 1984?" \$2 for tickets from SLL, Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632. 7:30 P.M. Campus Theater at Fullerton College, Fullerton, Calif.

**February 12 Tax Resistance Seminar** featuring Bill Drexler and John Joseph Matonis. Call Sam Hancock (313) 278-0970. Metro-Detroit Airport Ramada Inn, Detroit, Michigan.

**February 16 Libertarian Law Council Luncheon.** Bob Peterson on community involvement in a libertarian case. 12:00 noon to 1:30 P.M. sharp. \$3.00 for catered lunch and talk. Reservations from M. Klausner's secretary at (213) 680-2222. Conference Room of Coopers and Lybrand, South Tower of Arco Plaza, 555 South Flower Street, Los Angeles.

**March 13 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Spencer Heath McCallum on "Space Colonization from a Proprietary Viewpoint." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.20); 8:15 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**April 16 Taxpayers Rally at State House.** Organized by Ralph Fucetola, Kathy Greene, various groups. Call 24 Hour Taxpayers' Hotline (201) 998-7155. Trenton, New Jersey.

**April 23-24 Libertarian Conference.** "The Future of Freedom." Murray Rothbard, Robert LeFevre, Nathaniel Branden, and John Hospers confirmed. Hosted by U.S.C. Society for Libertarian Studies. Advance tickets from CLA, P.O. Box 1202, Venice, CA 90291 and Conference two days at Town and Gown, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

*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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## CARTER TAKES OVER U.S. STATE! More Imperialism Abroad and Fascism at Home...

**by Eric Scott Royce**

(December 30 || Arlington) It is becoming increasingly apparent that the "new" Carter administration may turn out to be further to the right in the area of foreign and defense policy than the outgoing Ford one. Not only does the list of Carter's Cabinet picks and other top officials contain a surprising number of hard-liners, including figures from the old Indochina War Establishment, but it seems that Mr. Jimmy is going to welch on his pledge to cut the defense budget. More frightening still, there is increasing talk in Washington in recent weeks of reimposing conscription...

The energy post given James Schlesinger, who as Secretary of Defense was too far right even for Gerald Ford, is not generally considered to be part of the Washington foreign/defense policy operation. But given Schlesinger's background, and considering the fact that Washington conceives one of the country's major energy problems to be increasing dependence on foreign oil, he will surely have a voice in shaping Carter administration approaches to the global situation. Furthermore, unless we concede that the man has no principles whatsoever, he would scarcely seem likely to join the administration if its policy was going to contradict the positions he endorsed during 1975-76, thus making him appear hypocritical. Among other things, the Congressional committee which reviews his nomination would do well to inquire as to his views on invading Libya or the Persian Gulf in the event of another oil embargo.

Then we have Zbigniew Brzezinski, the man Carter has designated to serve as his "Kissinbundy," that is, as special presidential assistant for na-

tional security affairs. Brzezinski, a cold warrior since his days at Harvard and Columbia, was one of those who served from 1966 through 1968 in a high-level State Department planning post. Planning what, you may ask. The job had responsibility for Indochina War strategy... Brzezinski has also been tightly linked since 1973 with the Trilateral Commission, a David Rockefeller think tank primarily concerned with Western intergovernmental affairs.

Last, but scarcely least, there is Carter's Secretary of State designate, Cyrus R. Vance, a 59-year-old foreign policy Establishment veteran. Vance's ties to LBJ went back to 1957, when he took on the job as counsel for the Texan's Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee. During the Kennedy-Johnson era, Vance spent 6½ years in DOD, rising from general counsel to Secretary of the Army, and finally to Deputy Secretary of Defense. He departed in 1967 not due to any compunctions about the senseless war in Indochina (after all, he had been in on the decision-making process for years) but because of a chronic back ailment. One final footnote—Vance was appointed Rockefeller Foundation chairman of the board in September 1975...

So much for new faces. The point, of course, is that there will be no shift toward noninterventionist foreign policy or reduced defense spending in this administration.

Let's turn to the latter point for a moment. In early October, *Washington Post* staff writer George C. Wilson flatly predicted that "No matter who is elected President in November, defense spending will continue rising for at least the next few years." Some

*[Continued on page three, column one]***by Charles Curley**

(January 7 || Long Beach) The most important economic event of the Peanut Presidency will be the passage of Humphrey-Hawkins. Peanut has committed himself to it, and so have enough Congressmen that it appears inevitable. Besides, can you imagine a liberal voting against "jobs"?

Humphrey-Hawkins, or, as it is officially known, the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act, is a mélange of liberal and Keynesian nostrums, a serving of economic snake oil. One provision calls for the government to spend \$40 billions on leaf-raking jobs for the currently unemployed. These people are now unemployed and non-productive. After Humphrey-Hawkins, they will be employed and non-productive. The only difference between these people and those on welfare is that these people will have to work for their welfare checks.

The biggest non-event of the year will be the proposed tax-cut & rebate that Peanut is backing. We will get our tax cuts and rebates just in time to move into higher brackets and pay more taxes.

Inflation will be with us in even greater force. Budget deficits of \$54 and \$66 billions two years in a row simply will not go away. Since it usually takes about twenty-three months for the results of a deficit to show up in higher prices, we can expect to see consumer price increases accelerate. I expect double digit CPI increases to return before the end of 1977.

This almost certainly will lead to wage and price controls. By the end of this year, you should have all your

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# The Week

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## WHISTLING IN THE ANARCHODARK

(January 6 || New York) Cutting loose from reality, Murray Rothbard reports on the condition of the libertarian movement after the November election... in a November issue of *The Libertarian Forum*... arriving January 6 (mailed first class). According to Rothbard, the "left sectarians" (All those who oppose the Libertarian Party, especially on moral grounds), have "faded into the woodwork," "collapsed" and been "routed." The LP stands triumphant.

Other observers note that the anti-political libertarians still are a clear majority of libertarians, that the LP was crushingly defeated at tremendous expense while CounterCampaign '76 won overwhelmingly favourable publicity at next to no expense.

In the same mailboxes as *The Libertarian Forum* came appeals to save the Libertarian Party from bankruptcy. Meanwhile, Libertarian Supper Clubs have sprung up in Chicago, Portland, and Washington, all non-party with anti-politics activists involved, and at least the Washington doing well (see following article).

In the same issue as Rothbard's wish-fulfilment is another excellent little article by publisher Joseph Peden. *The Libertarian Forum*, \$8/year, Box 341, Madison Square Station, New York, NY 10010.

## FIRST TWO MEETS SOCKO

(January 1 || Washington) Approximately 65 persons from as far away as Richmond, Virginia and Baltimore, Maryland attended each of the first two meetings of the Libertarian Social Club of Metropolitan Washington.

At our first meeting speaker Karl Hess predicted the collapse of centralized, mass-production civilization in the near future due to a variety of crises. However he also optimistically stated that a very good life style and a high standard of living could be achieved in small, intentional communities.

At the Libertarian Party debate at our second meeting both Scott Royce

(arguing against the Party) and Tom Palmer (speaking in favor of it) concentrated on whether the Party is a practical means of achieving the end of a libertarian society.

Everyone I talked to about the first two meetings said they found them enjoyable and that they planned on attending in the future. Common comments were that things went very smoothly and that the evening was both relaxing and intellectually stimulating.

If you have not yet attended you are missing the best regular libertarian activity ever held in Washington. (See *NLW Calendar* for future meetings.)

—Jarret Wollstein, *LSC News*

## TUNA FLEET EXODUS?

(January 1 || San Diego) U.S. restrictions on the activities of tuna fishermen are encouraging them to move to other countries, according to the American Tunaboat Association, based in San Diego. Countries named include Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, and New Zealand. Costa Rica and Panama are noted as tax havens and both have low registration fees and minimal regulation of merchant vessels.

The exodus, if it happens, will be the direct result of the 1972 Marine Mammal Protection Act. Complications in the law made it ambiguous, and as a result, the government has not settled how it would apply to the 1977 tuna season. The tuna fleet may make a mass move elsewhere to avoid this complication. The bill was intended to prevent the taking of porpoises with tuna. The result will be to move the fleet to other countries, as the U.S. is the only country in the world with such restrictions.

The restrictions make it more expensive for the fishermen to stay in business, but money is not the only consideration in the fishermen's minds. "It's a tough decision to make. This is our country, and moving is a very emotional thing," according to Joe Medina, past president of the Tunaboat Association.

The exodus will not kill the U.S. tuna canning industry, but will make tuna more expensive, as it will then be subject to complex shipping regulations. In addition, the industry expects increased consumer demand both in the U.S. and abroad.

—Charles Curley

**ERRATA:** The editor of the London *Times* name is spelled William Rees-Mogg, not Rees-Moog, as we incorrectly had it last week. The columnist referred to was fired from the *Financial Times*, of London, not the *Times*.

—Charles Curley

## STATE FIGHTS SELF OVER LONG HAIR QUESTION

(November 23 || ZNS) The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare is looking into the possibility that school districts which outlaw long hair for boys may be violating federal civil rights laws.

H.E.W. officials, in a letter to Senator Robert Taft of Ohio, are warning that schools which permit female students to have longer hair than males may violate existing statutes.

H.E.W. says it is reviewing civil rights legislation to determine if boys can be required to cut their hair, while girls are permitted to let their locks grow.

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## OF YANKEES!

(January 7 || New York) The strike by employees of *New York* and *New West* magazines was the latest bizarre skirmish in a classic case of what Carl Oglesby has termed *The Cowboy and Yankee War* (see upcoming *Review Supplement* of *NLW* on this book). The Cowboy is from beyond the American frontier: Australia.

Combining qualities of archetypical Cowboys Howard Hughes and William Randolph Hearst is Rupert Murdoch. The Aussie publishing magnate has acquired control of most of Australia's popular press, then moved into England, taking over the major daily tabloid, *The Sun*.

Murdoch next moved into the American market with the *National Star*, an Americanized version of *The Sun*. As long as he stayed in the realm of cheap street tabloids, he was tolerated by the "Eastern Establishment"



# analysis

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## Two of China's Military Possibilities

There is a little game out from Simulations Publications, Inc., in New York that has sold quite well. It is called "War in the East." Totally, they have sold fifty copies to the Russian embassy and twenty-five to the Chinese embassy.

Having played it, and seen playtesting on it, I can vouch for the painstaking accuracy of the thought and research that went into it.

The outcome of the game is always the same. If the Russians invade China they get down to Peking and get trampled by hordes of Chinese infantry. If the Chinese invade they run into mass machine gun fire, artillery, and get mopped up in a combined armor and infantry attack. Both sides are exhausted.

If tactical nuclear weapons are employed the war is always inconclusive since the passes through the mountains are blown-up and neither side can get at the other.

With or without nuclear weapons Russia loses Vladivostok and that chunk of Russia bounded by the Pacific on one and China on two sides. Russia daren't lose it. It is the only saltwater port that is open year around directly into an ocean. True, Murmansk can be used, but remember the losses in WWII on that run?

The Chinese lately have been building roads across Tibet. That extends the invasion line three thousand miles. Outside Karagando, fifteen hundred miles from that border, lies the Russian Omaha, the nerve center for the entire Russian missile attack system. Going sixty miles an hour you can make it in twenty five hours.

Given an entire push by the Chinese Army in that sector and a defensive posture on the eastern front with the People's Militia (approx. 212 million), I suspect they could do it in three weeks. Not many would make it, admittedly. Yet the prospect of Karagando in Chinese hands gives one cause to worry, especially if you are Russian.

With nuclear weapons the problem becomes more troublesome. Mostly for the Russians. The Chinese have nuclear capability and I would think they would have very little hesitation to use them on a tactical level. They can also accept more casualties than the Russians and their tactics could well turn the balance.

From all previous Russian military history and following closely on latest developments, I feel they will use the Blitzkrieg. That works except against someone who is psychologically a) prepared to

accept large casualties and b) not dependant on a continuous line front. The Chinese could swallow the entire Russian Army with digestion problems.

Yet the Russians have superior technology, allies that they can draft, and an almost wholly mechanized army. They can also use chemical warfare with disastrous results for the Chinese.

So the war can actually be called a fairly good stand-off. What are China's possibilities elsewhere? South and west lies the country of India. They also have a large population; unfortunately, their area isn't worth anything.

So let us suppose that China strikes out due west. Across the Kashmir, through Afghanistan. Where does that leave them? In the Middle East.

Interesting possibility here.

China can then strike north along the entirety of Russia, the *Auspunkt* being Iran. That puts them within the Russian oilfields, and along the main supply routes for crude oil for the rest of the world.

Or they can continue west and capture the entire Middle East.

This is a simplistic and quick overview of the problem. It leaves out things like what will India and the United States do. Yet it gives a good example of what gives Moscow Pekingologists headaches. Along with the military leaders.

## A Sermon on a Saturday

"I even think I could go the Prussia and be hammered around by the police awhile, if only they didn't pretend they were doing it for the glory of God or to make the world safe for democracy or some other loathsome humbug."

A.J. Nock *Selected Letters*

\* Hymn: *Nearer, by Golly, to Thee*\*

How does the American State rule? Through its power and prestige. If someone walked into your store, held out a gun and demanded money, I am sure that you would feel little hesitation to shoot him down. If, on the other hand, you go to the Post Office, get a form, fill it out and mail it with a check attached it is not robbery. It is taxation.

Yet what is the difference? If you do not fill out your form and get caught, a person from a government will come knock, knock, knocking upon your door to get the loot: prestige. If you treat the person with the contempt he or she deserves there will be a person with badge on chest, gun in hand, to haul you away and take the money by force.

Then why, in our above scenario, do people pay their taxes? They know if you do not pay your taxes the State will come and use force. They know that theft is the act of forceably taking property away. Yet these two facts are not correlated. I imagine that, for some, the reason that you are reading this is because of the correlation of those two facts. Nevertheless everyone has both of these facts in their heads but there is very little joining.

If there are two objects sitting side by side, and are not touching, then we must, logically, assume that there is something between them. In our case the

something is the prestige of the State. We are told from cradle to grave that there is an entity called the American Government that will protect us from the Commie menace, protect us from ourselves, give us all a job, and is founded upon and maintained in, for, and by the common will and good.

We are all taught this by the establishment newspapers, radio and television, politicians, statist intellectuals, via books, and teachers. Throughout the whole of our society this propaganda is filtered. Propaganda? Nay, 'tis a nice word. More to the point is humbuggery; *hum*: to mouth a tune, and *buggery*: (an old Royal Navy word) to take it up the rear. So "our government" mouths a tune while shoving it up our collective recta.

### **The Humbuggery of Common Will and Good**

This is the oldest chestnut of the foursome. It was first bandied about around the time of Plato and has had long and hard use since. The government is O.K. because it is the collective depository of our wills and therefore works for all of our good. It was first asked along the time of Aristotle, "Oh, yeah? How about the few, like Socrates, that get stepped on when the majority proposed the toast?" That question has not been answered adequately to this day.

The easiest way to stomp on this theory is the example Rothbard gives in his book *For A New Liberty*. The Jews in Germany could not complain that they had been tromped on by Hitler because they were a part of the body politic. If they were a part of the body politic, the State was looking after their welfare. Therefore, the State was doing what it was supposed to do, working for the common will and good. Thus, the State oppressed them with their consent and killed them for their own good.

### **The Humbuggery of Protection from Ourselves.**

This theory is a corollary of the one above. If the State is the depository of our common will and good then it surely follows that it will know what to do with your life better than you do. After all, if it is harmful for you to smoke cigarettes it is not in your interest for you to do so. Therefore let us prohibit cigarettes.

You can't smoke here, there, in the privacy of your home, or out behind the barn.

If you can hold property, and in this country even the State admits that, then you most certainly own your own carcass. Then it is simply axiomatic that you then know what it is that you want to do even if it is, in the long run, harmful to your body.

One can take it to an absurdity also. If someone else knows better for you than you then isn't it logical that you should then be under watchful supervision all the time? Never make a move without someone's O.K.? Have a camera implanted in your forehead and a radio link direct into the brain so you can be watched over and commanded so that you never will, by some gross mistake, do something that might harm your body?

### **Humbuggery of full employment.**

Given the marvelous advantages of the State, with its full resources and a never-ending supply of paper, isn't it possible for them to do something about all this unemployment? If everyone would be satisfied with less we could give everyone a job and never fear unemployment again.

Just to be sure we will also pass laws making it mandatory that everyone contribute to a fund that will give back money to the person who pays it after they retire. Then, to get more jobs on the market, we will demand that they retire at thirty.

With all the advantages of medical techniques, we will expand the lifespan to eighty-five. Oops, the fund is out of money; let's print more and pay off that way. Oops, now prices are rising so let's pass a law to raise the wages. Ooos, more unemployment and people on the fund. Let's print more money...

(It's actually all the fault of the greedy businessman who wants more profits.)

(It's actually all the fault of the greedy labor unions who want more money.)

### **The Humbuggery of the International — Menace**

Everyone doesn't like something or somebody or somebodies. Deep down inside we simply can't stand those lousy Monte Carloians. The real reason is that they are lusting after control of the world. Monte Carlo is a world-wide aggressor and they are spreading decadence among the Western World. Gambling.

Do you realize how fast it is spreading? First Las Vegas and the whole of Nevada. Now it is New Jersey. They have state lotteries in well over half of the U.S. Can fornication and the exploitation of the proletariat be far behind?

We must be on our guard.

Just to be sure we had better nuke 'em.

Lo and behold! A great menace from over the hill approaches. Those lousy dirty people over the hill are lusting after our wealth and our great civilization.

Don't we have bows and arrows? Are we to be pushed around by those lousy chunks of lard? The spirit of madness came upon them. They girded their loins, grabbed their bows and arrows and there came a destruction and wastage. There was a great fallout of the sky.

In days of yore things were much simpler. Oppressors merely said, "We have conquered your armies, subjected your population and will tax to death. Fuck you."

Now we must all be ruled by humbuggeries. The State is a great inventor of humbuggeries so that we will not see it for the sham it is and revolt.

The depository of our wills and good will give us all a job to protect us from ourselves and save us from the great and real International Menace of the hour.

\* Collection plate passed.\*

\* Hymn: "Will We Be Fooled Again?"

\* Final Benediction \*

# The Charles Curley Letter

## Some Notes On LIBERTARIAN LAW THEORY

The first thing to note in any theory of libertarian law is that there can be no crime without a victim. Thus, laws prohibiting such "victimless crimes" as owning pot, gold, heroin, or guns would be abolished by the libertarian. Other effects of this principle, less obvious to the observer, would also occur. Economic regulation would go overboard on both economic grounds and the legal grounds that the regulations cannot be enforced without violating principles of libertarian law. Try, for example, finding the victim when an OSHA regulation is violated. And who is the victim in the "crime" of tax evasion?

Today, law is enforced in the court system, by the mechanism of an aggrieved party bringing an action against a defendant. This principle might be carried over into libertarian law, but only if it is rigorously applied. Thus, only the actual aggrieved party, or victim, or his appointed agents, could bring an action in a libertarian court. For example, in a rape case, the plaintiff would be the victim, not the government.

This provision is quite libertarian for a number of reasons. Suppose the victim in a case is a LeFevrian, or a pacifist, or an anarchist. He may not want to have his case prosecuted by the Government. In addition, the prosecution of a case may reveal information which the victim wishes to be kept secret (for whatever reason). Fifth Amendment notwithstanding, the victim in this case ought to have the option whether or not the case should be prosecuted.

In addition, the Government should not have standing in a libertarian court on the principle that the actual litigants in a case should pay court costs, and the other related costs, and not the general taxpayer. How many Crusading District Attorneys would we have Exposing Corruption and Getting High Conviction Rates if the D.A. himself had to pay the costs?

This principle of victim or his agent only has an obvious problem in the case of murder. The murderer has removed the most obvious plaintiff! One could add a clause to one's will appointing an agent to investigate in the event of a suspicious death, and make provisions in the will to fund the investigation. A power of attorney would serve a similar purpose.

The same effect might be obtained by providing in one's insurance for the investigation of a suspicious

death. Clearly, the insurer would stand to benefit from the investigation, if only to clear the beneficiary. If the beneficiary were found guilty, he clearly would not collect. In addition, with a double indemnity clause, the beneficiary of the policy would have incentive to investigate!

In addition to being able to show that a plaintiff is an aggrieved party, I would think that he must be able to show what his loss due to the actions of the defendant are. Thus, such nebulous concepts as "loss due to mental anguish" are tossed out. Can you put a dollar and cents price on your mental anguish? No? Then you shouldn't be able to sue to recover it.

In addition, dependants of a murder victim would not have standing simply because they are deprived of the victim's future earnings. They cannot be sure how long the support on which they are dependant would have continued, and therefore they cannot put a dollars and cents value on it. To find for the dependants and award them X dollars restitution is either unfair to the defendant (he is being overfined) or to the former dependants of the victim (the future income of the victim being underestimated).

The rule, then, is that the plaintiff, in order to show loss in the event of murder or other crime, must be able to show that his losses occurred through noneconomic means, i.e. through direct invasion by the criminal. Thus, a secretary would not sue the murderer of her boss simply because she is now out of a job!

The concept of contract is sacred in libertarian law. Contracts in a market society will be carried out when at all possible, if for no reason other than to avoid being ostracized for failure to do so. If through invasive action a man has prevented another from carrying out a contract, is he now responsible for the contract, and to what extent? If I murder you, am I obliged to take up the payments on your house?

The answer is, yes. Clearly, the victim is not responsible for his impending failure in the contract. If the contract is breached, then the party responsible for the breach is responsible to make restitution to the other parties to the contract. That is a principle of contract law. I would think that it would apply even if the responsible person wasn't a party to the original contract.

As an example, if I failed to deliver on a long contract of gold simply because I didn't have the



gold, it would be my responsibility to cough up the gold or some equivalent value as restitution. But if I couldn't deliver because my banker had embezzled the stuff last night, then the embezzler would be responsible, both for the original amount and any penalties in the contract.

As one implication, consider what might happen when, all of a sudden, a lot of people who made contracts for payment in dollars realize that a dollar, by definition in U.S. statute, is .78 ounces of silver, and start to converge on the Fed and the Treasury Department...

The rule that a plaintiff must be able to identify his loss in an exact value gives rise to some interesting quirks. For example, suppose a man is murdered in an alley. The owner of the alley must remove the body and dispose of it properly, for a number of excellent reasons. This will generate certain identifiable costs. We have the possibility of a convicted murderer being brought to trial, for littering...

**CHANGES:** *An incredible work load this fall made it impossible for me to put out the Charles Curley Letter, so I have made arrangements with New Libertarian Enterprises which will, I hope, satisfy everybody concerned: me, NLE, and, of course, the subscribers. From now on, the CRCL will only be available with New Libertarian Weekly, and will be mailed approximately monthly to subscribers of NLW in the same envelope with NLW. Subscriptions to the CRCL will be extended at the pro-ration of four NLWs per CRCL undelivered. The two dropped months (December and November, 1976) will be included in the transfer. Exchange subscriptions will continue, and I hope that those publishers currently exchanging with both NLW and the CRCL will continue both subscriptions. Please note that the CRCL is still a separate publication, and address all correspondence to Charles Curley, Box 46282, Los Angeles, CA 90046.*

**BUT...BUT...THAT'S ILLEGAL!** The Henry J. Hohenstein Newsletter carries a report of a meeting between a number of IRS bigwigs. Items worth noting in it: The IRS has gone to an active mode, and is now infiltrating tax rebellion movement organizations. They will also try to get rebels on state and local laws as well as tax code charges, and particularly Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms laws. Close co-operation with the States will be used. "Often the state can move quickly to close up a tax rebel's business or revoke his license..." "Mr. Croasman reported on his discussion with US Attorney Couris and Judge Crocker, Fresno, ...of their interest in enforcement of the law in tax rebel cases... There was a general discussion of the

importance of meeting with U.S. Attorneys and federal judges to acquaint them with the full picture of the tax rebellion movement." Hohenstein points out 18 USC 1503, "Whoever...endeavors to influence...the due administration of justice" faces a fine of \$5,000 and 5 years."

My favorite line from the minutes: "Mr. Hansen commented on the problem of federal judges appearing anti-IRS based on the belief that the IRS is 'highhanded'." Guffaw.

Henry J. Hohenstein Newsletter, October, 1976, \$9/year, Box 674, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254.

"Mr. SIMON told me that at all costs the U.S. had to prevent a run on gold similar to the one that took place in 1929/31. He said it would be deflationary, and it had to be prevented." (emphasis added) Julian Snyder, of *International Moneyline*, in an interview with Jim Blakely, *Silver and Gold Report*, December, 1976, \$144 per year, Box 472, Norwalk, CT 06856.

**THE WOLFE AT THE DOOR:** Former Treasury bureaucrat Thomas Wolfe is now a consultant to his former employer, and he has submitted a report to the Treasury entitled *Gold Market Report to the U.S. Treasury*. It is undated, and, according to E.C. Harwood, full of misunderstandings as to gold and its historical role. I expect to obtain a copy for review in these pages. Source: *Phoenix Economic Bulletin*, \$35/year, Constitutional Liberty Trust, Box 1020, Hamilton, Bermuda.

**INDEBTED TO WHOM?** Yep, that's right, the U.S. government owes Switzerland over \$3.4 billions, or over \$8 billions Swiss Francs at current exchange rates. The debt is divided between the Treasury which owes \$2.25 billions in Swiss Francs, and the Fed, which owes \$1.17 billions under "swap" agreements. The U.S. has managed to arrange an agreement, under which the Swiss central bank will provide the SwFr. This way, the U.S. government won't have to go into the market to buy the things, thereby forcing the price up. The U.S. gets a dollar which isn't sinking relative to the SwFr, the Swiss can still export watches and chocolate, and both governments are happy. Where will the Swiss central bank get the SwFr? Well, they do have fractional reserve banking in Switzerland, y'know. Source: *Numisco Letter*, 175 W. Jackson A-640, Chicago, IL 60604.

**RHODESIA:** At last count, there were 49 countries in Africa, with 15 military dictatorships and 29 one party countries. It looks like "democracy" in Africa consists of "One Man, One Vote—one time."

"The American Revolution was not financed by matching grants from the Crown." —Gene McCarthy

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Sometimes it is said that man cannot be trusted with the government of himself. Can he then be trusted with the government of others?" Thomas Jefferson

Higher Circles: the Yankees.

The Rupert Murdoch papers have no particular line, supporting left and right indiscriminately. However, his Australian papers were charged recently with contributing to the downfall of the Labour government in Australia and installing the Liberal-Country coalition.

Suddenly, in November, Murdoch bid to take over the ailing *London Observer*, the most liberal of daily papers, and very establishment. The paper staved off Murdoch and accepted a takeover by Atlantic Richfield (ARCO) instead.

Right in the backdoor of the Yankees, New York City itself, the *New York Post*, owned by the Schiff family (of the Morgan-Yankees), was taken over by Murdoch. Murdoch then began gathering shares for a stock takeover of the Yankee culture publication *New York*, the parent company also owning *New West* and the *Village Voice*.

At press time, both the staffs of *New York* and *New West* have gone on strike to halt publication of the zines until the Murdoch bid can be beaten off. Coincidentally, perhaps, the head of ARCO, the Yankee hero who stopped Murdoch in England over the *Observer* takeover, is lionized on the cover of the current *New West*. ■

## CARTER: FOREIGN

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observers scoffed; after all, Carter had said time and time again, particularly prior to receiving the Democratic presidential nomination, that he would cut the defense budget. Figures of \$15 billion have been tossed around early in the Carter drive, but by June a smaller figure had been settled on and clung to doggedly. "Without endangering the defense of our nation or our commitments to our allies," Carter told Americans, "we can reduce present defense expenditures by about 5 to 7 billion dollars annually."

Late in December, however, Defense Secretary-designate Harold Brown denied that any such cut would occur, adding "I'm quite sure that Gov. Carter never said that, and that was never his intended meaning." Anyone who believed that Carter would slice a five to seven billion dollar chunk out of the defense budget was simply confused, Carter mouthpiece Jody Powell added sanctimoniously. This cut, which Carter had reaffirmed as policy as recently as December 20, when Brown was named as Secretary of Defense, seems destined to go the way of JFK's concern in 1960 about the "missile gap."

Such a fact should surprise no one. The dust had scarcely settled from the November Ford-Carter shootout when a group of prominent democrats (and a handful of Establishment Republicans) known as the Committee on the Present Danger urged the President-elect to increase the defense spending to prevent what they described as a "slide toward war." The Committee included labor leaders like Lane Kirkland, Jay Lovestone, and Sol Chaikin, plus 1960's villains like Dean Rusk, Paul Nitze and Eugene Rostow. The rhetoric of its public statement would have made Harry Truman blush. "The Soviet Union," the Committee thundered, "has not altered its long-held goal of a world dominated from a single center—Moscow..." etc., etc., ad nauseum. It urged "higher levels of spending...now...for our ready land, sea, and air forces, our strategic deterrent, and, above all, the continuing modernization of those forces through research and development." Does this sort of garbage reflect the Carter administration viewpoint? There is growing evidence that it does—particularly when one notes that one "core organizer" of the Committee was none other than James Schlesinger.

Some in Washington, however, do not seem to be satisfied with agitation for increased military spending; they want to see one of the Cold War's most hated institutions, conscription, brought back as well. In a late December column, "liberal" Clayton Fritchey quoted with favor former Joint Chiefs of Staff head Gen. Maxwell Taylor, one of the volunteer army's leading critics. Right on the heels of Fritchey's commentary came the news that Senate Armed Services Committee chairman John Stennis is publicly urging a return to the draft within a "few years." As the *Washington Post* notes, "Stennis is one of the most influential lawmakers on military matters" and thus "his advocacy of a return to the draft is expected to draw considerable support in the new Congress." Support of reinstitution of selective slavery has not been confined to Washington, either. Columbus, Ohio, publisher Larry Flynt, who issues that squalid little porno magazine *Hustler*, the sort of thing that makes even the most ardent civil libertarian grind his teeth, took out full-page newspaper ads in early December to urge Carter to draft Americans for military and nonmilitary service.

It seems that the Truman nostalgists will soon have all their dreams come true—unless there is sufficient public antipathy to the nation's slide back into the evil days when the Cold War

was at its worst. Libertarians should commence preparations for opposing any Washington drive for increased defense spending, new foreign intervention, and reimposition of conscription. And if the foes of such programs lose in the halls of Congress, they should begin preparing for a return to more active resistance. —ESR

## CARTER: DOMESTIC

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preparations made. Buy all the machinery you expect to need, and stock up on used machinery, for sale to people who can't get new stuff because of the controls. You should be well rewarded.

