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LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MEET

By Lloyd Licher

(February 19 || Westchester, California) Over 30 interested people attended one of the year-old Libertarian Council of Churches' periodic meetings in Westchester, California, on February 19th, including Elders representing approximately fifteen member Churches. LCOC Director (a lifetime appointment) William C. White presided.

The meeting format consisted of information exchange and questions and answers with no formal agenda.

A query about success with IRS Form 4361, pertaining to exemption from the Social Security tax for ministers, showed only one exemption held by those present, plus a report that someone in North Carolina got one approved recently. White opined that the IRS policy seems to be to lose the forms.

A similar query about Form 4029, which grants exemption from the self-employment tax for members of sects in being since 1950, among other requirements, produced no response. Linda Abrams is pursuing her case to try and get it in the courts and challenge the 1950 limitation.

She also quoted a recent IRS ruling, 76.323, dealing with work by members of religious orders that included some vague wording and contradictions, but attempting to require that such work be of the type ordinarily performed by members of the order. White had heard that the Catholic Church intended to challenge the ruling.

Linda reported on indications that the large, traditional churches were becoming increasingly upset over the proliferation of small, independent churches and may ask the government

to establish definitions of religious and churches that would curb them. She also called attention to another ruling, published in the Federal Register of January 4th, that defined an auxiliary to a church. White said he'd reproduce it in the next LCOC letter.

Two magazines were recommended to those involved in a church activity, *Church and State*, and *Liberty*, the latter published by the 7th Day Adventists.

Charlie Barr, of the Church of Redeeming Universal Divinity, a branch of the Universal Life Church, 601 3rd St., Modesto, CA 95351, reported that ULC's latest quarterly newspaper, *Universal Life*, told that the IRS intends to audit people involved in churches. Ministers of branch churches were urged to refer any hassles to Modesto. The term "self-dealing" was being applied to operations where all contributions received by a church were from one person, or the head of the church.

Carol Ann Moore, of the First Libertarian Church of Torrance (20447 Madison St., Torrance, CA 90503) solicited applications for their Ayn Rand Scholarships (and contributions for them).

Bill White read the LCOC Statement of Association and said any libertarian church willing to sign the statement would be welcome as a member. Copies may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to LCOC, 11811 Larnel Place, Los Altos, CA 94022. There are approximately 70 churches on the Council's mailing list at this time.

Bill White's church, the United Libertarian Fellowship, had received its approval from IRS as a tax-exempt organization, contributions to which

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SIL Members Survey—Part II

by Dave Walter

(February 28 || Warminster) As explained in the first part of this article, which appeared in the January 30 issue, SIL surveyed its membership—which we believe is fairly representative of the movement—and came up with our typical libertarian member.

You'll remember that this typical libertarian is male, employed in a white collar job, 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. He is registered to vote in the Libertarian Party and believes political action to achieve a free society is moral.

The second half of the survey provides more information on this libertarian. But first a few comments on some first half results. You'll remember that the limited government advocates were in the majority over the anarchists by 53% to 45%.

A cross correlation with the "When did you become a libertarian?" question shows that the anarchists have been in the movement for three more years than have the limited government advocates. Perhaps the longer one is a libertarian the more likely it is that one will be an anarchist. Therefore, the newer libertarians, while being limited government advocates and in the majority, do not have the same influence as the anarchists who have been in leadership positions due to their longer association with the movement.

We also found that only 19% of our respondents had "left wing" views

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KOCH BACKS ANOTHER LIBERTARIAN MAGAZINE

(February 26 || Los Angeles) Koch is the money behind the Cato Institute, a Libertarian intellectual think tank and financing operation. According to Cato literature, they are going to be putting out a "...bi-weekly journal of commentary on current political events modeled on *The Nation*, *New Republic*, *New Leader*, *National Review*, *Progressive*—directed at reaching liberal readers."

The staff is headed by publisher Edward H. Crane, editor Williamson M. Evers, and senior editor Ralph Raico. —Diane Hunter Smith
[Crane is boss of the *National LP*, Raico is a long-time Rothbard man, Evers was editor of the *LP News*. —SEK3]

HESS AS GOOD NEIGHBOR

(February 19 || Newark) Karl Hess spoke before the American Issues Forum at Seton Hall University. Hess surprised some people in the audience by stating there are no such things as rights (TANSTAR?), only responsibilities.

Those responsibilities requiring non-coercion and being a good neighbor, were followed by an all-out attack of the nation state. He pointed out the perverted priorities we have when thousands and millions of people die to national armies and there is little resistance while individual murderers and murders get all the attention.

Hess proclaimed if we did not have nation states, Hitler would have been a mere bully in his neighborhood, and Nixon would have been a little pest. Hess also demonstrated the mysticism that revolves around the Presidency, and questioned how one person can represent 200 million people.

Hess went on to attack the liberals' dream of urban renewal claiming it replaced Blacks with trees. Getting back to the rights issue, he said what we need is not a right to medical care, but the self-interst responsibility of obtaining medical information.

Hess defended the freedom of the Docto by stating that the Doctor should not be a slave. Many times in

his discussion, Hess emphasized the immorality of using the gun or coercion for any purpose, even if it sounds good. Hess also spoke about the accomplishments of his neighborhood community in Washington. —Fred Stein

LP vs FREEDOM AGAIN

(February 28 || Ann Arbor) Mike Hoy of Loompanics Unlimited, seller of books on self-liberation, has accused "Libertarian" Party official Bob Meier of trying to violate a contract in order to avoid possible embarrassment in dealing with the press at the Michigan LP Convention on December 11. According to Hoy's account, published in the January *Libertarian Connection*, Meier feared that titles such as *Fireworks and Explosives Like Granddad Used to Make*, *The Complete Book of Knife Fighting*, and *Improvised Modified Firearms* would, if seen by reporters, cause irreparable harm to the Party's reputation which the LP had "spent a million dollars" on.

Hoy was allowed to continue selling his books by Michigan LP Chairman Jim Hudler who insisted, despite protests from Meier, that there was "no moral way" to break the contract with Hoy.

This was not the first time Hudler had allowed presentation of self-liberationist views despite opposition from other party members. A couple years ago at a meeting of the Ann Arbor Libertarian League Hudler gave time to representatives of Bo Crafters, a libertarian-operated martial arts shop (currently located at 338½ State Street, Ann Arbor).

—Ron Chusid

COUNTER-ECONOMISTS NOT ALL COMPETENT

(January 14 || ZNS) A judge in London has jailed eight marijuana smugglers after branding them a bunch of "hopeless incompetents" and suggesting a slapstick movie should be made of their exploits.

The judge told the seven men and one woman: "Everything you did from start to finish was wrong. You did not know how to organize things."

His remarks came at the end of the pot-smuggling trial in London after it was revealed that the caper began on a wrong note in Morocco when the first "buyer" absconded with the group's funds.

Gang members then proceeded to nearly get busted by hiring the wrong car; two members were later arrested twice, in Morocco and Spain, but

In the end, according to testimony, the string of failures caused three gang members to have a fist fight in a hotel room. Police arrived to investigate the ruckus, and arrested the eight on smuggling charges.

The sentences ranged from one to three years. ■

EPISTOLARY

NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS.

Dear Sam, January 23, 1977

Y'know, sometimes I think editors print some letters with as much (if not more of) an eye towards the comment they will generate as towards their information and/or literary value. Whether or not that is the case, I won't refrain from commenting on Bob Cohen's claims for Scientology in *NLW* 58.

Actually, Scientology's claims aren't new: it's still the triumph of the "thetan" (God) over the "reactive mind" (Devil); basic Christianity (without the celestial hierarchy) mixed with the rudiments of Freud. The Scientologist can't accept the idea that s/he can be/do evil, so s/he spends several thousand dollars in the attempt to purge his/her "evil side," a task so obviously doomed to failure that only the strongest mysticism or charisma could possibly persuade an intelligent person to give much time to it.

I suspect that Scientology's claims of increased intelligence, ethics or magical powers can be put in the same category with previous claims that it endows the "clears" with immunity to radiation sickness and all physical and mental ailments including headaches.

To those who are interested in the subject, I would recommend Paulette Cooper's *The Scandal of Scientology*, which may no longer be in print. If not, it's worth searching used bookshops for. (Even when it was in print, Scientologists were often instrumental in keeping bookstores in their locales from stocking it.)

Actually, what I really recommend is that anyone truly interested in enlightenment should drop some acid and pay attention to the results. It costs about \$3 compared to over ten grand for Scientology, you get it on

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the Black Market instead of through the mind-controllers, and you can do it with your friends in the privacy of your own home.

Far be it from me to interfere with Bob Cohen's search for enlightenment, but since he suggest such an investment of time and money, I thought I'd put in a few good words for us solipsistic nihilists.

V/H

Mark Kernes

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sam, February 1, 1977

Mark Kernes' analogy of "the thetan (God) over the reactive mind (Devil)" is interesting. I never thought of it that way but will accept the idea. It's still a good idea. The idea that scientology is a composite of Christianity mixed with Freud is not true. Having studied most of Freud's works many years ago and having observed Freud's technology, I can definitely state that Scientology is not Christian psychoanalysis.

Scientology auditing admittedly is expensive but big savings can be made through the training route, which includes co-auditing where two students audit each other. Scientology training also adds to one's ability to be more conscious and productive. In my Neo-Life business, conscious application of Scientology gets me sales that I would not get without Scientology technology. Scientology increases rationality not mysticism. As far as clears being immune to radiation sickness, I agree with Mark that clear is probably no immunity to the clear's body, but radiation will not affect the clear's thetan. As far as physical and mental ailments in general, Scientology processing is very successful in promoting mental and physical well being.

Both the auditing or training route increases a person's ability to make money, so that the Scientologist can afford either alternative. Also as a trained auditor one can join the staff and get free auditing. Scientology is not as expensive as the critics make it. Scientology has definitely increased my productivity.

Yours truly,
Bob Cohen

Anarchovillage, North America

Dear SEK III, January 15, 1977

I hesitate—out of simple embarrassment—to comment on Bonnie Kaplan's "Libertarian Magick" [*NLW* 55]. I suggest that those who do not understand the basic issue involved look up Ellsworth Toohey's speech about his motives. I mean the one he couldn't give to any audience but the remnants of Peter Keating. It's in Part IV, Chapter 11, page 638 of the 1971 paperback issue.

Ms. Kaplan's article also involved a specific epistemological error which is worth commenting on for its own sake. "And like technicians, magicians do not completely understand why what they do works, but they know that it often does." Oh really? How do they know it does? By observing results? Well, then, which results are tied to which causes? If the magician can *prove* that connection, then he does in fact understand why it works. If he can't, then he's got no business claiming the connection in the first place. Sloppy empiricism is the mainstay of magick and "modern" economics, as Von Mises so brilliantly demonstrated in *The Ultimate Foundation of the Economic Science*.

A more serious error is contained implicitly in the whole article and specifically in the paragraph beginning "Magick is rational..." It is not rational to postulate the existence or non-existence of something just because the universe or any part of it would seem more liveable that way. This is the essence of psychotic subjectivism.

Some "magicians" I have met have been libertarian anarchists—some have been socialist statist. None were particularly rational. I have no objection to many of the techniques of magick or specific ideas many magicians hold, but a libertarian revolution will not be achieved by any random means. Subjectivists of any form are more of a drag than they are worth, but since Rand has covered this issue so completely and conclusively, I think I'll drop it.

R.A. Wilson's article was interesting for its mention of Leary's SMI2LE concept. This is the kind of project(s) libertarians should investigate, if they are serious revolutionaries. A significant increase in lifespan might make John Q. Citizen a little reluctant to take high risks for short term gains, such as going to war. His general psychology might also alter for the better when he realizes that he has time to "take his time and do it right," leading conceivably to a new renaissance as people aim for quality in their lives.

Obviously the most efficient sequence for achieving SMI2LE would be I2, (SM+LE), since I2 requires the least resources, takes the least time and has an exponentially accelerative effect on the other two projects. Whereas (SM+LE) require, in the present context, millions or billions of dollars and many years of research, I2 can be achieved in your own home and the techniques involved can be self-financing through commercial marketing on any scale you want, if only a backyard enriched nursery

school.

Phil Osborn
Long Beach, California

Dear Sam, February 14, 1977

In your reply to Challenger's letter, you start one sentence, "If you have Browne Out..." Challenger specifically said that he had some criticisms of Browne; all he was saying was that he had criticism of *your* criticisms. So your attempt to hold him to every tenet of Browne's position (in particular, that writing for publications was a waste of time) is invalid.

I'm not sure why Challenger expected me to "shit a brick" when I saw Wilson as a columnist. I dealt with his material like I deal with Challenger's—I read as much of it as I can before I lose track of the thread (if any) altogether.

Speaking of Wilson, his piece on Leary's "eight circuits" sounds like a rehash of Scientology (*nee* Dianetics)—Pre-Clears, Clears, Thetans, Operating Thetans, and so on. I can see a whole Church of St. Timothy growing up, complete with gurus ready to take one to the Higher Levels (for a fee...) Of course, new stages will have to be invented from time to time, to keep the carrot always just a few inches beyond the ass's mouth.

I suppose you know by now that Neil Schulman got a front-page squib in the *Wall Street Journal* last week for his anti-draft outfit. My congratulations.

Sincerely yours,
Erwin S. "Filthy Pierre" Strauss
Lanham, Maryland

[*Browning Out has evolved to mean any form of a libertarian dropping out of activism. I was in no way attempting to hold him to all of Browne's positions. Activism includes writing for publications, if for an activist purpose. To be consistently anti-activist, one should remain hermetically sealed about one's ideology, or abandon it entirely for vacuum. And of course there is no point arguing with a self-proclaimed inconsistent position.*—SEK3]

To the editor: February 18, 1977

Libertarian receives page one coverage! The following item appeared on the front page of the *Wall Street Journal*, February 11, 1977:

Reviving the draft draws opposition as well as support. A young California writer, J. Neil Schulman, forms a committee to Eliminate the New Draft. It will seek backing from leaders in science, industry and the arts, plans a national conference this spring. END's slogan: "We won't be fooled again."

Laissez-faire,
Clifford H. Crain, Jr.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



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Chance Meeting Near Arafat, Eric Vinicoff and Marcia Martin. Alien spaceship on way to the Final Battle encounters the last spaceship from the dying Earth. There are two story-threads—one concerning the alien species, the other concerning humans—which are inadequately tied together. The aliens (whose species don't seem to be named; though their enemies are) apparently were thrown together out of exotic body-parts rather than properly constructed. And the ending is a bit too heavily ironic.

The Earth Dwellers, Nancy Kress. Parents left behind when a young woman goes out to the stars.

Cages, J.M. Park. The descendants of those who crashlanded on an iceworld are divided into two increasingly divergent groups: the scouts who forage and explore, and those who live in the ship. Sooner or later, unless help comes, they will all live out on the ice; the ship can't last forever. Another ship comes, scouts go out to meet it. And then begins the real story: the protagonist chooses between getting his people offworld, or leaving them caged on this iceworld. The animal life seems rather large and complex for so cold a world—since there's apparently ice in summer, and no vegetation is mentioned except a single tree, what do they live on?

Gateway (2nd of 3 parts), Frederik Pohl. Perhaps this is Pohl's best work to date; this installment works better than the first. Robinette Broadhead finally works up the courage to go out in an interstellar vessel whose destination he doesn't know, for an uncertain reward. Advice—read all three installments at one sitting; like most novels in the magazines these days, this doesn't seem to have been constructed for serialization.

The Rock and the Pool, Stephen Tall. Our old friend, the primitive man smarter than all his tribe, who begins

moving them towards civilization. This time, he's in the far future.

Epistle to the Christians, James Baen. Argument that the Bible says we *must* expand into space. I can't judge whether this is serious; nor can I tell whether the theology stands up.

That Buck Rogers Stuff, Jerry Pournelle. The advantages and feasibility of expanding throughout the solar system and then out to the stars. Not much new, but more factual and far more detailed than most such articles.

Bookshelf, Spider Robinson. The praise for every book under consideration is a bit overwhelming; and with one exception, not enough is really said to enable readers to judge for themselves.

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Somewhat better than the first issue; this may yet become a good magazine.

Recompense, Jacqueline Lichtenberg. The protagonist must help an alien survive till its homeworld is reached. The Stilhzani is going into estivation—and will die if the process is completed anywhere but one place on Stilhza. Why and how estivation evolved is unexplained; nor is it explained how Terrans came to dominate all known intelligent species. The thoughtful working-out which a first-rate author—Poul Anderson, first instance—would provide, isn't there. But the story moves well enough to entertain; and the characters are adequate.

A Blow for Utopia, Arthur Jean Cox. Two young people realize they love each other enough to defy the girl's father. What makes this marginally SF is a gimmick—a machine which projects one's mind into an extrapolated future. But we are merely told what it does; and the father explains what has happened to him under its influence.

Ill Wind, Glen Bever. A new gadget being field-tested by a man who ought to know better. He has field-tested various other devices which turned out to have flaws unsuspected in the lab.

Longshanks, Cynthia Felice. Protagonist is the oddball, misfit son of the man who rules most of a colony-world. In alliance with colonists who arrived to find there was no room left, he finds his independence. The world is well described (though its ecology is too Earthlike for realism)—and when people travel, one feels that they've travelled rather than that one is being told they've travelled. The characters are believable; the colony-world society is fairly original. (This is Ms. Felice's first publication; I'll be watching to see what she can do with a bit more experience.)

Ye Who Would Sing, Alan Dean Foster. A singing forest, and the humans who look after it.

Saturn, Diane Ackerman. I got hooked within the first four lines. This is poetry; and since SF poetry ranges from undistinguishable downward, I'd put off reading it as long as I could. My mistake. Highly recommended.

Efficiency, Robert H. Davis & Perley Poore Sheehan. Play written during World War I by two experienced pulp authors. As might be expected, it's about the evil perpetrated by Germany. The propaganda doesn't get in the way of the adventure. The trap-pings—a warhungry Emperor, a scientist, a soldier converted into what would now be called a cyborg—don't much matter; it's an adventure story done by experts, and fun to read.

As a bonus, there's a letter to the authors from Theodore Roosevelt. TR congratulates them on exposing the Kaiser's evil nature, but chides them for not pointing out that American pacifists are equally tools of Satan.

There are two articles and an editorial on why we need to go ahead with atomic energy; and reassuring us as to its relative safety. Hal Clement's article is well reasoned, thoughtful—and repeatedly urges readers to get evidence from various sources and judge for themselves. The Energy Research Group's piece is more obviously biased. It seems reasonable—but no more so than arguments on the other side which I recently got in the mail from the Union of Concerned Scientists. Charles C. Ryan's editorial reads like a political column in a newspaper.

—Cain Smith

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The Noble Eight-Fold Path

In my previous column, I distinguished eight types of libertarians. To recapitulate:

1. The bio-survival libertarian, or anarcho-fascist, is Darwinian, anxiously and bitterly aware of being involved in a life-and-death struggle.

2. The emotional libertarian, or mammalian politician, is concerned with capturing territory and status; SHE is the emotional game-player, the Oneupmanship expert.

3. The symbolic libertarian, or Mr. Spock, is obsessed with logic, linear processes, mechanism and rationality.

4. The domesticated libertarian is the Utopian moralist, determined to right all wrongs and establish pure Justice everywhere.

5. The neuromatic libertarian is your basic Hippie or Tantric yogin, i.e. the Hedonic Engineer.

6. The neuroelectric libertarian is the Black Magician (so-called), i.e. the Head Tripper free of all categories. "Nobody knows who I am or what I do, not even myself," says Don Juan to Carlos Castaneda, perfectly defining this type from inside.

7. The neurogenetic libertarian is an Evolutionary Agent, dedicated not just to freeing himself or humanity from political authoritarianism but to freeing life from all limits of space, time or death.

8. The metaphysiological libertarian is operating at de Chardin's Omega Point, at one with all other metaphysiological libertarians throughout space-time and beyond space time. (In mystical literature these types are known as the Secret Chiefs, the Bodhisattvas or the Illuminati.)

These eight types are determined by statistically random imprints that are bonded into the nervous system at moments of imprint vulnerability. (See ethology and Dr. Leary's *Exo-*

Psychology for further details on that.) The random element is part of the DNA blueprint (or "Mother Nature's plan," to be folksy about it) to ensure that we remain a diversified species.

Thus, there are eight kinds of authoritarians also. Eight kinds of men. Eight kinds of women. Eight kinds of Armenians. Eight kinds of Italians. Eight kinds of Buddhists. Etc.

Imprint vulnerability is coded into the DNA tapes so that, for example, the newborn gosling is *vulnerable* to imprinting a protective mothering entity immediately after hatching. The random element enters because, during the vulnerable period, anything roughly matching the genetic archetype will be imprinted. Thus, Lorenz reports a gosling that imprinted a ping-pong ball and followed it about attempting to nest with it and vocalizing to it as it would toward a real Mother Goose. Evidently, the fact that the pingpong ball has a round white body, like a Mother Goose, was enough to trigger the genetic imprinting process.

Similarly, Ardrie reports a newborn giraffe which imprinted a jeep, which it subsequently attempted to nurse from and followed about with imploring cries. Here the four wheels of the jeep evidently passed the scanners as the same signal normally transmitted by the four-legged Mama Giraffe.

In the past 6000 years, domesticated humanity has been herded into vast urban hives and reduced to insectoid labor at repetitious and stereotyped tasks, a process we optimistically call civilization. As in the ant-hive, these human hives have often kept a slave population and made war on other hives. Obviously, the totally insectoid society of Maoism is the highest, most complex form of this fourth neuro-

genetic circuit. Humanity has been temporarily evolving away from the mammalian norm and toward the insectile.

(Frank Herbert's *Hellstrom Hive* is a magnificent SF saga extending the process a few steps beyond even Mao.)

If this is the "civilized" norm, then all libertarians are, in some sense, rebels against civilization, i.e. against domestication.

The first circuit libertarian is rebelling backward to an early evolutionary stage; hence, the fierce Darwinian rhetoric in Stirner and libertarians of this type.

The second circuit emotional libertarian is rebelling backward also, but toward a more recent evolutionary stage, the mammalian pack or hunting-warrior band.

All political parties are basically hunting-warrior bands adapting themselves to the fourth-circuit domesticated hive. Second circuit libertarians flock to parties and conspire endlessly to capture control of the hive and "set it free." This is like plotting to take over a whorehouse and set the whores and customers "free" to practice chastity. That is, people who want chastity are not in whorehouses and people who want freedom are not in domesticated hives.

Third circuit libertarians, whose patron god is Daedalus, are always plotting to engineer a libertarian hive by creating the perfect logical model of what is desired and teaching its value to others. This is based on the error of assuming everybody else is, or should be, a third circuit computer like Mr. Spock.

Fourth circuit libertarians are in a particularly ambiguous position since the fourth circuit is inherently hive-oriented. These types become anarcho-communist mystics, vegetarians, etc. and are usually to be found in mini-hives some hundreds of miles from the nearest macro-hive, practicing their own "libertarian" version of typical hive taboo-morality.

Fifth circuit libertarians turn on, tune in and drop out. They sometimes enter fourth circuit mini-hives briefly but as soon as they recognize the local taboo system as a permutation or combination of those of the macro-hives, they leave and float elsewhere. Probably, they will eventually float off the earth entirely to establish Tantric "Heavenly Cities" in space. Imagine a micro-L5 designed along the lines of Hassan i Sabbah's Garden of Delights and you get my idea of where fifth circuit libertarianism is going.

Sixth circuit libertarians are the allies of the future. Where circuits I to V identify the imprinted neural con-

struct with "reality," the sixth circuit type participates consciously in the process of selecting alternative "realities." (Gurdjieff called this Self-Remembering; John Lilly calls it "self-metaprogramming.") By the standards of the earlier circuits, the sixth circuit libertarian appears to be a magician, a witch, a weirdo or perhaps a practical joker or clown. To himself, the sixth circuit libertarian is engaged in *freemasonry* (to use that mystical term correctly for once), i.e. synergetic co-creation of new realities. Guerrilla ontology. Discordianism.

Seventh circuit libertarians are Taoistic, alchemical, hermetic Evolutionary Agents. When Camus writes, "If a mass death sentence defines the human condition, rebellion is its consequence," he is defining seventh circuit libertarianism.

If fifth and sixth circuit libertarians seem spooky, fey or crazy to fourth-circuit domesticated hive-dwellers, seventh circuit type seem absolutely diabolical. The archetypes are Satan, Prometheus, Dr. Faustus, Baron Frankenstein, all the mad scientists in all the kitsch classics who refused to be stopped by fourth circuit moralists warning them, "There are things Man was not meant to tamper with."

If an ideal fourth-circuit hive could be built on libertarian lines (e.g. Dante's Earthly Paradise), the seventh circuit libertarian would scornfully leave on the next starship. SHe would visit a fifth circuit Garden of Delights for a week's vacation occasionally, but wouldn't dream of living there. A sixth circuit psionic circus (e.g. what fourth circuit types call miracles, synchronicities or parapsychological phenomena) would amuse hir for only two or three weeks. SHe is in search of nothing less than transcending the boundaries of space and time.

When Socrates drank the hemlock he acted out the greatest Zen koan in the history of the West. He was exemplifying his adoration of seventh circuit evolutionary values over first-circuit bio-survival. Those who credit his act to bravery or stubbornness have not understood it.

(See the *eleuthyria* chapter of Fowles' great novel, *The Magus*.)

⁶ Eight circuit libertarians, having transcended space and time, live already in the future. Dogen Zengi, saying "Time is three eyes and seven elbows." Chuang-Tse saying "There is no governor anywhere." (What a glorious precognition of cybernetic biology and the quantum inseparability principle!) Crowley's notorious "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law." As a Zen classic defines this type, "He walks through the village,

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shirt open, grinning, looking like nobody special."

Only the eighth circuit libertarian knows that all the other types are right also, in their own way. Yositani Roshi, a great Zen teacher, used to say it to his students in these words:

"You are absolutely perfect just as you are." —Robert Anton Wilson

SIL SURVEY PART II

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prior to becoming libertarians. Which writer was most influential in changing their views? Ayn Rand, with 68% (she was 69% in the overall survey). No one was even close: Rothbard, LeFevre; Hess and J.S. Mill being the closest with two votes each! It appears then that Rand's influence cuts across backgrounds and is more effective overall than anyone else who directs his writings to the left or right or to the public in general.