Watch out for great increases in gasoline prices. The biggest threat here is the Ribicoff-Javits axis of radical pro-Israelis in the Congress. The Ribits axis is supporting the so-called Ribicoff amendments, to penalize companies which go along with the Arab boycott of Israel. The Arabs can get along without our trade; they can buy it elsewhere. But we cannot get on without the Arabs. When the Ribicoff Amendments become law, expect to see a loss of \$8 to \$9 billions in overseas trade, with an attendant aggravation of the balance of payments, and a loss of 750,000 jobs. In addition to the loss of trade, watch for the Saudis to lose their patience with the U.S., and cease their restraining role in OPEC.

Government policy is ever dedicated to increasing the "wedge." This is Arthur Laffer's term for the difference between what an employee takes home, and what it costs the company to have him work for them. The wedge includes Social[ist in]Security, withholding taxes, unemployment taxes. It also includes non-productive regulations, such as OSHA, which apply to him. The U.S. has the fastest growing wedge in the industrial world, although not the largest. Not by coincidence, the U.S. also has the lowest rate of growth of per capita productivity.

Federal spending will increase. Humphrey-Hawkins represents at least \$40 billions in new spending. Peanut has also committed himself to an additional \$160 billions in new spending. All this, a tax cut, and a balanced budget?

I am satisfied that the Great Gold Bear Market is over. The '70s Gold Pool is broken, and the chart has broken out of the trend line. Gold shares, which usually lead bullion, have lost almost 90% of their value in two years, compared to the Dow, which lost 90% of its value between

1929 and 1933. Gold shares are at the point where no bad news can affect them short of South Africa falling into the sea. I see a turnaround, which has commenced with the November jump. The market will move primarily sideways, with occasional, and unpredictable jogs upward of 20% or so, followed by a slight technical reaction. The gold pool is broken, and the IMF is dying. However, the corpse is still thrashing around, and until it is still, I would look beyond gold for growth.

Silver looks good. The fundamental supply/demand situation is excellent, and for a number of reasons I look for \$6 silver by the end of 1977, with \$20 for an ultimate objective. However, avoid any margin less than 40%—the swings could run that high, and you don't want to be locked in when they do. A report of a Mexican remonetization of silver—as published in *Gold Newsletter*—at \$8-\$10, if true, would be extremely bullish. —Charles Curley

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# Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

**January 16 New Libertarian Alliance of Southern California.** First meeting with new RegSec, alternating education with activism. This is an open, educational meeting. 1838 East 7th Street, Apt. 1. 4:00 P.M. Long Beach.

**January 29 Austin Libertarian Alliance.** Rifle and Small Arms Practice. Non-sexist instruction available. Range Fee: \$1.50. 12:00 P.M. 836-4052. 9702 Chukar Circle, Austin, Texas.

**January 30 NOTA Talk on energy crisis by Winston Duke (nuclear, electric) of Commonwealth Edison and George Price (gas) of the Institute of Gas Tech.** 2:30 P.M. Donation. Call (312) 935-0412 for more details. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham, Chicago.

**February 1 Society for Libertarian Life.** John Hospers, Ph.D. on "Will Freedom Survive Until 1984?" \$2 for tickets from SLL, Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632. 7:30 P.M. Campus Theater at Fullerton College, Fullerton, Calif.

**February 12 Tax Resistance Seminar** featuring Bill Drexler and John Joseph Matonis. Call Sam Hancock (313) 278-0970. Metro-Detroit Airport Ramada Inn, Detroit, Michigan.

**February 14 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Diane Hunter Smith on "Rational Humanism: An Exploration of the Libertarian Social Ethic." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**February 16 Libertarian Law Council Luncheon.** Bob Peterson on community involvement in a libertarian case. 12:00 noon to 1:30 P.M. sharp. \$3.00 for catered lunch and talk. Reservations from M. Klausner's secretary at (213) 680-2222. Conference Room of Coopers and Lybrand, South Tower of Arco Plaza, 555 South Flower Street, Los Angeles.

**February 18 Libertarian Social Club.** "The Second Battle of Britain" a documentary produced by CBS, followed by a presentation by Jarret Wollstein (20 min.). Special admission rate for students and first time members: \$2.50. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., dinner at 7:30 P.M., film at 8:30 P.M. Reservations must be received not later than 24 hours prior to a meeting from Doris Gordon 460-4141 weekdays, Jarret Wollstein 780-7605 weekends & evenings. Dinner options: \$9.95/\$11.95. Dessert \$1 additional. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), McLean, Virginia.

**March 13 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Spencer Heath McCallum on "Space Colonization from a Proprietary Viewpoint." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.20); 8:15 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**March 18 Libertarian Social Club.** Abortion: Murder or Right? Discussion between Freeman writer and professor of biology at Mary Washington College Dr. Thomas L. Johnson, and a libertarian in favour to be selected. Reservations required from Doris Gordon 460-4141 weekdays, Jarret Wollstein 780-7605 other times, payment must be received not later than 24 hours prior to a meeting. \$5 admission only, two dinner options: \$9.95/\$11.95, dessert \$1 additional. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., dinner at 7:30 P.M., speakers at 8:30 P.M. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), McLean, Virginia.

**March 19-20 Libertarian Breakthrough Conference.** "Personal H-Bombs, Non-political Societies, Life Extension, Black Market, Waldoes, Extranational Business, Super Weapons, Shipboard Communities, Space Colonization, New Countries,..." Original libertarian ideas to trade wanted by organizer Erwin S. "Filthy Pierre" Strauss. No paid speakers, no old material. \$5, checks to "Erwin S. Strauss" at 9909 Good Luck Road, T2, Lanham, MD 20801; (301) 794-6631 (days), (301) 794-7718 (evenings & weekends). Con in Lanham, Maryland.

**April 11 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Dana Rohrabacher on the New Hebrides, the Libertarian Conference, the Reagan Campaign (of which he was asst. press sec.), and some new and old songs from the old anarchotroubador. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**April 16 Taxpayers Rally at State House.** Organized by Ralph Fucetola, Kathy Greene, various groups. Call 24 Hour Taxpayers' Hotline (201) 998-7155. Trenton, New Jersey.

**April 23-24 Libertarian Conference.** "The Future of Freedom." Murray Rothbard, Robert LeFevre, Nathaniel Branden, and John Hospers confirmed. Hosted by U.S.C. Society for Libertarian Studies. Advance tickets from CLA, P.O. Box 1202, Venice, CA 90291 and Conference two days at Town and Gown, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

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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## MEDIA MANAGER MEETS LIBERTARIANS Gene Webster at L.A. Supper Club

(January 10 || Los Angeles) A lively exchange of mutual impressions and positions highlighted the Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles January meeting. The second meeting at the new restaurant held an overflow crowd for both dinner and after-dinner attendance.

Gene Webster, editorial director of the ABC-owned stations (five, including KABC, Channel 7, Los Angeles), became familiar with libertarians such as Charles Estes, Lloyd Licher, and Charles Barr over the past few years as they appeared on KABC for editorial replies. Lloyd Licher is President of the First Libertarian Church and Estes is a director of this parent organization of the supper club.

Estes introduced Webster, mentioning he had worked his way up from an usher at CBS to program director and writer before moving to ABC. He has been editorial director for eight years, and has one other person in his department.

Programs in which Webster is involved include *Eyewitness News*, *AM Los Angeles*, *Eyewitness L.A.*, *Michael Jackson Show*, educational programs and documentaries. However, he stressed that he had no control and little contact with the news department of ABC.

Webster also pointed out that he was limited as to what he could reply by the fact he had to stick to local, as opposed to national, issues; that the ABC corporate policy board could veto him on legal or other grounds; and above all, the FCC stands, though he hasn't felt any interference yet from that level.

Webster made it clear he was not a libertarian, supporting government



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intervention in certain areas, such as liquor store licensing and traffic control. Nonetheless, he was quite muckraking on police and politicians, and received a friendly, warm reception from most libertarians in attendance.

Question period was quite long as libertarians grilled Webster on everything from the philosophical ("Do you consider the justification of the ends by the means when you write your editorials?") to the practical ("How do we present our views to get on the air?"). Gene Webster closed to warm, enthusiastic applause from his first anarchoaudience. ■

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#### Dalkon Rips Women Up/Off!

*by Abby Goldsmith*

(January 1 || Gainesville) By now, I assume, most people are familiar with the infamous Dalkon Shield, that fine little interuterine device which has caused a number of deaths and many more cases of septic abortion, massive infection and heavy bleeding, not to mention widespread "minor" side effects resulting in "mere" pain and expense on the part of thousands of women. Even our local mullet wrapper, hardly renowned for its wide or accurate coverage of anything, ran the obligatory horror story on the subject, the case of a woman who bled to death after her safe and reliable Dalkon Shield sawed its way through her uterine wall and lodged, eventually, in an artery. We are advised not to worry. The FDA is doing its thing, Robins Pharmaceutical Company is in a heap of trouble and Dalkon Shields are sold no more.

Somehow that offers little comfort. Aside from the obvious standard libertarian objections to statist solutions, the whole episode reeks of justice left undone.

Back in 1970, a Dr. Hugh Davis published the results of his research with the Dalkon Shield in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*. The shield was found to have an incredibly low failure rate and was touted as "a first choice method of contraception control." The next year, the same Dr. Davis published a little book, *The Interuterine Device for Contraception*, in which he ranked the safety and effectiveness of various IUD's. The Dalkon Shield, interestingly enough, ranked highest on Davis' graphs and charts.

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# The Week

News of and for the New Libertarian Society

## ANARCHIST JUSTICE COAST-TO-COAST

(January 7 || Burbank) On NBC television's *Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* broadcast last evening (Jan. 6), guest Orson Bean related on the air an encounter he had had earlier in the day with an Officer Garcia of the Los Angeles Police Department.

In Bean's account to Carson, he had been driving with his young son in today's heavy rain and had stopped at an intersection for stop sign, noting a police car parked after he had started moving again. The police car, driven by Officer Garcia, then flagged Bean down and Garcia proceeded to write Bean a ticket for "stopping thirty feet past the stop sign." In Bean's account, he may have been as much as three or four feet past the stop sign at most.

After Garcia had issued the ticket, Bean says, Garcia told him to "have a nice day." Bean, dripping wet from the rain, told Garcia angrily that Garcia had seen to it that he wouldn't, but in any case he would have a better day than Garcia because the latter was a member of the L.A.P.D. Garcia retorted that he would indeed have a nice day himself, because he only had to had out one more ticket to meet his quota for the day, and could then get out of the rain.

Bean then stated on the air his intention to engage an attorney—a practice he said he found almost as repugnant itself—to take up his case.

After Bean had fully related his account, Johnny Carson polled his studio audience on Bean's guilt or innocence; applause as judged both by Carson and this writer clearly indicated a verdict of innocent. Carson then quipped that his contract permitted him to pardon guests, and in an act of frontier, people's justice, asked Bean for his ticket, and upon being given it by Bean, summarily tore up the ticket to mighty applause.

Carson invited Officer Garcia onto his program to tell his side of the story, but so far he has not appeared. Carson mentioned offhandedly on tonight's broadcast that he had been contacted by the L.A.P.D. What they had told him he did not say.

—J. Neil Schulman

## UP TO THE LIMIT!

(January 2 || Brooklyn) The only libertarian (loosely speaking) publication from Brooklyn, the "National Newsletter of the Libertarian Republican Alliance," confirms Bonnie Kaplan's recent vote totals of minor parties and reports on various politicians trying to associate themselves with libertarianism. *Limit!* has reviews by fictional character Clark Savage Jr., and claims as office manager *Illuminatus!* character Tarantella Serpentine.

For real, the January 1977 (Vol. III, No. 7) issue has both letter and article by *NLW* and *SLR*'s Eric Scott Royce, and an "SF Mini-Quiz." *Limit!*, c/o LRA, 1811 East 34th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. ■

## CHICAGO HOTBED OF LIBERTARIAN ACTION

(January 9 || Chicago) The Austrian Economics Seminar will continue on Tuesdays at 4:00 P.M. (lecture) and 7:30 P.M. (seminar) with Israel Kirzner (January 18), Gerald O'Driscoll (February 15), Ludwig Lachmann (March 1), and Murray Rothbard (April 5). One can get more information from University of Chicago Business Department or from David Theroux (312) 955-2442 or Dave Oesterlund (312) 752-6866.

David Friedman will have a colloquium on Thursday, January 13, on the "Economics of Science." Watch for *NLW* report.

Appropriately enough, *The Night of January 16th* will be performed on the night of January 16th, as well as the 7, 8, 14, 21, 22 and 23rd by the Des Plaines Theatre Guild. Phone (312) 296-1211 for information.

And an Anarchist Study Group is organizing for those in the Chicago area. Those interested in participating should contact Joe Maxwell, 545 S. Woodlawn, Chicago, IL 60615, (312) 752-8959. —Chicago *NLW* Bureau

## PETTY PARTY VOTES

(January 9 || Chicago) For those interested, Bonnie Kaplan discovered the minor parties' vote totals buried in a column in the *Chicago Tribune*. Remember that Nobody got more votes than Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford combined, out of 100 million potential voters or so.

Here are the rest: Eugene McCarthy (Independent): 745,042. Lester Maddox (American Independent) and

Thomas Anderson (American Party) [note: this is actually one party, which split over candidates in different states]: 170,673 + 153,009 [323,682 total\*]. Roger MacBride ("Libertarian" Party): 183,187. Peter Camejo (Socialist Workers Party): 90,108. Gus Hall (Communist Party U.S.A.): 58,689. Margaret Wright (People's Party incl. Peace and Freedom Party): 48,891; Lyndon LaRouche (U.S. Labor Party, front group of NCLC): 40,008.

A different, unconfirmed source places the Socialist Labor Party at 9265 and the Socialist Party at 5991.

—from Chicago *NLW* Bureau

## LIBERTARIAN ALTERNATIVE BACK

(January 10 || Los Angeles) Since founder Charles Barr gave it up for Partyarchy (see *NLW* 8), Southern California libertarians have been without regular media presence. But now the First Libertarian Church of Los Angeles plans to revive the Libertarian Alternative, in function, if not name.

Selected to lead the activist agitprop group is Diane Hunter Smith, the hard-core, new libertarian, assertive feminist individualist. Smith is known for her work on forming the Forum for Philosophical Studies, her zippy lecture at the Forum's Feminist Symposium, and as the major ghost writer of Sy Leon's *None of the Above*.

The beautiful blonde biker loves making minarchists and partyarchs squirm in her spare time. Diane is a familiar figure at most libertarian social events, and seems to most New Libertarians a superb choice as the press image for libertarianism.

The name of the group was debated at the Church's Libertarian Supper Club, with the main objection being possible taint of the label by the "Libertarian" Party. *First Libertarian Church*, 12536 Woodbine Street, Los Angeles, CA 90066. ■

## BRAY WINS ONE APPEAL

(January 10 || Los Angeles) Karl Bray won an appeal on his tax resistance case (see *NLW* 3), it was announced at the Libertarian Supper Club Monday. Most of Bray's arguments were rejected, but the Appeals Court accepted the point that Judge Ritter should have disqualified himself as head kangaroo. ■

## IUD ATROCITY

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What the good doctor failed to mention throughout all this was that he was the co-inventor of the Dalkon Shield, that he and his partners had been paid \$750,000 for its patent by the Robins Company, and that he was not only employed by Robins as a consultant, but also received royalties on every Shield sold in the United States and Canada. And, if that's not bad enough, all this scientific information Davis was expounding was questionable to say the least. His original experiment (the one published in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*) was conducted on 640 women over a year's time, with the average span of insertion a mere 5.5 months. Furthermore, Davis regularly advised his IUD patients to use a contraceptive foam as well. The remarkably low failure rate Davis claimed (1.1%) has never been repeated. Later studies fixed the failure rate at anywhere from 3 to 10.1%. The Shield's failure rate is particularly significant, as most of the deaths associated with it were caused by infection among women who got pregnant while wearing the device.

In 1971 a Robin's employee, Dr. Ellen Preston, expressed concern over the Shield's multifilament string, wondering if it might not provide a path for bacteria to invade a woman's reproductive system (which later proved the major problem with the Shield). She was sent a memo by Robins' medical director telling her that it was not her function to test the device. As far as anyone knows, no tests were run by Robins, though the company now claims that it instructed its microbiologist to look into the matter. The microbiologist recalls receiving no such instruction.

And so, the Shield continued to sell briskly until reports of deaths began filtering in. At this point Robins began printing a warning on the Shields' packages. Finally, in 1975, Robins removed the devices from the market.

It is estimated that well over a million women are still wearing a Dalkon Shield, despite the fact that Planned Parenthood and other responsible organizations are attempting to "recall" the devices. It's worth noting that this society seems far more efficient at recalling defective automobiles than dangerous medical products, or at least dangerous medical products that affect women. It's no surprise. The tale is, among other things, terribly instructive in sexism in America and the double standard that

is so obviously applied. As Mark Dowie and Tracy Johnston point out in "A Case of Corporate Malpractice" in November's *Mother Jones*, "One wonders how different this story might be had the subjects of their experiments and sales been men also: would it have taken 17 deaths and hundreds of painful operations on male genitalia before a new variety of condom, say, was taken off the market?"

Of course not?

Naturally, I'm no fan of removing products from the market anyway. Clearly manufacturers have the right to produce as many dangerous products as they wish. But, they do not have the right to commit murder and that is precisely what Davis et al have done. Their deliberate misinformation on the Dalkon Shield's safety and reliability constitute a monumental case of fraud and their fraud has resulted in documented deaths.

The possible legal repercussions are laughable at best. The only person likely to be in any legal trouble at all is Davis and that for perjury of all things. (Davis, in 1970, testified before a Senate Subcommittee that he had no commercial interest in any of the interuterine devices during a hearing on birth control pills.) Given the huge profit realized on the Shields (something close to 20 million dollars), one improbably prison sentence does not seem an overwhelming cost.

Which means that it's likely to happen again, next time perhaps in the form of a new, revolutionary douche or goddess-knows-what. Unless, of course, women's outrage gets translated into a little people's justice. There are, I would think, somewhat more effective means of handling murderers than throwing them in jail for perjury. And, it would not distress me at all to find out someday that justice really had been done. —AG

## THE CENSUS: TIME TO END THE COMPULSION

by Eric Scott Royce

Knock-knock!

Damn neighbors always want to borrow something just as when "As the Worm Turns" starts getting interesting, you mutter, as you put down your beer and shuffle over to the door. But wait, it's not the moochers you expected, but a representative of the good ol' gummint of the U.S. of A.! A census taker, to be precise.

Resolved to do your patriotic duty, you settle down to respond to his queries. Name, address... sure, straightforward stuff. But wait a minute? Number of bathrooms? Value of property? Number of children born to

the woman of the house, including miscarriages? That's none of Washington's goddamn business! What about your right to privacy and... You look straight at the federal flunkie and order him out in no uncertain terms; the form remains incomplete. Nosy bastards, you growl, that'll teach 'em.

Unfortunately, as of now, if you follow through on this imaginary scenario in 1980, you will probably find yourself in big trouble. Legally speaking you can't simply tell Uncle Sam where to stick his snoopy census form. Refusal to cooperate with the census taker is a crime under federal law, punishable by a fine ranging from \$100 to \$500 for an individual, and up to \$10,000 if the violator happens to be the representative of a business, institution, religious or other organization.

Until last year, in addition, failure to answer all the questions on the form was potentially punishable by imprisonment. Although the clause was reportedly never invoked, many of the Big Government boys wanted to retain it as a deterrent to "privacy nuts."

The imprisonment penalty was deleted from the U.S. Code when President Ford signed HR 11337, a bill authorizing—groan!—a mid-decade population census in addition to the present decennial one. In the version of the bill which originally passed the House, all penalties for refusal to respond to Uncle Sam's questionnaire were repealed. Sponsor of the amendment to that effect was Rep. John Ashbrook (R-Ohio), best known for his embarrassingly bad showings in several 1972 Republican primaries as the conservative alternative to Tricky Dick.

When the House voted in favor of the Ashbrook amendment last April by a solid 248-140 margin, Census Bureau figures went into hysterics. They convinced the administration and key Senate figures that shifting from a compulsory census to a completely voluntary one was going too far. Good heavens, people might not want to be bothered! They might not respond! The cities and urban states that depend on a heavy head count total to get a hefty chunk of the "federal funds" allocated annually on a population basis might "suffer!" Over the strenuous objections of Ashbrook and other pro-privacy Members of Congress, existing civil penalties were retained in the final legislation.

This does not mean, however, that all is lost. It's not yet too late to organize a campaign to repeal or at the very least reduce the civil penalties HR 11337 left untouched.



Realistically, Congress is not going to pass the Ashbrook repeal proposal; and if it did, Jimmy Carter would doubtless provide us another example of just what a great "populist" he really is by vetoing the measure. But less drastic legislation could get through—for instance, reduction of fines and or a long-popular suggestion that all penalties be eliminated for refusal to answer questions other than those essential to obtain an accurate head count. After all, the Constitutionally-defined purpose of the census isn't to give HEW bureaucrats statistics to play with, it's to determine representation allocation in the House among the several states. Congress might also look into limiting the number or variety of questions the Census Bureau can ask.

But swift action is essential. The 1980 questionnaire will probably be completed within a few months; and the longer it takes census foes to get organized, the more likely it is that Congressional inertia and bureaucratic lobbying will spell doom for reform in this area.

Libertarians were active in the pre-1970 census opposition; it is time to gear up for another campaign. Otherwise, you had better be prepared to 'fess up to the census taker—or cough up cash to an unsympathetic judge.

—Eric Scott Royce

## EPISTOLARY

### NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS

Dear Sam, January 3, 1977

I can't tell you how disturbed I was with regards to the special supplement Number 5: "Kid Lib" [*NLW* 55]. I hesitate before saying, written by Philip Osborn. Both as a libertarian and as a person who often agrees with the objectivist approach and sometimes agrees with objectivist positions, but most importantly as a parent, I want you to know that this man has nothing relevant to say to parents.

Another parent with whom I am in close contact and who attempts to provide his children with a libertarian atmosphere was so incensed by the first page of gobbledy-gook and empty rhetoric he threw the paper down in disgust. I did not have the same practical, good sense.

I would not be so incensed over this piece of muck were the issue not so important. Many of us out here take parenting seriously. We have noted the influence that coercive parenting has had in our own lives, and while we have in most cases that I know of, been successful in overcoming childhood traumas and freeing ourselves

from "mother was always" it has not been an inexpensive effort in our lives. In addition, while our primary focus is to live as fully and richly as we can, for many of us that vision of the good life entails providing a legacy of liberty to our children.

As an advocate and committed creator of the libertarian community I think it is in your self-interest to closely examine material you offer to the community. In this light, I ask you, of what tangible value is Mr. Osborn's pretentious piece of prose? He speaks, not from years of professional experience nor from parenting experience. His undefined, unsupported contentions are born out of his own pathetic childhood and his distant observations of the parent-child relationship. His purported posture of speaking to objectivists borders on the preposterous; i.e., he fails in every respect to conform himself to objectivist principles of communication: definition of terms, precise description of the problem, restriction of the purpose and focus of the answer, etc.

Beyond belief is the manner in which Mr. Osborn corrupts concepts in his use of terms, although I will concede that there is a glimmer of honesty in his remark that he has "...yet to meet an adult" while inadvertently revealing more about himself than he perhaps can grasp. He demonstrates his own inability to grasp distinctions but why should any of us want his disease?

Finally, I think Mr. Osborn's diatribe is frankly very unjust. His caustic, blanket condemnations of *all* libertarian parents are based on assumptions of malevolence and omnipotence. An attitude that is certainly not warranted. Libertarian parents vary in their skill and talents as parents in as individual ways as parents within any community. They deserve individual judgment. Even more, they deserve an assumption of good faith that they are attempting to parent to the best of their ability. I can personally testify that given the raw childhoods of some of my friends and acquaintances, their efforts with their children are nothing short of miracles.

The implicit invalidation by Mr. Osborn is abuse they don't need. You, Sam, can provide the support and information they are seeking. I hope you will consider this in future issues.

In liberty,

Caroline Willis-White  
Long Beach, California

Dear SEK III, January 7, 1977

Well, I asked for it. I guess I'd better comment.

First, thank you; Caroline, for shar-

ing that with us.

Second, I want to apologize to the general readership for the discontinuity of my article. Originally, there were paragraph headings throughout identifying topic changes and uniting the general structure. Unfortunately, they didn't fit, and I wasn't available to rewrite. O'well.

Third, for those of you who are interested in contacting a functioning libertarian-objectivist school, I suggest you call the College of Early Learning in Columbia, South Carolina. The CEL is a New Banner Institute project which began in late 1972, four months after I joined "NBI." It is an integrated combination of Montessori equipment and method and a miniature anarcho-capitalist economy. My last information placed their attendance at around 40 students ranging in age from 2-7 years. I left "NBI" in late 1975 after concluding that some of the Banneristi were becoming progressively and dangerously out of touch with reality.

I worked as a director in the CEL for about a month and had extensive dealings with the parents and children connected with it up until I split. I have also taught junior high "earth science," English and Math in a public school system. I would guess that the average six-year-old at the CEL is as advanced in Math, Reading, Geometry and Ethics as was the average seventh grader at my Junior High.

All of us who worked at the CEL got our Montessori training from the St. Nicholas Institute through correspondence, which is cheap indeed, though not of the best quality. We began with a total capital outlay of about \$5,000 (\$3000 from sale of stock) and three semi-trained directors. We charged \$32 per week per child for a five day, four hour session, and we raised it to \$48 when Nixon announced his last wage price freeze. The CEL paid a 10% dividend on stock in the first year of operation in spite of state harassment and poor management.

Our pupils' parents were not, by and large, either objectivist or libertarian. They simply wanted the best for their children, and they could see, whatever their politics or religion, that the CEL was it. Some of them were rich and some had to take second jobs to put their kids in the CEL.

Most of the specific problems and solutions I discussed in "Kid Lib" are offshoots of general solutions worked out originally I believe by David Kennison, de facto head of "NBI," and the mind behind the CEL.

The sad part is that, with all the libertarians and libertarian parents out there, to my knowledge the CEL is the only school of its type. The happy

part is that it doesn't have to be that way. More later.

A final comment re "libertarian" parents. I met a couple last month at an introductory Free Enterprise Institute class who had a nine-year-old son. They both had backgrounds in Objectivism dating back to the old N.B.I. They taught their child to read at two years of age and he later attended a Montessori school. He is now in a public school and they are having problems. "How do you 'discipline' him," I asked the mother. "Essentially through terror," she replied. She also admitted that she did not like her child, but she claimed she nevertheless had a duty to raise him "properly." If anyone knows of any positive counter-examples, please get in contact with me.

Phil Osborn  
Long Beach, California

*[This issue ain't dead, yet, by a long shot. Coming soon, Abby Goldsmith will reply in her individual way to Phil's Supplement. Stay tuned. —SEK3]*

Dear Sam: January 11, 1977

Like your latest issue, *NLW 56*, and the liberal policies (they are liberal, aren't they? I mean, I'm correct in understanding that your orientation is a liberal one?).

I don't see that guns are amoral; I though amorality had something to do with sex. As for computer programmers, I'd get a chuckle out of seeing one of them. Your reply to my letter reminded me a little of *Alphaville*, which shows one man's relationship to a completely processed and programmed society. I was surprised to see him getting out at the end, and onto a highway that looked pretty normal and run-down.

Robert Anton Wilson sounds like somebody from Detroit, by the way he uses all three names—we have such a contributor to Pablo Lennis, and I've had several in the past. I'll look over his book when I can get one, in spite of the potential mixture of fire and cerebralism which I can sense around it.

In reference to your item about Detroit, I've driven in there a couple of times and I've never seen such computerized highway systems, or such smooth cops. Even the slums, which highways in general lead through, have check systems not involving people, or at any rate not visible ones. Maybe their machinery is blowing a gasket and breathing out carbon monoxide and other noxious fumes as it shorts, or to be more precise, crossfires. I can almost hear the beatniks that live in there going "Mola! Mola!" as they watch their electronic wilderness go up.

Is Eric Royce suggesting that Mood Rings be used to curb psychotic crimes?

Why does "Identa-Narc" have such an efficient-sounding name? Smokers and flies have never struck me as being very efficient people. Marijuana makes me nervous. I'd just as soon stay away from places where it is being smoked. Somehow, it seems that there may be a new way of detecting it rather than noting wet towels under the door.

We have what is called a "motorcycle helmet law" in Indiana. Why should the state worry about whether motorcyclists bust their heads? It seems to me that they should be glad. Yet it's practically heresy to violate this law. I think the People want them to look like BEMs and be laughed at by everybody.

That article on the feminist movement really sounds strange to me to think of all those ladies inside the Statue of Liberty. It might be that the feminists don't know where to go. I saw one of them start up out here, I forget what it was called but they had stationary with a drawing of a weird-looking lady on it, and where they all are now I don't know. I hope they get their rights—I haven't seen too many ladies for a long time now.

I received an invitation (general variety) to attend Jimmy Carter's inauguration in Washington and was getting all set to go (it's on the 20th) when I happened to think that there wouldn't be any place to stay in Washington and I'd have to moonjack in the bus station that night after the ceremony and take a late bus back, which sounds pretty unpleasant. I might have gone anyway but there hasn't been enough time to think about it and school's just starting up again. Besides I voted for Ford.

Thanks again for *NLW*. I'm getting to enjoy it immensely, and look forward to it with interest.

John Thiel  
Lafayette, Indiana

*[Well, this is the first time I've ever been mistaken for a liberal, John. We might have an odd Galambosian appearing in NLW who will insist we should be called liberals for certain classical reasons, but on the whole, we prefer the term libertarian. "Liberal" and "Conservative" are distinctions of two varieties of Statism, and we vote for "None of the Above." I saw Alphaville a long time ago, remember it as pretty good for an SF movie. How do you connect Scott Royce with Mood Rings and psychotic crimes? And, by the way, I haven't seen a copy of Pablo Lennis for quite a while. Are you still putting it out and how frequently? —SEK3]*

Dear Sam,

January 7, 1977

*NLW 55* was an exceptionally good issue. I enjoyed "Libertarian Magick" by Bonnie Kaplan, "Illuminating Discords: Escape Velocity" by Robert Anton Wilson and "Kid Lib" by Philip Osborn.

On Libertarian Magick, I would suggest our true will is always manifesting itself. All the things we got, good and bad, is the result of our true will. The undesirable things are the manifestations of the reactive mind or subconscious or unconscious mind. The good things in our life are manifestations of our spiritual essence, the thetan, the real us with the assistance of the analytical mind. The analytical mind is our conscious, rational mind. In order to increase the good manifestations and decrease the bad manifestations, it follows we must shrink and eventually eliminate the reactive mind and refile all of our unpleasant experiences into the analytical mind. If we did that we can literally make all things we do go right all the time.