Reason magazine has captured the readership of 95.8% of our respondents, far more than any other libertarian publication. *LP News* and *Libertarian Review* were read by 59.9% each, *The Freeman* by 37.7%, *Freedom Today* and *Libertarian Forum* by 33.5%, *LeFevre's Journal* and *Inflation Survival Letter* by 22.8%, *Option* by 15%, *Southern Libertarian Review* by 14.4%, *New Libertarian Weekly* by 13.2%, *Libertarian Connection* by 5.4% and *Against the Wall* by 4.2%. Obviously some publications need to spread their message to more libertarians through advertising.

In fairness to *NLW*, it should be noted that advertising for it, under S.I.L.'s discount magazine plan, had not appeared before the survey. Since the survey and the ad, *NLW* has been he hottest selling magazine in our

In asking each respondent to define the "libertarianism" they advocate, we were attempting to see just what parameters, narrow or broad, libertarians put on their position. 41.3% answered that libertarianism meant "non-initiation of force against others." Only 7.8% defined it as "support of laissez faire capitalism," thus shutting out those who believe voluntary socialism could be fitted under a broad libertarian category. Another 4.8% defined libertarianism as both these definitions. 45.9% believe that libertarianism should be defined as a "consistently integrated system of human values that support principles of individual liberty and require rational behavior" or "all" of the definitions. Given this last definition, which shows the hard-core objectivist leanings of many libertarians, it is hard to see how the Libertarian Party can expect much growth. The

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new convert can grasp non-initiation of force much faster than a complete system of human values. That comes later and, apparently, a large group of libertarians is not willing to include these people as "libertarians" until that occurs.

We asked which speaker, of all they had heard, would they be willing to first pay to hear again. Nathaniel Branden was first and Murray Rothbard was second. Others receiving multiple votes were, in order, John Hospers, Ayn Rand (but hardly anyone had heard her for the first time), David Friedman, Robert LeFevre, Robert Nozick, Karl Bray, Thomas Szasz, Roy Childs, Sam Konkin, Tibor Machan, Ralph Raico, and Roger MacBride. To further aid you who are compiling speakers' lists for your next educational conference, here are the speakers they would like to hear in the future, in order of popularity: Rothbard, Branden, Szasz, Nozick, Hospers, D. Friedman, Rand, LeFevre, M. Friedman, Childs, MacBride, Hess, Machan, Bray, Block, Ernsberger, Konkin, Breggin, Liggio, Machan, and Raico.

As long as we were picking speakers, why not see what the neglected conference topics were? Mentioned the most were topics dealing with self-responsibility, mores and morals of society, coping with personal crises and responsibilities. The next most popular grouping was foreign policy issues. In order of popularity after this were: retribution and criminal justice; environmental issues; communicating and selling libertarian ideas; survival and personal protection; religion and atheism; nuclear disarmament; theory of natural rights; political skills; libertarianism and the third world/working class; urban decay and local issues; philosophy; conspiracy theories; abortion; economic issues; and property rights.

And what topics did the respondents feel were fully covered and they were sick of hearing about? First and foremost, mentioned by 20%, was the whole gold investment and disaster planning scene. Tied for second place in the fully covered category were limited government vs anarchy and politics and the LP. Also receiving multiple votes were tax resistance, women's rights, inflation, gay rights, objectivism, postal monopoly, gun control, foreign policy, sloganism (too much A is A and TANSTAAFL), abortion, and atheism. You will notice, of course, that many topics made both lists so conference planners can rest assured that whatever they do will produce both praise and criticism.

Respondents indicated that the most pressing needs were for more information on sources of libertarian pro-

ducts and services, and more conferences. The need for reprints of scholarly papers on libertarian topics was also mentioned frequently.

Which book is in more libertarian libraries than any other? You guessed it—*Atlas Shrugged* in 85.6% of them.

Second is *Libertarianism* by John Hospers with 67.9%. Others are as follows: *Psychology of Self Esteem* 64.8%, *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress* 57.6%, *For A New Liberty* 57%, *Human Action* 52.1%, *Man, Economy and State* 47.9%, *No Treason* 46.7%, *Radical Libertarianism* 37.6%, *Wealth of Nations* 34.5%, *Atheism: The Case Against God* 32.1%, *The Triumph of Conservatism* 24.8%, and *Human Rights and Human Liberties* 17.6%.

Those who are adding each volume of Dr. Rothbard's *Conceived in Liberty* number only 32.3%, a low total which surprised us. Even if history bores you, this series is valuable in understanding the development of libertarian thought in America.

And now, did our respondents believe that Roger MacBride compromised libertarian principles in his public appearances during the LP campaign? 14.4% said yes, 72.5% said no and the remainder did not answer or did not know. It is more instructive to profile those who said he was compromising (and a hell of a lot easier for me to tabulate) and compare their profile with the overall "typical" profile. Of the "yes" sayers, 71% were anarchists (vs. 45% of the overall), 37.5% were in the LP (vs. 66% overall), 66.7% believed politics to be moral, however, in contrast to the 94% of registered voters who found it moral in the overall survey and the 48% of non-registered voters who also found it moral.

A much higher percentage, 62.5%, define libertarianism as a consistently integrated system of human values. A smaller percentage read *Reason*, 87%, and a higher percentage read *New Libertarian Weekly*, 25%, than do their counterparts who believe MacBride did not compromise libertarian principles.

And finally, "If lying helps, I say lie" as applied to dealing with the news media: only 4 (2.4%) agreed with that statement. Of these four, three were anarchists and only one was a member of the Libertarian Party.

Was this survey accurate and scientific? We think it accurately portrays the reader of *Individual Liberty*. The question is, how typical of all libertarians is that reader? We know of no other survey results, so ours will have to do until something better comes along. Perhaps *Reason* would be the logical choice to undertake a wider

survey—but will even *Reason* smoke out the alleged 10,000 Galambosians, 10,000 LeFevrians, and 100,000 NBI graduates some believe to be part of the Movement?

—Dave Walters

[NOTE: This article is not the same as the one appearing in *SIL's Individual Liberty*. *New Libertarian Weekly* retains its policy of not reprinting, i.e., all original material. The articles are quite similar, and interested readers may wish to compare the two presentations by ordering the February issue of *Individual Liberty* from Society for Individual Liberty, Box 1147, Warminster, PA 18974, \$4/year.]

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are tax-deductible. No other churches represented at the meeting had obtained this formal recognition, although a number of them had the exemption as branches of the Universal Life Church.

The First Libertarian Church (of Los Angeles) had applied for the exemption but not received a final ruling as yet. It was pointed out that all churches are presumptively tax-exempt; however, if formal IRS recognition has not been obtained and a contributor to such a church is audited, the contribution could be challenged.

Dan Wiener, of the Church of the Conceptual Mind, announced that he had prepared some sacraments and a recommended reading list for members of the church and interested parties. Copies may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Church, Box 5970, Pasadena, CA 91107.

Linda Abrams put in a strong plug for the *Pyro-do*, the rule for the religious order called the Voluntary Society of Individuals, copies of which are available for \$9.00 each from the Aerstolic Institute of Physics, Box 1539, Beaverton, OR 97005. It is an Objectivist/libertarian rule for living that has been put together with a lot of tender loving care by Pyro Egon.

The meeting concluded with Marc Wruble quoting a number of passages from the Bible that are of interest to persons involved with libertarian churches. One, from *Ezra 8-24*, said, "Ministers will not be taxed." Marc will have them reproduced and provide copies upon request with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Write the Libertarian Humanist Assn., Box 5413, Buena Park, CA 90662.

—Lloyd Licher

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OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

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, 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.

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.

|| *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 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 sect.), and some new and old songs from the old anarcho-tributor. 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 P.M. to midnight at the main Chicago post office, 433 W. Van Buren, Chicago. || *Gainesville Tax Protest.* For information on the Gainesville Demonstration against the income tax, contact (904) 373-2072. Gainesville, Florida.

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 17 NOTA Talk. Artist and freelance writer Jay Lynch on how the comics code destroyed the adult comic market. 2:30 P.M. Call (312) 935-0412 for further information. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham. Dinner group meets after talk. Chicago.

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 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.

May 12-15 Society for Individual Liberty. "Four Day Trip to Freeport in the Grand Bahamas." \$219.00 for SIL members, \$259.00 for others. Includes air transportation, Holiday Inn room with double beds, parties, etc. \$50 deposit required in advanced, balance by April 29. Reservations (703) 780-7605; SIL, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Freeport, Bahamas.

May 27 Society for Libertarian Life Robert LeFevre speaking in Lecture Hall W101, Santa Ana College, 7:30 P.M. \$2. More information: (714) 526-1873. 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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ROTHBARD BACKS QUEBEC SECESSION! Picks Principle Over Party

(March 1 || New York) In a critical turning point of North American libertarian strategy, Dr. Murray N. Rothbard has publicly come out in favor of the Quebec Separatist movement (see *NLW* 50 and 51). At the same time, the Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Quebec, Robert Champlin, has launched an attack against libertarian supporters of the separatists.

Rothbard's endorsement appeared as a back-page editorial in his personal publication, *The Libertarian Forum* (dated January, 1977, but not mailed out until March 1), Volume X, No. 1. The LPQ Chair's attack appeared in the current *Southern Libertarian Review* (Vol. 3, No. 4, March 1977).

So far, *Reason* and *Libertarian Review* have not yet taken a stand on the *pequiste* victory in the Quebec provincial election last November, but lines are being rapidly drawn, threatening to repolarize the Libertarian Movement on radical-conservative grounds. All pro-Quebec sentiment has appeared in New Libertarian publications up until Rothbard's coming out.

First out, after the Parti Quebec's victory, was a special two-part front page report and call for support for the break-up of a North American state in *New Libertarian Weekly*. Because most American libertarians were unaware of the situation in Quebec, the anarchocanadian editor of *NLW*, Samuel Edward Konkin III from Alberta, wrote a column for Eric Scott Royce's *Southern Libertarian Review* which Royce happily ran on the front page.

Almost no negative reaction came from the largely radical libertarian readership of *NLW*, but *SLR* drew a furious response from the conservative-libertarians, especially the extremely objectivist-conservative Libertarian Party of Quebec, which actually opposed the separatists. (Royce also mentions that a strongly positive response was received from others, including radical, non-libertarian groups.)

As the lines seemed once again to be drawing between the radical libertarian anti-Party coalition and the Partyarchs, the question of where Murray Rothbard would stand on the most important anti-political event of the 1970s came into question. While Rothbard has always supported secession on principle (see his magnificent history of the secession of the American colonies, *Conceived in Liberty*), his "Loyalist," Tory-like support of the Libertarian Party in recent years had drawn him to the reactionary side of many issues.

Libertarian anti-political analysts are predicting that Rothbard's return to principle on this most crucial issue will paralyze the American Libertarian Party and split the Canadian Party. Other libertarian activist organizations such as NLA, SIL and various campus groups are expected to speedily join the "Friends of Quebec" movement.

The Libertarian Forum, Box 341, Madison Square Station, New York, NY 10010. \$8/year. *Southern Libertarian Review*, 1236 S. Taylor St. #A, Arlington, VA 22204. \$6/year. ■

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**'If you love it,
leave it' – Leary***by Fred Stein*

(February 21 || Montclair) Dr. Timothy Leary spoke before Montclair State College advocating space exploration and travel. In his speech he relied heavily on his past accomplishments, such as advocating group therapy in psychology and being opposed by the psychology establishment of the 1950s.

While attacking the political establishment of the 1960s, Leary suggested that many of those radicals are now becoming the new establishment in economics and politics. He stated the new radicals we should support are the dissidents in the Communist countries.

When questioned about the decriminalization of pot, he said, "Whatever or whoever people put in their own body is their own business." Supplying his rationale for space migration, Leary demonstrated that Americans are a migrant people.

Our ancestors from throughout the old world left it to seek a better and a new world. Leary believes that the more intelligent people left the old world.

He then later went on to question if Americans are genetically superior to those fools who did not leave the old problem world. Leary went on to state that the braver and smarter people will leave with him, migrating to outer space.

In his talk he attacked the religious, Conservative, and Liberal Establishments for their resistance to space migration. He stated that the conservatives resisted change (if God wanted

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FUZZBUSTERS IN MICH.

(February 28 || Ann Arbor) Radar detectors, known as Fuzz Busters, have been declared legal in Michigan by two judges. Owners of the devices, which beep or flash a light if a police radar unit is in the area, have been arrested under a law against having a radio receiver in a car which functions on frequencies used by police.

Possession of such receivers is a misdemeanor punishable by a \$500 fine, but since the law does not specifically mention radar detection devices two judges have ruled that the law does not apply. According to Thomas Trenta, an assistant Oakland County Michigan prosecutor, there are 15 to 20 pending cases in one court alone (Troy).

Trenta says he does not know what the effect of the previous decisions will be on these pending cases.

—Ron Chusid

STATE INFECTS VICTIMS

(February 2 || ZNS) The saga of the government's swine flu fiasco is not over.

The Village Voice reports that after numerous victims came down with—not swine flu—but instead, cases of deadly paralysis after receiving the swine flu vaccine, the government's top disease control doctors held a conference at the National Institutes of Health to appraise the situation.

The newspaper reports that a doctor at the University of Wisconsin then told all the government experts assembled at the conference of his own run-in with the elusive swine flu.

The doctor reported that he had administered the "A/New Jersey/76" flu strain, commonly known as the "swine flu," into a herd of pigs. All of the porkers immediately caught the flu, he said.

Then, the same doctor stated, he gave another group of pigs the swine flu vaccine, and after waiting the appropriate number of days, he exposed these pigs to the "A/New Jersey/76" virus. The doctor reports that that group of pigs also immediately came down with the flu, seeming proving that the vaccine was entirely useless.

After hearing the report, *The Voice* says, the government doctors "left the session with heads downcast." ■

MADAM COUNTER-ECONO

(February 2 || ZNS) *M.B.A. Magazine*, which usually devotes its pages to corporate bookkeeping problems and the like, is discussing more down-to-earth affairs.

The magazine is out with a detailed discussion of the U.S. sex-for-hire industry, and concludes that Americans spend around \$9 billion for various illicit sex-related activities.

Reporter Jane Lane writes that New York's 90 massage parlors take in more than \$6 million a year, and that brothel madams prove to be highly skilled business entrepreneurs.

The madams are described as "financial wizards" who wisely know how to set aside money for future investments. ■

BUG-PROOF TELEPHONE!

(January 24 || ZNS) If you're worried about your phone being tapped, Aegis Electronics has the device for you.

The company has come up with what it calls a "secure" telephone which protects its customers from "unauthorized eavesdropping by wiretap or bugs which might be planted in an office or home."

According to Aegis, the "secure" telephone is called the "Shields 100" and reportedly looks just like a regular phone. The differences are that the "Shields 100" has "a small antenna and a row of lights," and that it operates "outside the telephone company's normal power system."

Aegis claims that the eavesdrop-proof phone automatically and continuously sniffs the air for secret listeners, and can detect AM or FM transmitters, remote and sound-activated transmitters, extension phone listening, automatic tape recorder switches and taps. The company says that by simply switching to the "secure mode," a potential eavesdropper can foil anyone, since "It will appear that the call was never completed or that the receiver was hung up, or that the telephone was never even in use."

Before you rush out to buy the Shields 100, however, check your pocketbook. The so-called "secure" telephones cost a fat \$2500 each. ■

ENTIRE COUNTY GOES COUNTER-ECONOMIC

(January 14 || ZNS) A grand jury in Texas is alleging that one in every ten residents in Starr County, Texas, is involved in a sophisticated multi-million dollar pot-smuggling ring that moves tons of Mexican dope into the United States each week.

According to the jurors, an estimated 2000 persons in the rural county, which is known for its poverty, have turned to the illicit pot trade for a means of livelihood. The jobs of local residents reportedly range everywhere from smuggling the grass, to acting as lookouts, to building elaborate smuggling vehicles with false compartments.

So many Starr residents are involved, the grand jury states, that the local sheriff's office is completely helpless to take action against them. ■

EPISTOLARY

NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS.

To the Editor: February 9, 1977

I think Royce is typically overheated in his lampooning of the U.S. Labor Party's charges that the Carter Administration is promoting legalized drugs in order to get the U.S. population to accept "slave labor" conditions.

While the U.S.L.P.'s wild rhetoric does nothing to advance their own analysis, the sophisticated ruling class/conspiracy watcher can get something out of the U.S.L.P. thinking and research. For instance, independent of U.S.L.P. reports I have noticed that the Establishment has sent up trial balloons for the draft (including universal "social service") and drug legalization (spearheaded by Peter Bourne). Would it be so amazing to find the Establishment defusing the "big" depression by drafting ghetto youth to work on ecology-conservation, labor intensive projects at "slave" wages and having drugs available to keep them "happy"? I think this is probably a very real contingency plan.

Of course, the solution to the drug problem is legalization (which the U.S.L.P. erroneously opposes). However, legalization as an adjunct to "universal service" could be a real nightmare.

It is well to remember that drugs do have social darwinistic effects. As an egoist, I could care less, but it is not

surprising that altruists are in a real bind on this issue. Is the altruist to protect weak individuals from having their "development" stunted by drugs or be more concerned about the horrors of drug law enforcement and its attendant crime wave? Committed altruists (and the USLP are) find it very difficult to part with their dream of spartan, intellectual development for every individual.

Peter E. McAlpine
Dearborn, Michigan

Dear Sam:

March 1, 1977

All libertarians, I suspect, probably at one time have had reservations about parties in general and the Libertarian Party in particular. I still have reservations about the Libertarian Party, even though I have supported the party and its candidate for president, Roger MacBride.

In reporting on the Danish election, you mention the 88 percent voter turnout as indicating the real state of Libertarianism in Denmark. Do you imply that an 88 percent voter turnout is a rejection of Libertarianism? [Yes.] Or do you imply, to the contrary, that a good showing by the Progress Party when 88 percent of the Danish voters turned out to vote indicates strength for Libertarianism in Denmark? [The Party's showing was abysmal, as reported.] Any significant support for ending an income tax in any nation indicates Libertarian strength. We should be as fortunate as the Danes whose second largest political party in the last election ran a candidate with the single issue "End the Income Tax." Taxation is the single most important issue facing Libertarians and all who complain about government intervention in their lives and businesses. Perhaps the U.S. Libertarian Party should read the message in the recent Danish election and concentrate more on the issue of taxation.

Taxation is the most common denominator. It is the means by which Libertarians support the government they complain about. Also, taxing authorities are used by other government agencies to retaliate when these other government agencies suffer occasional defeats. As a Washington, D.C. attorney (recently moved to La Jolla, California) representing citizens in confrontations with the Internal Revenue Service, I can report that the economic class bias of juries is appealed to by government lawyers who turn the profit motive into a *per se* evil motive.

One complaint I have about the Libertarian Party is the relative subordination of tax resistance in its platform. Nevertheless, the Libertarian Party provides a social matrix that aids in Libertarian communication. Sam, I

think you will agree that Libertarianism will be aided by an increase in the number of people questioning the omniscience and beneficence of government. [Yes, I agree.] The citizenry must be approached and introduced to new ideas on a gradient that is not too steep. [No, I do not agree.] The citizens are used to expressing and thinking about political ideas at election time. [Like the student protests against Viet Nam or the New Jersey Tax Protest marches on Trenton year-round?] The Libertarian Party does a great service by using the existing election machinery to introduce more Americans to Libertarianism. [That is utterly absurd. The LP only gathers in those already converted to libertarianism that can be suckered into believing that they could accomplish something by voting.]

A vote for a Libertarian candidate for any office has one of three effects: 1.) it is a vote that helps that candidate win, 2.) it is a vote that helps that candidate make a good showing and almost win, and 3.) it is a protest vote. Either way it keeps votes away from pro-government candidates and states an individual citizen's rejection of government. If a Libertarian candidate is elected, you can be sure that the role of government will be significantly reduced. [No, I am quite sure that if there is a demand for a significant reduction in government, "Libertarians" will be put up for office to perpetuate the State.] If a Libertarian candidate is not elected, then at least a statement is made and the vote does not count as a pro-government vote. The dichotomy is not pro-party Libertarians versus anti-party Libertarians. It is governmentals versus Libertarians. We must be ever aware of the tendency on the part of the government occupation forces to split the resistance into factional camps.

All Libertarians, including yourself, may want to express gratitude to Roger MacBride and to the Libertarian Party and to party workers for introducing Libertarianism to far more people than would ever find out about it by reading all the Libertarian publications combined.

Sincerely,
John Joseph Matonis
Washington, D.C.

[First of all, I hope there are no people stupid enough among my readership to not realize that the italicized bracket comments are mine and not Mr. Matonis'. Second, I do not usually interrupt letters, but please note that I was specifically invited to by the wording of the letter. Nonetheless, those last two paragraphs are so full of nonsense that I was forced to let them be presented in full and attack the underlying premises. Only the first effect is correct: voting puts somebody in power. The erroneous premise

is that anyone running for power can be simultaneously against that coercion. That is a blatant contradiction, and the one that keeps the LP myth going. All votes are for pro-government candidates, hence none are ever kept away except by keeping people away from the polls—as the Vote for Nobody campaign did. I most certainly cannot be sure that the role of government will be significantly reduced by an LP election. See George Smith's Victory Speech of the 1984 Presidential Candidate for example. And the dichotomy is the State and its Partyarchs, who are also part of the State mechanism, versus Libertarians. The LP is not a factional camp—it lies outside the movement. However, there is a faction of Libertarians who do not perceive this and support an appeasement policy with the LP.

I express nothing like gratitude to MacBride and his power-lusting clique of dissenter-beaters and press-censors. And to believe that a leading tax rebel and sincere, honest radical such as yourself, Mr. Matonis, could have swallowed the Big Lie that the Party reached anyone, let alone more than the work of all the libertarian activists breaking their backs for the last eight years to put out newsletters, brochures, pamphlets, and talks just makes me sick. Nonetheless, I and my readers are always glad to meet the truth, and we thank you for writing, sir.

—SEK3

LEARY IN NEW JERSEY

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us to fly bit) and the liberals' "how about first feeding the starving people in Bangladesh?"

Tim Leary's future plans are to push space migration through the L-5 Society by making speaking tours on college campuses. His resolution was to make space migration a bumper sticker issue this year.

Some of his bumper sticker slogans are "The meek shall inherit the earth," and "If you love it leave it." In his speech Leary seemed sincere in not only pushing space exploration but Dr. Timothy Leary himself.

Wanna buy a ticket? —Fred Stein

[Note to letter-writers: the editor of NLW is aware of the hostility of this reporter to Tim Leary and does not share it. Now, feel free to write away! —SEK3]

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OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

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.

|| *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 Avenue (2 miles south of Beltway Exit 19), Bethesda, Maryland.

April 9 *National Tax Protest Day*. 2:00 P.M. Sponsored by Tax Protest Committee, Box 732, York, SC 29745. Demonstration at 901 Sumter Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

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 sect.), and some new and old songs from the old anarcho-roubador. 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 P.M. to midnight at the main Chicago post office, 433 W. Van Buren, Chicago. || *Gainesville Tax Protest*. For information on the Gainesville Demonstration against the income tax, contact (904) 373-2072. Gainesville, Florida.

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 17 *NOTA Talk*. Artist and freelance writer Jay Lynch on how the comics code destroyed the adult comic market. 2:30 P.M. Call (312) 935-0412 for further information. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham. Dinner group meets after talk. Chicago.

April 21 *Peninsula Libertarian Supper Club*. Karl Bray speaking at 8:00 P.M. Cocktails at 6 P.M., dinner at 7 P.M. Dinner and lecture \$10, lecture only \$3.00. Checks to Janice Allen, P.O. Box 257, Cupertino, CA 95014 with reservations; call (408) 926-9803. At Dinah's Shack, 4269 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, California.

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 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.

May 12-15 *Society for Individual Liberty*. "Four Day Trip to Freeport in the Grand Bahamas." \$219.00 for SIL members, \$259.00 for others. Includes air transportation, Holiday Inn room with double beds, parties, etc. \$50 deposit required in advanced, balance by April 29. Reservations (703) 780-7605; SIL, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Freeport, Bahamas.

May 27 *Society for Libertarian Life* Robert LeFevre speaking in Lecture Hall W101, Santa Ana College, 7:30 P.M. \$2. More information: (714) 526-1873. 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 SPACE COLONY PROSPECTUS McCallum Puts Theory To Use

(March 14 || Los Angeles) Spencer Heath McCallum captivated the Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles with a fully-worked out proposal for a space-colony community contract. McCallum's libertarian-science was seen not only as an improvement to L-5 colony plans, but as a vital part of the life-support system.

The Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles (First Libertarian Church) went through a transitional meeting with outgoing director Lloyd Licher and incoming Linda Abrams. Ms. Abrams wanted it noted by the libertarian press (especially *NLW*) that reservations will be necessary for future attendance (213-657-2272).

Spencer Heath McCallum is the grandson of Spencer Heath, the theoretician who moved from a Henry George view of land to a concept of proprietary communities—commonly known in the Movement as "shopping center anarchy." McCallum has been updating and refining his grandfather's theory, and has been active in other libertarian endeavors as well.

Thus, his introducers were classmates of McCallum's at Galambos's Free Enterprise Institute. They noted lesser-known accomplishments of the guest speaker, such as his degrees in anthropology from the University of Chicago and his dropping out before accepting a statist Ph.D.

McCallum began by mentioning his work for the libertarian-technological company Terraqua, and exhibited a home water purification unit which elicited considerable interest. He then

introduced his new wife, Ann, and proceeded to his topic.

Spencer Heath McCallum compared trusting the life-support system for something like an O'Neill L-5 Colony to a statist system to having it run like the U.S. Postal Service. "Don't worry about the government," quoted McCallum, "it's run like nobody's business."

McCallum delved into his property concept a bit, and stressed the value of property (space) is in its relative location. Thus an entrepreneur of a space colony would be involved in the allocation of rental space to position relative traders and dwellers.

The speaker then read out a sample contract for a Proprietary Community in space: the "Orbital Services Community (Orbis)" with a "Joe Doakes." McCallum requested questions to be written while he spoke and to be turned in afterward.

Most of the problems which concerned the audience resulted from worries about either the practicality of the venture or its security. A rift appeared between those favoring the colony taking on an inoffensive, pacific position and those wishing it to accept refugees, traffic in contraband, and defend itself from earthside States.

Spencer Heath McCallum took a position that defence should not be prohibited but that a presumption of failure should arise whenever violence was not averted. He was thanked and applauded by fifty enthralled and stimulated libertarians. ■

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RAND ILL? & more NY news

by Robert Cassella

(March 6 || New York) I'm back as New York reporter for *New Libertarian Weekly*. Here's my first report.