Magick as far as it goes appears to make things go right but if magicians want to understand why their magick works they can try Dianetic and Scientology auditing as pre-clears. Magick is understandable if we are completely free from the reactive mind. Clear in Scientology means free from the reactive mind. At the operating thetan level or OT one goes beyond clear and from mere understanding magick to actually attaining magical powers with a corresponding increase in ethics.

On "Illuminating Discords: Escape Velocity," it's always a pleasure to read Robert Anton Wilson. Setting up L5 colonies is a great idea. I am also optimistic that for the most part, they will be libertarian. If Leary is in favor of space migration research, intelligence raising research and life extension research, I must favorably re-evaluate Leary. Take a win, Leary. I would suggest that space migration can be a manifestation of intelligence increase and that scientology without a doubt does increase intelligence and extend life. One of the benefits of clear and OT is intelligence increase and life extension.

On the question of a libertarian society on earth, I am optimistic that it is possible. To be an effective libertarian one should have a high level of intelligence, consciousness and show that your life works by at least not being destitute. I would suggest that scientology is a possible means toward making your principles work if they are indeed valid to begin with. Scientology's aim of clearing the planet of insanity, criminals and war and bringing ethics into society is compatible

with libertarianism's aim of building a free society. Not only are the two compatible, it's also possible to combine the two. Pessimism on an earth-side libertarian society is therefore unwarranted.

On "Kid Lib," glad to hear that you want to eliminate death and taxes. Through life extension it's just possible you may see both eliminated in your extended life span. Take a loss for invalidating yourself by declaring yourself no genius and not tremendously well integrated. Such a statement does not serve your or your article even if there is a possibility of it being true. On the question of basic intelligence being a function of physical brain structure, not entirely true. Refiling experiences from the reactive subconscious mind into the conscious analytical mind definitely increases intelligence. Your description of psychological blocks is very similar if not identical to dianetic engrams. Take a win on the point.

When you claim that the source of psychological blocks as the result of parental ignorance of epistemological principles in theory or application, you are only partially correct. I would suggest that psychological blocks or engrams are caused by parental dramatizing of their own restimulated engrams which they got from their parents dramatizing their restimulated engrams which they got from their parents. Engramic aberrations are contagious. The solution to preventing engrams and their dramatizations is dianetic and Scientology auditing. If you run an engram out of the reactive mind, that engram with never be restimulated and dramatized on the child. If parents are clear, they will raise healthy, happy unrepresed and rational children. The rest of your article was very good, especially the economics. Take a win on the rest of your article.

Bob Cohen  
Anarchovillage, North America

## Speculations

SF AND OTHER SPECULATIVE THOUGHTS

### PROZINES by Cain Smith AMAZING December 1976

**Fundamental Issue.** Philip Jose Farmer. A Supreme Court justice thinks about upcoming cases, and the social issues involved. A fictionalized essay, rather than a story. While there is some action, it seems to be ornament rather than part of the story—the real events are all in past and future. During most of the almost-story, the central character is sitting on the toilet.

**Patrick Henry, Jupiter, and the Little Red Brick Spaceship**, George R.R. Martin. A romantic entrepreneur tries to bring private enterprise to space. Martin's style is good as ever; but this time, it doesn't seem to work.

**Flesh Pearl**, R. Faraday Nelson. Begins with space pirates, and loses realism rapidly thereafter.

**Martha**, Fred Saberhagen. A computer redesigns itself to give people what they really want.

**Tin Woodman**, Dennis Bailey & Dave Bischoff. Telepath (one of a despised but useful minority) is sent to communicate with an alien starship.

**Search**, F.M. Busby. Travel among alternate universes—a type of story I'm a sucker for. Busby has come up with something relatively new to search for (Keith Laumer used it as a minor ingredient in *Worlds of the Imperium*). Note: This will be part of a novel, and might be better read as such.

**Everything is Going to be All Right**, Linda Isaacs. Narrator buys the wrong android. Isaacs doesn't seem to have any empathy with her central character—a failing which matters more than it might if she hadn't told the story in first person.

**The Hardship Post**, Tom Goodhue. A man homesick for Mars. (A rather unlikely Mars; one with lichen common enough that Viking should have found it by now.)

**Editorial**, Ted White. The influence of Heinlein on some recent SF writers—Alexei Panshin and Joe Haldeman in particular.

**Talking to Aliens (part 2)**, Gregory Benford. Well written and informative. Nothing new to me; but there may be for some readers.

**Afterword to a Novel**, Barry N. Malzberg. How and why Malzberg wrote *Revelations*. I find this much more interesting than any of Malzberg's fiction to date.

### ANALOG, December 1976.

**Chimera**, Bob Buckley. Venus has been partly adapted to human use; with artificial lifeforms in the upper atmosphere. The story itself is cops and robbers; and needs a more meticulously worked-out background for support than Buckley gives. It doesn't help that the social setting is rather hard to believe. Shipping meat from Venus to Earth seems economically unfeasible, to begin with. And if the story is set more than two centuries in the future, why characters who would have seemed old-fashioned in the 1950s?

**The Con Artist**, P.J. Plauger. Earth is plagued by immortal aliens; of several

species, but all touchy and dangerous. A new arrival, apparently more dangerous than the rest, must be dealt with. The characters are genuine people; the background is detailed and consistent enough for believability. Good enough that it will probably be heavily anthologized for some years to come.

**Embryonic Drama**, Gordon Eklund. Protagonist finds scientific proof of reincarnation. Our old friend, the machine which runs the world, tries to continue suppressing this knowledge. Chunks of the background explanation are in paragraphs completely separate from the story proper.

**Sanctuary**, Cynthia Bunn. Several generations post-catastrophe, an outcast from a city thinks she's found refuge. Properly horrifying in spots; and unlike most *Analog* series-stories, this one is readable to those who haven't read previous ones in the series.

**The Ipswich Phial**, Randall Garret. In an alternate world where (among other differences) magic rather than science has been developed, a secret weapon must be recovered. Enjoyable even to those who haven't read previous Lord D'Arcy stories. Garrett has properly developed the background; and the main characters are reasonably well developed.

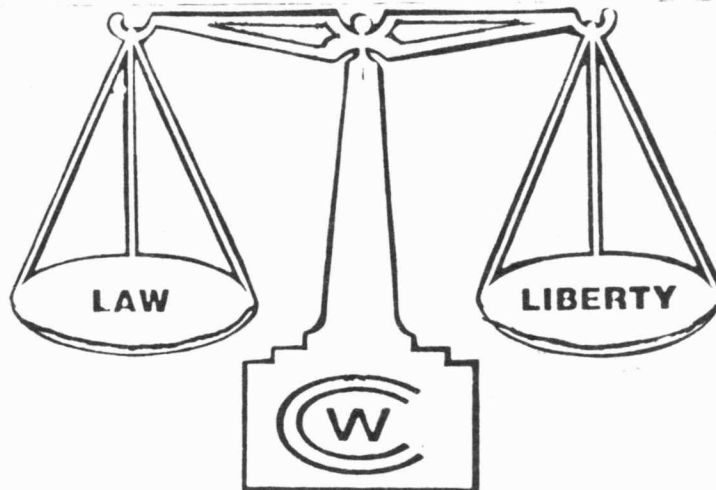
**Answer in Cold Stone**, Stephen Leigh. An artists trapped in a stagnant society. Too stagnant for belief, unfortunately. No reason is given for failure to expand into the empty land readily available elsewhere on its planet. (Given suitable land within reach, every known human society has been kept from expansion only by opposition from stronger societies. Land not expanded into is either not reachable or not useful by that society's standards.) Since there've been rebels for generations, surely they would at least occasionally flee to the wilderness? Nothing is said of what the rebels are fighting for (except isolation again from Earth—but what did they want before the rediscovery?)

**Proxmired**, Ben Bova. A defense of the current funding system for basic research—in which, roughly speaking, the Federal government gives money for allocation by the scientific establishment. Largely a personal attack on Senator William Proxmire, complete with the accusations of McCarthyism which (with poetic justice) have become more fashionable than accusations of Communism. The possibility that Proxmire might be sincerely opposed to what he considers wasteful spending is dismissed. The possibility that there may actually be wasteful spending is barely brought up. —CS



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# Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

**January 29 Austin Libertarian Alliance.** Rifle and Small Arms Practice. Non-sexist instruction available. Range Fee: \$1.50. 12:00 P.M. 836-4052. 9702 Chukar Circle, Austin, Texas.

**January 30 NOTA Talk** on energy crisis by Winston Duke (nuclear, electric) of Commonwealth Edison and George Price (gas) of the Institute of Gas Tech. 2:30 P.M. Donation. Call (312) 935-0412 for more details. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham, Chicago.

**February 1 Society for Libertarian Life.** John Hospers, Ph.D. on "Will Freedom Survive Until 1984?" \$2 for tickets from SLL, Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632. 7:30 P.M. Campus Theater at Fullerton College, Fullerton, Calif.

**February 12 Tax Resistance Seminar** featuring Bill Drexler and John Joseph Matonis. Call Sam Hancock (313) 278-0970. Metro-Detroit Airport Ramada Inn, Detroit, Michigan.

**February 14 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Diane Hunter Smith on "Rational Humanism: An Exploration of the Libertarian Social Ethic." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**February 16 Libertarian Law Council Luncheon.** Bob Peterson on community involvement in a libertarian case. 12:00 noon to 1:30 P.M. sharp. \$3.00 for catered lunch and talk. Reservations from M. Klausner's secretary at (213) 680-2222. Conference Room of Coopers and Lybrand, South Tower of Arco Plaza, 555 South Flower Street, Los Angeles.

**February 18 Libertarian Social Club.** "The Second Battle of Britain" a documentary produced by CBS, followed by a presentation by Jarret Wollstein (20 min.). Special admission rate for students and first time members: \$2.50. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., dinner at 7:30 P.M., film at 8:30 P.M. Reservations must be received not later than 24 hours prior to a meeting from Doris Gordon 460-4141 weekdays, Jarret Wollstein 780-7605 weekends & evenings. Dinner options: \$9.95/\$11.95. Dessert \$1 additional. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), McLean, Virginia.

**March 13 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Spencer Heath McCallum on "Space Colonization from a Proprietary Viewpoint." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.20); 8:15 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**March 18 Libertarian Social Club.** Abortion: Murder or Right? Discussion between Freeman writer and professor of biology at Mary Washington College Dr. Thomas L. Johnson, and a libertarian in favour to be selected. Reservations required from Doris Gordon 460-4141 weekdays, Jarret Wollstein 780-7605 other times, payment must be received not later than 24 hours prior to a meeting. \$5 admission only, two dinner options: \$9.95/\$11.95, dessert \$1 additional. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., dinner at 7:30 P.M., speakers at 8:30 P.M. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), McLean, Virginia.

**March 19-20 Libertarian Breakthrough Conference.** "Personal H-Bombs, Non-political Societies, Life Extension, Black Market, Waldoes, Extranational Business, Super Weapons, Shipboard Communities, Space Colonization, New Countries, ..." Original libertarian ideas to trade wanted by organizer Erwin S. "Filthy Pierre" Strauss. No paid speakers, no old material. \$5, checks to "Erwin S. Strauss" at 9909 Good Luck Road, T2, Lanham, MD 20801; (301) 794-6631 (days), (301) 794-7718 (evenings & weekends). Con in Lanham, Maryland.

**April 11 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Dana Rohrabacher on the New Hebrides, the Libertarian Conference, the Reagan Campaign (of which he was asst. press sec.), and some new and old songs from the old anarchotroubadour. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**April 16 Taxpayers Rally at State House.** Organized by Ralph Fucetola, Kathy Greene, various groups. Call 24 Hour Taxpayers' Hotline (201) 998-7155. Trenton, New Jersey.

**April 23-24 Libertarian Conference.** "The Future of Freedom." Murray Rothbard, Robert LeFevre, Nathaniel Branden, and John Hospers confirmed. Hosted by U.S.C. Society for Libertarian Studies. Advance tickets from CLA, P.O. Box 1202, Venice, CA 90291 and Conference two days at Town and Gown, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

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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# LIBERTARIAN

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## KOCH BUYS OUT LR! Kephart Sells 2nd-Biggest Journal

(January 16 || Alexandria) The number two publication of the libertarian movement (in circulation) has changed owners, and perhaps philosophy. *Libertarian Review*, which specialized in book reviews and scholarly essays, has been sold by movement entrepreneur Robert Kephart to Kansas oil millionaire Charles Koch.

The format of *LR* is expected to change and the staff will be completely turned over. Kephart granted an exclusive telephone interview to *New Libertarian Weekly* Sunday night, but noted he was not privy to the future plans of Koch and his group.

New editor of *LR* will be Roy A. Childs, and publisher will be Charles (Chuck) Hamilton. Koch has been Childs' patron for quite a while, supporting the controversial defender of lying to the press by various foundation grants.

Hamilton is the owner of Free Life Editions, a marginal book publisher of reprints such as Oppenheimer's *The State* and Flynn's *As We Go Marching*. Both Childs and Hamilton go back to the early days of the movement, being comrades in the Radical Libertarian Alliance in 1969, and both are still based in New York.

Robert D. Kephart had long fostered and subsidized *LR* as a pet project. He began with *Books for Libertarians*, a review service for his bookselling operation, but he eventually transformed that into the modern-looking format *Libertarian Review* and sol the book service. (See *NLW* 19.)

The 5000 circulation journal never made money, and Kephart said he reluctantly gave it up because of the growing drain on his time as well. Audio-Forum, the tape distribution company, and *Inflation Survival Letter* remain part of Kephart Communications.

Though some consider Kephart a bit of a Howard Hughes, Charles Koch has come on like Rupert Murdoch in his sudden acquisition of *Libertarian Review*. Although the Wichita capitalist was educated into libertarianism by Robert LeFevre, he has increasingly committed himself to the "Libertarian" Party in the past year.

Some anti-Party libertarians have already begun to speculate that Koch's acquisition of the money-loser was motivated to capture control of the Libertarian press on behalf of the LP. *LR* had a non-partisan approach, even printing a formal essay against the LP by Samuel Edward Konkin (editor of *NLW*), as well as a rebuttal by Party Boss Ed Crane.

Childs, of course, is a self-proclaimed apologist for the Party, even defending lying by the spokesman to the press. Hamilton has not been known for any particular position on the LP.

Koch has been the main bankroller of the MacBride for President campaign, possibly "buying" him the nomination. Koch has also been linked to a new West Coast publication to be edited by Party loyalist Bill Evers.

Although libertarian publications with an implicit or explicit anti-LP position still have a larger circulation than the pro-Party sheets, the LP can now claim the top two in their camp (*Reason* also being pro-Party). (The LP also has its own national newspaper, which has no credibility after Crane's orders to it to publish nothing but material which made the Party look good. [See *NLW* 17.] )

Kephart still intends to remain active in the libertarian movement. He recently backed the formation of the Washington, D.C. Libertarian Social Club (see *Calendar*). He is also considering a move to the West Coast. ■

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## SIL Members— Who Are They?

*by David K. Walter*

(January 7 || Warminster) About half a year ago, I decided that it was time to poll the membership of S.I.L. [Society for Individual Liberty] to determine the attitudes and beliefs of libertarians today. As we all know, there are many factions with the "Movement"—the politicians, the anarchists, the non-voters, the escapers, etc. I felt that S.I.L., since it reflects all views among its membership, would provide a representative cross-section of the movement.

A survey was printed in the September issue of *Individual Liberty* [SIL's organ] and responses were received from 167 readers, more than 13% of the total membership in S.I.L. A sample size this large should guarantee that the entire population of the movement thinks much the same.

What emerges as the typical libertarian? Our findings are that he is male, employed in a white collar occupation, 36 years of age, and a limited government advocate. He is an atheist who came to libertarianism in the 1960s from the conservative movement after reading Ayn Rand's works. He is registered to vote in the Libertarian Party and believes political action to achieve a free society is moral. This profile emerges from the first half of the survey and, if you don't like any of this, argue with the typical libertarian and not with me. Below follows the results and some of my comments. Surely, Sam Konkin has some opinions on what these results mean and will be adding his comments at the end of this article.

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# The Week

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## FREE MARKET REPORTER

(January 15 || Los Angeles) *The International Shortage Reporter* of Phoenix, Arizona, is no more. But fear not for "The Newsletter of Counter-Economics, Black Markets and Underground Business;" it's now the *Free Market Reporter* and it has issued forth from San Francisco, missing only a week of its tri-weekly publishing schedule.

Editor Dave Fowler kicks off *FMR* (continuing numbering of *ISR* with Volume 1, No. 7, December 20, 1976) with a front-page rousing editorial, "Hail the Free Marketeer!" And the New Libertarian editor follows that up with a feature article on the marijuana market situation—blending hard-hitting business realism with a libertarian sense of justice, spiced with Fowler irony.

The "side column" continues to brim with facts for profits in coming shortages in denim and energy, surpluses in avocados, doctors and lawyers, pet hermit crabs for Christmas, the decline of college degrees as investment and the boom in robots, and pesticides, beer, drugs and coffee. As Dave says, "It's best not to take government too seriously."

*Free Market Reporter*, \$38/year, Freedom Fellowship Press, P.O. Box 11242, San Francisco, CA 94101. ■

## TOP HUMOUR ZINE

(January 17 || Ann Arbor) In the tradition of libertarian satire & movement news zines of the early 1970s comes Ron Chusid's *The Iconoclastic Report*. The January 1977 (Vol. 2, No. 2) issue features a witty puncture of Rothbard's new wish-fulfilment balloon concerning the evaporation of the "left-sectarians" (see *NLW* 58).

*TIR* has a new, cleaner look from previous issues, with presstype heads. Nonetheless, the hard-core New Libertarian position and sustained good humour remains the salient characteristics.

*TIR* also exhibits taste and judgement, recommending *NLW* for news source, *The Iconoclastic Report*, 55¢ or 5/\$1 or trade from Ron Chusid, 848 Tappan Apt. 7, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. ■

## SLL GROWS AND GROWS

(January 15 || Anaheim) Orange County's activist-educationist libertarian group, Society for Libertarian Life, continues to burgeon. Editor Lawrence Samuels reports on Orange County activities in the quarterly *Libertas Review*, the Winter 1977 edition just out.

Chapman College is added to three other SLL college chapters by activist Judy Cain. And, at no particular campus, Libertarian Freedom Alliance, organized by Neal Glass and Larry Smith, has joined SLL as a chapter and got six members right off.

Samuels is making the rounds of radio stations to plug SLL events (see *Calendar*) and is trying to organize a libertarian infiltration of the ACLU. Busy Samuels and *Libertas Review* can be reached at SLL, P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632. ■

## VACULIK BUSTED, FREED, THEN DETAINED...

(January 11 || Vienna) Reuters reports that six Czechoslovak dissidents have formed the "Human Rights Movement." Among them is the winner of the 1976 George Orwell Prize for literature, Ludvik Vaculik (see *NLW* 37).

The six were freed Monday after varying periods of arrest, but called back by Czech police Tuesday for extended interrogation about the Movement. Playwright Vaclav Havel was held 13 hours Monday, and questioned nine hours Tuesday at Prague's Ruzyně Prison complex.

Dramatist Pavel Kohout and his wife were picked up at gunpoint after the car was stopped in the streets of Prague. Kohout received hospital treatment for a knee injury inflicted as he was hustled into a police car Monday.

The security probe was triggered by publication of a clandestine human rights manifesto called "Charter 77." The charter was signed by 282 Czechoslovaks and published in Western newspapers the previous week.

Besides Vaculik, Havel and Kohout, the six include Jan Patouck, a philosopher, Jiri Hajek, former Foreign Minister, and Frantisek Kriegel, former member of the Communist Party Presidium. ■

## S.I.L. SELF-SURVEY

By sex, 91% of the respondents were male, 8% female and 1% no answer. A check of our mailing list indicates that some 15% to 20% appear to be female. Do libertarian women feel that their opinions are not wanted or of value? ALF needs to continue consciousness-raising as do other libertarian organizations.

Occupations showed wide-ranging differences but most libertarians are in white-collar jobs. Interestingly enough, nearly 10% of the occupations listed indicated that the respondent was employed by government.

The average respondent is 36.2 years old, surprising to me. I would have guessed 30 and expected many more students. The "movement" is apparently moving out of the college age group—or college age libertarians don't fill in questionnaires. The 21 to 30 age group did have the most responses however. S.I.L.'s oldest libertarian is 76.

Contrary to what some of us might believe or hope for, the limited government advocate is still in the majority over us anarchists by 53% to 45%. Anarchists have not nearly won the hearts of all but a stubborn few, and the "anarchist vs limited government" debate is not *passee*.

78% of us are either Atheists or Agnostics. Only 8% professed to be believers who did not participate in religious activities and 10% were believers who did. Also, the average age of the non-believers was 35.1 years and 39.6 years was the average age of the believers. Profession of atheism might then be a good filtering device when directing your recruiting activities.

Fully 65% of the respondents indicated a "right wing" background and only 19% indicated "left wing" views before adopting libertarianism. The remainder were moderates or had no views. So far, recruitment should aim at right-wing atheists!

41% of our respondents came to libertarianism in the 1970s. While the movement is no longer made up of those who started it in the late '60s, I would expect that our growth should have come more from conversions. It appears to me that this low percentage of 1970s' libertarians indicates that we are merely bringing in those who were already libertarians. 1965.4 was the

average conversion year for those of the 1960s.

The respondents indicated that 85% were registered to vote and only 15% were not. The argument that libertarians should refuse to participate in the electoral process has a long way to go! Surprisingly, 72% of those who claim to be anarchists are registered to vote.

Of those registered, 66% are registered LP or would register LP if allowed to in their state. Why are the other 34% reluctant to register LP?

Of those who aren't registered, 71% did not want to "sanction the political process." Some just didn't "get around to it" while others thought politics "stupid."

The next question asked whether political action as carried on by the LP was moral in achieving a free society. Of those who are not registered, 25% felt that such action was moral, 23% thought it moral but futile, and the remainder found it immoral, unethical, or some other uncomplimentary thing. Of those who were registered, 81% thought such action to be moral, 13% (half of them LP) thought it to be moral but futile, and 5% thought it immoral or unethical but would participate anyway. Those of us who don't participate may well wonder which is more dangerous—believing political action to be moral, or believing it to be immoral but participating in spite of it.

It usually does begin with Ayn Rand as 69% of our respondents indicated that her writings were most influential in causing them to initially adopt libertarian views. Closest were Rothbard and Leonard Read with 5% each and LeFevre and von Mises with 3% each. The recruiting tactic indicated here is placing your brochures inside of all copies of Rand's books in the local bookstores.

The survey then moved into other areas such as "where do you get most of your information on current issues?" Surprisingly, books beat out libertarian magazines in this regard. LP campaigning was equally ineffectual with conference speakers in providing respondents with information on libertarian positions.

Still to be tabulated are questions on definition of libertarianism, the speaker that respondents would first pay to hear again, neglected conference topics, the topic most thoroughly covered and documented, whether or not MacBride compromised libertarian positions in his campaign (preliminary indications are, overwhelmingly, that he didn't) and whether or not the respondent agrees with the statement, "If lying helps, I say lie" (again, overwhelmingly, they do not agree). —DW

[Since I'm invited, I'll say my piece quick and then let the following table say the rest. First of all, Dave, I hope I won't wound you mortally if I don't buy your premise that SIL is "representative" of the Movement. For example, there are 10,000 graduates of Galambos' Free Enterprise Institute, yet you do not seem to have a single one! LeFevre has another 10,000 graduates—yet you indicate 3% with LeFevrean background in SIL. (Even assuming half of his graduates came from other, more influential background, or went on to such.) And I've had about as much success in getting NLA allies to join SIL as Larry Samuels

did in getting SLLers to join P&F or Rothbard did get us all to join SDS in '69. Finally, it should be noted that SIL did conduct a massive recruitment campaign aimed at LP members. It seems you succeeded beyond your dreams (or desires?).

Nonetheless, analytical criticism aside, I hope our readers realize what a step forward this is for any libertarian group to make such a survey, and most importantly, to even admit that there are so many varieties of fellow freedom-lovers. I'm sure we'll all be waiting Part Two, breathlessly, Dave.

—SEK3]

## HOW STANDS THE "LIBERTARIAN" PARTY TODAY?

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**Notes:** All listings subject to change (free will, you know). Those who feel their position has been badly mis-estimated can write in; please watch letter column in NLW for corrections. *Criterion of selection of above data:* Publication or organization has over 100 circulation/membership. Individuals must be known for more than one form of activism; this excludes candidates who are otherwise non-entities, and excludes those who only write for publication. The former deletion tends to hurt the LP; the latter tends to deplete anti-Party ranks.

\* Ownership changed from Kephart to Koch; will probably move to pro—Party column.

† An excellent case can be made for leaving Rand out; unfortunately, many libertarians insist on including her. Your pick.

‡ Needless to say, these figures will be hotly debated (regardless of the merits of the case), but here's the reasoning anyway: Since the Party lies about there membership, I took the last verified head count and added 1000 for generosity. Additional generosity is that many Party members do not believe in the political party concept! We'll assume this is cancelled by those Party supporters who remain in the closet. Almost no one is personally "non-partisan," so I rounded up to the nearest 1000. For anti-Party people, I added the membership, etc., and divided in half to eliminate overlap and apostates, then rounded down! This is called "bending over backwards" to be fair.

—SEK3

# Black Market

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## TIRED OF SAME OLD THING?

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in Chicago area is forming. Anyone interested should contact Joe Maxwell, 5405 S. Woodlawn, Chicago, IL 60615, (312) 752-8959.

## GET YOUR STRATEGY YET?

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# Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

**January 30** *NOTA* Talk on energy crisis by Winston Duke (nuclear, electric) of Commonwealth Edison and George Price (gas) of the Institute of Gas Tech. 2:30 P.M. Donation. Call (312) 935-0412 for more details. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham, Chicago.

**January 30** *NLA of Southern California* meeting. Allies only to this one. Call RegSec at (213) 436-0623 for details. Long Beach, California.

**February 1** *Society for Libertarian Life*. John Hospers, Ph.D. on "Will Freedom Survive Until 1984?" \$2 for tickets from SLL, Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632. 7:30 P.M. Campus Theater at Fullerton College, Fullerton, Calif.

**February 4** *Southern Libertarian Movement* meetings at the University of Florida. Recent speakers include Abby Goldsmith and Calvin Timmerman. Held every Friday at 8 P.M., Room 355 of the J. Wayne Reitz Student Union, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

**February 11** *The Forum for Philosophical Studies*. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Topic to be announced; write to be put on mailing list. Room 500, 6725 Sunset Blvd. Hollywood, California.

**February 12** *Tax Resistance Seminar* featuring Bill Drexler and John Joseph Matonis. Call Sam Hancock (313) 278-0970. Metro-Detroit Airport Ramada Inn, Detroit, Michigan.

**February 14** *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles*. Diane Hunter Smith on "Rational Humanism: An Exploration of the Libertarian Social Ethic." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**February 16** *Libertarian Law Council Luncheon*. Bob Peterson on community involvement in a libertarian case. 12:00 noon to 1:30 P.M. sharp. \$3.00 for catered lunch and talk. Reservations from M. Klausner's secretary at (213) 680-2222. Conference Room of Coopers and Lybrand, South Tower of Arco Plaza, 555 South Flower Street, Los Angeles.

**February 18** *Libertarian Social Club*. "The Second Battle of Britain" a documentary produced by CBS, followed by a presentation by Jarret Wollstein (20 min.). Special admission rate for students and first time members: \$2.50. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., dinner at 7:30 P.M., film at 8:30 P.M. Reservations must be received not later than 24 hours prior to a meeting from Doris Gordon 460-4141 weekdays, Jarret Wollstein 780-7605 weekends & evenings. Dinner options: \$9.95/\$11.95. Dessert \$1 additional. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), McLean, Virginia.

**March 12** *Tax Revolt Seminar* with Bill Drexler and Marvin Cooley. \$20.00 per includes lunch. Advance registration necessary, Joe Edelson (201) 387-1400. Ramada Inn, Montvale, New Jersey.

**March 13** *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles*. Spencer Heath McCallum on "Space Colonization from a Proprietary Viewpoint." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.20); 8:15 P.M. for program only

(\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**March 18** *Libertarian Social Club*. Abortion: Murder or Right? Discussion between Freeman writer and professor of biology at Mary Washington College Dr. Thomas L. Johnson, and a libertarian in favour to be selected. Reservations required from Doris Gordon 460-4141 weekdays, Jarret Wollstein 780-7605 other times, payment must be received not later than 24 hours prior to a meeting. \$5 admission only, two dinner options: \$9.95/\$11.95, dessert \$1 additional. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., dinner at 7:30 P.M., speakers at 8:30 P.M. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), McLean, Virginia.

**March 19-20** *Libertarian Breakthrough Conference*. "Personal H-Bombs, Non-political Societies, Life Extension, Black Market, Waldoes, Extranational Business, Super Weapons, Shipboard Communities, Space Colonization, New Countries, ..." Original libertarian ideas to trade wanted by organizer Erwin S. "Filthy Pierre" Strauss. No paid speakers, no old material. \$5, checks to "Erwin S. Strauss" at 9909 Good Luck Road, T2, Lanham, MD 20801; (301) 794-6631 (days), (301) 794-7718 (evenings & weekends). Con in Lanham, Maryland.

**April 11** *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles*. Dana Rohrabacher on the New Hebrides, the Libertarian Conference, the Reagan Campaign (of which he was asst. press sec.), and some new and old songs from the old anarchotroubador. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**April 16** *Taxpayers Rally at State House*. Organized by Ralph Fucetola, Kathy Greene, various groups. Call 24 Hour Taxpayers' Hotline (201) 998-7155. Trenton, New Jersey.

**April 23-24** *Libertarian Conference*. "The Future of Freedom." Nathaniel Branden, Robert LeFevre, David Friedman have been confirmed. Correction from organizers: Murray Rothbard has become "unconfirmed" [sic]. Hosted by U.S.C. Society for Libertarian Studies. Advance tickets from CLA, P.O. Box 1202, Venice, CA 90291. Conference two days at Town and Gown, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California.

**May 27** *Society for Libertarian Life* Robert LeFevre speaking at either Chapman College or Santa Ana College. Write SLL, P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632 for details. 7:30 P.M. Probably \$2 per ticket. Orange County, California.

All libertarian and related events are listed except those which require secrecy and those which are not sent in. Notifications should be received at least two weeks before cover date of issue of appearance that is wished. Political activities masquerading as "libertarian" activities will be rejected.



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# LIBERTARIAN WEEKLY

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## LIBERTARIANS DOWN UNDER DEBATE PARTY John Zube Attacks Workers Party!