Bob Cassella has his article "The Paradox of Gary Gilmore" published in the *Free Libertarian*. The self-same Mr. Cassella has an article entitled, "A Libertarian Defense of Abortion," coming up in the next Association of Libertarian Feminists (ALF) *Newsletter*.

Laissez Faire Books celebrated its fifth anniversary on March 2, 1977. Although no party was held, John Muller included a letter of thanks to his customers in his latest catalog.

The first issue of the new *Libertarian Review* under the editorial control of Roy Childs will include a reprint of Murray Rothbard's critique of Walter Block's critics. Howard Katz's book *The Paper Aristocracy* is now going into its second printing.

A new libertarian newsletter entitled *Libertarian Profiles* will begin publication in June 1977. Editor/Publisher will be none other than that old *ILC* (*Independent Libertarian Commentary*) man—me (Robert L. Cassella).

That same Mr. Cassella (boy! he shows up a lot in his own news column) is also launching "Libertarian Memorabilia." He has for sale such things as "Gary Greenberg buttons," the very first issues of *NLN*, *Reason*, *The Individualist*, and other libertarian newsletters and magazines, photographs of the 1973 Youngstein campaign, 1974 Tuccille campaign, 1974 Cassella for State Senate campaign, 1975 New York National LP Conven-

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The Week

NEWS of the NEW LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAM?

(February 9 || ZNS) The wife of a dead U.S. Army Intelligence agent is accusing the Army of murdering her husband last year because he knew too much about the Pentagon's covert operations.

The agent, Chief Warrant Officer Ralph Sigler, was found dead in the room of a Holiday Inn in Maryland last April with a lamp cord wrapped around his upper arm and plugged into the wall. The insulation of the cord had been stripped away and Sigler had been electrocuted.

Sigler's wife, Ilse, told *The Washington Post* that she last heard from her husband in a desperate telephone call from him. "Just listen to me!" he reportedly screamed over an electronic screech in the background. "...sue the Army. I'm dying." At this point, Ilse Sigler said, the phone went dead.

Army officials contend officially that Sigler committed suicide, while hinting privately that he may have been murdered by Soviet agents.

Ilse Sigler, however, charges that he was murdered after the Army learned he was keeping extensive notes on his covert activities, and intended to write a book.

Shortly before her husband's death, she says, he was taken to Fort Meade in Maryland for questioning by his superiors. An Army agent reportedly then came to her home and confiscated a manuscript her husband was working on about his spy experiences. A few days later, Sigler was found dead.

Ilse Sigler claims that just last week her home was burglarized and a roll of film belonging to her late husband was stolen. The film was stolen, she claims, immediately after she mentioned it in a telephone conversation with a private investigator.

In the meantime, an Army psychiatric study concludes that Sigler committed suicide by wrapping a bare wire around his arm and plugging the other end into a wall socket because he was—in the Army's words—"not mentally responsible."

JEFF RIGGENBACH RIDES AGAIN AT FORUM

(March 17 || Los Angeles) Anarcho-decadent Jeff Riggenbach regaled, enlightened, and occasionally disgusted the small band of libertarians who showed up for his first lecture of "Science Fiction and Detective Fiction as Popular Literature" at the Forum for Philosophical Studies. Riggenbach's taste in authors was accurately identified by Clarica Scott Laubscher as "New Wavicles."

Riggenbach threw out scientific accuracy if it got in the way of a good fiction, citing James McClure's elimination of a diplodocus walking on land when Michener was told by a paleontologist that it was impossible. Riggenbach considered the loss of the impossible diplodocus to be lamentable.

Riggenbach's methodology was far more universally appreciated by Old and New Wave aesthetes, including categorization of writing into fictionalization/fiction and linking the scholarly to popular fiction and the intellectual to "serious" fiction. A stimulating discussion followed his detailed laud of Samuel R. Delaney's *Dhalgren*.

The second lecture, on March 24, will cover both detective fiction and detective science fiction (*The Demolished Man* by Alfred Bester). Readers may still be able to catch the third, concluding lecture on SF including Tolkien, Bradbury, and Delany on Thursday, March 31, 7:30 P.M., \$6, Forum for Philosophical Studies, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Suite 500, Los Angeles, California. Reserve (213) 467-1051. ■

EPISTOLARY

NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS

Dear Sam, March 10, 1977

The psychology article by Wendy McElroy in *NLW* 64 has me plugged in. The title "Psycholibertarians" is not mentioned in the article and sounds like your own creation, not Wendy's. The article itself is critical of something but does not identify its target. It's obvious that someone has pushed her buttons and got her plugged in. I would like to say something in favor of psycholibertarianism.

Psycholibertarianism is not therapy, it's a consciousness expansion experience that raises one into a higher emotional tone. I agree with Wendy that one can honestly tell someone to mind their own business or remain silent but to do so means to be in

present time. When one feels plugged in, psycholibertarians suggest looking at the experience and making it conscious to yourself so that you control the experience rather than letting the experience control you.

Sharing is one way to do that, so that you can be in present time again. Sharing is a form of communication, and a very good form at that. In a seminar process sharing occurs when one person addresses a partner and the partner just gets what the other person is saying without interrupting for a fixed period of time and then switching roles. In regular conversation one can share by letting the other person talk until they are complete or if in doubt give them an acknowledgment and ask if they are complete. If so, you can then address them.

Another point I would like to address is, if you judge honesty to be against your self interest, it's time to become silent, evasive, dishonest, etc. My answer is don't commit overts and you will not have to hide them or withhold them. I agree that sharing with just anybody is not a good idea. Sharing with a suppressive person (SP) is definitely not a good idea. When in the presence of an SP, the best way to act is by disconnecting or handle them to avoid being at effect with them. SPs are usually unconscious people or low scale below antagonism and tone matching might bring them upscale and make them less suppressive.

My advice to Wendy is, if she gets uptight in the presence of a psycholib person, share with them. It will help you experience out some unpleasant experience in your past and it will make you feel better. If you get a downscale SP, create them out of your universe.

On the Central Park question, a psychologically liberated person does not have to have a companion to walk with him or her for extra protection. The psychologically liberated person can create a safe space for himself or herself with or without having a companion at midnight. Take the Successful Living Seminar and you too will be able to create a safe space, if that is what you want.

Love,

Bob Cohen

Anarchovillage, North America

Dear Sam, March 5, 1977

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The Charles Curley Letter

POSSEMANIA

(Part I)

"—From the Latin, posse power, plus mania. Of all mental diseases doubtless the most destructive, in terms of the total suffering inflicted upon humanity throughout history; and one of the most resistant to modern therapy." —Fred Saberhagen

Anyone interested in a unique proposal for handling the problem of possemania should get ahold of *The Book of Saberhagen* (DAW UY 1153, \$1.25), and read the short story "Volume PAA-PYX." Unfortunately, in the present society this proposal is beyond our reach, and libertarians and others concerned with this problem will have to find another solution.

Possemaniacs are all around us, but they tend to gather in certain places—positions of power. In any organization, they will gravitate toward the positions of the most real power, not necessarily the same as the positions of the most apparent power. Also, they will tend to gather in the organizations which yield the most satisfaction for their power lust, not necessarily the most powerful organization.

Hence, that platypus of organizations, the Libertarian Party. Like the platypus, it is part reptile and part mammal because, while it claims to be opposed to power *per se*, it is full of possemaniacs and has all the trappings of an institution designed for the securing of power. Many members of the LP are opposed to power; are not possemaniacs (e.g. Karl Bray). But these people are at most figureheads.

Young Republicans and Young Americans for Freedom are notorious for the power games that go on. Some of the people in these two organizations are in them (or both) purely for the power, because they enjoy the power struggles. They see the power struggles as a game, as the *raison d'être* of the organization. As a result, every other aspect of the organization—such as the original purpose—is neglected.

"We must bend all our efforts to throwing out the current incompetent rascals so we can take over the organization and run it properly." Or: "We have to bend all our efforts to staying in power so we can be sure the organization is properly run." That is the essence of every platform of every internal election campaign, of every executive board meeting planning session. "Four More Years" was a political slogan long before Nixon. Because all the people in the organization bend their efforts to obtaining or retaining power, the original purpose of the or-

ganization gets lost in the shuffle. Does anyone wonder why YAF is a derelict organization? Within another ten years, the LP will be just as derelict, for exactly the same reasons.

And what happens to the well-meaning people? By this I mean: the people who are concerned with the actual carrying out of the program of the organization. These people spend their efforts on the actual purposes of the organization, and not on internal politics. As a result, they lose any real power they might have had, either because they are eased out of power, or because the real decisions are made elsewhere.

The ruling clique of an organization rarely, if ever, loses an important vote. This is because important questions are not allowed to come to a vote until the ruling clique is sure that the vote will go its way. By "important question" I mean: those decisions which will affect seriously the stature of the current ruling clique in the organization. Such minor details as policy, platform, strategy and tactics of a particular campaign, and so on, bear very little on this area, except where a blunder so serious that it might precipitate their fall from power might occur.

It is this which explains the vehement opposition of the conservative ruling clique in YAF to the libertarians. They were a force unto their own, and the National Board could not control them. Worse, still, they advocated changes in the emphasis and stands of YAF which would have destroyed hard conservative financial support for the organization—and hence, the ruling clique. They saw danger in YAF support of amnesty for draft dodgers, but never in a YAF support of amnesty for gold owners.

By these standards, the recent attempt to ban anarchists from the California LP was an important question. Had it passed, then the LP would have looked pretty silly, even to its membership, thereby costing the organization memberships. More important, it would cause major frictions with the Eastern LP establishment, which—especially in New York—is made up heavily of anarchists. Thus, the people in power in the California LP had to have this measure defeated. They allowed it to come up on the floor, and it was laughed out of existence.

Just what goes to make up a clique in politics? Usually, it is a tactical alliance of different interests. An excellent example of this is the alliance between Sam Konkin's Radical Caucus and the (for want of a better term) Libertarian Republicans, led by Eric Scott Royce, which blossomed at the LP's convention in Dallas. The two factions had wildly different strategies for achieving the libertarian society, but

both involved running for office within the LP in order to destroy the LP. Hence, the tactical alliance between two highly disparate extremes of the libertarian spectrum. Yep, politics makes strange bedfellows.

But the purest form of clique is made up of posse-

THE WAR ON GOLD is Anthony Sutton's newest book, from 76 press (Box 2686, Seal Beach, CA 90740). I saw a copy of the galley, not a printed copy, so I don't know exactly when it will be out, or the price. None the less, I highly recommend the book to gold bugs, revisionist historians, and economic theoreticians.

The central thesis of the book is that the United States government, run by the Rockefeller Wall Street Capitalists, is manipulating the price of gold for a number of reasons: to discourage Americans (and others) from buying the 'barbarous relic,' to wage economic war on the South Africans, and to discourage its use in the world monetary system.

To talk about "Rockefeller Wall Street Capitalists" usually is to sound like a raving Bircher maniac. Sutton isn't one. He builds his case logically, carefully, and in considerable detail. Much research went into this book, some of it spun off from previous books (*Western Technology and Soviet Economic Development*, *Wall Street and the Bolshevik Revolution*, etc.), most of it newly developed from original sources.

He even has a sense of the ironic which is well deployed here and there in the book. Note this example:

"Repugnance is a value judgement. Triffin and the monetary experts are abhorred by mining gold. Yet others may have other value judgements. It is equally reasonable to argue that we should favor gold since tobacco chewing gold miners are a more deserving group than jet-setting, meeting-hopping, international monetary experts. At least the gold miners work a lot harder and get us into far less trouble than the monetary experts."

The book is researched in detail, and the footnotes are extensive if you wish to backtrack his statements. In addition, the bibliography is impressive for its length alone: five pages. The finished book will have an index (my copy does not), and a

table of charts and graphs should the reader wish to use the book as a reference volume.

The book is divided into two major sections, one historical, the other detailing recent events in the gold arena. The first section deals with past monetary systems. Rather than deal with those already familiar to most gold bugs, Sutton selected others less well known. The German Mark of 1923 is ignored for the French Assignat, the British Pound of 1797 to 1821, and the Continental ("Not worth a . . .") Dollar. It details the creation of the Federal Reserve System, including the Jekyll Island meeting, where the bill was actually written.

Sutton then skips to modern history: beginning with the "crossover" in 1959, and the gold pool of 1968 (which finally ended when investors bought 400 tons in *one day!*). This section takes us up to the IMF meetings in Jamaica and Rambouillet. There is also a close look at the two superpowers' interests in southern Africa, which any gold investor must monitor closely.

Since the U.S. has the largest single stockpile of gold, the consideration given to the U.S. Treasury is careful and detailed. "But in point of fact," Sutton concludes, "the United States seems notably unwilling to dispose of its gold reserve *in toto*." Sutton concludes that the U.S. intends to act as a bear operator in the gold market.

Definitely read it.

BANNING SACCHARIN is, effectively, telling diabetes patients and people with metabolic overweight problems, "We're going to save you from cancer if we have to kill you to do it." They have a point: you can't get cancer if you're dead.

maniacs pure and simple. These are the most ruthless people in an organization, and they are also the most expert at subtle manipulation of an organization. This alone has important implications for any study of politics or political history.