*by Peter McAlpine*

(January 19 || Detroit) John Zube, long time Australian author-publisher of libertarian "Peace Plans" (John Zube, 7 Oxley St., Berrima, NSW Australia 2577) has issued a pamphlet entitled "Let Freedom Pay Its Way," a challenge to the "libertarian" *Workers Party* to finance its takeover of the government capitalistically instead of relying on the standard political party methodology of collectivistic sacrifices for a "cause." The pamphlet is subtitled "How to get rid of the four basic contradictions in the present financing of the Worker's Party: Its Immorality, Its Inconsistency, Its Absurdity and Its Unprincipled Gradualism."

Essentially, the plan would use the aggregate loot of the government as an asset to finance the expenses of the Workers Party.

First, the Workers Party would issue shares redeemable in government "property" to all Australians. Shares would be adjusted upward in proportion to income tax payments over the last 10 years. The Workers Party would pledge to distribute all government "property" to shareholders immediately upon victory at the polls—no gradualism here!

As payment for the service of returning all government loot to its rightful individual owners, the Workers Party would demand a commission. Against this future commission the Workers Party would issue interest bearing bonds, payable upon election victory, which would finance election and educational expenses.

It should be clear that a speculative market, probably a black market, would develop for both the shares and bonds. As election victory approached bond and share prices would soar, bringing windfall profits to the early (libertarian) investors. Zube thinks that government assets are worth about \$1,000,000 per capita in Australia and even more in the U.S. (Since all government debts would be repudiated as invalid investments in coercion, the net worth of the government is not to be considered.)

The major flaw in Zube's plan seems to be the arbitrary commission exacted by the Workers Party. However, this could be corrected by making the commission contractual when the speculative shares are distributed. Thus, only those who voluntarily choose the Workers Party as their agent in recovering their share of the government loot would be involved. Also, this more individualistic approach would open the business of loot recovery to competition from many defence agencies, some of whom would no doubt opt for other than the Workers Party's "electoral" methodology in recovering their client's assets.

In light of Murray Rothbard's absurd pronouncement in a recent *Libertarian Forum* that the libertarian activist must look to "psychic profit" obtained on the "astral plane" of "higher values," rather than material profit here and now, Zube's suggestions couldn't have come at a better time.

—Peter McAlpine

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**END STATE NUKE  
JAE COMMISSION***by Eric Scott Royce*

(January 10 || Washington) Almost unnoticed, the House of Representatives changed its rules January 4 to eliminate all legislative power for the Joint Atomic Energy Committee (JAEC) except oversight authority. A similar proposal appears, at this time, likely to pass the Senate with little difficulty.

JAEC drew increasing criticism during 1976, and the attack culminated in December with release of a Common Cause report entitled "Stacking the Deck: A Case Study of Procedural Abuses by the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy."

The Common Cause indictment of JAEC included a number of amply documented charges against the Committee, which exercised exclusive jurisdiction in both houses of Congress over all legislation related to nuclear issues. Accusations included refusal by JAEC to consider legislation submitted by Members of Congress other than its own 18 members; frequent denial to critics of nuclear development the right to testify on pending legislation; rushing Congressional action on bills such as renewal of the Price-Anderson Act, which severely limits liability in case of a nuclear plant accident and commits millions of

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# The Week

NEWS of the NEW LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

## DECADENT RIGGENBACH

(January 13 || Los Angeles) Startling at least some of his audience, Jeff Rigggenbach set forth the theory that freedom increased during periods of cultural decadence—terms he defined quite uniquely. He found a high correlation between decadents and libertarianism, and the use of imaginative literature such as fantasy, and Science Fiction which he classified as a subset of fantasy!

Rigggenbach, speaking at the Forum for Philosophical Studies to a standing-room only audience, then cheerfully sustained an attack on all his premises by Renaissance men in the audience, mainly Samuel Konkin. The lecture attracted many with borderline interest in SF, but few Romantic, "Clear Ether!" trufen. ■

## RELEVANT ROYCE

(January 11 || Arlington) Still the best monthly libertarian publication is Eric Scott Royce's *Southern Libertarian Review*. The latest number, Vol. III, No. 3, continues to pack twelve pages (limit for one ounce, first class mail) with readable, reduced typescript and headlines.

*SLR* is the first (outside of *NLW*) to be fully aware of the importance of the Separatist victory in Quebec, with a cover story by Samuel Konkin. Other notable articles include an interview with Larry Moss, tax haven information, review of the new book on Henry Wallace and the Progressives (reviewed by Royce) and some short pieces.

Royce even indulges minarchists and candidates for office (e.g. Herald Beale)—a remarkable display of tolerance considering the amount of black-listing and personal venom heaped on him by Partyarchs and Establishment "Libertarians." *Southern Libertarian Review*, \$6/year, 1236 S. Taylor Street, #A, Arlington, VA 22204. ■

## HOME-MADE NUKE

(December 14 || ZNS) A Princeton University student who designed a home-made "atomic bomb" as part of a physics class project earlier this year says he has been besieged with phone

calls and letters about his design from all over the world.

The student, John Phillips, submitted the plan for an atomic device—reportedly about one-third as powerful as the Hiroshima bomb—to the Princeton Physics Department. After a flood of phone calls and mail poured in, Princeton officials assigned bodyguards to Phillips to protect him against possible kidnapping by "terrorists."

Phillips says the strangest letter he's received came from a man who wanted to build an atomic bomb to add to his gun collection. ■

## CONSPIRACY HISTORIAN DIES

(January 3 || Washington) Dr. Carroll Quigley, professor of history at Georgetown University for 35 years before his retirement last June, died of a heart attack January 3 at 66. Quigley, who taught at Princeton and Harvard before shifting to Georgetown in 1941, was the author of numerous articles and of two books, *Evolution of Civilization and Tragedy and Hope: The World in Our Time*.

The latter volume brought him to the attention of John Birchers and other students of the "conspiratorial theory of history." Various passages in the lengthy book were quoted by W. Cleon Skousen, Gary Allen, and others to support their view that a powerful elite has operated behind the scenes for decades to control domestic and international policy.

Quigley at one point in *Tragedy and Hope* indicated that he had personally inspected some of the records of one leading "conspiratorial" group, adding that by and large he agreed with its objectives though not all the methods employed to obtain them. For several years prior to his death he received a steady flow of mail from right and left-wing "conspiracy freaks" seeking additional information on the subject. —Eric Scott Royce

## U.S. LABOR PARTY KOOKS DENOUNCE DRUG DECRIMINALIZATION

(December 17 || Washington) A front-page story in *New Solidarity* (December 17, 1976), newspaper of the looney left-wing U.S. Labor Party, has charged that "The men around Carter want to 'decriminalize' America's multi-billion dollar drug culture—

mainline the whole stinking sewer into the White House and make it legal."

Citing an appearance by psychiatrist and Carter advisor Dr. Peter Bourne before a conference in Washington called by NORML, *New Solidarity* charged that the new administration "is preparing to turn this country's youth and workers into a population of drugged zombies." According to headlines, the purpose of decriminalization is to convince American workers and youth to accept "Slave Labor" conditions.

Refusal of U.S. Labor to go along with opponents of current victimless crime legislation even on marijuana is ridiculous enough; *New Solidarity's* ridiculous charges further diminish what little credibility the group had retained. —Eric Scott Royce

## LAETRILE RESPECTABLE

(December 15 || ZNS) Pacific News Service reports that a number of respectable medical laboratories in the United States have conducted experiments which indicate that the drug "laetrile" might be effective in stopping the spread of cancer.

Despite these results, Pacific News says, laetrile continues to be banned as an anti-cancer agent in 49 of the 50 states. Only Alaska has specifically legalized the use of laetrile.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the American Medical Association have insisted for years that there is no reliable laboratory evidence indicating "laetrile" is an effective drug against cancer.

However, Pacific News is reporting that a number of leading medical researchers—including the McNaughton Foundation, the Southern Research Institute and the Sloan-Kettering Institute—have all recorded positive results in experiments using laetrile against cancer. The drug—which is used legally in 24 countries—continues to be outlawed in the U.S. ■

## WORLD TAX MARKET

(December 21 || ZNS) If you think taxes in the United States are high, you should avoid Denmark.

A new study of 22 Western nations by the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development says that the Danes pay a whopping 47 percent of their yearly income to the government in taxes, the high-

est percent in the Western industrialized world.

According to the study, the lowest tax rates are in Spain—at 19 percent of income. The typical American pays a tax rate of about 29 percent; in Britain it's 36 percent; and in Germany, 38 percent. ■

## EPISTOLARY

NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS

Dear Sam, January 21, 1977  
I believe you are wrong about Rupert Murdoch. Cowboys really don't exist outside the U.S. It is strictly an American phenomenon.

Murdoch in his takeover of New York Magazine [*NLW* 57, *The Week*] was represented by Allen & Co., a New York investment house which is part of the Rockefeller group. Henry Kissinger's brother Walter is with Allen & Co.

*The Sun* is not the only English paper Murdoch owns. He has a number of papers there. You are correct about the type of paper it is; however, it along with his other papers does have an editorial policy. At one time, he was a pro-Labor Party socialist. At present, he is moderately liberal in the American sense.

The story going around New York is that the *Village Voice* will become the weekend edition of the *Post* and *New York Magazine* will become the weekend magazine section. Furthermore, the first edition of the *Post* will come out later in the day and the last edition will come out late night. The idea will be to compete with the *News*.

Hope to have more soon.

Laissez Faire,  
Kenneth W. Kalcheim  
New York, New York

[Thanks for the info, Ken, but I think you're wrong on Murdoch. Many Americans seem unable to look outside their own boundaries, but I hoped libertarians would be a little more cosmopolitan. Both Canada and Australia have a Cowboy population; Rhodesia (if the Whites survive) will have one too. Murdoch is a paradigmatic Cowboy in the Oglesby sense. True, he needed some Yankee help for his raid on New York—but I think you'll find it came from Morgan Yankees, not Rockefeller Yankees. Look at the role played by Dolly Schiff and that by Carter Burden. That investment group you mentioned probably plays for all sides. And, of course, Murdoch backed Carter (the Morgan candidate), n'est-ce pas? —SEK3]

Greetings: January 13, 1977

Since Bob Wilson has joined up as a columnist, I am much more interested and will probably renew. However, I have to agree with some of your critics—your headlines have a tendency to be amusing or absurd, not really

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informative. I would prefer less headline and more detail, and I would also prefer to have the editorial comments appear in a separate column, not mixed in with the article as I have sometimes noticed.

I would also criticize your criticisms of Browning Out. I am an ardent self-liberationist; however, I do have some criticisms of Brown for assuming that a Swiss Bank and a home in Canada are enough to avoid the fury of the State; I have a note on that subject—needs for resistance against the State—in the current *LC* [*Libertarian Connection*]. No doubt you'll hear from me in letters on this sort of thing later.

By the way, I'm the guy Filthy mentioned in his *LC* descriptive letter as being into "martial arts, chariot-of-the-gods mystic trips". That remark will cost him, believe me. I am into martial arts, I am into the same subjects Bob Wilson is into (which must have caused Filthy to shit a brick when he saw Wilson appear as a columnist), but I am by no means a mystic. Ron, Jim and Filthy are not representative of *LC* except in that they are three different guys! That might be considered representative!

I'm not going to try the *ISR* because I suspect that there aren't any libs who know jackshit about making money in the counter-economy. Everytime I turn around, one of them is in jail for fraud or is flat broke or has absconded with his client's money. I'd sooner trust a street heroin peddler to know the ins and outs of smuggling and illegal or gray-market dealing than I would a lib. There are some good books on the subject, such as *The Fence*, about fencing stolen goods (not a non-coercive enterprise, of course, but the techniques might be useful in other areas), and *High Times* magazines have considerable articles on smuggling techniques, etc. In fact, you would do well to watch *High Times* for useful info for your mag—they have a hefty news section and their editorials are first rate and right in there for free markets in dope and down with the Mafia-Big Brother combine smuggling in bad pot.

An area of counter-economics that should have treatment is the phenomenal rise in micro-computers and the uses to which they are put. I'm currently completing a two-year program in programming, with a third year contemplated at the University of Oregon, and perhaps I'll have some info on the current costs and capabilities of itty-bitty computers.

Thor X. Challenger  
Eugene, Oregon

[Whew, that's quite an opener. What headline did you consider absurd? Do you really believe "news" is distinguishable

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from "editorial comments"? I do believe the material of one writer is distinguishable from another, such as the editor, and separate accordingly, as you can see. The New York Times runs its editorials on the front page and the most straightforward material on the "editorial page." Does it bother you, or do you expect libertarian publications to be equally deceptive? If you have Browning Out, how come you're into the Connection and writing letters to *NLW*? Or does that mean you don't believe in any form of activism that isn't immediately ego-rewarding? Glad you like our Wilson. You're dead wrong about *ISR*, now the Free Market Reporter, but that's your lookout. The last libertarian I know who claimed all libertarians were crooks served a year in a New York jail for stock fraud. Sorry, most of the people I trust call themselves libertarians; very few besides. And we'd be glad to hear you on counter-ec computers; we have an article lined up by Steve McIntosh in the area already. —SEK3]

## ATOMIC FIZZLE

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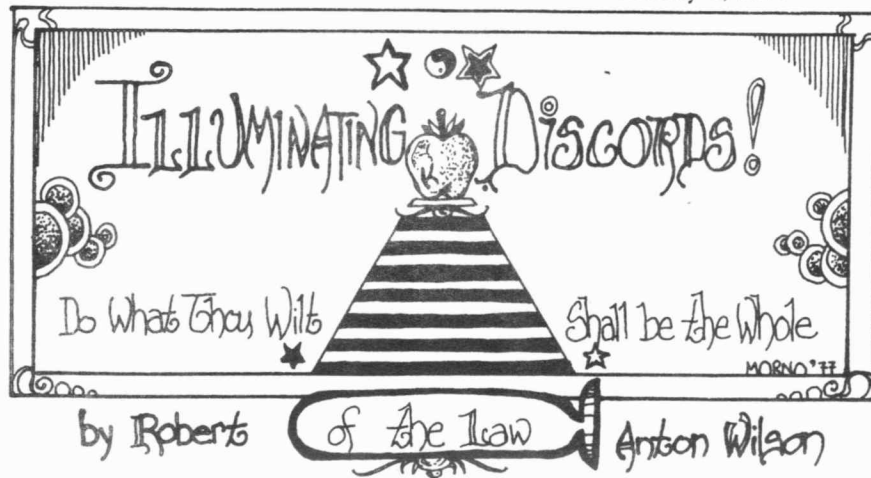
dollars in government funds to pay damages (see *NLW* 13 for more info); refusal and/or failure to conduct hearings "on major cost overruns and program failures," on nuclear development safety issues, and on the vital question of nuclear proliferation.

A review of this study and other evidence indicates that JAEC traditionally operated, in fact, by and large as a front for power companies and federal officials who support expansion of the domestic nuclear industry and continuation of overseas shipments of nuclear materials.

Rep. Jonathon Bingham (D-NY) led a successful fight in December in the House Democratic Caucus to end the procedure whereby all nuclear-related legislation needed a JAEC seal of approval before it could be regularly considered. Under Bingham's proposal, incorporated into the new House rules, five separate committees in the House—Armed Services, Interior and Insular Affairs, International Relations, Science and Technology, and Interstate and Foreign Commerce—will have jurisdiction over various military and domestic aspects of nuclear technology.

JAEC, created by the Atomic Energy Act of 1946, wielded from that time on what even its most vigorous apologists conceded was unprecedented power over what is clearly a life and death issue. The House move, which will permit more open discussion of American nuclear policy at home and abroad, is a move that was long overdue. —Eric Scott Royce





## Eight Kinds of Libertarians

I propose that there are eight kinds of libertarians and that understanding the differences would clarify much of the debate between factions.

The eight varieties of freedom-fighters are distinguished by which neurological circuit or imprint matrix is dominant in their nervous systems. There are, according to Dr. Timothy Leary, eight such circuits, and that is why I distinguish eight kinds of libertarianism.

1. The **Biosurvival Circuit** is activated as soon as DNA life is established on a planet. This is the most primitive level of consciousness (3½ billion years old) and scans only for signals indicating safety (security, warmth, food) or danger (threat, isolation, withdrawal of nurture). This circuit is recapitulated in the first days of infancy and takes a basic biosurvival imprint which last for life. In ordinary, non-technical language this circuit is called Will.

The libertarian who has taken his heaviest imprint on this circuit will be obsessed with defense-and-attack on the most basic level of life-and-death struggle against competing organisms. Anarcho-fascists, Sadeans, Stirnerites and vulgarizers of Nietzsche fit this first circuit imprint pattern.

2. The **Emotional Circuit** is formed as soon as life-forms become complicated enough to exert effort against gravity, rear up and compete for territory or status. This appeared with the first amphibians around 500,000,000 years ago. This circuit is recapitulated when the infant starts to walk, send emotional signals by Body Language (kinesics) and struggles for a decision-making role in family politics. (All parents know this imprint period as "the difficult years.") Once again, the initial imprint tends to remain a lifelong emotional game-strategy.

In ordinary language this circuit, pre-occupied with mammalian poli-

tics, is called the Ego. Its unconscious aspects are the Id of Freud; Berne calls it the Adapted Child.

Libertarians who have taken their strongest imprint on this circuit will tend toward conservatism, join the Libertarian Party and get embroiled in elections, or become Objectivists.

The first circuit is obsessed with survival in the Darwinian sense; the second circuit with territory and status, i.e. Ego-tripping.

3. The third circuit appeared with the emergence of hominid nervous systems about 1,000,000 years ago. Right-handedness, domination of the brain by the linear left hemisphere and the use of the nine laryngeal muscles for signaling concrete and abstract ideas (language) make up this **Symbolic Circuit**. It is activated when the child begins handling, manipulating and altering artifacts, and also asking questions such as "What is this called? How do you use this?"

In popular speech, this circuit is called the Mind. Eric Berne calls it the Adult or Computer.

(In Star Trek land, the first circuit is Scotty, brooding pessimistically over life-support and weapons systems; the second circuit is McCoy, the expert on tribal decorum; and the third circuit, of course, is Spock.)

Libertarians who take their strongest imprint on the third circuit remain obsessed with logic, linear processes, symbolic constructs, science. Typical examples are Bucky Fuller, the semioticist Korzybski, John Stuart Mill. These types never get involved in politics and tend to regard second circuit projects as sub-human.

The transition from the mammalian second circuit to the hominid third circuit is beautifully portrayed in 2001, when Moon-Watcher picks up the bone and realizes he can use it as a tool. The quick transitions from the bone flying through the air to the L5 space colony illustrates the extreme

rapidity of change on any planet after the third circuit begins operating.

We have said that life and the first circuit is 3½ billion years old and the hominid third circuit only one million, but these figures are too large to feel. Try it this way: divide by 10 million and make a model in which this planet is only 400 years old, and began in 1576. Then, life and the first circuit appeared around 1626. The emotional circuit appeared with vertebrate life about 1926. The hominid third circuit appeared one month ago, and modern science ten minutes ago.

This rapid acceleration after third circuit symbolism appears was called time-binding by Korzybski.

4. The **Domestic Circuit** appeared with the domestication of humanity about 30,000 years ago. (On our 400-year model scale, that would be about 16 hours ago.) This circuit imprints the sexual apparatus for socially useful purposes. (For further details on this domestication process, see Marcuse, *Eros and Civilization* and Wilhelm Reich, *passim*.) This is recapitulated in each individual when the chemical releasers of pubescence activate the sex-mating drives, and imprinting this energy with the local taboo system creates the Adult Personality. (Freud's Super-Ego, Berne's Parent.)

Since this circuit consists of taboo systems sublimated out of powerful erotic energies, the fourth circuit libertarian is a driven and compulsive Super-Ego figure. ("He's making a list, he's checking it twice/He's gonna find out who's naughty or nice.") Utopian, psychologically authoritarian and always convinced SHe is the one mature personality in any group, this type appears both in the camp of fanatic militarism and fanatic pacifism; e.g. Heinlein and Joan Baez both seem to be fourth circuit libertarians.

(Very few fourth circuit types become libertarians actually, and Maoism is the ultimate fourth circuit domestication. On the *Enterprise*, Kirk is the fourth circuit type.)

5. The fifth neurological circuit, according to Leary's *Exo-Psychology*, is for extra-terrestrial life and, hence, has only appeared in random mutants until recently. It is the **Neurosomatic Circuit** and mediates biosurvival in zero-gravity. 85% of all astronauts have described "mystical" experiences which are actually fifth circuit "highs" similar to the *dhyana* state in Hatha Yoga or the Turn On you get from neurotransmitters in the cannabis family. Freud called this circuit "the oceanic experience."

Neurosomatic rapture transcends the dualisms of the first four circuits, reverses figure and ground (often in

humorous ways) and is appropriately called *spacey* or *floating* in popular speech.

Sex and dope cults such as Tantra in India, the Yezidis in the Near East, the Gnostic and Illuminati heresies in Europe, hippiedom, etc. represent fifth circuit libertarianism. "You can't do good until you feel good" (Leary's translation of Lao-Tse) is their basic motto. They are detached from, and amused by, the dualisms of the first four circuits—the forward-back of biosurvival fight-or-flight patterns, the up-down of emotional politics, the either-or of symbolic logic, the naughtiness and nice of local taboo systems.

6. The sixth circuit is **Neuroelectrical** or psionic intelligence: direct awareness and control of Brain functioning. In premature infants, this produces space-time singularities, synchronicities, ESP, and a sense that one is living in a sci-fi story of parallel worlds.

Since this circuit is the point at which brain functioning moves more into the right lobe than the left, its purpose has to do with our future evolution and sixth circuit libertarians are extremely rare thus far; one is more like to encounter them in fiction than in fact. Conchis, in John Fowles' *The Magus*, is one example; Hagbard Celine, another. Krishnamurti's slogan, "Be an Individual," is in *Krishnamurti's context*, a sixth circuit libertarian exhortation. Crowley's notorious saying, "God is the enemy of Man" is another sixth circuit signal, as was Proudhon's antitheism (as distinguished from atheism).

7. The **Neurogenetic Circuit** involves direct access to the DNA archives: Jung's "collective unconscious" made conscious. The seventh circuit libertarian is an Evolutionary Agent, a conspirator in the vast DNA plot to achieve Higher Intelligence, Immortality, Supreme Bliss and the gratification of all desires.

When Leary was operating on the sixth circuit, he said, "The body is the car; the nervous system is the driver." When he graduated to the seventh circuit, he said, "The nervous system is the car; the DNA is the driver." Again, the type is so rare that the prototypes are found more in fiction than in life—all of Kazansakis's heroes, especially Odysseus in his sequel to the *Odyssey*; Prometheus and Daedalus in mythology; Gilgamesh renouncing kingship and all the world to search for immortality; Buddha renouncing all to see Truth.

A classic seventh circuit libertarian is Giordano Bruno, burned by the Catholic Church in February 1600, but the pioneer of modern science

and modern Western occultism. (See Francis Yates, *Giordano Bruno and the Hermetic Tradition*.) A more modern example is Wilhelm Reich, before he wiggled out.

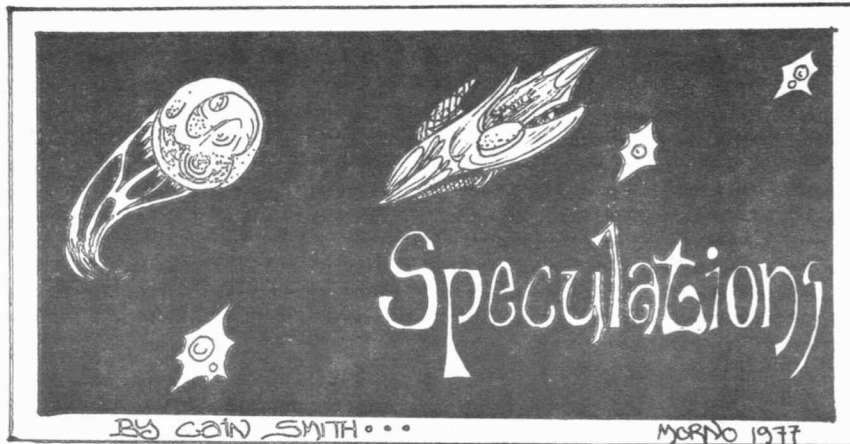
8. The highest circuit is **Metaphysiological** (not metaphysical). This is evolving toward synergetic interlock of galactic higher intelligences into one unified energy field free of body container. (The "Atman" or "Overmind" in mystical literature.) Metaphysiological consciousness is out-of-the-body, out of space-time, literally infinite.

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The formula for opening the 8th circuit is SMI<sup>2</sup>LE, which means Space Migration + Intelligence (squared) + Life Extension. Space Migration and Life Extension are clear enough, I trust, but Intelligence Squared perhaps requires a word of clarification. It means intelligence-studying-intelligence, i.e. Dr. John Lilly's self-meta-programming biocomputer.

All of the 8th circuit libertarians known to me are unindicted co-conspirators in Leary's Starseed project, which aims to accomplish the SMI<sup>2</sup>LE mutation in this generation.

—Robert Anton Wilson



## FANTASY AND SCIENCE FICTION, December 1976

**Ghost of a Crown**, Sterling E. Lanier. Brigadier Ffellowes tells a strange tale. Not the best of the series, but still quite enjoyable.

**Life Among the Anthropologists**, Raylin Moore. A social science student infiltrates a Northern California cult, and finds more than he bargained for. A nice little story, made much more realistic than most authors would have bothered to try for.

**Aliens**, Robert Thurston. If you want a Malzberg story written by someone else, here it is.

**Cribbing**, Gary Jennings. A man who has worked out an ingenious method of becoming rich. Equivalent in quality to John Collier's lesser stories. (The title is a double pun, at least—one reference being an acknowledged debt to Collier.)

**The System**, J.E. Bourne. A man's discovery of how to travel without ever hitting a red light; and his increasing obsession with this discovery.

**The Funhouse Effect**, John Varley. It takes a master to make this one work. Varley manages it, but I hope he doesn't take the same kind of risk in future. A comet converted into a spaceship is undergoing a bewildering variety of disasters—in combination,

too melodramatic to be real. The explanation is a twist that the story barely survives.

**Books**, Algis Budrys. Ostensibly a review of *The Best of John W. Campbell*. Actually the first of two essays on Campbell's influence. Informative and enjoyable—but if you prefer reviews to essays on the SF field, be warned.

## GALAXY, November 1976

**Gateway**, Frederik Pohl (part 1 of 3). An alien relic can send humans on interstellar journeys—destination unpredictable, results unforeseeable. The story jumps between the protagonist's later life after he's made his fortune, and his beginnings as a Gateway prospector. Additional background is in chunks divorced from the narrative; which makes this sprawling story even harder to keep track of.

"Fred says this is the best thing he ever wrote" says an editorial note; "—what more is there to say?" That by my standards it isn't. Too much of the background is standardized components which might have been used by a beginner who'd read too many Pohl stories. The main thread of the story is the protagonist's emotional development—and not enough empathy is developed. Pohl seems to be experimenting in several directions at once, with mixed results. However, this is

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# '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.

## Liberating Osborn's "Kids' Lib"

by Abby Goldsmith

Ah yes, and if we are not competent as parents (i.e. rational and well integrated individuals), the inevitable result will be horrendous beyond contemplation. One need look no further than this movement itself. Lacking in the proper Objectivist upbringing, we are all clearly whim-worshipping savages—anti-mind, anti-life and probably even anti-smoke-stack. Furthermore, the fact that Mr. Osborn has overcome (at least to some extent) the irrationality of his parents can only be described as miraculous. Except, of course, we don't believe in miracles (miracles ranking just under faith and empiricism on our grand list of no-no's).

Actually, once the Randoid rhetoric is dropped, "Kid Lib" turns out to contain a number of excellent thoughts and valuable suggestions. Certainly an enriched environment is a fine thing and good economic theory is always in order. That children are not the property of their parents cannot be reiterated too often and that they should have more options than what present society tends to offer seems obvious. Child abuse (corporal punishment) clearly conflicts with the libertarian ideal of non-aggression. Spending money is generally instructive. And, among other things, B.F. Skinner is a bad motherfucker.

So, why the fuss? Because I, too, look forward to a world filled with the anarcho-kids and I don't feel that Osborn's "expert" ravings are likely to result in same. I certainly hope that no one in *NLW*-land is waiting to become fully integrated before reproducing, but, if so, let me assure him or her that Filthy Pierre will make you sterile long before that glorious day. But, despair not. Even the Erma Bombeck of the revolution can be a competent parent, without, I might add, undue effort. The same libertarian principles that work everywhere else work equally well in the realm of parent-child relationships. And that means, essentially, respecting the child as an autonomous human being. A human being with unique and individual needs, desires and goals. Needs, desires and goals that may well turn out to be quite different than those of his or her parents.

As a parent, there is nothing to prevent you from stacking the deck. You can fill your home with the world's greatest books, develop the art of rational conversation to a new high and throw away the TV set. You can surround yourself with the finest in furniture and art, as well as the full array of Montessori equipment. You can make knowledge as readily accessible as the nighttime glass of water. You can even embroider John Galt's speech on baby's crib sheets if you think it might help. But, you can only lead the proverbial horse to water. You cannot, in the final analysis, make it drink. And, above all, you have to bear in mind that said horse has no obligation to you. If it chooses not to partake, that's too damned bad.

What seems completely lacking in Osborn's discussion is this sense of respect for the child as an individual. We are to go through all manner of machinations in order to "produce" a brilliant, always rational child. We are to teach him or her the principles of Austrian economics and, no doubt, instill a love of Mickey Spillane as well. And we (apparently) are to do all this without once asking the child if this is what he or she wants. What exactly do we do if all these fine methods of enrichment fail to achieve the desired goal? I get the feeling that we then go on to a better investment. We call the Used Kid Store and have them carry away our irrational/stupid/statist/whatever offspring and either start again on a new model or diversify into electronics or the like, meanwhile patting ourselves on the back—"Oh, how rational am I."

Well, this may very well be the Objectivist approach, I claim absolutely no expertise in that area. But, it certainly is not the Libertarian approach or, for that matter, a very sensible one. Children who have watched their siblings disappear in the bowels of the Used Kid Wagon are not likely to think much of their parents or their parents' theories. Talk of dire threats (which we are told to avoid)! What could be more distressing than "produce or be replaced"? Especially since the replacement is likely to be gold mine stock?

Also lacking seems to be any sort of consistency. The great straw dog of behaviorism is raised and then we are exhorted to (possibly) let the child

touch a hot tea kettle to find out what happens. If that's not a form of behavioristic training, what the hell is it? Where is the logic in this fine method of instruction? Is it not simply a case of pain-avoidance? Quite frankly, in my opinion, there's nothing wrong with such an approach. I personally would not choose anything as dangerous as a hot tea kettle as an object lesson, but feel that there are all sorts of less harmful things that will do quite nicely. I wouldn't "set" anything up, either, as such behavior strikes me as being every bit as dignified and honest as that of a narcotics agent, but I might well take advantage of the myriad possibilities presented in day to day life. If clothes are not deposited in the hamper, they will not be washed. If no one does the dishes, dinner will be a difficult proposition. Etc.

Worst of all, however, is Osborn's implication that Objectivism's "objectivity" and Ms. Rand's brand of "reason" are the only games in town. I am not impressed with the conclusions such objectivity and reason have led people to embrace. It may be easy enough to dismiss Rand's endorsement of Ford as the ravings of senility and point out that she does not follow her own principles. But what is to be said about David Kennison of the New Banner group, who decided to abduct his estranged wife and bring her back to the fold for "her own good"? Or of the "protection of rights is supreme" brand of Objectivist-libertarianism that leads to such things as subpoena power in the name of freedom? I agree wholeheartedly with Robert Pirsig when he points out that Aristotle was not the world's most savory dude (*Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*). It turns out that the sophists were the real libertarians, a fact that Objectivists seem determined to avoid. Be that as it may, I merely want to point out that a great number of extraordinarily "reasonable people" reject the sort of rationality that glorifies rape on the railroad tracks. And that I fervently hope (for hope is not denied us) that my children are among them.

If children are to be "self disciplined, psychologically healthy and emotionally open," admirable traits in my book as well as Mr. Osborn's, I'm afraid that they must be viewed as something other than a replaceable investment. Or than a continuing experiment in enrichment programming. (Which, by the way, is not guaranteed to work in any case. Any given child might prefer gazing at cloud formations to cleaning the carpet, regardless of wages offered. Then what?) It strikes me that there is no



alternative to approaching the child as a sovereign human being without straying from the libertarian framework. Happily, I know of no better way to produce a fine libertarian future, either. If instead, well-integrated geniuses are the goal, let's drop the libertarian propaganda and get down to business. Interestingly enough, a certain Dr. Skinner may well be just the man to consult.

Phil Osborn Replies to Abby's Reply to Phil Dear Abby,

When I first met you at the First Southern Libertarian Con of '72, I recall that you immediately launched into a tirade against those too-contemptible-to-be-human "Randroids." Your consistency and perseverance in this reach almost admirable proportions. Seriously, well-reasoned criticism is often more valuable than perfect agreement. It's difficult to learn from agreement. Many thanks for raising some important issues... despite your anti-"Randroid" rhetoric.

First, the attempt to raise one's level of integration is open to any volitional being. Assembling the N-dimensional puzzles of life can be relatively easy or difficult depending on many factors. I, for instance, was "lucky\*" enough to find Rand's Atlas Shrugged at 13. The "simplified" puzzles and solutions there provided me a chance to develop powerful general solution sets. Similarly, had my parents been more consistent and/or rational, I probably would have achieved more much earlier. No miracle was required, and your attempt to ascribe advocacy of determinism falls flat too.

The issue is a good one, though. Children and adults have fundamental psychological needs which can be met only through psycho-interactions. An "adult" usually has more options for satisfying these needs, and he is generally better able to endure deprivation. A child usually has coercively restricted options and a primitive conceptual context.

If his examples of humanity are irrational or inconsistent, the variables may be too many for his limited powers of abstraction. Although we as "adults" know that his data was sufficient to identify and solve his problem, he does not have that knowledge. Most children give up. Some, who have formed certain basic concepts about themselves and existence, persevere. And some experience very "lucky" juxtapositions of events. (An excellent novel about volition in this context is Ira Levin's *This Perfect Day*.)

Fully integrated—an impossibility. A prospective parent should know what parenting will require and whether he's up to the task. What task? The production of a particular quality and type of product. It's

\*"Luck is when preparation meets opportunity." Quoted from David Kennison.

observable that even most libertarians or objectivists either aim for low quality and indiscriminate type, or they are nowhere near being up to the task. One or both must be true, because that's what they in fact produce. Perhaps the whole rational purpose and nature of the parent/child relationship should be clarified, but that would require some major intellectual innovation on my part and is definitely outside the scope of a letter.

A few tentative comments on the subject might be in order, though. The evolutionary significance of reproduction has been in the preservation of information, which began with the implicit information of physical structure. As nervous systems and complex memory developed, however, individually acquired information could outweigh genetic variations in survival significance. Yet for species who laid eggs and left them to hatch, such information could not be passed on, which is probably why birds and mammals supplanted the great reptiles. Meanwhile, synergistic with the biological innovation of parental care, we see the evolution of the romantic relationship, having its roots in the sex/species recognition essential to mating. If you trace these two innovations' evolution, keeping in mind the "imperative" of information preservation, I believe you'll reach a rather exact first approximation to a valid concept of the human family and its potentials.

Skipping over those details, the ideal paradigm is the translation of adult concepts to child percepts and/or sensations. If this paradigm is followed, there is virtually no room for error. Why? Because an invalidly formed concept cannot be reduced to the perceptual/sensory level. Only knowledge can be passed on. Furthermore, there is an obvious improvement in the informative structure when the sensory/perceptual categories are expanded and refreshed, involving increased intelligence. (If you get as far as the above in your evolutionary deductions, you'll also discover that this is the most satisfying relationship for the parent.)

This paradigm was about all we had prior to the explosion of language, but it was probably never identified, since there was no alternative. With the development of propositional language it suddenly became possible to pass on concepts without properly establishing validity. Only in the last quarter century, with the identification of validity, have we had the means to correct the problem. For this we can thank Ayn Rand.

I rarely employ "teach." And I see nothing whatsoever wrong with "produce or be replaced." The artificial host environment provided by most parents discourages self-esteem and encourages a moocher mentality. (And that is cruelty.) I, by no means, advocate "paying" a child to learn. A child should be paid for production of goods or services and charged for corresponding consumption. Although you might

have difficulty in a court extracting your investment costs from him later on, if he has a healthy self-concept this should not be a problem. If you've done a decent job, then he may well ultimately reimburse you many times over. (In Samoa I understand this is standard practice, and parents often become very rich.)

Behaviorism? Behaviorism consists of artificially substituting immediate punishment or reward for some different, unseen and/or long-term consequence. That hot objects burn is a fact of nature. Teakettles and irons are often very hot. (You don't have to use full heat to make the point.) If you were to slap or shock a child every time he showed any inclination to reach for a teakettle, that would be behaviorism. By your criterion everything is behaviorism, I suspect (which makes you... guess what?).

In addition, you missed the point—the development of an "expert witness" concept as opposed to the subjectivist authoritarian parent concept, which does depend on behaviorism. I tried to point out your error, if you'll recall, at the Second Southern Libertarian Conference in '73 during the Female Sexist (i.e., Feminist) Panel discussion.

Finally, sloppy empiricism is not a valid means of criticizing a philosophy, although it does cast interesting light upon the critic. Sam couldn't afford to print my answers to all the errors in your last two paragraphs. Dave Kennison, however, was acting in a libertarian manner, since his wife had acquired considerable financial debt and there was good reason to believe she was going to welch. He had other reasons, involving his romance with her, for instance, and I think he was irrational at the time, but these are separate issues.

Why don't you do some articles on your experiences and beliefs about child raising? We might get a healthy exchange going.

—Phil Osborn

[No, that's not the end of it yet, true fan. George S. Swan is next to bat, and Phil will be back in pitching in about two weeks. O Tin of Crawling Things! —SEK3]

## SPECULATIONS

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still well worth reading—and perhaps well worth a Hugo nomination.

In **Xanadu**, "Kevin O'Donnell Jr." (Barry Malzberg). A post-plague search for the plague's cause.

**Lovelif of the Leglorn**, Craig Strete. An alien setting and a future Earth out of *The Worst of Planet Stories*, and a protagonist to match.

**Guardians at the Gates of Morpheus**, Thomas Wylde. Humans in coldsleep are being killed off.

**The Children of the State**, Larry Niven (part 3 of 3). A section of the novel *A World Out of Time* (now available from

the SF Book Club). Some twists I hadn't expected, and action logical enough for full enjoyment. Perhaps Niven's best work to date. I suspect it is at or near his present limits as a writer.

**Inaugural,** Barry Malzberg & Bill Pronzini. A reasonably well-written story about a trivial subject—the end of the world.

**Crashing Neutron Stars, Mini Black Holes and Spacetravel,** Jerry Pournelle. Half on the stranger new astronomical discoveries, half on the Dean Drive. Tied together by explication of what it takes for unorthodox scientific theories to get a hearing. (Essentially, usefulness in areas where existing theories have proven inadequate.)

**Designing a Dyson Sphere,** Jack Williamson. The design of the solid Dyson sphere used in Williamson & Pohl's *The Farthest Star* (and in two forthcoming sequels). —Cain Smith

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**February 4 Southern Libertarian Movement** meetings at the University of Florida. Recent speakers include Abby Goldsmith and Calvin Timmerman. Held every Friday at 8 P.M., Room 355 of the J. Wayne Reitz Student Union, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

**February 11 The Forum for Philosophical Studies.** \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Topic to be announced; write to be put on mailing list. Room 500, 6725 Sunset Blvd. Hollywood, California.

**February 12 Tax Resistance Seminar** featuring Bill Drexler and John Joseph Matonis. Call Sam Hancock (313) 278-0970. Metro-Detroit Airport Ramada Inn, Detroit, Michigan.

**February 14 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Diane Hunter Smith on "Rational Humanism: An Exploration of the Libertarian Social Ethic." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**February 16 Libertarian Law Council Luncheon.** Bob Peterson on community involvement in a libertarian case. 12:00 noon to 1:30 P.M. sharp. \$3.00 for catered lunch and talk. Reservations from M. Klausner's secretary at (213) 680-2222. Conference Room of Coopers and Lybrand, South Tower of Arco Plaza, 555 South Flower Street, Los Angeles.

**February 18 Libertarian Social Club.** "The Second Battle of Britain" a documentary produced by CBS, followed by a presentation by Jarret Wollstein (20 min.). Special admission rate for students and first time members: \$2.50. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., dinner at 7:30 P.M., film at 8:30 P.M. Reservations must be received not later than 24 hours prior to a meeting from Doris Gordon 460-4141 weekdays, Jarret Wollstein 780-7605 weekends & evenings. Dinner options: \$9.95/\$11.95. Dessert \$1 additional. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), McLean, Virginia.

**March 12 Tax Revolt Seminar** with Bill Drexler and Marvin Cooley. \$20.00 per includes lunch. Advance registration necessary, Joe Edelson (201) 387-1400. Ramada Inn, Montvale, New Jersey.

**March 13 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Spencer Heath McCallum on "Space Colonization from a Proprietary Viewpoint." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.20); 8:15 P.M. for program only

(\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**March 18 Libertarian Social Club.** Abortion: Murder or Right? Discussion between *Freeman* writer and professor of biology at Mary Washington College Dr. Thomas L. Johnson, and a libertarian in favour to be selected. Reservations required from Doris Gordon 460-4141 weekdays, Jarret Wollstein 780-7605 other times, payment must be received not later than 24 hours prior to a meeting. \$5 admission only, two dinner options: \$9.95/\$11.95, dessert \$1 additional. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., dinner at 7:30 P.M., speakers at 8:30 P.M. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), McLean, Virginia.

**March 19-20 Libertarian Breakthrough Conference.** "Personal H-Bombs, Non-political Societies, Life Extension, Black Market, Waldoes, Extraterrestrial Business, Super Weapons, Shipboard Communities, Space Colonization, New Countries, . . ." Original libertarian ideas to trade wanted by organizer Erwin S. "Filthy Pierre" Strauss. No paid speakers, no old material. \$5, checks to "Erwin S. Strauss" at 9909 Good Luck Road, T2, Lanham, MD 20801; (301) 794-6631 (days), (301) 794-7718 (evenings & weekends). Con in Lanham, Maryland.

**April 11 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Dana Rohrabacher on the New Hebrides, the Libertarian Conference, the Reagan Campaign (of which he was asst. press sec.), and some new and old songs from the old anarchotroubador. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**April 16 Taxpayers Rally** at State House. Organized by Ralph Fucetola, Kathy Greene, various groups. Call 24 Hour Taxpayers' Hotline (201) 998-7155. Trenton, New Jersey.

**April 23-24 Libertarian Conference.** "The Future of Freedom." Nathaniel Branden, Robert LeFevre, David Friedman have been confirmed. Correction from organizers: Murray Rothbard has become "unconfirmed" [sic]. Hosted by U.S.C. Society for Libertarian Studies. Advance tickets from CLA, P.O. Box 1202, Venice, CA 90291. Conference two days at Town and Gown, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California.

**May 27 Society for Libertarian Life** Robert LeFevre speaking at either Chapman College or Santa Ana College. Write SLL, P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632 for details. 7:30 P.M. Probably \$2 per ticket. Orange County, California.

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## LIBERTARIAN CHURCH SPREADS IN OREGON! Hundreds in Portland, Beaverton

(January 19 || Portland, Beaverton)  
Almost unnoticed by the rest of the libertarian movement, the organizational idea of the libertarian "church" is catching on around the country. Two groups in Oregon have mushroomed up recently, at least one receiving a feature newspaper story.

"Local 'morality' church befuddles IRS" says the headline of the *Willamette Week* of January 19. The article describes Portland's Congregational Church of Human Morality.

According to *NLW's* Portland News Bureau, Church founder James formerly the founding Chairman of the Oregon Libertarian Party but left in disgust over the issue of membership screening and the do-nothing membership of the Party. The Church was organized January 1, 1974.

James Bryan was a high school teacher and wrestling coach and presently heads Doctors Management Consultants. He explained to *Willamette Week's* Richard H. Meeker his motivations:

"Seeing the movie *Judgement at Nuremberg* and later learning of Muhammed Ali's conviction for draft evasion, he explains, made him feel, 'I could no longer support my government under its present moral direction—rule by force.'"

Bryan told Meeker his church was founded on the belief of noninterference with others. "The fundamental identification of that teaching comes from Ayn Rand," said Bryan. "She is the strongest proponent of the non-initiation of force... *Atlas Shrugged* is the greatest book that's ever been penned by the hand of man."

**JAMES BRYAN, Libertarian Archbishop**

Much of the article discussed the Church's use in tax-fighting. One of the Church's "bishops" is a lawyer, Milt Brown, who was suspended for nearly three years.

Organizationally, Bryan is an Archbishop, there are five bishops, and, according to Bryan, 400 members, half of whom live in Oregon. The Church has published a creed and preamble, and has two sacraments: upon joining, an oath is taken, the "Sacrament of Commitment" and upon becoming a minister, a "Sacrament of Ordination."

About ¾ of the Oregon members are in the ministry. Typical meetings are held once a month, with "instructions" and objectivist tapes, followed by a discussion.

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#### David Friedman Meets Chicago Libertarians

*by Joe Maxwell*

(January 13 || Chicago) David Friedman, author of *The Machinery of Freedom*, offered some "Reflections on the Economics of Science" to the Physics Department of the University of Chicago. David, who has a PhD in physics from the University of Chicago but is presently a member of the Economics Department at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, gave an informal and entertaining talk on some of the economic considerations affecting the physics profession.

Friedman's remarks centered on what he calls "Kruger's Law," which he phrased as "It's almost impossible to give anything away." The reason for this is that if a good is being offered for free, competition for it will raise its cost (in waiting time, bribes, hassles, etc.) until this equals the value of the good.

This principle, well-known to anyone who has ever waited in line for "free" tickets, was quantitatively demonstrated by Kruger for import permits in India and Turkey, where permission to import goods is a government-bestowed monopoly. The value of a permit is balanced by the amount of effort and bribery necessary to obtain one.

Applying Kruger's Law to the funding of science, David pointed out that the cost of applying for government grants, and the low payoff probability for this investment, means that scientists regularly apply for far more money than they need to carry out their research. He suggested that it would be much more efficient for the government to simply award money on a straight competitive basis, such as a prize system, for work actually done.

David then considered the consequences of Kruger's Law for govern-

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# TheWeek

NEWS of the NEW LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

## GAY LIBERTARIANS COMING OUT

(February 2 || Long Beach) Bob Sirico, former director of the Gay Community Service Center and ordained minister of the Metropolitan Community Church, appeared before a revived Student Libertarian Alliance at California State University at Long Beach. The meeting was chaired by Rod van Orden.

Sirico believe that gays are ripe for mass conversion to libertarianism, and cited his own coming from the New Left and Tom Hayden Campaign. He feels that gays are naturally susceptible to libertarianism, and is telling them to spend their resources on educational campaigns, rather than political legislative campaigns.

Sirico will be appearing before other libertarian groups needing enlightenment on the libertarian gay potential, such as the LP California State Convention. His address was well received before the twenty-five on and off-campus attendees. ■

## HOSPERS ENDORSES COUNTER-ECONOMY... WELL, SORT OF

(February 1 || Fullerton) Asked by New Libertarian Charles Curley as to whether he favored the Counter-Economics approach to libertarian action, Dr. John Hospers acknowledged that he did not know what the term meant. When someone at the gathering at the Campus Theatre of Fullerton College called out "The Black Market," Hospers said he was all in favor of it.

Curley was unable to explain the differences between the concepts as other questioners were recognized at the Society for Libertarian Life meet. Hospers' talk predicted increasing taxes, bankruptcy, and government regulations.

Over a hundred libertarians showed up to the SLL gathering, far more than their previous meeting with David Bergland. Robert LeFevre is SLL's next feature (see *Calendar*). ■

## STATE STRIPS VACULIK, THEN SUES FOR SMEAR

(February 2 || Vienna) The AP (Associated Press) reports that George Orwell Prize Winner Ludvik Vaculik (NLW 37 and 59) was being sued for slander by the Czechoslovak news agency CTK. Vaculik claimed the state monopoly had reproduced nude photographs of him.

As reported earlier, Vaculik is under harassment by the Czechoslovak State for instigating Charter 77, signed by over 300 Czech supporters of human rights. The Austrian newspaper *Kurier* backed Vaculik's charge saying CTK's darkroom spent four days turning out 3500 photographs, showing Vaculik in nude positions, and some in intimate acts with a woman. ■

## ANTI-DRAFT COMMITTEE FORMED BY LIBERTARIAN

(February 4 || Long Beach) Nine days after President Carter's pardon of Vietnam-era draft resisters, and four days after Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Stennis's call for draft restoration, the Committee to Eliminate the New Draft (END) was founded to spearhead principled opposition to conscription.

"We are unalterably and absolutely opposed to the re-imposition of any draft at any time," said Committee Chair, J. Neil Schulman, a 23-year-old Long Beach writer. "We feel it necessary to provide visible opposition to the draft *now*, in peacetime, so that if the United States enters another war our anti-draft stance will not be seen as merely tactical opposition to that particular war.

"I find it an ironic counterpoint," continued Schulman, "that even while the nation is still reacting to the the slavery portrated in *Roots*, there has been little understanding that involuntary service to a State is just as much slavery as involuntary service to an individual."

END will begin its efforts by writing prominent individuals in science, industry, and the arts in hope of gathering early support for its anti-draft position. The Committee hopes to organize chapters throughout the nation, and plans to hold its first conference this spring in Los Angeles.

END was formed by Southern California Regional members of the New Libertarian Alliance (*entirely without the Continental Office—SEK3*). Committee to Eliminate the New Draft, P.O. Box 94, Long Beach, CA 90801. ■

## STATISTS vs PARTYARCHS

(January 21 || Washington) The Federal Election Commission (FEC) announced January 17 that it had filed civil suits in three U.S. District Courts against several 1976 Congressional nominees who, it alleged, had failed "to comply with the reporting requirements of the Federal Election Campaign Act." Among those accused in the FEC action was N.J. Libertarian Party candidate Walter Swirsky.

In the complaint filed in federal court, the FEC contended that it had sent several notices advising Swirsky of the legal requirement to provide the information. Notices dated September 30, October 7 and October 14 had allegedly advised him of the requirement that he designate a "principal campaign committee" and file the information with the FEC. On October 25 and October 27 he was allegedly notified of his failure to file the required October 23 pre-general election report, and on December 11 and December 22 about failure to provide the required December 2 post-general election report.

The FEC suit asked the courts to require disclosure by the candidate of the information requested. It also asked the courts to assess a penalty of up to \$5,000 "for failing and refusing to comply" with the Federal Election Campaign Act.

The other two candidates sued by the FEC on the same date were Richard Daly, Republican nominee for Congress in the 7th District in Massachusetts, and Martin S. Shepherd, Jr., Conservative Party candidate in the 12th District of New York.

An examination of the filings of the national MacBride for President Committee by this reporter turned up the fact that it had also apparently had difficulty meeting the federal act's reporting requirements. Virtually every one of the MacBride committee's filings resulted in an FEC request for further information and/or notice of errors in information presented.

—Eric Scott Royce

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## DAVID FRIEDMAN

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ment support of science in general. He argued that to lobby for more government money for one's own field attracts more people into the field, reduces the availability of money and jobs, and increases crowding and competition for recognition. When people can move freely between professions, all professions are equally attractive at the margin, and no profession's condition can be improved without improving all.

He next used Adam Smith's famous distinction between average value and marginal value to show that while the *average* productivity of scientific research is high, the *marginal* productivity is quite low (the law of diminishing returns), and that slight increases or decreases in the number of scientists would have little effect. This is particularly true when opportunity costs are taken into account; government policies which attempt to increase the number of scientists would divert people into science from fields where their marginal productivity is considerably higher than in science.

To illustrate, he cited figures showing that the total energy benefit from nuclear reactors could be obtained simply by improving the insulation of all buildings by 10%, and that the value of the development of fusion power could be alternatively achieved by a 1% increase in the growth rate of GNP over 10 years. Other sorts of research, for example, on aging or disease, might be of far greater value to society than physics.

David then questioned the value of government planning for science. He noted that all scientific progress prior to 1940 was unplanned, and that government interference almost certainly would have done more harm than good in the long run (for example, putting Isaac Newton to work on methods of determining longitude for navigation, which was the most pressing problems of his day).

Defenses of government funding for research are weak; the number of patents granted per capita has *fallen* slightly since 1870. David concluded that an anarchist, laissez-faire system, in which each individual is free to choose his own profession and research problems uninfluenced by government goals, will produce more scientific progress than the present system.

Finally, David attacked the idea that the growth of knowledge is intrinsically good and should be supported by

government on this basis. This view depends on a particular definition of "good," and is thus a religious position having no more legitimate grounds for government funding than any other religion. Arguments that science is interesting or fun also do not justify government support; if it's of value to particular individuals, then they should pay for it.

On Saturday, January 15, at Bonnie Kaplan's invitation, David met informally with members of None of the Above for discussion and socializing. The conversation, which continued through the afternoon and was then moved to a Japanese restaurant for dinner, ranged over such topics as feudalism (of which David is an aficionado [Member of the SCA—SEK3]), ancient Iceland as a libertarian society, J.R.R. Tolkien, economic analyses of crime, the problems involved in auctioning off the air waves, kids' lib, pacifism, and Oriental cuisine. David's views were stimulating and provocative, and the gathering was quite enjoyable. —Joe Maxwell

## LIBERTARIAN CHURCH

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Meeker points out the tax advantages for the Congregational Church of Human Morality include contributing up to half their incomes to the Church and not being taxed on it. Ministers also get exempted "rental value of parsonages," if they so designate their homes.

Some of Bryan's philosophy: "This church wasn't founded as a tax loophole. Three years ago I was ready to leave my country. Now I can remain an American without guilt."

"I don't agree with tax law period. I object to paying taxes on moral grounds but I'm not stupid enough to go to jail over it." The name of the Church's wrestling club is "Tanstaafl."

To date the Church has filed no tax returns. "It's against the law to audit church books. A church is a church and the government has no business determining what a church is."

The first libertarian church was probably the Rationalist Church of America. It was formed in Milwaukee in 1967, largely to keep its minister out of the Vietnam draft.

More recently, the Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles was reorganized at the First Libertarian Church by Lloyd Licher, Charles Estes and R.W. Grant. It became a model for similar action throughout California and the United States.

Nearly every major town in California now has a libertarian Church, and Licher reports hundreds of ministers

of FLC alone across the country and even outside the U.S. Now Oregon seems to be sprouting them.

A large packet of literature and newsletters were sent to *New Libertarian Weekly* from the Aerstolic Institute of Physics of the Voluntary Society of Individualists in Beaverton, Oregon. An introductory letter proclaims that the V.S.I. are "a profound system of morality, a personally embraced way of life, and a comprehensive view of the world...most emphatically a major new religion."

The VSI has a "Rule of our order, the Pyro-do. It requires four vows expressing our distinctive way of realizing our religious convictions: autonomy, objectivity, providence, and uprightness."

Then they get to the point. "Religious orders and their members are relieved by both the federal and local governments of the moral abominations of examination, regulation, and taxation. In the case of our religion this is doubly fortunate...since these abominations are directly invasive and destructive of our particular doctrine, being exempted from them actually makes more feasible the practice of our religion in this country than would otherwise be the case."

The Pyro-do is a reworking of Objectivist philosophy, Praxeological economics, and various psychologies into mystic-sounding language. Copies are available for \$9 and reproduction is forbidden to non-Church members.

Copies of a newsletter, the *Voice of Reason*, are included in the packet, and give the time and place of supper club meetings in Beaverton, and summaries of talks. The newsletter is published by The Temple of Reason, Box 1539, Beaverton, OR 97005.

Speakers at the Beaverton supper club include Lloyd Licher (June), John Snare (July), Walt Lineberger (September), Craig Spencer (October) and Rollie Holmes (November), all in 1976. No notice of future meetings was sent to *NLW*.

The *Voice of Reason* not only states that there was no connection between their Temple of Reason and the "Libertarian" Party, but removed the word Libertarian from their masthead to avoid "hiding behind a possibly obscuring label." No mention was made of the reactions to the severance of association with the First Libertarian Church by this act.

The talk by Craig Spencer (who is the minister of the Aerstolic Institute of Physics) was on what was wrong with voting and political action, gradualism, and how some libertarians have been duped into it. He offered several alternative activities. ■

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**February 14 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Diane Hunter Smith on "Rational Humanism: An Exploration of the Libertarian Social Ethic." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**February 16 Libertarian Law Council Luncheon.** Bob Peterson on community involvement in a libertarian case. 12:00 noon to 1:30 P.M. sharp. \$3.00 for catered lunch and talk. Reservations from M. Klausner's secretary at (213) 680-2222. Conference Room of Coopers and Lybrand, South Tower of Arco Plaza, 555 South Flower Street, Los Angeles.

**February 18 Libertarian Social Club.** "The Second Battle of Britain" a documentary produced by CBS, followed by a presentation by Jarret Wollstein (20 min.). Special admission rate for students and first time members: \$2.50. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., dinner at 7:30 P.M., film at 8:30 P.M. Reservations must be received not later than 24 hours prior to a meeting from Doris Gordon 460-4141 weekdays, Jarret Wollstein 780-7605 weekends & evenings. Dinner options: \$9.95/\$11.95. Dessert \$1 additional. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), McLean, Virginia.

**March 3 None of the Above Meeting.** 8:00 P.M. Call (312) 935-0412 for place or write Bonnie Kaplan, 607 W. Wrightwood, Apt. 703, Chicago, IL 60614.

**March 10 Forum for Philosophical Studies**  
 Topic to be announced; write to be put on mailing list. \$3.50, 7:30 P.M. Room 500, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, California.

**March 12 Tax Revolt Seminar** with Bill Drexler and Marvin Cooley. \$20.00 per includes lunch. Advance registration necessary, Joe Edelson (201) 387-1400. Ramada Inn, Montvale, New Jersey.

**March 13 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Spencer Heath McCallum on "Space Colonization from a Proprietary Viewpoint." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.20); 8:15 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**March 18 Libertarian Social Club.** Abortion: Murder or Right? Discussion between Freeman writer and professor of biology at Mary Washington College Dr. Thomas L. Johnson, and a libertarian in favour to be selected. Reservations required from Doris Gordon 460-4141 weekdays, Jarret Wollstein 780-7605 other times, payment must be received not later than 24 hours prior to a meeting. \$5 admission only, two dinner options: \$9.95/\$11.95, dessert \$1 additional. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., dinner at 7:30 P.M., speakers at 8:30 P.M. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), McLean, Virginia.

**March 19-20 Libertarian Breakthrough Conference.** "Personal H-Bombs, Non-political Societies, Life Extension, Black Market, Waldoes, Extraterritorial Business, Super Weapons, Shipboard Communities, Space Colonization, New Countries,..." Original libertarian ideas to trade wanted by organizer Erwin S. "Filthy Pierre" Strauss. No paid speakers, no old material. \$5, checks to "Erwin S. Strauss" at 9909 Good Luck Road, T2, Lanham, MD 20801; (301) 794-6631 (days), (301) 794-7718 (evenings & weekends). Con in Lanham, Maryland.

**April 6 Economic Education and Research Forum luncheon.** Murray Rothbard speaking. For price, place and time, contact EERF, 135 S. LaSalle, Suite 2140, Chicago, IL 60603.

**April 11 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Dana Rohrabacher on the New Hebrides, the Libertarian Conference, the Reagan Campaign (of which he was asst. press sec.), and some new and old songs from the old anarchotroubadour. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**April 15 Chicago Tax Protest.** Call Jim Tobin (312) 287-0969 (eve.) or John Howland (312) 724-5506 (eve.) for information or to assist. 6:30 to midnight at the main Chicago post office, 433 W. Van Buren, Chicago.

**April 16 Taxpayers Rally at State House.** Organized by Ralph Fucetola, Kathy Greene, various groups. Call 24 Hour Taxpayers' Hotline (201) 998-7155. Trenton, New Jersey.

**April 23-24 Libertarian Conference.** "The Future of Freedom." Nathaniel Branden, Robert LeFevre, David Friedman have been confirmed. Correction from organizers: Murray Rothbard has become "unconfirmed" [sic]. Hosted by U.S.C. Society for Libertarian Studies. Advance tickets from CLA, P.O. Box 1202, Venice, CA 90291. Conference two days at Town and Gown, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California.

**May 27 Society for Libertarian Life** Robert LeFevre speaking at either Chapman College or Santa Ana College. Write SLL, P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632 for details. 7:30 P.M. Probably \$2 per ticket. Orange County, California.

**June 16-18 National Committee for Monetary Reform Conference.** Price and time from NCMR, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, Louisiana. Con in Bermuda.

**October ?? Seminar Maximus of National Committee for Monetary Reform,** 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, Louisiana.

All libertarian and related events are listed except those which require secrecy and those which are not sent in. Notifications should be received at least two weeks before cover date of issue of appearance that is wished. Political activities masquerading as "libertarian" activities will be rejected.

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## COUNTER-ECONOMIC BOOZE WAR IN EAST! New Hampshire, Vermont Border

*by Charles Curley*

(February 1 || Concord) Well, the great Booze War is at it again! Booze war? What booze war? you say. The one between New Hampshire and eight other States and at least one Province. See, it all goes back to Prohibition...