Next Month: Part II

THE U.S. SNAIL v. ALTERNATE SYSTEMS has moved into the Court of Appeals (10th Circuit). The defendant is accused of operating a private post. The issue presented for review is: "Whether the creation of a postal monopoly by enactment of the 'Private Express Statutes' as embodied in 39 U.S.C. 601-604 and the criminal counterpart thereof, 18 U.S.C. 1696, exceeds the powers granted to Congress by the Constitution and denies certain rights reserved to the States and the people therein." As far as I know, this is the first case dealing with the postal monopoly which has brought this question up in an explicit manner. Most cases have assumed the private express statutes to be constitutional.

QUOTABLE: MILTON FRIEDMAN:

"The real tax burden on the American people is the amount the government spends, not the amount that it labels 'taxes.' If the Federal Government spends \$460 billion in fiscal year 1978, which is roughly what the President proposes, and takes in something like \$400 billion in taxes, who do you suppose pays the other \$60 billion? The tooth fairy? . . . The Arab sheiks?"

"Watching the President make decisions is like watching sausages being made. When you see what goes into them, you lose your appetite."

James St. Clair

"I'LL NEVER LIE" DEPT: Peanut used the popular outrage at the Federal bureaucracy during his campaign, saying he would "re-organize" the Federal government and thereby save tax dollars (uh, huh). Now that he's in office, Peanut told an audience of bureaucrats in downtown Washington that their jobs were absolutely safe with him.

Peace and Profit,

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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

your invaluable gem. Your own uniquely Konkinesque articles are prized above all.

You might like to know that the Maryland State Legislature recently OK'd the use of laetrile for cancer here. You ran a recent item on laetrile (Feb. 6) and at that time it was banned in 49 states.

Do you have any info about the Committee for Freedom in Cancer Treatment which I believe is California based? If you know its address, etc., perhaps other freedom lovers would find it interesting if you published it.

All good wishes,
C. Bailey
Baltimore, Maryland

[Nope, haven't heard of it, Charles. Anyone out there can help him? —SEK3]

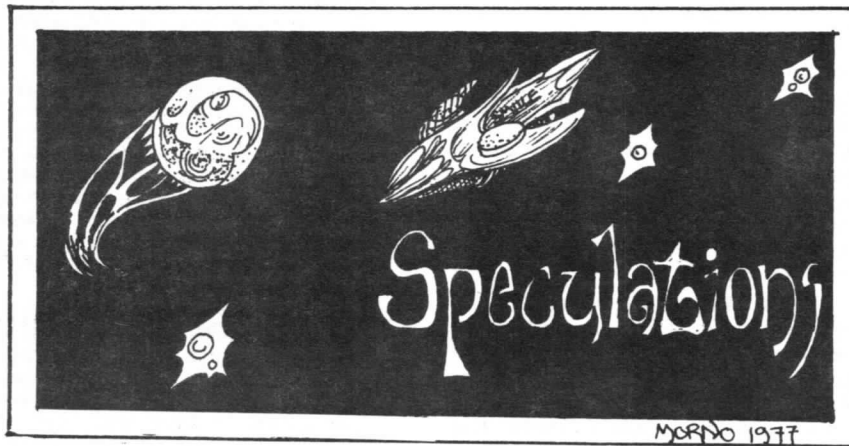
Dear Sam,

March 15, 1977

One of the things I miss in the new *NLW* is the annual review of lib. publications. Aren't lib mags as important as SF mags? Which reminds me of a story idea I recently had. What if... all the writings and drawings on the walls in Peru and Egypt that Von Daniken makes so much of, what if these inscriptions were a form of SF art to the ancients? What will future man think of us when he digs up our *Analog*s and *Galaxy*s? After all, it's these zines that we save, not the realistic *Times* and *Newsweeks*.

Yours for anarchy,
David Rosinger
Savannah, Georgia

[Your wish is our command, Dave. "Zine Zaps" are returning! And don't forget the *NLW* collections they dig up in those archeological pits! —SEK3]



Moslow!

Books to Burn & Unthinkable Thoughts...

Few have a love affair with science fiction that didn't begin with the magazines. We may have been made interested by a paperback, or a Heinlein juvenile, but the first rush came when we came home and piled on our bed the magazines we had found in a used book store wedged between the pornography and the *Popular Mechanics*.

Now they are dying, or dead, *Amazing* and *Fantastic* go quarterly, *Galaxy* can't pay, and towering above the heap we see the ghoulish grin of Roger Elwood. We are understandably disturbed...and so, with our world aflame and the buzzards swirling, we ignore the natural disaster that did us in and find a scapegoat. A scapegoat who is innocent; a scapegoat who is not only blameless but the only shield we have against total ruin. A scapegoat named Elwood.

Let me backpedal a little...

1960 saw three more magazines bite the dust, leaving a total of six. An occasional paperback reprint of more than one printing was just that, occasional. A hardback was nice, but took from the writer half the paperback royalties. If *Galaxy* or *Amazing* didn't want it, it rotted, it had no second string magazines to be peddled to. Everyone was a champion, and bums were needed. Word rates had not gone up, but everything else did. It became impossible to earn a living as a full-time professional science fiction writer, and those who could get out, did.

Make an honor roll of the best SF writers who were still alive around 1960, and check up on which were actively writing about that time, and you will discover that for all purposes, the answer was close to none. Who could afford to? Aside from L. Ron Hubbard and Michael Moorcock, a writer who is limited to no more than two sales per novel, serial and paperback, can write two good novels a year or twelve bad ones. One road leads to starvation from overwork, the other only demeans the field and makes it harder for the next guy. The magazines were on the ropes, SF was going

down with it, and it eked along for a few more years on a steady diet of miracles.

Look at the field now. Writers who despaired of ever being able to go pro have gone pro, writers who gave up in disgust are now back in the fold. "It was the golden age, but nobody admitted it." The paperbacks are paying; if a book sells out, it will go into a second printing, and a third... A moderately popular writer can make a good living without being a Heinlein or a Vonnegut. And it's just too fucking bad for the magazines.

Don't tell me about the *Dune* novel in *Analog* or the new Pohl in *Galaxy*. The *Children of Dune* was written for Berkeley, who knew they had a best-seller and were prepared to pay Herbert advances with many printings in mind. Pohl is not a reasonably wealthy man writing for *Galaxy*, even if his most reprinted books first appeared there. A writer can't live on the magazines, much less now than when they quit writing for them more than fifteen years ago, so they don't.

Novels are written for book publication with serialization looked on as a bonus, like the little toy you find at the bottom of a Cracker Jack box. In a very real sense (ignoring *Galaxy*'s current schedule fuck ups) original serials are nothing but reprints of forthcoming books. And that's what the trade calls them, pre-prints. It may have grated on the nerves when Jakobson billed *Rendezvous with Rama* as a special "pre-publication scoop." But that's just what it was, and Jakobson had the balls to call a spade a spade.

We cursed him. A magazine can be sold once, a book many, many times. Your book editor will pay you much more than your magazine editor. If someone wants a change in your story, and you're willing to make one, who are you going to listen to, Ed Ferman or Judy-Lynn Benjamin?

There is no competition between the magazines and the paperbacks, because there is nothing to compete for. They deal with two different markets. Magazines are supported by regular readers of the field, with the bored buyer who picks it up for kicks in the distinct minority. The reverse is true with paperbacks.

The dyed-in-the-wool fan doesn't amount to a piss in the wind. Paperbacks are supported by college students who watch *Star Trek* and suburban commuters who want something to read for the train. They certainly don't compete for stories. The only reason the magazines still get any goddamn good novels at all is because Ballantine, and Ace, and Berkeley, and the rest graciously allow them too.

Nor have the magazines anything to

complain about. If it weren't for Roger Zelazny's multi-printings from Avon, he wouldn't be writing at all. He couldn't afford to. Most of the short stories in *F&SF* were written for the likes of *Orbit*. A story you wouldn't write for a third rate market is still a story you would send to one after it has been rejected by your first choices. A lot of good Sturgeon appeared in a lot of crummy magazines, which is how John Campbell was the best editor *Amazing Stories* ever had. He certainly commissioned a lot more of the good stuff that appeared in *Amazing* than Palmer did. A magazine needs rejects, and without the anthologies, the magazines would be out of the other regular source of good material they could never buy directly. And who attracted more major attempts at selling to him than Roger Elwood?

Ir, for that matter, who publishes as much good stuff than he does? Come on. I hear a lot of people going down on how the wad of shitty anthologies Elwood swamped the field with depressed the market. I hear the same people extol to the skies the works of such as Lafferty, Anderson, Wolfe and Farmer. Since such as those four were as regular with Elwood as Seabury Quinn was with Wright, I more than wonder if these dimwit detractors even looked at the contents pages of the books they badmouthed. Probably not.

Fandom is in, the parties are neat, and passing means belittling and praising those you have heard others belittle and praise. "What do you mean I don't know who C.L. Moore is? He's a friend of mine." "What's a basilisk?" At KC I saw the ultimate horror, much worse than the old joke that fandom will end when the first fan puts a lampshade on his head. I saw a party where you couldn't talk because of the loud disco music. And I realized that Allan Katerinsky was totally right. There are the fans who go to meet other fans, they enjoy the parties, but they also love the stuff itself. They are known as fandom. And then there are the ones who go for the parties. Those, Allan told me, are the ones who are known as condom.

If Roger Elwood has to use cheap hackwork covers to sell Ray Nelson, then so be it, use cheap hackwork covers to sell Ray Nelson. If you insist on being a Christian, and really don't like the field at all, but give an honest value for my buck, nothing you say or do is going to change my mind about your being the best editor in the field. And nothing Donald Wollheim once did for the field is going to change my mind about the shit he publishes now.

I don't care what the fake fen say, any more than what the fake fen said about Bergey covers in 1949. Sam Mines had in *Thrilling Wonder Stories* and *Startling Stories* the two best magazines in the field. If raunchy covers were on the outside but Bradbury at his peak was in the inside, who's proud? If the only way that the field can survive outside the seventies is outside the magazines: farewell, it's been grand, sorry you had to go, drop dead.

Almost nothing appeared in the magazines in '75 that wasn't written for book publication, and the best stuff didn't appear in the magazines at all.

But wasn't it a fucking good year?
—Michael Moslow

CASSELLA'S NEW YORK

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tion as well as photos of Konkin, Block, Rothbard, Branden, Rand, Youngstein, Millen, Lawry, Cassella, etc., old posters, press releases, news stories (including Youngstein interview with *Screw*), thousands of items in fact. For information and prices write ILC products, 210 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10010.

Andrea Millen and Howard Rich were married in December 1976. Gary Greenberg and Loretta Weiss were married in the summer of '76. John Muller and Carol Dauber are planning to be married. Bob Cassella has managed to remain single.

Although it being denied by the "in group," Ayn Rand's health is becoming worse and worse and her close associates doubt that she'll be able to finish or even continue on either book she's under contract to write.

Well, the post office has done it again. This morning, March 5, 1977, I pulled out of my mailbox what I thought was the latest issue of *NLW*. With eager legs, I raced upstairs to read. "That's funny," I said to myself, "there's only a ten cent stamp on the envelope. Oh well, it got to me anyway." I tore open the envelope to be greeted by the headline "Kennell Busted" but since I've been away for over a year, this, in itself, didn't strike me as strange. It was when I got to your news item which read "Nathaniel Branden joins LP of California" that I stopped and said, "Wait, that happened a long time ago." Of course, what I just received was the December 7, 1975 issue of *NLW*. Gee, it only took the post office fourteen months to deliver it 3000 miles. Everyone involved with the mail should get a raise. I can hardly wait to read your current issue in May 1978.

What's the chance of my continuing my "Objectivism Revisted" articles in the pages of *NLW*? —Bob Cassella

[Let the readers decide! Those wishing to see more installments of Bob's account of the days of the break-up of NBI are invited to write in (and those who'd rather not see it are too). —SEK3]

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April 1 *It's my life or don't tread on me* Discussion-social. Steve Adler, independent researcher, "Free Market Public Transportation: Illegal Mini-buses 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 Avenue (2 miles south of Beltway Exit 19), Bethesda, Maryland.

April 9 *National Tax Protest Day*. 2:00 P.M. Sponsored by Tax Protest Committee, Box 732, York, SC 29745. Demonstration at 901 Sumter Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

|| *Orange County Tax Protest Day*. Sponsored by Society for Libertarian Life, LP of OC, Garden Grove Taxpayer's Association, Society for Individual Liberty, local National Taxpayer's Union, and California Freedom Alliance. Information (714) 526-1873. 12:00 noon. Federal Building, 34 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, Calif.

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 sect.), 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 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 P.M. to midnight at the main Chicago post office, 433 W. Van Buren, Chicago. || *Gainesville Tax Protest*. For information on the Gainesville Demonstration against the income tax, contact (904) 373-2072. Gainesville, Florida.

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 17 *NOTA Talk*. Artist and freelance writer Jay Lynch on how the comics code destroyed the adult comic market. 2:30 P.M. Call (312) 935-0412 for further information. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham. Dinner group meets after talk. Chicago.