I suppose that if you have to have a State government, then New Hampshire is My Kind of State government. No fancy frills, just a common sense way of running things. But then, New England Yankees have always had a common sense way of running things, except when them goddam Democrats get in power. They ain't had the chance in New Hampshire, which is why it's my kind of state. No state sales tax, no income tax at all (one of only five in the nation with no income tax).

Furthermore, the present governor, Mel Thompson, was head of the state Taxpayers' Association before he got the Republican nomination for governor. And he got that by exposing how the previous Republican governor was conniving with the goddam Democrats to put in an income tax. This, mind you, in a state where they pay the legislators \$500 a year.

Anyway, you were asking about the booze war. Like I said, that goes back to Prohibition, or rather, the end of it. Some of the puritans down in Concord decided that if they were going to legalize sin in this country, why, the government ought to make some money off of it, and I guess that's appropriate. Most States just slapped a heavy liquor tax on the stuff, and let it go at that. Course, the Federal government did likewise, so most people are paying two taxes on their

booze. 'Cept New Hampshire, where they found out that the Feds couldn't tax something sold by the State government. So they set up State liquor stores, and got themselves a monopoly on the stuff.

Now, with that monopoly, the State government does make a lot of money on booze. But they still have the lowest prices around, since they don't have to include the Federal tax. Yep, New Hampshire's got the lowest booze prices in at least eight States and one Province.

Which is why the booze war is going on. People come into New Hampshire from those eight States and Canada to buy their booze. And they save enough money to have a little vacation on the side. Yep, you get a lot of New Yorkers paying for their ski vacations that way.

Funny thing is, though, that, instead of lowering their taxes to compete with New Hampshire, the States insist on taxing the stuff as soon as it crosses the state line. For example, Howard Sims and Charlotte Christian had 60 gallons of booze and 27 cartons of cigarettes ripped off and put up for auction by the Connecticut Tax Commission for not paying the tax. They also face a year in jail and \$1000 each in fines.

What the Connecticut bureaucrats do is simple: they send a spy to park in the parking lot of selected New Hampshire State Liquor stores, and they watch for people with Connecticut license plates to wheel large amounts of booze out to their cars and drive away. Then they follow their

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## Free Marketess Defies Fla State

*by Abby Goldsmith*

(February 1 || Gainesville) Marilyn Brumbaugh is a divorcee working hard to support herself and her daughters with a home typing service. She is a bright, articulate woman and her business is a booming success. And she is bucking the entire Florida Bar Association to keep it that way, all the while becoming a more and more determined defender of individual rights.

For what Brumbaugh types is do-it-yourself divorce papers and the Bar is mightily peeved. It is not, mind you, the money involved (anywhere from \$250 and up for a lawyer in a simple, uncontested divorce proceeding) that concerns the Bar. Rather, the Bar is worried about justice being done. Goddess knows, you can't trust people to take care of their own affairs.

And so they had Brumbach summoned to a hearing and charged her with the unauthorized practice of law. At the hearing, she was ordered to testify against herself. When she continued to plead the Fifth Amendment, she was thrown in jail for contempt of court. Oh sure, she was released a short while later, amid many and heartrending apologies. But not before she was photographed and fingerprinted and placed in a cell with an arsonist and a murderer.

The Bar has its own curious version of the incident. When asked if Brumbaugh's jailing was illegal as she was correct in pleading the Fifth, the Bar Association's attorney answered that she was not jailed for pleading the Fifth, but rather for making a mockery of the court. When asked how specifically she had made a mockery of the court, the attorney said it was by refusing to follow the judge's orders. And what were the judge's orders? To answer the questions. The attorney then said, "The whole problem was

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# The Week

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## LIGGIO BLASTS U.S. EMPIRE AT SOULIBCON

(January 28 || Miami) Leonard Liggio, pursuing his familiar thesis of linking foreign adventures to domestic exploitation, criticized the trend of U.S. diplomacy since World War I. Speaking to the Southern Libertarian Conference in Miami on January 28, Liggio claimed that the world enjoyed a peaceful era prior to WWI which made possible a successful capitalist economy. The laissez-faire policies of England, the leading world power in the nineteenth century, insured capital accumulation and economic growth.

The Liberal Party which had once supported laissez-faire led England into war and collectivism. Similarly, World War I in this country ushered in statism in the form of foreign aid (subsidies for imports) and the income tax, which according to Liggio was a stratagem for centralizing the economy.

In addressing the issue of "to what extent is foreign policy a manipulation of domestic policy," Liggio said the bureaucrats turned to war-making because "only defense spending was acceptable to the American people to achieve Keynesianism."

Following Professor Liggio's speech, Dr. Thomas Breslin, a specialist in Asian-American relations, took a more traditionally Leninist view of American imperialism. Drawing a direct link between military intervention and corporate interests, Breslin presented a detailed historical sketch of interventionism from the Indian Wars to Vietnam. While Liggio perceived the rationale of intervention in Vietnam and elsewhere as an excuse for expanding government at home, Breslin took a more materialistic line, arguing that for U.S. policy-makers the benefits of war in Asia were manganese, cobalt, tin, and tungsten.

The Libertarian Party-sponsored conference also included talks by Joseph Stromberg on "A Proper Libertarian Foreign Policy" and Dr. William Marina who sparked considerable controversy with a critique of the volunteer standing army and a call to

return to militias in the manner of the American Revolution.

The Saturday session was devoted to municipal and environmental issues. On Sunday the Libertarian Medical Association convened its first meeting to determine goals and elect officers.

—David Rosinger

## COUNTER-EC PHONES

(January 11 || ZNS) Have you heard about the man who opened his briefcase to answer the telephone?

Gene Daly of Redwood City, California has. Daly is the owner of The Communicators, a four-year-old firm that peddles one of the biggest status symbols of them all—the briefcase telephone.

Daly says his company caters to people who make at least \$50,000 a year, and can easily pay for the \$2800, 17-pound battery-operated briefcase phone. Merely using the phone costs a whopping \$18 for the first 25 minutes and 25 cents for each minute thereafter, plus the regular long distance charges.

Daly says the average monthly tab is about \$60, but many people run up bills of more than \$1200 a month. Daly says his best briefcase customers are pimps, because they get their cars repossessed a lot and don't like car phones.

## ANARCHY IN SPACE SEEN BY POWER ELITE EXPERT

(December 22 || ZNS) A space expert with the Lockheed Corporation is predicting that special interest groups—such as religious organizations and even skiers—will construct and live in the orbiting cities of the future.

Walter Hurd, a researcher with the missile and space firm in Sunnyvale, California, states that private industry will likely replace governments as builders of the orbiting communities.

Hurd predicts that self-contained cities with hundreds of permanent residents aboard will be in orbit between the earth and the moon within the next 20 to 30 years.

He states that eventually special interest groups such as athletes will band together to build their own orbiting cities. Hurd says a group of skiers, for instance, could finance gigantic enclosed snow-filled satellites which would feature year-round skiing and ski-jumping inside.

## ESTABLISHMENT LOSES BATTLE FOR MINDS

(December 28 || ZNS) Four out of every five persons in the United States believe there was a conspiracy behind the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

This is the result of a new Gallup Poll, conducted in December. The survey found that only one in nine Americans accepts the Warren Commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy.

The same poll discovered that 69 percent—or nearly seven in every 10 persons interviewed—believe there was a conspiracy involved in the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. ■

## INDIANS' OWN COURTS

(December 29 || ZNS) *The Wall Street Journal* is reporting that there is an increasing trend among American Indian tribes to set up their own court systems and to return to traditional tribal methods of administering justice.

The newspaper reports that in the last six years, the number of Indian courts on reservations has jumped some 40 percent to 122, and that more than 200 Indians are now being trained to become tribal judges.

In most cases, the Indian courts have jurisdiction only over misdemeanor crimes. However, *The Journal* reports that there is now a move among native Americans to extend this jurisdiction to cover felony crimes, such as murder, and to include jurisdiction over all crimes committed on the reservation, not just crimes committed by Indians.

The U.S. Supreme Court is currently reviewing a case involving two white men arrested and charged by Indians with committing crimes on Indian reservations. Indian tribal lawyers claim that state and local courts set up by whites either turn their backs on crimes committed by whites on reservations, or let the defenders off with a mere handslap.

## BOOZE WAR IN N.H.

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victims home and bust them as soon as they cross the state line.

Characteristically, New Hampshire takes a dim view of this nonsense. According to Costas Tentas, head of the State's Liquor Commission, "The

## The Charles Curley Vetter

### THE WOLFE AT THE DOOR

The long-term outlook for gold is greatly bolstered by a recent undated report by Thomas Wolfe, a consultant to the U.S. Treasury. Wolfe's explicit conclusions are only mildly bullish for gold, but it is some of the unstated premises which are in error, and the implications of his conclusions which give rise to great optimism for gold.

The basic supply demand factors of gold are quite bullish. Gold production has been decreasing for the past ten years, with no prospect of a major gold find which would be minable at current prices or below \$200 an ounce. There are about 1,300 millions of ounces of gold still underground and mineable at \$200 or less an ounce. In addition, the costs of mining gold are increasing, so that profit margins are being squeezed, and a number of mines in South Africa are receiving State assistance.

Industrial demand for gold has absorbed 85% of production over the last 30 years. However, this has been shown to be very price-elastic. Consumption increased more than threefold from 1950 to 1970, while the real price of gold was in decline. It dropped sharply in 1973 and 1974 as gold moved from \$60 to \$200, and has increased again since the beginning of the Great Gold Bear Market. Gold coin production has also increased, from none during the period until 1965, to 7.1 million ounces in 1975. It is interesting to note that, while Wolfe expects gold coin production to increase, and to disappear permanently into hoards, he ignores it as a factor in the supply/demand considerations. Thus, gold coin is additionally bullish for gold.

Wolfe expects an increase in gold consumption, and no increase in gold production, with the resulting deficit to be covered from government stocks. "The present annual volume of government gold sales from all sources (about 10 million ounces) might increase to perhaps 25 million ounces in 1985 with *no change in the price* in constant dollars (emphasis added). Of course, if gold sales stayed at their present level, the real price would undoubtedly increase. There will be oscillations in the price of about 20%.

Wolfe is realistic enough not to blame the rise in gold on speculators. "The notion that [speculative] dealing is a major factor in the market appears to be largely a myth. Except for a few brief periods such as late 1967 and 1974, there is no hard evidence that speculative trading in spot gold is a strong factor on the market." Even during currency crises, currency speculation is more lucrative than gold. However, Wolfe thinks that speculative influence on the gold market will increase as the interest in futures trading gains in centers like New York and Chicago.

The most curious attitude that Wolfe has is the way in which he considers governments as holders of gold. He places no monetary consideration on gold in central bank stocks whatsoever. A government holding gold is just like any other investor/speculator. "Gold is a non-interest earning asset and the annual cost of holding it is equivalent to the interest return that could be obtained by exchanging the gold for cash and investing the proceeds or retiring an equal amount of outstanding debt and reducing the applicable interest cost. A more direct way of putting it is that all government gold stocks in effect are financed through borrowed funds."

Wolfe has missed entirely the relationship between a currency and its gold backing under the classical gold standard. He speaks of the traditional \$20 an ounce as a price, when in fact it is a definition of weight. (The dollar is 1/20 of an ounce, just as a gram is 1/31.1034 ounce.) Of course, this relationship was swept under the rug in the era following World War I, and more or less obliterated in the period since Bretton Woods, which has seen some 1500 devaluations. That specific relationship no longer exists for all purposes, but the fact that there is some relationship (in theory if no other place) between the currency and the central bank's gold stock implies a special position for that gold stock which the private gold holder's gold stock does not have. Otherwise, why does the Treasury hold gold at all, and why did it during the 19th Century?

In addition, there is another reason why the central bank should continue to hold gold even if a better return can be had elsewhere. It is this: gold is the most liquid asset in the world. Gold is not debt, and it is the only monetary or near-monetary asset in the world which is not a debt in one form or another. Among central banks gold is the ultimate asset. It is collateral for loans when there is nothing else. The loan by Germany to Italy illustrates this, as does the recent loan by the Shah of Iran to South Africa, with gold as collateral at \$80 an ounce. The loan was for \$500 millions, and the interest rate is 1½%. Both the Italians—who have little gold—and the South Africans—who have a large monetary stock of gold—prefer to hold on to gold and use it as collateral. This would suggest, then, that we will see a lot less government gold sales outside of the U.S. than Wolfe considers needed to keep the real dollar price of gold constant.

Government sales of gold are, obviously, bearish for gold in the short term. But these sales are ultimately bullish for gold and bearish for the currency involved over a longer period of time. Why? Because, as a general rule, the countries with the lowest gold stockpiles for their currencies have the most troubles with their currencies. Compare



the extremes: Switzerland and Britain, with the U.S. in the middle. The reason is not one of direct cause and effect, but that prudent central bankers tend to both keep a high gold stock and limit their currency expansion to the minimum.

European central bankers tend to value their gold reserves as a monetary asset, and they would not look kindly on the dollar if the U.S. continued, as a matter of policy to reduce its gold stock against the dollar. But gold today is more important as a potential collateral of last resort. The U.S. government is in trouble, and may someday need those 275 million ounces of barbarous relic...

In addition, with an eye to using gold as collateral, the Europeans have an obvious vested interest in a higher price for gold. The U.S. efforts to discredit gold as a monetary asset by continued gold sales will be counteracted by the Europeans for selfish reasons. Thus, U.S. gold sales will be counter-balanced by an abstention of sales by Europeans, and perhaps a cutback on the part of the South Africans. It is possible that the Europeans will enter the market and buy, as indeed they have been at IMF auctions. I therefore conclude that any increases in gold supply to come from government stocks, which Mr. Wolfe considers necessary, will come almost entirely from the United States Treasury.

*If all future gold sales to make up the deficit between production and consumption come from the U.S. Treasury, and if the policy is to maintain the price of gold at a more or less constant real dollar price, as Wolfe proposes, then I calculate that U.S. gold stocks will be exhausted by 1993!*

I don't think that this will happen. The military will insist, as they did in 1968, that some gold be

retained as a strategic reserve. As events in Southern Africa unfold, and as South Africa moves to protect itself, the level of that strategic reserve will necessarily increase, as will the insistence upon it.

Also, Wolfe bases his projection upon the assumption that the gold demand curve will continue to be quite elastic, as it is today. I don't see it. Item: Texas Instruments sells a particular sheet of integrated circuits for computers for \$2800. This sheet contains \$11 in silver and \$17 worth of gold. Obviously, the prices of gold and silver could triple and TI wouldn't even sneeze. They'll sell ICs even if the cost of manufacturing ICs increases enormously, simply because the cost of ICs is similarly such a small part of the cost of the finished computer, or whatever the finished product. Why is this important? Because Texas Instruments calculates that by 1980, the computer industry will use *all* the newly mined gold and silver in the world. Coins, jewelry, and every other industrial application of gold will have to be filled from government stocks. And the demand curve for gold will get awfully inelastic.

What this means is that, as the government cuts back its gold sales to conserve what is left of the stockpile, some marginal consumers will drop out of the bidding. But the computer industry will keep right on buying. And buying. And buying. And that will be very bullish for gold. Thus, I believe that between now and 1993, the price of gold in real terms will begin to move, slowly at first, but, as people begin to catch on, at an ever increasing rate.

But what I'd really like to see is, about 2000, TI sending a man to see me, and watching him get down on his knees. "Please, sir, can you spare a Krugerrand or two for a poor starving computer manufacturing firm?"

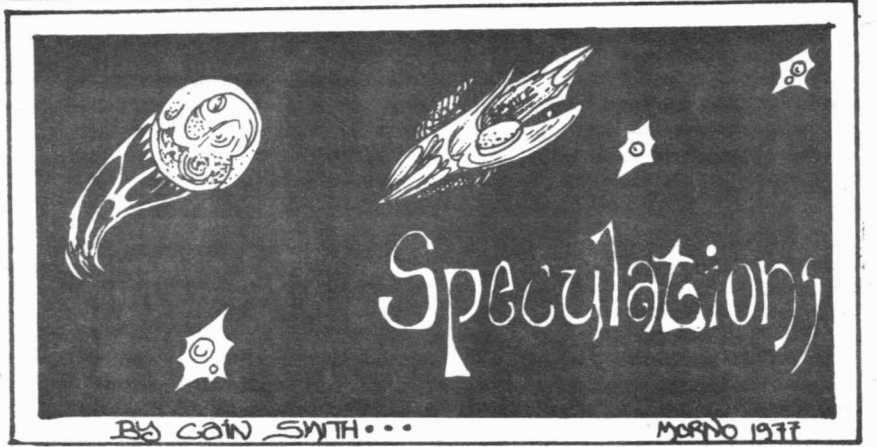
**KRUGERRAND SALES:** Krugerrand overseas sales: September, 126,000 (annual rate: 1,512,000 or 47 metric tons), October 216,000 (2,592,000 or 80.6 tons), November, 453,000 coins (5,436,000 or 169 metric tons). Just for comparison, November 75 sales: 359,075. Put it down to 1) the sales campaign by the Chamber of Mines in the U.S., 2) the end of the Great Bear Market, 3) Public refusal in the U.S. to be hornswaggled by their banking institutions. 15,000 banks and 43,000 S&Ls boycotted the sales campaign and refused to carry the coin. Never the less, some 225,000 coins sold in November were in the U.S., according to Intergold, the Chamber of Mines' marketing organization. And, of course, reason 4) the beginning of the Peanut Presidency. Source of figures: Patterson Strategy Letter, \$75/year, Box 987, 4001 Basel, Switzerland.

**SOCIAL[IST] [IN]SECURITY DEPT.** *Wall Street Journal* for Nov. 3 has a number of quotes from Secretary Simon on the soundness of the S.S. system. "The reserve account or trust fund is so meager that it is barely enough to keep the program going for the next six months." "As of now, when workers retire, they will become completely dependent on future workers for their benefits." This is what is known as a "Ponzi Scheme," and if anyone *but* the government or the banks (*They* call it "fractional reserve banking.") did it, they'd be tossed in jail for fraud, and rightly so.

What is amazing is not that Socialist Insecurity is in this condition, but that Secretary Simon would state this publicly. Simon's predecessor dealt, indirectly, in gold shares, and used his office to manipulate their values.

Simon may or may not have had such a scheme going while he was in office, but neither Connally nor Simon are stupid. And, from the government's point of view, it is just plain *stupid* to confirm the critics' fears of S.S.

*Qui Bono?* Simon points out: "If the amounts to which people are legally entitled are to be paid [out of S.S. and not general revenues], Social Security tax rates are projected to be increased between 50% and 200%." The S.S. tax is extremely regressive; i.e., the poor pay proportionately more than the rich. If this is a trial balloon for an increase in S.S. taxes without an increase in benefits, then the poor will be soaked far more than the middle or rich classes. Taxes on the middle class are already at rebellion levels, and there just aren't enough rich existing to make any difference.



## ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCE FICTION MAGAZINE, Spring 1977.

The first issue establishes this as a leading prozine. Given any distribution at all, it has already established its own ecological niche in the field. Assuming the usual rate of improvement in succeeding issues, a complete-from-beginning collection should be a good investment.

This isn't an unqualified endorsement. Of twelve stories, three really aren't. Only four of the other nine are the "hard" SF the editorial promises. At least two seem to have been bought more for the authors' reputations than for the stories themselves.

**Goodbye, Robinson Crusoe**, John Varley. The protagonist has literally become a child again, with adaptations to life in the artificial seas of Pluto. There are the usual virtues of Varley's future history—believable characters who are genuinely part of their era, conflict which seems to be present in the situation rather than imposed by the author, convincing background. And this time, there's the most meticulously thought-out use of economics since Heinlein's *Beyond This Horizon*. One disturbing note: this is the second recent Varley story with a protagonist who turns out to be someone and something other than he thinks. Varley may work that theme to death, if he's unwise.

Connecticut situation is just another example of the reason why New Hampshire is so attractive to the residents of the New England States. We here in New Hampshire do not harrass our citizens with excessive taxes and we do not have to stoop to spying on them when they go out of state.

Connecticut bureaucrat Gerald Hefferman, the Tax Commissioner, maintains that Connecticut is losing millions of dollars in revenues to the New Hampshire liquor system. He

**The Doctor's Dilemma**, Martin Gardner. Puzzle slightly disguised as fiction. **Think!** Isaac Asimov. Slight piece about mechanical telepathy.

**Quarantine**, Arthur C. Clarke. Reasonably well-told joke.

**The Homesick Chicken**, Edward D. Hoch. An SF mystery which seems to be first of a series about future detective Barnabus Rex. If so, I hope for improvement. Here, the science is sketchy and implausible. (I can accept fowl adapted to life on extrasolar planets. Adapted to life on Mars, no.) And Rex is too vague a character—particularly from Hoch, one of whose prime virtues as a mystery writer is his ability to construct interesting characters.

**Perchance to Dream**, Sally A. Sellers. The immortal who always heals.

**Air Raid**, Herb Boehm. Time-travel from an interestingly grim future—though the basic substance of that future is that of umpteen stories from the Fifties and earlier. Well done, except that I had to keep reminding myself the protagonist was female.

**Kindertotenlieder**, or **Who Puts the Creamy Filling in the Krap-Snax?** Jonathan Fast. The kind of fantasy one would expect if Gardner Dozois were in charge, rather than merely associate editor. Worth reading if you like that kind of writing at all.

**Period of Totality**. Scientific puzzle, the plot is disagreement among characters on how to avoid a disaster.

didn't say how he arrived at the figure, or why his agency should get those millions of dollars in the first place. Meanwhile, the New Hampshire State Troopers say they will respond if any laws are being violated by the Commissioner's snoops. Tantas adds, "We can only assure our out-of-state customers we will do everything possible to prevent their harrassment in our stores."

A-Yup, if you got to have a State government, that's the kind to have.

—Charles Curley

**The Scorch on Wetzel's Hill**, Sherwood Springer. "Surprise" ending too easily foreseeable.

**Coming of Age in Henson's Tube**, William Jon Watkins. Reasonably plausible future sport.

**Time Storm**, Gordon R. Dickson. Two people and a leopard, travelling after time had become dislocated. One of Dickson's few first-person stories. The important action takes place before and after the story; but character development is neatly within the time-frame. (From my biases, this is the first Dickson story in which the standard Dickson hero grows up.) Not completely successful, but worth reading.

**Editorial**, Isaac Asimov. Statement of policy.

**On Our Museum: A Preview of the New Smithsonian**, George O. Smith. As good a description of the National Air and Space Museum as you're likely to find.

**On Books**, Charles N. Brown. A large number of books, each reviewed in what I consider absurdly few words. (But with most prozines publishing long essays on one or two books, many readers will likely welcome this alternative.

There are also reviews which are no more than blurbs for books sold through the magazine's bookselling service. This feature is taken over from *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine*, where it has irritated me since it began.

The cover's most prominent features are a glaring red background and a photograph of Isaac Asimov. Contributors' names are white, in alphabetical order (which puts Asimov first—presumably Roger Zelazny's SF Magazine would list contributors differently). Interior artwork is undistinguished, although some of the artists are capable of excellent work.

## COUNTER-EC FLORIDA

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that she was trying to be her own lawyer. If she had consulted a lawyer I'm sure she never would have been put in jail in the first place."

Meanwhile, our heroine remains undeterred. She not only plans to sue the Bar and the court for false imprisonment, but says, "Right now, the way I feel they'd have to put a lock and chain on my front door and cut off my telephones in order to keep me from continuing my business." She says that if the court finds against her, "My intention is to appeal it and to just keep right on typing."

Right on!

—Abby Goldsmith

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OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

**March 3 None of the Above Meeting.** 8:00 P.M. Call (312) 935-0412 for place or write Bonnie Kaplan, 607 W. Wrightwood, Apt. 703, Chicago, IL 60614.

**March 10 The Forum for Philosophical Studies.** "Ayn Rand as Philosopher." George H. Smith speaking. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Room 500, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood.

**March 13 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Spencer Heath McCallum on "Space Colonization from a Proprietary Viewpoint." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.20); 8:15 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**March 12 Tax Revolt Seminar** with Bill Drexler and Marvin Cooley. \$20.00 per includes lunch. Advance registration necessary, Joe Edelson (201) 387-1400. Ramada Inn, Montvale, New Jersey.

**March 18 Libertarian Social Club.** Abortion: Murder or Right? Discussion between Freeman writer and professor of biology at Mary Washington College Dr. Thomas L. Johnson, and a libertarian in favour to be selected. Reservations required from Doris Gordon 460-4141 weekdays, Jarret Wollstein 780-7605 other times, payment must be received not later than 24 hours prior to a meeting. \$5 admission only, two dinner options: \$9.95/\$11.95, dessert \$1 additional. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., dinner at 7:30 P.M., speakers at 8:30 P.M. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), McLean, Virginia. || *It's my life or don't tread on me.* Discussion-social. Jack Frager, life-long anarchist on "Emma Goldman, As I Knew Her." No admission charged. 8:15 P.M. Freespace Alternate U., 339 Lafayette Street, New York City.

**March 19-20 Libertarian Breakthrough Conference.** "Personal H-Bombs, Non-political Societies, Life Extension, Black Market, Waldoes, Extranational Business, Super Weapons, Shipboard Communities, Space Colonization, New Countries,..." Original libertarian ideas to trade wanted by organizer Erwin S. "Filthy Pierre" Strauss. No paid speakers, no old material. \$5, checks to "Erwin S. Strauss" at 9909 Good Luck Road, T2, Lanham, MD 20801; (301) 794-6631 (days), (301) 794-7718 (evenings & weekends). Con in Lanham, Maryland.

**March 24 Reopening the Sacco-Vanzetti Case.** Anarchist Jack Frager, a member of the Sacco-Vanzetti defense committee will describe flaws in the famous case and show how they were railroaded to the electric chair because they were anarchists. 6:30 P.M. No charge. Freespace Alternate U., 339 Lafayette Street, New York City.

**April 1 It's my life or don't tread on me** Discussion-social. Steve Adler, independent researcher, "Free Market Public Transportation: Illegal Minibuses in the Bronx and Hong Kong." No charge. 8:15 P.M. Freespace Alternate U., 339 Lafayette St. New York.

**April 6 Economic Education and Research Forum** luncheon. Murray Rothbard speaking. For price, place and time, contact EERF, 135 S. LaSalle, Suite 2140, Chicago, IL 60603.

**April 11 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Dana Rohrabacher on the New Hebrides, the Libertarian Conference, the Reagan Campaign (of which he was asst. press sec.), and some new and old songs from the old anarchotroubador. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**April 15 Chicago Tax Protest.** Call Jim Tobin (312) 287-0969 (eve.) or John Howland (312) 724-5506 (eve.) for information or to assist. 6:30 to midnight at the main Chicago post office, 433 W. Van Buren, Chicago.

**April 16 Taxpayers Rally** at State House. Organized by Ralph Fucetola, Kathy Greene, various groups. Call 24 Hour Taxpayers' Hotline (201) 998-7155. Trenton, New Jersey.

**April 23-24 Libertarian Conference.** "The Future of Freedom." Nathaniel Branden, Robert LeFevre, David Friedman have been confirmed. *Correction from organizers:* Murray Rothbard has become "unconfirmed" [sic]. Hosted by U.S.C. Society for Libertarian Studies. Advance tickets from CLA, P.O. Box 1202, Venice, CA 90291. Conference two days at Town and Gown, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California.

**April 26 The Roots of American Anarchism: An Historical Survey.** Talk by Irving Levitas, historian. Anarchism will be shown to be indigenous. Coffee and cake will be served. 7 P.M. Freespace Alternate U., 339 Lafayette, New York City.

**April 27 Lessons of the Spanish Revolution.** Bob Palmer. Includes a critique of Vernon Richard's book of the same name. 7:30 P.M. Room 139 Hunter College, 68th Street and Lexington Ave., New York City.

**May 27 Society for Libertarian Life** Robert LeFevre speaking at either Chapman College or Santa Ana College. Write SLL, P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632 for details. 7:30 P.M. Probably \$2 per ticket. Orange County, California.

**June 16-18 National Committee for Monetary Reform Conference.** Price and time from NCMR, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, Louisiana. Con in Bermuda.

**October ?? Seminar Maximus** of National Committee for Monetary Reform, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, Louisiana.

All libertarian and related events are listed except those which require secrecy and those which are not sent in. Notifications should be received at least two weeks before cover date of issue of appearance that is wished. Political activities masquerading as "libertarian" activities will be rejected.



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# LIBERTARIAN WEEKLY

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## Diane's Anarchovalentine: RATIONAL HUMANISM New Position Unveiled at L.S.C.

(February 14 || Los Angeles) A highly emotional event turned out to be the Valentine's Day meeting of the Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. The Fifth Anniversary of the Club was marked by director Lloyd Licher's announcement of imminent departure, his gift from the assemblage, and Diane Hunter Smith's new theory of "Rational Humanism," a type of counter-economics of human interpersonal relations.

Licher's bombshell caught all but a few libertarians by surprise. Those organizing and giving for the Tiffany silver Sons of Liberty Bowl reproduction and pen set gifts for Lloyd were unaware of his tentative acceptance of a new position of employment which would take him to the San Francisco Bay Area.

During the presentation of the gifts and scroll of signatories, Licher received the only unanimous standing ovation in the history of the supper club. Spirits remained high even so, and the customary banter even accompanied the "ceremony" ("You can use the bowl for cereal and have Breakfast at Tiffany's, Lloyd!").

Linda Abrams kept up the light mood in her introduction (brief and pungent) of the speaker. Linda and Caroline Willis-White had organized the surprise ceremony, and Ms. Abrams was confirmed Thursday by the First Libertarian Church trustees to succeed Licher.

Diane Hunter Smith recovered quickly from her introduction (Linda sat down suddenly after promising Diane's talk would not be dry), and maintained the good feelings even during the obligatory opening epistemology of her thesis.



ILLUSTRATION BY CAROL HABLITZEL

Smith, who is a rising young writer (column for *Touch* magazine, writer of *None of the Above* with Sy Leon) was described as a theoretician who tries to live what she thinks, and she lived up to this counter-economist image.

Smith pointed out that there really was no such thing as a libertarian social ethic, since libertarianism only prescribes what should not be done. Nonetheless, she answers in the affirmative "Does Man need a social theory?" and offers hers.

Ayn Rand's thought was brought in, as Smith pointed out it was in one's self-interest to promote a society based on reason. She is amazed that many proponents of Reason talk about most of humanity as unreasoning beings,

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## Interventionism for Both Sides?

*by Erwin S. Strauss*

(January 14 || McLean, Virginia) The January 14 meeting of the Libertarian Social Club\* of Washington promised to be an interesting evening—the schedule called for a discussion of U.S. foreign policy between a traditional conservative and a spokesman for the Libertarian Party's revisionist views. The lead subtitle in the meeting announcement read, "Does the United States have vital interests abroad which must be defended by military force?" It looked like a classic battle between an interventionist and a non-interventionist.