April 21 *Peninsula Libertarian Supper Club*. Karl Bray speaking at 8:00 P.M. Cocktails at 6 P.M., dinner at 7 P.M. Dinner and lecture \$10, lecture only \$3.00. Checks to Janice Allen, P.O. Box 257, Cupertino, CA 95014 with reservations; call (408) 926-9803. At Dinah's Shack, 4269 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, 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 23-24 *Future of Freedom Libertarian Conference*. Debate between Tom Hayden and David Friedman. Stars: Pavel Litvinov (Soviet dissident), Robert LeFevre, Nathaniel Branden, Norm Karlin, Harold Demsetz, John Hospers, and Jerome Tuccille. \$15 in advance to California Libertarian Alliance, 52 Sunset Avenue, Venice, CA 90291. \$20 at the door. Student admission \$7.50/12.00. Town and Gown Hall, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

May 5 *R.N.D. Seminars* "The Basic Seminar in Free Market Economics." 5 week seminar by R.S. Radford begins tonight. Tuition \$50, two weeks in advance to R.N.D. Seminars, P.O. Box 5215, Long Beach, CA 90805. (213) 423-0179. Central/West Los Angeles.

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.

May 12-15 *Society for Individual Liberty*. "Four Day Trip to Freeport in the Grand Bahamas." \$219.00 for SIL members, \$259.00 for others. Includes air transportation, Holiday Inn room with double beds, parties, etc. \$50 deposit required in advance, balance by April 29. Reservations (703) 780-7605; SIL, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Freeport, Bahamas.

May 27 *Society for Libertarian Life* Robert LeFevre speaking in Lecture Hall W101, Santa Ana College, 7:30 P.M. \$2. More information: (714) 526-1873. Orange County, California.

June 13 *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles*. "The Party Question" Debate George H. Smith vs a Partyarch champion. Reservations required in advance from Linda Abrams at (213) 657-2272 or 10368 Ashton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. 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 north of Sunset), Los Angeles.

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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HOSPERS TO QUIT LP? President-nominee Disowns Party

by Lynne Hamilton

(March 22 || Hollywood) When George Bernard Shaw was working as a journalist, prone to speculation, his editor ubraided him, demanding that Shaw never print anything as fact unless he *knew* it to be true. Shaw passively acquiesced.

His next column read approximately: "Mr. B—, generally presumed to be a respectable banker and Mrs. B—, a woman represented to be his wife, are pleased to announce the birth of a new child. Mr. B— has purported to be the father. A claim that Mrs. B— allegedly supports..."

So the story goes. Or so I'm told.

As far as I know—and my knowledge is often first hand, everything reported in this column is true. My reason for reporting it is that I find it interesting. As most people know by now, the Libertarian Party State Convention was extremely political with people talking in whispers, huddled in corners, trying to bounce undesirable delegates, campaigning/counter campaigning, finding hidden motives, boycotting anarchists, etc. (Parenthetically, other aspects of the convention were good clean fun.) Unfortunately, the bitterness of the convention and its consequences continue.

It is old news that Jack Willis has quit the Party. Old timers will remember J.W.'s other stormy resignation during John Hospers' gubernatorial campaign. As John's campaign manager, Jack could not accept what he apparently considered to be Anarchist subterfuge within the Party. J.W.'s position on anarchism is somewhat baffling. On one hand he opposes anarchists because they will split the party and are too radical for the public to accept. On the other hand, he has publicly advocated that libertarians set up a terrorist group along the lines of the S.L.A. Anarchism is

apparently more radical than terrorism. Meanwhile, Jack has been quoted as saying, "I have spent five years building this Party; I'll have to spend the rest of my life destroying it." This, plus J.W.'s active role in tax avoidance and the libertarian church idea (on which he is speaking at Region 11's public meeting this month) leads me to believe that Jack will be around libertarianism for some while.

Again, old news. Shirley and Earl Gottlieb have also left the LP. Shirley is reported to have said, "I refuse to work for anarchists." As a result, Region 11, one of the most active in California, no longer has a meeting place for its Executive Committee. The LP Southern California phone and files are being moved from S&E's home and Bruce Lagasse has volunteered to house and care for them. The Gottlieb's are staying active, however; John Hospers' series of lectures on "Lib & the Law" are being held at their home. Everyone is supposed to be welcome.

And rumors run thick regarding John Hospers. Is he going to leave the Party? Will it be the result of Shirley's influence? From all accounts, John—a leading proponent of gradualism—has taken the attacks on this position personally. Many LPers with whom I have spoken now consider Hospers to be a conservative rather than a libertarian. It is difficult to consider him otherwise since he has advocated "compromise," "increased taxation," etc. (See J.H.'s article "Getting from Here to There" in *Reason* Feb. '77.)

As to the gradualist conflict—it's alive and kicking. Members of the selection committee for the LP National Con suggested a 4-man debate: George H. Smith & Roy Childs, anti-gradualist; Tibor Machan and Bill

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NO TREASON: JEWS vs P.L.O.

by Eric Scott Royce

(March 7 || Washington) It is unfortunate, but many American Jews apparently feel that, to quote Arthur Waskow's excellent article in the February 12 issue of *The Nation*, it is "a kind of treason" for some of their fellows to hold discussions with the PLO. Or to consider doing so. Or to urge Israel to do so. Despite overwhelming evidence that there will be no Mideast peace until Israel squarely faces the Palestinian problem and admits Palestinian groups' representatives to negotiations, opposition to such moves in the organized Jewish community is strong.

That opposition took on violent form February 20 in Chevy Chase, Maryland, a quiet Washington, D.C. suburb. The occasion for the confrontation was the first national conference of Breira, an organization of Jews who take a moderate approach to the Middle East situation.

Breira—the name is Hebrew for "choice" or "alternative." If opponents of a negotiated peace in which all affected parties receive a voice have their way, there will be no choice, only war, a war in which an overcommitted U.S. might easily become tragically embroiled.

Breira, conducting its first national membership conference with over 250 in attendance, became the target of militants within the ranks of its members' co-religionists. Several dozen demonstrators stormed the 4-H building in which the moderates had rented space. The attackers—who also claimed membership in groups such as the Jewish Defense League, Zionist

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TheWeek

NEWS of the NEW LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY

OREGON HEARS LEGAL THEORY AT TEMPLE

(March 20 || Beaverton) Ridgway Foley returned to the Oregon Temple of Reason one year after his first appearance there. Foley, a long-standing libertarian whose writings appeared in *Freeman* and *Reason*, discussed history and development of Anglo-American legal theory, natural law, positive law, the uses of law, the necessity of law, and the misuse of law in relation to individual freedom.

Dinner was had afterward by those wishing. *Temple of Reason, Box 1534, Beaverton, OR 97005.* ■

A "RIGGENBACH RUSH"?

(February 9 || ZNS) A drug publication reports that members of an ultra-decadent group of thrill-seekers in Paris is claiming it's discovered the ultimate high.

According to *Rush* magazine, the novel method known as the "death rush" is achieved by the injection of a deadly snake venom. Persons who experience the high reportedly first build up their resistance to the venom by receiving small doses until their tolerance is increased.

Finally, they are able to take a normally fatal dose, and experience a death rush that allegedly makes one fall to the floor in ecstasy. There's one small catch, however: one reportedly never knows if the death rush is just a rush...or the real thing. ■

COUNTER-ECONOMY IS REPRODUCING BETTER

(February 11 || ZNS) The new color copying machine made by Xerox, known as the "Xerox 6500," has reportedly triggered a boom in counterfeiting from coast to coast.

The Wall Street Journal reports that the machine is being used to forge everything from payroll cheques and stock certificates to postage stamps and bus transfers.

The ability of the Xerox 6500 to make almost perfect full-color copies even forced McDonald's company to redesign its 50-cent hamburger gift certificates because so many bogus ones were being accepted.

The Journal says the counterfeiting problem has become so severe that federal officials and members of the financial community have seriously asked Xerox to recall the 6500 and replace it with a machine that makes poorer reproductions. So far, Xerox has refused.

Note that market companies are simply adapting to counterfeit possibilities, while the State and Higher Circles immediately turn to the threat of force against the innovation which threatens them. —SEK3

NOT FOR ANARCHOCHILD

(February 16 || ZNS) Which occupation do parents want their children to avoid?

A new poll by the Roper Organization has found that politics is ranked "the least desirable occupation" by 39 percent of all the parents who were questioned. However, that figure is still better than the 48 percent "bad" rating politicians received just three years ago when Richard Nixon was in the White House. ■

POLITICOS GET CAUGHT!

(February 17 || ZNS) Here's a figure that probably won't make *The Guinness Book of World Records*: The U.S. Justice Department says the number of public officials indicted on corruption charges in the U.S. last year was at an all-time high.

Grand juries indicted 337 public figures in 1976, the most on record in a single year. The Justice Department adds that last year prosecutors also set records for the number of public officials convicted. ■

IN THE DEAD OF THE NIGHT

we will meet to share *arcane* libertarian secrets with you! O, if we could only tell you about them. But no, that's *primary property* (©) and our anonymous teacher just won't let us. Seminar begins 12 midnight, May 1, at the pier of the Long Beach Marina. A black sedan will pull up, you'll be blindfolded and tied up, then driven to where you will sign several hundred contracts in blood not to reveal anything anytime to anyone. What fun you'll have...*You won't see ads like that in NLW's classified section, BLACK MARKET, (but you might soon; we're doing nothing to keep the weirdos out). Get your sensible, profit-making ad in first. 5¢ a word, 4¢ if ad runs 5 times or more. Get it to us at least two weeks before you want it to appear into New Libertarian Enterprises, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801.*

NO TREASON WITH PLO

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Organization of America, and "Save Our Israel"—indicated their affiliation with the Philadelphia-based coalition known as the Jewish Activists for Peace Through Strength. They arrived in town from New York City on a chartered bus.

Chanting slogans like "Death to Breira" and "Breira Traitors Must Go," the demonstrators reached the building lobby and perpetrated over \$700 worth of damage before their expulsion by county police officers. A typewriter, clock, and furniture were smashed, papers were shredded, and conference participants assaulted before the melee ended, however. Amazingly, there were no arrests made.

Less violent but equally misguided actions of late include the condemnation by the American Jewish Congress and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council of the American Friends Service Committee's call for including PLO representatives in peace talks. AFSC held a Washington conference the weekend prior to Breira's at which retired Israeli General Matti Peled, one of his nation's most prominent "doves," presented his views. Peled had hoped to be able to engage in a dialogue with a PLO spokesman at the event; but the State Department, ever sensitive to domestic and foreign Zionist pressure, barred the Palestinian representative from entering the country. AFSC's conference also faced mass, but essentially peaceful, picketing by hardliners.

Such protestors are acting against Israel's best interest and the world's. They reflect a loss of touch with reality—the same loss that so frequently accompanies public discussion of foreign affairs.

As Waskow notes, the Mideast situation is one which naturally stirs deep Jewish emotions. The peace talks are a particularly touchy aspect because there is so little margin for error on the part of Israel. Sooner or later, however, Israel and American Zionists will be forced to recognize that Jewish survival in the Middle East depends largely upon Israel's willingness to abandon its past opposition to negotiation with the Palestinians. And to come to terms with them. The alternative to compromise along the lines the members of AFSC and Breira have come to accept is unthinkable.

—Eric Scott Royce

By popular demand (of David Rosinger), we bring back...

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Other publications for the New Libertarian

TENSION, APPREHENSION & DISSENTION—Editor: John J. Pierce, 275 McMane Ave., Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922; Paul G. Walker, 128 Montgomery St., Bloomfield, NJ 07003. Quarterly. 60¢, \$2/4 issues. Number 2, Winter 1977.

Any publication dedicated to Richard E. Geis and containing a SEK3 loc ("letter of comment," see *Legend* below) leading off the letters column is obviously of some interest to libertarians. And this fanzine will have a certain recognition factor for old NLN readers for it has a remarkable resemblance to early *Renaissance*—which it should.

This is the second issue so certain regularities are beginning to be discerned. For example, Professor Thomas J. Roberts continues in his defense of genre-fiction reaching from where Lewis left off in *Experiment in Criticism*. Don D'Amassa continues to intrigue us into mysteries, and Pierce and Walker continue their particular battles. Pierce's "On the Cult of Ambiguity" is an excellent Alka-Seltzer for those who tried to recent swallow Jeff Riggenbach straight.

LEFEVRE'S JOURNAL—P.O. Box 2353, Orange, CA 92669. Publisher (and writer): Robert LeFevre. Quarterly. Donation. Vol. IV, No. 2, Spring 1977.

Robert LeFevre has never been so meta-physical. "The Philosophy of Freedom" is must reading for those contrasting LeFevrianism with Randism, Stirnerism, etc., as is his epistemological "Levels of Understanding." Counter-Economists will be interested in his "How Can We Do It?" and LeFevre's give and take with his swarms of letter-writers is as amusing and enjoyable as always. ★★ ★ 1/2

CONSPIRACY DIGEST—Alpine Enterprises, Box 766, Dearborn, MI 48121. Editor: Peter McAlpine. Quarterly, \$6.00 for next issue, \$15.00/4. Vol. II, No. 1, Winter 1977.

This zine is settling into a steady service of conspiracy news and views, and broadening its perspectives (Left to Right). Nonetheless, in contravention of its editor's wishes, the editor's opinions are intruding more and more notably.

Articles thish deal with the death of Carroll Quigley, errors in Robert Welch's position, conservatives as tools in the election, "conspiracy" investment strategy, and the sudden exposure in mass media of the Trilateral Commission. Other writers include Charles A. Spears with a leftish view, Richard Gilman on cultism and occultism in the Higher Circles, and Jeffrey Rogers Hummel appears as a reprint from *SLR* with a biography of Colonel House. Must references all, of course. ★★ ★

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY—Society for Individual Liberty, P.O. Box 1147, War-

minster, PA 18974. Editors: David Walter and Don Ernsberger. Monthly, \$4/year. Vol. 8, No. 3, March 1977.