Unfortunately, neither participant had much interest in non-interventionism. Jeffrey Gainor (foreign policy director of the Heritage Foundation) presented a position corresponding roughly to that of an early-Vietnam-era hawk, while Steve Halbrook (assistant professor of philosophy at Howard University) made a call for sympathy with all "National Liberation Movements."

Mr. Gainor explicitly called for a continuing U.S. military presence abroad. Mr. Halbrook expressed confidence that the withdrawal of U.S. support for forces opposing "National Liberation Movements" would insure their speedy victory, but left the door open for greater U.S. involvement on the "liberation" side—for example, he denied that George Washington's injunction about avoiding foreign entanglements (which he had quoted to lead off his attack on Mr. Gainor's position) would apply to cases of U.S. supporting "National Liberation Movements."

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# TheWeek

NEWS of the NEW LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

## PARTY BLOW IT

(February 15 || Copenhagen) Mogen Glistrup's "libertarian" Progress Party came out of nowhere in 1973 and sent an euphoric wave of hope to even anti-Party libertarians around the world (see *New Libertarian Notes* 29). The Progress Party ran for the third time in parliamentary elections and came in second.

The same election saw a massive return of voters to the Social Democratic Party, nearly giving it a clear majority (65 seats) in the 179-seat *Folketing*. Progress got 26 seats, but its most likely coalition partner, the (classical-type) Liberal Party, lost 42 seats (to 21) and a new "single tax" (i.e. Henry Georgist) Party crossed the 2% threshold (below which seats are not given).

Glistrup campaigned on the single issue "End the Income Tax" and is personally under indictment for 240 charges of income tax evasion. The Progress Party has the same number of seats as it first won in 1973, and only gained 1% of the vote in the last election.

The January 1974 issue of *New Libertarian Notes* editorialized that Glistrup's party would be an interesting test case to prove the contentions of pro and anti-party libertarians. Perhaps the real state of Danish libertarianism is indicated by the 88% voter turnout. ■

## LIB. LAW COUNCIL SWITCHES TO POLITICS

(February 16 || Los Angeles) At the last minute, organizer Manuel Klausner switched speakers at the Wednesday noon luncheon of the Libertarian Law Council. Campaign Chairman Gage appeared for conservative Los Angeles mayoral candidate Howard Jarvis.

The lunch club (see *NLW* 53) had a slightly higher attendance, including anti-political libertarians disgusted by the appearance of the political hack, such as attorneys Richard Deyo, Linda Abrams, and others who expressed their sentiments to *NLW*'s reporter. Other well-known attendees among

the twenty-five included Lloyd Licher, Edward Clark, and Mike Timko.

Gage said Jarvis stood for limited government, but when asked where the limiting would be, thought they could eliminate the Planning Department and "some deadwood." He shied away from making statements which might frighten away opponents of incumbent Thomas Bradley, saying, "All we want to do is get in office and do a job." ■

## N.J. ANTI-TAXERS FOCUS ON COURT CASE OF OWN

(February 7 || North Arlington) New Jersey tax protestors, led by libertarian Ralph Fucetola, have formed an ad hoc committee to coordinate public efforts in the defense of Edward O. Matzal, M.D. The Blairstown physician was indicted on September 21, 1976 on Federal charges of failure to file income tax returns for the years 1970 to 1972.

The committee, New Jersians Supporting Matzal, defend the featured speakers at the mass Tax Repeal Rally held in Trenton on September 18, 1976 (see *NLW* 43, 44), three days prior to his indictment. Matzal will rely on trial by jury and says, "We must show that all taxpayers in New Jersey are united in the face of Federal taxation." —*NLW* N.J. Bureau

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## EPISTOLARY

NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS.

Dear Sam: February 1, 1977

In your "How Stands the 'Libertarian' Party Today?" you neglected to list in the Anti-Libertarian Party category the Democratic and Republican parties, their leaders and their members. Late reports have it that they are definitely anti-Libertarian Party. Correcting this omission ought to boost the number of the anti-LP masses toward the 100 million mark.

Ernst F. Ghermann  
Marina Del Rey, California

[Thanks for pointing out, Ernst, that I forgot to explicitly state that only the views of libertarians were being considered on the Party Question, or at least those who are identified as such, or who identify themselves as such. Even Partyarchs can be helpful. —SEK3]

Dear Editor: February 10, 1977

It's obvious from reading your publication you hate the Libertarian Party. In view of this, how do you propose to change the laws of this country and move the United States more toward a totally free society.

John Lindstrand  
De Queens, Arkansas

[Basically a fair question, Mr. Lindstrand, but allow me to pick one quick nit. One can oppose the LP without hating it, as for example George H. Smith and Caroline Willis-White emphatically remind me. Nonetheless, speaking personally if that's how you're addressing me, I perceive the Libertarian Party as threatening the libertarian movement and setting back our goal of a free society up to fifty years, should it ever gain favour with a majority of libertarians, and thus, yes, I do hate the Party (though not any members of it in particular), and I feel that a sound and integrated position.

With that out of the way, I'm afraid the answer to your question has already consumed hundreds of pages of *New Libertarian Notes* and *New Libertarian Weekly*. Back issues are available, of course, and I have a few copies of a very introductory article I did for the International Shortage Reporter called, aptly, "Introduction to Counter-Economics," which you might wish to try if you're just getting into libertarianism. I'll send anyone who wants a copy one for \$1, as long as they last.

Incredibly simplified, my answer is that I do not propose to change the laws of this country; I intend to ignore and break them. The American State I wish to see destroyed, and that is accomplished by withdrawing the support it has from the American people, and no other way. Perhaps it will help your conception if I add that I already live in a small, free society of a few thousand libertarians here in Southern California, but we are surrounded by a hostile State fortunately containing a lot of collaborators with us of weak and uncertain loyalty to the monster outside.

I hope to be writing more on the subject of the New Libertarian Society's emergence soon; possibly as soon as *NLW* 75. Promise to stay tuned? —SEK3]

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## Libertaria: Literature of Liberty

The purpose of this supplement is to review literature of interest to libertarians. This includes not only recent material (books, pamphlets, articles), but also early libertarian tracts. Persons interested in writing reviews should contact Editor K. Gregg, at above address.

**A Politician in Sight of Haven, being A Protest against the Government of Man By Man by Auberon Herbert (Boston, Benj. R. Tucker, 1890. 24 pp.)**

*A Politician in Sight of Haven* is a socratic inquiry into the nature of political parties, majority rule, force and moral action, voluntary taxation, and the dissolution of government (whew, a lot is covered in the space of 24 pages).

The dialogue begins with a troubled member of the British Parliament, Angus Bramston, pouring out his problems to Markham:

"Was it possible to act honestly with party? Did it not lead to a constant sacrifice of convictions, or, indeed, learning to live without them? And then was party itself, morally speaking, better off; would not convictions, if simply and straightforwardly followed, place the party that so acted at a fatal disadvantage in its struggles with its rival? Were not politics an art in which a clever manipulation of the electors, and a nice opportunism in selecting measures that satisfied one portion of the people without too much offending another portion, possessed the first importance, while the high motives and great causes to which all politicians loved to appeal were as bits of broken mosaic that the Jew dealer throws in as a make-weight to complete the bargain?"

What can a man of principle, one who wishes neither to corrupt himself nor the people (by creating or maintaining privileges for rich or poor), do? A politician, Angus says, must acquiesce in the peoples' wishes regardless of his own opinions. "Shall a man look first and foremost to his own sense of what is right, or shall he follow his party?"

Markham then explains that reason is the only method for improvement and that a man should respect and cherish his own opinions beyond every other thing in life. "What form

of slavery can be more debasing than that which a man undergoes when he allows either a party or a Church to lead him to and fro when he is in no real agreement with it?"

What of the person who, because of the respect and devotion he has for another, prefers the other's judgment to his own?

Markham explains:

"Yes, a man might speak in that sense who accepts the Catholic theory; who is ready to hand himself over to authority, and believes that he need not solve great questions himself, but may leave others to do it for him. If he slavishly gives up the attempt to bring this world and that higher part of himself, his own intelligence, into harmony with each other; if he be content to act without seeing the just and true and the reasonably in all that he does, then he may use this language, and plead an easy faith and easy devotion in excuse for effacing his own reason and making default, as far as he is concerned, in the great plan of the world. Your words are well chosen to snare a man's soul, but they cannot alter the fact that you are born a reasonable being, and that there is no rightful deliverance from the use of your own reason."

Markham continues with further problems with political parties. Politicians make parties ends in themselves and not means to a distinct end which preserves each person's consciousness and volition. When a political party is divided by two rival schemes, the criterion by which they stand or fall is the popularity of the two measures, not reason. A political party is much like an army sent to conquer a neighboring country; men are supposed to "give up their own judgment in all things and be moved at will by the hands of their general. Defeating an enemy and defeating a political rival have only too many points in common; and in either case separate intelligences would be a great hindrance to success. It would be best in both cases—to use the mildest phrase—that they should be disciplined."

Somewhat shocked, Angus asks Markham if it is fair to compare war and politics.

Markham replies that in war, force is open and in politics it is implied, but

it is still there. Under majority rule, superior numbers imply superior force. "The outcome of the ballot-box is as much force as the orders issued by a Prussian field marshal, and is only obeyed because it involves the breaking of heads when necessary. What is the difference between force calling itself force or wrapped up in platform phrases, so long as it has the same self?" Robbery and murder are still wrong if committed by one person or ninety-nine percent of the population. It makes no difference if the superior numbers are the majority of the populace within a country or a larger nation fighting a smaller one. Moral laws do not disappear depending on the size of the factions nor because of convenience.

Is this a condemnation of the use of force for all purposes? Markham answers that the reasons why people use force against others is not clear. The boundaries between justification of the use of force in some contexts and all contexts is not settled. Thus, either a state of liberty (where no force is used) is moral, or force must be recognized as rightly applied by those who possess it for all purposes that they think right. When you sanction force for good purposes you sanction it for all occasions which the holders of power think good.

Force is directly opposed to morality.

"How can an act done under compulsion have any moral element in it, seeing that what is moral is the free act of an intelligent being? If you tie a man's hands there is nothing moral about his not committing murder. Such an abstaining from murder is a mechanical act; and just the same in kind, though less in degree, are all the acts which men are compelled to do under penalties imposed upon them by their fellow-men. Those who would drive their fellow-men into the performance of any good actions do not see that the very elements of morality—the free act following on free choice—are as much absent in those upon whom they practice their legislation as in a flock of sheep penned in by hurdles. You cannot see too clearly that force and reason—which last is the essence of the moral act—are at the two opposite poles. When you act by reason you are not acting under the compulsion of other men; when you act



under compulsion you are not acting under the guidance of reason. The one is a force within you and the other is a force without. Moreover, physical force in a man's hand is an instrument of such brutal character that its very nature destroys and excludes the kindlier or better qualities of human nature. The man who compels his neighbor is not the man who reasons with and convinces him, who seeks to influence him by example, who rouses him to make exertions to save himself. He takes upon himself to treat him, not as a being with reason, but as an animal in whom reason is not."

"Force is equivalent to slavery and a denial of rights. If A has power over B, you must assume that in the first instance he has power over himself; no man can be the master of another man and not master of himself. But if so, then B (unless you assume unequal rights as the basis of social order) is also master of himself, which entirely destroys any rightful power on the part of A to be his master and to make him act against his will."

The axioms of political liberty are "(1) that happiness consists in the exercise of faculties; (2) that as men have these faculties there must be freedom for their exercise; (3) that this freedom must rest on equal and universal conditions, no unequal conditions satisfying our moral sense."

(Auberon Herbert was an ardent admirer of Herbert Spencer. A more complete exposition of the idea of equal freedom is best explained in Spencer's *Social Statics* republished by the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation in 1970.)

"You cannot contradict them without involving yourself in what is incoherent and absurd, without giving up the belief that the world is reasonable."

"Admit that anyone may take more than his share; that is, in other words, that he may restrain by force the exercise of the faculties of others, and in what a sea of moral confusion you are at once plunged. Who is to decide which is the better man or the more civilized race, or how much freedom is to be allowed or disallowed? To settle this question men must act as judges in their own case; and this means that the strongest will declare themselves the most civilized, and will assign such portions of freedom as they choose to the rest of the nation, or the rest of the world, as the case may be."

As human belief in reason is strengthened, the grasp of moral science will increase which will create an increased confidence in the conclusions of the science of political liberty. Men will become more aware that force has no possible place in society.

Angus asks, does this mean that, the world being as it is, we can get through it without force?

"I have not said that. Six months ago I knocked a scoundrel down who had snatched a lady's watch from her, and handed him over to the police. I do not say we can get through life without using force; but when we do so in the simplest and apparently most justifiable case, even to repel force, we are outside the moral

relation, and are simply living again in that force-relation in which a man as half animal once lived, and in which the animals now live. Underneath all life lies the great law of self-preservation (a law which we may fulfill either by using force as the animals do, or by universally accepting the reasonable relation which, forbidding force, guarantees equal freedom for all), and those who use force may compel us to live towards them in the force-relation; but the important thing is to see that it is only when we are living in the reason relation that we have distinct moral guidance to tell us what are right and what are wrong actions, and that in the force relation we must act often by guesswork and always without certain guidance."

"... (the scoundrel) had established between himself and the rest of society the force-relation, and therefore I had to deal with him as I should have dealt with a wild beast that had attacked me. The act on my part was so far a moral one, inasmuch as I obeyed the derived moral command to help my neighbor; but being an act done in the force-relation, brute strength being simply opposed to brute strength, it is impossible that I should have that guarantee of certainty as regards right conduct, which can only exist where my actions are in harmony with the whole moral system. Mr. Spencer has stated this with his usual admirable force. 'Ethics, or the principles of right conduct, ignore all crime and wrongdoing. It simply says such and such are the principles on which men should act, and when these are broken it can do nothing but say they are broken.' Thus if there is a command that says, 'Thou shalt not lie,' you have no certain guidance from that command or from any part of the moral system which is subordinate to it when you have once told a lie and choose to persist in it. It may be expedient to tell or not to tell another lie: many excellent secondary reasons, such as regard for your friend, may urge you to do so, but all fixed guidance is lost, for when once the coherence of the system is broken, the law of lesser authority being obeyed and the law of higher authority disobeyed, only conflict and contradiction can arise. To obtain certain guidance you must obey the moral laws in the order of their imperativeness; and whilst in my case I obeyed a derived law which bade me help my neighbor, I was outside the primary law which forbids the use of force."

Markham explains that generosity and benevolence are of little moral value unless you begin by respecting the right of other people and that "all truths belong to their own system. There is not such a thing as a stray or independent truth in existence; and it is only as you know the system to which the truths belong, that you know with certainty the truths themselves. Moral truths, then, like physical truths, are united in a system, and as this system must rest on certain assured foundations, the question is on what foundations does it rest? The answer is, in Mr. Spencer's words, on the freedom of men to exercise their faculties. From these foundations arises a coherent and harmonious moral system governing our political and social systems, and illuminating the most complex questions of human

conduct. Apart from this foundation, morality is a mass of indistinct and contradictory commands, men often obeying a derived command while they disobey a primary command."

Political liberty permits, not competition between brute force, but competition of the more powerful intellect, the truer perception, the more temperate habit, and the more upright conduct.

Angus asks, "How would you give the practical effect to such views?"

"The government, as pointed out by Mr. Spencer, must confine itself simply to the defence of life and property, whether as regards internal or external defence. You can defend neither of these systems, both of which involve the use of force, on true moral grounds; they can only be imperfectly defended under the law of self-preservation, which we extend to others beyond ourselves. But in the world as it is, those who use force must be repelled—and effectively repelled—by force. By their own act they place themselves in the force-relation, and, barbarous as is the relation, we must accept it just as far as they thrust it on us."

"And taxes, Mr. Markham?" asked Angus.

"All taxes must be voluntary," said Markham.

"Voluntary!" said Angus, drawing the longest of breaths.

"There is no moral foundation for taking taxes by force. Those who pay taxes have not put themselves outside the reasonable relation, and therefore you cannot justly compel payment their hands."

"The franchise would depend on the payment of an income-tax for which everybody, down to the lowest workman, would be voluntarily liable. Everybody, man or woman, paying it would have the right to vote; those who did not pay it would be—as is just—without the franchise. There would be no other tax. All indirect taxation, excise and customs, would be abolished, freeing the trading genius of the country with results that we can scarcely foresee."

"And municipal government, with its care of streets?" asked Angus. "You must let me reserve that matter for our next talk."

"And existing institutions—the Established Church, the House of Lords, the Crown—what would you do?" asked Angus.

"I fear that I must look upon them all as signposts that point the wrong way and condemn themselves. All privileged and artificial institutions, whether for the few or the many, are destructive and anarchical in their character, as they obscure our perception of the great and simple moral relations on which our dealings with each other must be founded. Our subject is to teach the people to look on the equal and universal relations that are created by liberty as the most sacred thing in the world, and we must spare no darling institution of any class tending to perpetuate the idea of privilege."

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The black market--the invisible economy. What opportunities does it offer that YOU can capitalize on?

Emigration--where is the grass greenest?

The high seas--"land" of opportunity. What are the opportunities for you to invest there? Live there?

Emergency planning--even if no major collapse is coming, what should you be doing to prepare for "routine" crises?

Life extension--what is the state of the art in fighting the greatest oppressor of them all--death?



to the smaller proportions for which two such men, highly gifted as they are, are fitted; disband this frightful standing army of politicians that, like other armies, eats up the people whom it claims to serve, and return it to useful occupations in civil life. Our great object should be not only to being to an end the wasteful processes of Government work—the overgrown departments, the official mismanagements, the heavy burden of taxation, the innumerable occasions of rivalry, of personal ambition, and corrupt uses of power—but to recall all human effort from a wrong direction and to put it in the one right track... Of all perverted industries, that of accumulating force, whether in great bodies of soldiers or great bodies of electors, is the most wasteful and disastrous, not only because, as we have seen, the effort to obtain the possession of force is in itself an immense consumption of energy that should go for other things; not only because, so long as men are intent upon becoming the holders of power, they are blind to the true remedies; not only because systems founded on force are fatal to the two conditions of difference and competition, apart from which unfitness can never be changed into fitness; not only because all fixed laws of moral right and wrong disappear in the presence of force; not only because the world can find no response or security as long as all the great matters of life are left in suspense, to be shaped and reshaped by those who have climbed yesterday or today to power; but because, so long as we live under force, compelling and compelled, so long the affections and sympathies of men for men—all that is lovely in human nature—must remain sealed from breaking into universal blossom, like the plants of the earth remain sealed so long as winter is with them."

Angus then asks if such views are practical.

"Practical!" said Markham, slowly shaking his head. "And do you think, Mr. Bramston, that you politicians are the practical people? Under the name of saving your party you press on along an unknown road, no man really taking the responsibility of his own actions, no man knowing or even trying to know where he is going?"

"Practical, Mr. Bramston! Is it practical to have created the relations that exist between you and the people? You meet them not to speak the truth, not to confess real difficulties, not to try to understand the real conditions under which men have to live, not to raise them in their self-respect, not to check the human tendency to selfishness and violence, and to bring out the reasonable self, but you speak to them as holders of power on whom power confers the right to be a law to themselves; and this you do in order that you may extract their votes from them. You are but courtiers of the people, as your fathers before you were courtiers of kings and emperors. If you call this practical, Mr. Bramston, I desire myself to have no share in what is practical."

"...Do you think that the race, as a race, will stand forever, like recruits beating the ground in the drillyard and march nowhere? Time is a great logician, and succeeding generations will either press steadily on to the system that is the perfection of force, Socialism, or to the perfection of liberty, complete Individual-

ism. If men believe that they may rightly use force to gain any of their objects, they will claim in their supposed interest to use it for all their objects; if force is not a right weapon, then they will altogether abandon it... The (present) system is doomed by the great laws as inexorably as the Tower of Babel. I do not say it may not descend upon us for a time, like a great pall, blotting out all hopes of progress in our time. It may be that the race must pass through the season of it, as men pass through some delirious illness.

Angus remarks to himself, "Voluntary taxation, and ministers out of employment! How those dear wise fools in the House would shout at the idea... And yet—"

*A Politician in Sight of Haven* is a condensed version of *A Politician in Trouble About His Soul* (London; Chapman and Hall, 1884. 296 pp) which explains the large quantity of content in *A Politician in Sight of Haven* (and the extensive direct quotation which I have made use of). *A Politician* contains many elements of modern libertarianism; a deep questioning of political action, rejection of majority rule, reconsideration of the value of utilizing force for any purposes (whether for redistributing wealth or for retributive aggression), voluntary taxation (the modern schools of libertarianism would, I think, reject the idea of a voluntary income-tax. Subscription to defence companies, contract-fees, lotteries, or a complete end to all force, even defensive, have come to be the methods most commonly advocated. For a cogent criticism of voluntary taxation, see Murray Rothbard's *Power and Market*, pp. 120-123.), and an end to government interference with individual liberty. Auberon Herbert's concluding remarks are a reasoned attack on those who have faith in the practicality of modern political government.

This is a fine work which has not (to my knowledge) been republished since its initial publication by Benjamin R. Tucker. The insights provided by Auberon Herbert in this work (and his other works) should be made available to modern advocates of the free market.

—K. Gregg

**ANARCHY OR GOVERNMENT?—  
An Inquiry in Fundamental Politics  
by William M. Salter (New York, T.H. Crowell & Co., 1895. 176 pp.)**

*Anarchy or Government* was one of the first book-length attempts to refute the libertarian position held by the anarcho-capitalists of the late 1800s (particularly, Gustave de Molinari and Benjamin R. Tucker).

Mr. Salter quite properly begins with explanations of the meanings of the terms he is applying. Government is the "organized force of a society..." and that government is "not only for

those who voluntarily submit themselves to it, but for all the members of a community or society." Anarchy is defined as a "state of society in which no one is bound or obliged to do anything (whether to associate with others or anything else)..." and that in a state of Anarchy, "individuals would simply be left free to do as they choose," and that compulsion would disappear."

Mr. Salter gives examples in the literature of the times of Anarchist societies: the Quakers of Pennsylvania as expounded by Brissot de Warville in *New Travels in the United States*, early feudalistic periods as shown by Leroy-Beaulieu in *The Modern State*, the numerous examples in Herbert Spencer's *Sociology*, Vol. II. Mr. Salter continues:

It might be thought an ideal arrangement if in the same territory we could have a choice of governments just as we now have a choice of colleges to which to send our boys, or of shops in which to do our trading. If there were several governments, and we were bound to none of them, government in the sense in which it is opposed to anarchy, or complete individual liberty, would really cease to be.

As Salter quotes Emerson:

It would be but an easy extension of our commercial system to pay a private employer a fee for services, as we pay an architect, an engineer, or a lawyer. If any man has a talent for righting wrong, for administering difficult affairs, for counseling poor farmers how to turn their estates to good husbandry, for combining a hundred private enterprises to general benefit, let him in country-town, or in Court Street, put up his signboard, Mr. Smith, Governor, Mr. Johnson, Working-King.

Salter Says, "...government can only be defended on the ground of its necessity, not because it is intrinsically desirable." "...the essential problem of government might be stated as; how far may a community or society use force in attaining its objects... If a community acted and put no obligation on individual members, it would not be really the community acting, but simply the majority (or whatever might be the number of those deciding the action)."

According to Salter, "...social action and the use of force (or at least the right to use it) are inseparable, so long as the action is not unanimous." "Government is not always a necessity, and...in an ideal order of things there will be no occasion for it; but where there is occasion, when it would be an advantage, not to say a necessity, is there any reason why a society should not use it? Is restraint or compulsion not only an evil, is it a wrong?"

Salter explains what sort of contexts government is necessary:

Shall all the able-bodied men fight (in a defensive war) and, if any are reluctant and unwilling, may they be rightfully obliged to

do their part? ... every one would feel that a claim in behalf of freedom ... is strained and exaggerated, and that an individual could not really ask to be left free to do as he liked, save a he was ready to act in a way not inconsistent with the interests of the tribe ... if they use it (freedom to not participate) in such a way as to endanger the existence of the society of which they are members, they have no valid title to it ... it is simply saying that under certain circumstances, it (interfering with freedom) is not a wrong—and that the evil involved in it may be counterbalanced by a larger good.

Then there is a right of government (i.e. of using force) in a society ... it is only the right of government (for defensive war) that we have established.

Here we come to the heart of Salter's argument:

The question (should government use its powers beyond fighting defensive wars) turns at bottom on what we mean by society or, more accurately speaking, a society. A society, if we stop to think of it, is a peculiar phenomenon. It is made up of individuals, and yet any number of individuals do not of themselves make a society. ... It is not simply a lot of individuals, but these individuals conceived as making up a whole, with ties to one another and more or less conscious of them, feeling that in some sense they belong to one another, that they are not mere units, but members of a somewhat beyond their individual selves. Such is the characteristic mark of a society.

... if I have correctly stated the meaning of a society, the line between public interests and private interests can hardly be called an abstract one. If in a society the individuals composing it are not mere individuals, but members of the society, then does not only whatever affects the society affect them. But whatever affects them affects the society. If any one of them is injured, the society is injured, on the supposition that it is a real social body.

In criticizing advocates of the minarchist position (*a la* Herbert Spencer) Salter says:

If it is wrong that they (people) should have the chance to "read newspapers and novels for nothing," why is it not equally wrong that they should get justice for nothing? Why should not those pay for the courts who need them? Why then, if I take a notion to stand on my rights, and to say with Mr. Spencer that I ought not to have my individuality trampled upon by having money taken away from me that I might use for my private ends, may I not claim to be freed from the duty of helping to support courts and policemen?

The answer to such questions is not got by asking, What do I receive and therefore what shall I give, but—What does the community need, and am I a member of the community? If it does need courts and policemen that it may fulfill the functions of a true community, and if I belong to it, then in the nature of the case I should do my part towards enabling it to fulfill these functions, whether I get any exact personal return for my contributions or not.

... If there is any meaning in the concept of a society and any sense in looking at things from that point of view, then may a society interfere to protect the lives and

property of its members ... because in the nature of the case it must interfere or have the right to interfere, else it ceases to be a society, a real whole, a true social body.

This is the meat of Salter's arguments. The rest of the book (some 100 pp) is an extension of the arguments set here. If his analysis (so far) is valid, then the rest of the ideas set forth in *Anarchy or Government* (government promotion of the higher ends of life, government control of industry) are validated.

He begins by putting a time bomb in his definition, the term that Salter elevates to a god-head, society. "... (society) must interfere or have the right to interfere, else it ceases to be a society," so says Mr. Salter. He explains Anarchy as a state of society where "individuals would simply be left free to do as they please," yet society, to be a society must interfere (or have the right to interfere). Mr. Salter rests his argument on a contradiction. He proves Anarchism can provide the foundation (by illustrating anarchist societies) for societies, and then turns around and defines Anarchy out of existence.

There involves a doublethink in Salter's idea of society. It's like saying that if a person can't go around killing other people, then that person is no longer really a person. There is no consideration for rights or morality in Mr. Salter's paradigm, or a correct use of the term society.

As Victor Yarros argued in his initial 3-part article, "Mr. Salter's 'Anarchy or Government' (*Liberty*, Feb. 22, March 7, 21, 1896)":

Society is a scientific abstraction. Society never acts and never thinks. Individuals think, act, and cross each other's paths. Social science is the science which defines the limits of individual action. Government, we are told, is an agency, resting on the consent of the governed, for the protection of individual rights and restraint of aggressors. Government cannot protect individual rights unless it knows what these rights are. Now, the opponents of government maintain that the governmental method is itself a violation of individual rights, and that the maintenance of equal freedom is impossible except under a system of voluntary organization for defence. It is needless to discuss the origin of government; the point is that today it is an obstruction to the establishment of justice between individuals. Government once out of the way, there is a scientific standard for individuals—the standard of justice or equal liberty.

Mr. Salter will doubtless admit that no private association can impose its schools, aesthetic notions, religion, or hygiene upon outsiders. It can insist upon being left alone and having its rights respected, but it can go no farther ... a majority is only a group of individuals, and the hocus-pocus of government does not give, from an ethical point of view, any more rights than other voluntary associations possess. How can it

impose its protection, education, aesthetics, etc., on the minority? What right has it to speak for "society," when society means all of us, majority and minority?

Mr. Salter published a rejoinder (*Liberty*, April 30, 1896) which provided more fuel for Yarros in "Mr. Salter's Defence" (*Liberty*, May 16, 30, June 13, 1896). In addition to which there were comments by Stephen T. Byington, "Is Government Justified by Experience?" (*Liberty* Feb. 22, 1896) and "Feudalism and Anarchy" (*Liberty* Oct., 1896); and by Benjamin R. Tucker, "Mr. Yarros's Ethics in His Way" (*Liberty* May 16, 1896), and "Mr. Yarros and I" (*Liberty* June 13, 1896). Tucker, however spent as much time criticizing Yarros's Spencerian Anarchism as he did on Salter's position, with a tangential debate centering upon the differences between Tucker's Stirnerist anarchism and Yarros's point of view (see "The Drowning Man's Contract" by Victor S. Yarros, *Liberty*, Aug. 1, 1896, with a rejoinder by Tucker in the same issue).

**The Beggars Could Ride by R.F. Nelson** (Toronto, Laser Books, 1976. 190 pp.)

Richard E. Geis, in *Science Fiction Review* □18, says that *Then Beggars Could Ride* is the forerunner of what much of science fiction will look like in the future (e.g. the protagonist is part of the Establishment or happily joins it after rebelling against it). R.E.G. is right about this, but the book is much more.

Ray Nelson very aptly pictures the kind of meta-utopia that Robert Nozick write of in *Anarchy, State and Utopia* (New York; Basic Books, 1874. 367 pp) which contains "a wide and diverse range of communities which people can enter if they are admitted, leave if they wish to, shape according to their wishes; a society in which utopian experimentation can be tried, different styles of life can be lived, and alternative visions of the good can be individually or jointly pursued." (P. 307) Wherein the "... people may contract into various restrictions which the government may not legitimately impose upon them. Though the framework is libertarian and laissez-faire, individual communities within it need not be, and perhaps no community within it will choose to be so." (P. 320)

Ray is a student of the Pre-Raphaelites and the Utopian Socialists in California (particularly in the San Francisco area) and makes use of the ideas in their paradigm. —K. Gregg

Upcoming reviews include Francis D. Tandy's *Voluntary Socialism*, Medical Nemesis by Ivan Illich, Carl Watner's *Towards a Proprietary Theory of Justice*, Spencer Heath's *Politics Versus Proprietorship and many others*. —K.G.

## D.C. LIBERTARIANS

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In the question period, the audience tried to bring the discussion back to non-interventionism. Mr. Gainor's perspective seemed limited to the triangle bounded by the White House, the Pentagon and the Capitol—within which anything beyond perhaps a 5% increase or decrease in the military budget is politically unthinkable. When asked if overseas bases were really needed in the age of nuclear missiles and spy satellites, he referred to the "triad concept," in which advance-based forces share military responsibility equally with ICBM's and submarine-launched missiles. Eliminating the forward forces would weaken the U.S. deterrent posture too much.

The use of nuclear-powered ships to replace those needing refueling bases, and other such measure to make the U.S. self-sufficient in defense, was rejected as too expensive. With some difficulty, the idea that the money saved by eliminating the overseas bases could be used to pay for the proposed upgrading was eventually brought home to Mr. Gainor; but he then had nothing substantive to say for or against it. He seemed altogether unused to considering such questions.

Mr. Halbrook, however, never seemed to even understand what the audience was trying to say when suggestions were made that the U.S. take a neutral stand with regard to struggles for control of other countries; he only repeated the litany of the virtues of "National Liberation Movements," and the evils of the forces opposing him. To him, apparently, to state the virtues of a cause was to state the reasons for giving all necessary support to it by any means available. "Non-intervention" did not seem to be a word in his vocabulary.

Attendance at the Evans Farm Inn in McLean, Virginia, was below that of previous meetings, due to extremely inclement weather. The February 18 meeting [held as this issue is at press] featured a showing of the CBS documentary on the economic decline of Britain, with commentary by Jarret Wollstein, and seems oriented towards non-libertarians. The following meeting (March 18) will be a discussion on abortion, which should be another lively meeting.

—Filthy Pierre

## DIANE HUNTER SMITH

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since Man needs confidence in his ability to reason.

George H. Smith was next in line for credit for his Principle of Resolution: "Keep in mind in a discussion what is to be resolved." And Diane Hunter Smith restricts herself to rational persuasion as the means of winning over others.

On the Humanist side of Rational Humanism, Smith offers Concerned Reciprocity, which she sees as a form of insurance. She notes that one does not appreciate a lecture on individual self-reliance when lying bleeding on the street or even having a flat on the freeway with no spare.

Each person must outlaw force in his own life and resort only to rational persuasion with others, stressed Smith. She observes these virtues should be exercised on a day-to-day basis, like athletes keeping in training.

Individual responsibility and rational persuasion are the only tools to change society, and one manner of using them effectively is "shunning." Smith considers her friendship a valuable commodity and acts to promote the idea that human beings are valuable. She concluded by affirming that one does not have to wait until Big Brother disappears to form a moral community: she lives in one now.

Diane Hunter Smith then fielded the usual questions about whether Man was basically good, hopelessly wicked and so forth. She did see her theory as compatible with Ludwig Von Mises' position that division of labor was the basis for society.

And she carefully answered that she would not rely only on friends; profit-making institutions had their place. She ended talking about the inspiration for Rational Humanism, adding Linda Abrams and coffee to her acknowledgements.

After the Supper Club, the speaker adjourned with the hard-core to the bar of the restaurant (The Velvet Turtle) and rational humanistic, social interaction was put into practice. A group of die-hard social interactors then moved on to a Hollywood restaurant, breaking up near four. ■

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**March 3** *None of the Above Meeting* 8:00 P.M. At home of Dale Nelson, 260 Westmoreland Dr., Vernon Hills, Ill.

**March 7** *Philosophical Works of Ayn Rand* Three-lecture series begins tonight. J. Roger Lee. 7:30 P.M. (213) 467-1051 for information. Forum for Philosophical Studies, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Suite 500 (just East of Highland Ave.) Hollywood.

**March 10** *The Forum for Philosophical Studies.* "Ayn Rand as Philosopher." George H. Smith speaking. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Room 500, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood.

**March 11** *Libertarian Heritage Series.* "Richard Cobden and the Manchester School of Economics." Professor Camille Castorina, St. Johns University. 7:30 P.M. (212) 533-6600 for reservations. Center for Libertarian Studies, 200 Park Avenue South, Suite 911, New York City.

**March 14** *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.* Spencer Heath McCallum on "Space Colonization from a Proprietary Viewpoint." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.20); 8:15 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**March 17** *Science Fiction and Detective Fiction as Popular Literature.* Three-lecture series \$15; individual lecture \$6. 7:30 P.M. Reservations (213) 467-1051. Forum for Philosophical Studies, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Suite 500 (just East of Highland), Hollywood.

**March 18** *Libertarian Social Club.* Abortion: Murder or Right? Discussion between Freeman writer and professor of biology at Mary Washington College Dr. Thomas L. Johnson, and a libertarian in favour to be selected. Reservations required from Doris Gordon 460-4141 weekdays, Jarret Wollstein 780-7605 other times, payment must be received not later than 24 hours prior to a meeting. \$5 admission only, two dinner options: \$9.95/\$11.95, dessert \$1 additional. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., dinner at 7:30 P.M., speakers at 8:30 P.M. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), McLean, Virginia. || *It's my life or don't tread on me.* Discussion-social. Jack Frager, life-long anarchist on "Emma Goldman, As I Knew Her." No admission charged. 8:15 P.M. Freespace Alternate U., 339 Lafayette Street, New York City.

**March 19-20** *Libertarian Breakthrough Conference.* "Personal H-Bombs, Non-political Societies, Life Extension, Black Market, Waldoes, Extranational Business, Super Weapons, Shipboard Communities, Space Colonization, New Countries, ..." Original libertarian ideas to trade wanted by organizer Erwin S. "Filthy Pierre" Strauss. No paid speakers, no old material. \$5,

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**March 19** *The Gray Areas of Libertarian Theory.* Seminar by Tibor Machan. 7 P.M. Reservations and information (213) 467-1051. Forum for Philosophical Studies, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Suite 500 (just East of Highland Avenue), Hollywood.

**March 20** *NOTA Talk* by Jim Tobin. 2:30 P.M. Donation. For further information, call (312) 935-0412. *New innovation:* group will be going out to reasonably-priced dinner after NOTA Talks. Meeting at Christ Church of Chicago for both (around 5 P.M. for dinner), 701 W. Buckingham, Chicago

**March 24** *Reopening the Sacco-Vanzetti Case.* Anarchist Jack Frager, a member of the Sacco-Vanzetti defense committee will describe flaws in the famous case and show how they were railroaded to the electric chair because they were anarchists. 6:30 P.M. No charge. Freespace Alternate U., 339 Lafayette Street, New York City.

**March 29** *The Libertarian Heritage* Ten-lecture series by George H. Smith begins tonight. 7 P.M. Reservations and information (213) 467-1051. Forum for Philosophical Studies, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Suite 500 (just East of Highland Avenue), Hollywood.

**April 1** *It's my life or don't tread on me* Discussion-social. Steve Adler, independent researcher, "Free Market Public Transportation: Illegal Minibuses in the Bronx and Hong Kong." No charge. 8:15 P.M. Freespace Alternate U., 339 Lafayette St. New York.

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**April 5** *Murray Rothbard Double-Header* "Reference, Profit and the 'Public Sector': A Critique of Welfare Economics and Monopoly Theory" at 4 P.M. Rosenwald 11 (on the main campus quadrangle) at the University of Chicago. || "The New Deal and Post-War International Monetary System" at 7:30 P.M. in Library Room, Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E. 59 St., close to 4 P.M. talk. Both co-sponsored by the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business and the William Koch Foundation. Chicago.

**April 6** *Economic Education and Research Forum* luncheon. Murray Rothbard speaking. For price, place and time, contact EERF, 135 S. LaSalle, Suite 2140, Chicago, IL 60603.

**April 7** *None of the Above Meeting.* Call (312) 935-0412 for place and time (usually 8:00 P.M.) or write Bonnie Kaplan, 607 W. Wrightwood, Apt. 703, Chicago, IL 60614.

**April 8** *Libertarian Social Club.* "Murray N. Rothbard Banquet" featuring Rothbard on the economics and politics of

Jimmy Carter. Admission only, \$5 (\$3 for students). Banquet \$13.00 (Beef stroganoff, etc.). Reserve from LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Banquet will be held at The Bethesda Holiday Inn, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue (2 miles south of Beltway Exit 19), Bethesda, Maryland.

**April 11** *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.* Dana Rohrabacher on the New Hebrides, the Libertarian Conference, the Reagan Campaign (of which he was asst. press sec.), and some new and old songs from the old anarcho-troubador. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**April 14** *Forum for Philosophical Studies* 16. "Sense of Life and the Integrity of Experience" by Kenneth LaFave. 7:30 P.M. \$4. 6725 Sunset Blvd., Suite 500 (just East of Highland), Hollywood.

**April 15** *Chicago Tax Protest.* Call Jim Tobin (312) 287-0969 (eve.) or John Howland (312) 724-5506 (eve.) for information or to assist. 6:30 to midnight at the main Chicago post office, 433 W. Van Buren, Chicago.

**April 16** *Taxpayers Rally at State House.* Organized by Ralph Fucetola, Kathy Greene, various groups. Call 24 Hour Taxpayers' Hotline (201) 998-7155. Trenton, New Jersey.

**April 23-24** *Libertarian Conference.* "The Future of Freedom." Nathaniel Branden, Robert LeFevre, David Friedman have been confirmed. *Correction from organizers:* Murray Rothbard has become "unconfirmed" [sic]. Hosted by U.S.C. Society for Libertarian Studies. Advance tickets from CLA, P.O. Box 1202, Venice, CA 90291. Conference two days at Town and Gown, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California.

**April 26** *The Roots of American Anarchism: An Historical Survey.* Talk by Irving Levitas, historian. Anarchism will be shown to be indigenous. Coffee and cake will be served. 7 P.M. Freespace Alternate U., 339 Lafayette, New York City.

**April 27** *Lessons of the Spanish Revolution.* Bob Palmer. Includes a critique of Vernon Richard's book of the same name. 7:30 P.M. Room 139 Hunter College, 68th Street and Lexington Ave., New York City.

**April ??** *NOTA Talk* by Milton Mueller. "Art and Epistemology: A Knock-Down, Drag-Out Criticism of the *Romantic Manifesto*." Includes slide show or film. 2:30 P.M. Call (312) 935-0412 for further information. At Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham, Chicago.

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## "GANG OF FOUR" DISTURBS CAL LP CON Boycott Threat, Leaflet Attack

**by Diane Hunter Smith**

(February 21 || Santa Monica) The 1977 California L.P. convention held in Santa Monica from Friday, February 18 to Monday the 21st, was a hotbed of boycott, confrontation, reversals and shocking positions. Limited government versus anarchy was hotly debated with some limited government advocates [*minarchists*] trying unsuccessfully to pass a motion barring anarchists from running for public office on the party ticket.

The attempted boycott of convention speakers George H. Smith, Diane Hunter Smith, Harry Watson, and Linda Abrams was spear-headed by Jack Willis, a limited government L.P. member and Reichian therapist. Shirley and Earl Gottlieb and Bill Westmiller, all limited government people, were vocal supporters of the boycott.

The main reason they protested the speakers was because of their anarchist positions and alleged anti-party stance. In spite of their efforts all speakers were well attended. Carlos Henkle walked out of Harry Watson's breakfast speech, but most people just assumed he was going to the men's room.

Willis passed out several typeset statements during the convention which included three defenses of the limited government position and a protest against the four anarchist speakers which included an attack on the conventions planning committee. Buttons which read WHY were attached to the protest statements.

The WHY was meant to refer to *why* the four speakers and *why* the handling of the convention program in the manner it was handled. Most people

who wore the buttons altered them to read "why not?" or "why me?"

Philosopher George H. Smith got a spontaneous standing ovation when he delivered his Sunday morning anti-gradualist speech before a packed audience. Smith called for Libertarians to take an immediate, hard abolitionist stand on taxation. He warned that any attempt to override or ignore the idea of rights in the name of gradualism cut at the heart of Libertarian theory.

At the meeting of the Monday general session, tax rebel Karl Bray passed out a capsule summary of the Smith talk and it became the focus of a hot debate. Orange County delegate Bernie Perrah introduced a resolution to remove all references to gradualism from the California Platform.

Many former gradualists reversed their positions and called for an immediate cutting of all gradualist positions from the platform. Bray interrupted his nominating motion of Bruce Lagasse and supported Smith's positions passionately by calling Smith the greatest Libertarian philosopher and thinker in the movement.

Nothing was resolved, however, due to lack of time, and the motion to change the platform was tabled. Staunch Hesper supporters Bill Susel, Shirley Gottlieb, and Earl Gottlieb remained bitter and vehement defenders of gradualism. It was rumored that the Gottliebs may abandon the party in protest.

There were several depressing surprises at the convention. Gay rights advocate Robert Sirico spearheaded an unsuccessful attempt to add an

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#### Illinois LP Split

*by Bonnie Kaplan*

(February 13 || Chicago) Shortly after the November elections, I started hearing of a group of disillusioned, disgruntled Libertarian Party of Illinois activists. So I checked and discovered that at least 6 members, including 1 officer, 3 Judicial Committee members, and the publisher of *The Illinois Libertarian*, the Party newsletter, had finally decided that Party Chairman Richard Suter is dishonest and, in some ways, unlibertarian. Under Rich's chairmanship, the Party has become more conservative, anti-feminist, and anti-gay. None of the disaffected considered the Party in any way at fault. If only Rich weren't Chairman... So a search for someone to run for Chairman at the March convention began.

In addition, an effort was made to create non-political libertarian activities for those turned off by the Party or the campaign. The Libertarian Supper Club was born in December, only to disband shortly thereafter due to "a bad case of the fuck-it-alls," not to mention disagreement on the part of its founders as to its aims and operations. The Austrian Economics seminars at the University of Chicago were also begun. None of the Above, however, remains the only non-political, non-economics libertarian group in the area, as far as I know.

Meanwhile, the Party started experiencing internal problems. The minutes of the December State Central Committee (SCC) meeting state: "There were complaints that our small vote return [.17%] resulted from our catering to conservatives and that gay people had been turned off by the attitudes of the Party leadership. In

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# The Week

NEWS of the NEW LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

## CONNECTION PURGE!

(February 13 || Ann Arbor) The *Libertarian Connection*, formerly an open forum publication allowing discussion of all subjects, has placed restrictions on subject matter which can appear. The restrictions were imposed by publisher Natalee Hall in the January issue following publication of *The Iconoclastic Report* vol. 2 no. 2, an issue which featured a reply to Murray Rothbard's attack on "left sectarians." Under the new policy such political news and debate can only be included if payment is made beyond the normal contributors' obligations.

As a result of this action *The Iconoclastic Report* will no longer appear in *LC* and *LC* subscribers desiring to continue reading *TIR* must subscribe (3 issues/\$1 or trade from Ron Chusid, 848 Tappan #7, Ann Arbor, MI 48104). The termination of affiliation with *LC* will be accompanied by some format changes, such as the inclusion of material by additional writers. News, commentary, and satire will continue, along with increased emphasis given to the subjects of "SMI2LE" and philosophical issues.

—Ron Chusid

[A new, open-forum libertarian APA may offer refuge for Connection victims, especially of fannish bent: Frefanzine, Box 94, Long Beach, CA 90801, edited by New Libertarian Victor Koman. —SEK3]

## SACRAMENTAL PIZZA?

(February 13 || Marquette) The Universal Life Church, best known to libertarians as a vehicle for tax avoidance, has been instrumental for other purposes. Fifty-two prisoners in Marquette (Michigan) Prison joined the ULC and are demanding a religious feast day to be celebrated with pizzas.

The 52 inmates successfully sued state prison officials in 1975 to gain recognition as a legitimate religious group, but are having difficulties in obtaining the pizzas. Prison officials and the state attorney general's office believe that the ULC's religious services are no more than pizza parties and refuse to allow pizza to be served.

Leonard H. Lundberg, a jailhouse lawyer who has previously sued to get inmates better medical care and easier appeals procedures, filed suit in Marquette Circuit Court in August 1976. The suit, which is still pending, asks for \$110,000 in damages from state officials to be paid to the Church.

—Ron Chusid

## SOMEBODY'S GETTING RICH FROM THE STATE...

(January 14 || ZNS) The U.S. Treasury Department reports that the third largest item in the 1976 budget was the interest on the national debt.

In fiscal 1976, the interest alone amounted to a staggering \$39.6 billion—or one-tenth of the entire budget.

The interest costs were less than defense or income security spending, but were more than the federal government spent on education, health, foreign aid, commerce and transportation combined.

The Treasury Department says it will cost American taxpayers \$114 million this year just to keep track of the debt.

## MARKET ADAPTS

(January 17 || ZNS) A sign of the changing times is this report out of New York City where seven men were arraigned last week on charges of possessing more than 13 tons of Colombian.

The "Colombian," in this case, was not the weed you can smoke—but unprocessed Colombian coffee beans stolen at gun point last month from a truck driver.

## DIANE ON LP CON

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anti-abortion plank to the platform and was supported by several people including region 11 delegate Sally O'Connors.

In a late night conversation, psychiatrist Thomas Szasz, the convention's \$2000.00 banquet speaker, came out against abortion, calling it murder and killing. He also said that having children was not everyone's right and that people should have to be licensed to have them. It was not clear if he was advocating government intervention in the issues.

Philosophy professor John Hospers's luncheon speech had shocking implications. It was in the form of a fictional 1984 type letter from an

oppressed businessman outlining the demise of his society. In it, he defended his gradualist stance calling any strict adherent to rights principles rash, naive, and hot-headed youth.

The racist, fascist countries of South Africa and Rhodesia were cited as models of the last vanguards of civilization and heroic resistance. Their racist voting policies were defended in the name of freedom, democracy, and civilization! He worked in his well-known red menace paranoia and used it as justification for big budget, tax-financed imperialist aggression.

Despite some factionalism, however, the overall tone of the convention was one of hard thinking and genuine interest in issues. Few people joined in or took the anti-anarchist or anti-abolitionist's factions seriously. Everyone did seem to take ideas seriously.

—Diane Hunter Smith

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# Psychology

Wendy McElroy, Libertarian Psychologist

## PSYCHOLIBERTARIANS

By Wendy McElroy

Lately I've been even more uncomfortable around the honest, open, up-front brands of therapy. And particularly around anyone who wants to "share something" with me. (A man I know handles this situation by asking if its contagious.) Granted—many of these people are just being friendly and I'm overreacting. What I'm not overreacting to, however, is the view of interrelationships implicit in this openness. Or the subtle way in which its proponents hit you over the head with their theories, leaving your bruised and battered, yet not quite sure you've been attacked.

Their argument runs thus: "People *should* be honest and open. The alternative is being dishonest and closed. Which is unhealthy. Which is repressive." It's difficult to argue against honesty, especially when the argument is phrased in terms of either/or. Either you're for honesty or for deceit. It's a loaded choice and fortunately a false one. There are at least two alternatives between telling people the truth or lying to them: tell them to mind their own business or just remain silent.

But the main objection I have is to the idea that interpersonal honesty is necessarily of benefit to man. Honesty is a behavior with the same function as any other behavior; it is meant to enhance your life. In other words, the enhancement of life—both short and long term—is the standard by which to judge your behavior. If at any point, you judge honesty to be against your best interests (short and long term) it's time to become silent, evasive, dishonest, etc.

All things being equal, I'm in favor of being honest with those whom I like and trust to the extent to which I like and trust them. I'm even in favor of telling the truth to those I care for even when that truth will cause conflict because I put priority on their willingness to believe me. Many situations are not equal, however. And when things are not equal—by which I mean people aren't playing fair and punish you for your honesty, e.g., the wife who brings up an unfortunate disclosure for the next 20 years, the boss who fires you, the friend who backstabs—I don't think you're obliged to play a rigged game.

But let's assume that I manage to convince you that either you're totally honest with me or you are sick or

blocked or repressed or (fill in the blank)———what does this do to our relationship? First it adds an element of obligation and one of guilt if the obligation isn't met. It also gives me power over you; I now have something with which to hit you over the head. If you prefer not to discuss a personal matter, you are uptight. If you think something is none of my business, you are closed and withdrawn. If you don't trust me to respect your vulnerability, you are unhealthy. If you tell me what I want to know, you're healthy; if you don't, you're not. I have both sides covered.

I think there are basically two reasons why people fall for the honesty ploy. First, it would be nice if the world were such that everyone could be totally open and free with each other without bad repercussions. Just as it would be nice if you could walk unmolested through Central Park at midnight. Unfortunately neither one of these is appropriate to today's society. But you'd like them to be, so you try to act in a way that would encourage others to be indiscriminantly honest or to walk with you in Central Park. This is very unrealistic, though I can sympathize with the goal. The other motive is simply that being honest with yourself is definitely of benefit. It gives you the facts you need to work with to achieve well-being. But honesty in interpersonal relationships is another matter altogether.

All in all, I think that withdrawal, evasion, rudeness and reserve have gotten bad P.R. —Wendy McElroy

## BONNIE ON LPI SPLIT

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response, it was stated that the lean to the Right was inevitable, because the Right is accessible..." Rich and other members have been active in Young Americans for Freedom, a conservative political group, aiding Fran Griffin in her unsuccessful campaign for State Senator a few years ago, and in her unsuccessful bid for YAF leadership at their National Convention in 1975. Rich and one other influential member are on the Board of the Illinois Conservative Union.

There was also discussion of the Ballot Committee, an independent organization which by law controls the finances of Libertarian Party campaigns. Rich is Ballot Committee Treasurer. The Ballot Committee may be sued for non-payment of debts; I was told that those members of the Ballot Committee who previously questioned Rich's management discovered they were no longer Committee members.

Prior to the January SCC meeting, the find-a-new-chairman faction tried to organize an attempt to impeach Rich. When the motion was introduced, pent-up feelings exploded to charge Rich with vilifying the characters of Judicial Committee members. What the other charges were, I don't know, but they included a number of irrelevant accusations. The proceedings took nearly everyone by surprise, and the motion was tabled. Apparently, Rich remarked at the meeting that if someone who did something, like Milton Mueller (publisher of *The Illinois Libertarian*), would run, he would not seek re-election. Milton decided that he wants Rich out enough that he is willing to be Chairman. His candidacy will be announced in the February newsletter. Regardless of the outcome, the dissidents have won a victory. Disagreements were aired and problems brought into the open. Milton considers it a vindication of the Party that it has weathered the problems and that the good guys can win.

However, some problems remain. Joe Cobb, a long-time influential member of the Party, has announced his candidacy for Secretary. In preparation for the position, he is assuming more and more of the Secretary's work. Many members probably don't know that when Joe was Secretary in 1974, correspondence to LP was often not answered, meeting minutes were neither taken nor published, and the newsletter was hastily and scantily written. In one respect, it makes little difference who is elected Secretary. The Party does not own its own mailbox; Joe owns it.

For those interested in attending the convention, it will be March 4-6 at the Holiday Inn of Oakbrook Terrace, a Chicago suburb. Business will be conducted Saturday morning. The rest of the program includes workshops and speeches by David Bergland, Alexander P. Paris (Austrian Economics), Bob Meier, Ralph Raico, Karl Ray, Roy Childs, and Dick Bjornseth of the Association for Rational Environmental Alternatives. For information, write LPI, PO Box 1776, Chicago, IL 60690. Proceeds from the convention will go to the Ballot Committee, I understand. —Bonnie Kaplan

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# Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

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sin Avenue (2 miles south of Beltway Exit 19), Bethesda, Maryland.

**March 7 Philosophical Works of Ayn Rand** Three-lecture series begins tonight. J. Roger Lee. 7:30 P.M. (213) 467-1051 for information. Forum for Philosophical Studies, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Suite 500 (just East of Highland Ave.) Hollywood.

**March 10 The Forum for Philosophical Studies.** "Ayn Rand as Philosopher." George H. Smith speaking. \$3.50. 7:30 P.M. Room 500, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood.

**March 11 Libertarian Heritage Series.** "Richard Cobden and the Manchester School of Economics." Professor Camille Castorina, St. Johns University. 7:30 P.M. (212) 533-6600 for reservations. Center for Libertarian Studies, 200 Park Avenue South, Suite 911, New York City.

**March 14 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Spencer Heath McCallum on "Space Colonization from a Proprietary Viewpoint." 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.20); 8:15 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**March 17 Science Fiction and Detective Fiction as Popular Literature.** Three-lecture series \$15; individual lecture \$6. 7:30 P.M. Reservations (213) 467-1051. Forum for Philosophical Studies, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Suite 500 (just East of Highland), Hollywood.

**March 18 Libertarian Social Club.** Abortion: Murder or Right? Discussion between *Freeman* writer and professor of biology at Mary Washington College Dr. Thomas L. Johnson, and a libertarian in favour to be selected. Reservations required from Doris Gordon 460-4141 weekdays, Jarret Wollstein 780-7605 other times, payment must be received not later than 24 hours prior to a meeting. \$5 admission only, two dinner options: \$9.95/\$11.95, dessert \$1 additional. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., dinner at 7:30 P.M., speakers at 8:30 P.M. Evan's Farm Inn, 1694 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), McLean, Virginia. || *It's my life or don't tread on me.* Discussion-social. Jack Frager, life-long anarchist on "Emma Goldman, As I Knew Her." No admission charged. 8:15 P.M. Freespace Alternate U., 339 Lafayette Street, New York City.

**March 19-20 Libertarian Breakthrough Conference.** "Personal H-Bombs, Non-political Societies, Life Extension, Black Market, Waldoes, Extrnational Business, Super Weapons, Shipboard Communities, Space Colonization, New Countries, ..." Original libertarian ideas to trade wanted by organizer Erwin S. "Filthy Pierre" Strauss. No paid speakers, no old material. \$5, checks to "Erwin S. Strauss" at 9909 Good Luck Road, T2, Lanham, MD 20801; (301) 794-6631 (days), (301) 794-7718 (evenings & weekends). Con in Lanham, Maryland.

**March 19 The Gray Areas of Libertarian Theory.** Seminar by Tibor Machan. 7 P.M. Reservations and information (213) 467-1051. Forum for Philosophical Studies, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Suite 500 (just East of Highland Avenue), Hollywood.

**March 20 NOTA Talk** by Jim Tobin. 2:30 P.M. Donation. For further information, call (312) 935-0412. *New innovation:* group will be going out to reasonably-priced dinner after NOTA Talks. Meeting at Christ Church of Chicago for both (around 5 P.M. for dinner), 701 W. Buckingham, Chicago

**March 24 Reopening the Sacco-Vanzetti Case.** Anarchist Jack Frager, a member of the Sacco-Vanzetti defense committee will describe flaws in the famous case and show how they were railroaded to the electric chair because they were anarchists. 6:30 P.M. No charge. Freespace Alternate U., 339 Lafayette Street, New York City.

**March 29 The Libertarian Heritage Tene-lecture series** by George H. Smith begins tonight. 7 P.M. Reservations and information (213) 467-1051. Forum for Philosophical Studies, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Suite 500 (just East of Highland Avenue), Hollywood.

**April 1 It's my life or don't tread on me** Discussion-social. Steve Adler, independent researcher, "Free Market Public Transportation: Illegal Minibuses in the Bronx and Hong Kong." No charge. 8:15 P.M. Freespace Alternate U., 339 Lafayette St. New York.

|| *Libertarian Heritage Series* "Benjamin R. Tucker and His Periodical *Liberty*" by Carl Watner. 7:30 P.M. Reservations (213) 533-6600. Center for Libertarian Studies, 200 Park Avenue South, Suite 911, New York.

**April 5 Murray Rothbard Double-Header** "Reference, Profit and the 'Public Sector': A Critique of Welfare Economics and Monopoly Theory" at 4 P.M. Rosenwald 11 (on the main campus quadrangle) at the University of Chicago. || "The New Deal and Post-War International Monetary System" at 7:30 P.M. in Library Room, Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E. 59 St., close to 4 P.M. talk. Both co-sponsored by the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business and the William Koch Foundation. Chicago.

**April 6 Economic Education and Research Forum** luncheon. Murray Rothbard speaking. For price, place and time, contact EERF, 135 S. LaSalle, Suite 2140, Chicago, IL 60603.

**April 7 None of the Above Meeting.** Call (312) 935-0412 for place and time (usually 8:00 P.M.) or write Bonnie Kaplan, 607 W. Wrightwood, Apt. 703, Chicago, IL 60614.

**April 8 Libertarian Social Club.** "Murray N. Rothbard Banquet" featuring Rothbard on the economics and politics of Jimmy Carter. Admission only, \$5 (\$3 for students). Banquet \$13.00 (Beef stroganoff, etc.). Reserve from LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Banquet will be held at The Bethesda Holiday Inn, 8120 Wisconsin

**April 11 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Dana Rohrabacher on the New Hebrides, the Libertarian Conference, the Reagan Campaign (of which he was asst. press sec.), and some new and old songs from the old anarcho-club. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block N. of Sunset), Los Angeles.

**April 14 Forum for Philosophical Studies** 16. "Sense of Life and the Integrity of Experience" by Kenneth LaFave. 7:30 P.M. \$4. 6725 Sunset Blvd., Suite 500 (just East of Highland), Hollywood.

**April 15 Chicago Tax Protest.** Call Jim Tobin (312) 287-0969 (eve.) or John Howland (312) 724-5506 (eve.) for information or to assist. 6:30 to midnight at the main Chicago post office, 433 W. Van Buren, Chicago.

**April 16 Taxpayers Rally at State House.** Organized by Ralph Fucetola, Kathy Greene, various groups. Call 24 Hour Taxpayers' Hotline (201) 998-7155. Trenton, New Jersey.

**April 23-24 Libertarian Conference.** "The Future of Freedom." Nathaniel Branden, Robert LeFevre, David Friedman have been confirmed. *Correction from organizers:* Murray Rothbard has become "unconfirmed" [sic]. Hosted by U.S.C. Society for Libertarian Studies. Advance tickets from CLA, P.O. Box 1202, Venice, CA 90291. Conference two days at Town and Gown, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California.

**April 26 The Roots of American Anarchism: An Historical Survey.** Talk by Irving Levitas, historian. Anarchism will be shown to be indigenous. Coffee and cake will be served. 7 P.M. Freespace Alternate U., 339 Lafayette, New York City.

**April 27 Lessons of the Spanish Revolution.** Bob Palmer. Includes a critique of Vernon Richard's book of the same name. 7:30 P.M. Room 139 Hunter College, 68th Street and Lexington Ave., New York City.

**April ?? NOTA Talk** by Milton Mueller. "Art and Epistemology: A Knock-Down, Drag-Out Criticism of the *Romantic Manifesto*." Includes slide show or film. 2:30 P.M. Call (312) 935-0412 for further information. At Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham, Chicago.

**May 6 Libertarian Heritage Series.** "Auberon Herbert and Free Life" with Charles Hamilton. 7:30 P.M. Reservations (212) 533-6600. Center for Libertarian Studies, 200 Park Avenue S., Suite 911, New York City.

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