Most important item in this issue is the ballot for Phoenix Award, the only "oscar" of the libertarian movement. Winners from 1970-1976 were Mises, Rand, Rothbard, Hospers, Branden, Hayek and Karl Bray. The 1973 anomaly of a Hospers victory could be repeated by a MacBride victory this year, so marginal-voting SIL members reading this might consider voting to prevent the cheapening of the SIL award. Of the candidates offered by SIL as suggestions for nomination, Your Friendly Neighbourhood Anarchoeditor endorses Robert LeFevre, and could take a win by Nozick and even Friedman (not for his Nobel Prize, but for his recent battle with the Establishment press). The rest just haven't proven themselves yet, though check out Block and Grinder in another decade.

Don Ernsberger finds "The Need for Ideological Purity," and issues "A Warning on Historical Revisionism;" Robert "Flip" Ferrera analyses "The Juvenile Delinquency Scare" and the rest of the zine is filled out with news briefs mostly on local SIL chapters. Some, inevitably, were covered in *NLW* already. ★★

INFLATION SURVIVAL LETTER—6737

Annapolis Road, P.O. Box 2599, Lancaster Hills, MD 20784. Publisher: Robert D. Kephart. Semi-monthly, \$48/24 issues. Vol. IV, Number 4, February 23, 1977.

There will be no rating on this zine, because frankly, I wouldn't know what to give it. The mention here is mainly to point out the remaining publication of the once-dominant Kephart publishing empire in the Libertarian movement. Contributing editors include Jim Blanchard, John Chamberlain, Percy Greaves, Henry Hazlitt, Gary North, Murray Rothbard, and Hans Sennholz among familiar faces.

Most of this issue deal with Opportunities in Stock Options (Ralph Charell), "Sensible Rules for Prudent Persons" and a bunch of briefs under "Survival Snapshots." ?

THE LIBERTARIAN FORUM—Box 341, Madison Square Station, New York, NY 10010. Editor: Murray N. Rothbard. Monthly (but usually late), \$8.00/year. Volume X, No. 1, January 1977.

This is Murray Rothbard's personalzine, and it has ups and downs along with this erratic genius. His back cover hits the heights of the "Old Murray" (see *NLW* 66) on Quebec separatism; the front cover plunges the depths of inferno with a lot of wicked nonsense about the "Libertarian" Party.

Quite good are "More on Carter & Co." (revisionism), and "Land Reform: Portugal and Mexico;" somewhat lesser is "Relaxation in China?" in which Rothbard backpedals from some of his excessive enthusiasm for anti-imperialist Maoist China.

"Mr. First Nighter" has a good sense of life in movie reviews, though occasional lapses of judgement. Guest writers include Richard Ebeling ("Life with Mises" review) and Bill Evers. ★★ ★ 1/2

FREE MARKET REPORTER—Freedom Fellowship, P.O. Box 11242, San Francisco, CA 94101. Editor: Dave Fowler. Triweekly. \$38/year. Vol. 1, No. 9, February 1, 1977.

This is the best issue to date (with the possible exception of number one) with nearly a full-issue devoted to the "illegal alien" market. Fowler's perspicacity and wit combine with a counter-economic understanding to give a solid, hard-core treatment.

This zine uses the newly fashionable 1/3-page column/3/4-page column format, and the small column is filled with useful shorts. *FMR* is to, say *Free Enterprise* (nee *Capitalist Reporter*), what *NLW* is to *Reason*. Nothing dismal about counter-economics! ★★ ★

REASON—P.O. Box 40105, Santa Barbara, CA 93103. Editors: Manuel Klausner, Robert Poole, Jr., Tibor R. Machan. Monthly, \$15/year. Vol. 8, No. 12, April 1977.

No, Manny, Bob and Tib are neither "The Pep Boys" nor the Three Stooges, but they are a committee, and you know what they say about things run by committees. Nonetheless, because of the peculiar reputation *Reason* has managed to acquire, good material batters at the door, and some of it slips through. (Not, however, a letter to the editor sent by YFNA two months ago.)

Bruce Bartlett, who's been doing consistent revisionism, brings *Reason* up-to-date with "Why We Still Have a War Economy." Jeff Riggenbach, somewhat less consistent anarchodecadent, does a superb little interview with Timothy Leary. (But to show the magazine's eclectic conservatism, the interview was not trumpeted on the cover—in fact, it didn't even rate a blurb.)

Murray Rothbard's column "The Conspiracy Theory of History Revisited" is good—but he and I were saying it in *NLN* 3 1/2 years ago. Ah, Murray.

The humorous "Personals" Classifieds are almost gone, but this is still an above-average issue. ★★

LEGEND: ★-poor, ★★-acceptable, ★★★-good, ★★★★-excellent and/or hard-core, and ★★★★★-god-like. ?-rating not possible. Zine-publication, usually with prefix: genzine (general interest zine), libertzine (libertarian zine), fanzine (zine from an SF fan, not necessarily SF), personalzine (one-person publication), etc. loc-letter of comment, thish-this issue, YFNA-Your Friendly Neighbourhood Anarchoeditor.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

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Susel, pro-gradualist. The idea was vetoed by Ray Cunningham apparently due to "lack of interest." It should be noted that Ray took a lot of flack at the LPC Con because of the anarchist/limited government, gradualist/anti-gradualist theatrics. The issue was so hot that it broke up friendships and even one romance. Though I am only speculating, I do wonder who much of the "lack of interest" is prompted by a

wish for the National Con to go smoothly?

Again—from all reports—Ed Crane was upset about the staging and upstaging that went on and his upset was well communicated to Ray. As a side note, the anti-anarchist faction passed around buttons which read "WHY" as a comment on why the LP was permitting itself to be sabotaged. Ed Crane was among the most imaginative button wearers. Joining the top of the H ("A") he spelt out the word "WAY." One word written above, one word written below and he had "WHICH WAY OUT."

Meanwhile, the Libertarian Supper Club is organizing a formal debate on gradualism while informal debates are springing up at regional meetings and social functions through Southern California. —Lynne Hamilton

Black Market

FREE TRADE FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

SCIENCE FICTION REVIEW

(Franson/Sandin version), published 1963-66, now available again. 44 issues, small but packed with reviews; offset printed; altogether 172 8½×11 pages. Discusses hundreds of books written 1930-66, many of which are either still in print or worth searching for. Article by Anderson, Laumer, Leinster, Norton, Schmitz, van Vogt. Complete set \$12 by mail from Franson Publications, 4291 Van Dyke Place, San Diego, California 92116.

Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

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 9 National Tax Protest Day. 2:00 P.M. Sponsored by Tax Protest Committee, Box 732, York, SC 29745. Demonstration at 901 Sumter Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

|| **Orange County Tax Protest Day.** Sponsored by Society for Libertarian Life, LP of OC, Garden Grove Taxpayer's Association, Society for Individual Liberty, local National Taxpayer's Union, and California Freedom Alliance. Information (714) 526-1873. 12:00 noon. Federal Building, 34 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, Calif.

April 11 Libertarian Supper of Club of Los Angeles. Dana Rohrabacher on the New Hebrides, the Conference, Reagan, 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 (reservations required in advance from Linda Abrams at (213) 657-2272 or 10368 Ashton Avenue, L.A., CA 90024), 708 N. Hill St., L.A.

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 P.M. to midnight at the main Chicago post office, 433 W. Van Buren, Chicago. || **Gainesville Tax Protest.** For information on the Gainesville Demonstration against the income tax, contact (904) 373-2072. Gainesville, Florida.

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 17 NOTA Talk. Artist and freelance writer Jay Lynch on how the comics code destroyed the adult comic market. 2:30 P.M. Call (312) 935-0412 for further information. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham. Dinner group meets after talk. Chicago.

April 21 Peninsula Libertarian Supper Club. Karl Bray speaking at 8:00 P.M. Cocktails at 6 P.M., dinner at 7 P.M. Dinner and lecture \$10, lecture only \$3.00. Checks to Janice Allen, P.O. Box 257, Cupertino, CA 95014 with reservations; call (408) 926-9803. At Dinah's Shack, 4269 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, 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 23-24 Future of Freedom Libertarian Conference. Debate between Tom Hayden and David Friedman. Stars: Pavel Litvinov (Soviet dissident), Robert LeFevre, Nathaniel Branden, Norm Karlin, Harold Demsetz, John Hospers, and Jerome Tuccille. \$15 in advance to California Libertarian Alliance, 52 Sunset Avenue, Venice, CA 90291. \$20 at the door. Student admission \$7.50/12.00. Town and Gown Hall, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

May 5 R.N.D. Seminars "The Basic Seminar in Free Market Economics." 5 week seminar by R.S. Radford begins tonight. Tuition \$50, two weeks in advance to R.N.D. Seminars, P.O. Box 5215, Long Beach, CA 90805. (213) 423-0179. Central/West Los Angeles.

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.

May 12-15 Society for Individual Liberty. "Four Day Trip to Freeport in the Grand Bahamas." \$219.00 for SIL members, \$259.00 for others. Includes air transportation, Holiday Inn room with double beds, parties, etc. \$50 deposit required in advanced, balance by April 29. Reservations (703) 780-7605; SIL, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Freeport, Bahamas.

May 27 Society for Libertarian Life Robert LeFevre speaking in Lecture Hall W101, Santa Ana College, 7:30 P.M. \$2. More information: (714) 526-1873. Orange County, California.

June 13 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. "Gradualism" Debate twixt George H. Smith and a Partyarch champion (to be chosen). Reservations required in advance from Linda Abrams at (213) 657-2272 or 10368 Ashton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. If overflow crowd, site may not be the usual: 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). May not be at Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block north of Sunset), Los Angeles.

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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LEARY SAYS "SMILE" Neo-Libertarian Guru Is Optimistic

by Dave Fowler

(March 15 || San Diego) "I have good news for you tonight. The intelligent and successful 'heads' of the '60s are now running this country. It's legal to smile again." So begins Timothy Leary's talk on "American Culture, 1945-1985."

Quite often, the audience doesn't understand; they think he must be joking with them (and he *is*—but most miss the pun on "heads"). These are *activists* that have paid \$3.50 to see him: radicals that survived the Sixties and are looking for a new challenge, environmentalists who have (temporarily) given up trying to save the world's dwindling resources, scientists who want to find an alternative to Earth's continual wars, pioneer types searching for new options and alternate life styles. Leary will later tell them that all the smart people have moved west—from the Mediterranean to Europe's Atlantic shores, to the New World, and finally...to California—"migrants, mutants, and future people," who now have nowhere to go but *up*. At that point they'll begin to understand him.

But for now they're confused. He calls himself a "change agent," and for a man who's only 36 he's certainly gone through enough changes. But they hadn't expected *optimism*. Hell, after the War, Nixon, the seeming demise of Radicalism, the energy crunch, and the recession...what on Earth has he got to be optimistic about? Why nothing, of course, *that's* his message: the only future of hope, increased options, and freedom lies in leaving our crowded, increasingly-insectoid "nursery" planet...and creating our *own* mini-worlds (giant, custom-designed satellites built in space and placed in stable orbit between

Earth and Moon). The research of Princeton physicist Gerard O'Neill has shown this idea is not only physically but *economically* feasible; as Leary says, "it's becoming cheaper to build new worlds in space than to fight over the old one down here."

Space Migration...Intelligence Increase...Life Extension. Leary draws upon his knowledge of biochemistry and human history to convince the audience that *all* of these lie in the evolutionary future of mankind. His continuity falters at times, but he's not up there to present a scientific paper. The talk is a message, disguised as entertainment—witty, polished, and filled with dope-culture double entendres. The idea is audaciously obvious: to rekindle the optimistic activism of the Sixties, to direct it toward *liberating ourselves* rather than the World, to convince the audience they *can*...so that they *will*. Leary is a promoter.

Promoting what? Though he (probably) wouldn't use these words, it's a sort of cross between the evolutionary movement-to-the-stars of Heinlein and the variety of different worlds conceived by Eric Frank Russell in *The Great Explosion*. Leary envisions such expanded individual freedom and choice that they'll even be "a planet for bisexual vegetarians." When will all this happen? As O'Neill said: "It will happen ten years after you stop laughing."

If we're destined to go *up*, Leary says, the only question left is "who will control the new worlds?" And he sees Government as the enemy of increased options. Bureaucrats will never evolve into pioneers. So a movement will have to occur among the people—from engineers to organic

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in this 69th issue:

*Leary, Wilson & Moslow!***WILSON MAGICK!***Robert Anton Wilson conjures*

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AND IDI AMIN...*by Eric Scott Royce*

(March 23 || Washington) The Western world's press and politicians are currently in a dither over Idi Amin, the dictator of the rinky-dink African state of Uganda. It seems that Mr. Amin is a *very evil man*, and that the sooner Uganda is rid of him, the better we should all be able to sleep at night.

At the risk of sounding like a propagandist for the white-dominated states in Southern Africa (the press has suddenly woken up to the fact that its coverage of Amin is giving majority rule on that continent a black eye), Mr. Amin is far from being the world's worst or most dangerous national leader. Many of his fellow African despots have engaged in activities markedly similar to those which have gained him journalistic acclaim; and he appears to be a piker at best compared to the excesses of a Mao Tse-Tung, for instance.

Never mind. Mr. Amin is colorful. He has a nose for publicity; and besides, he stands accused of uttering anti-Semitic statements and of objecting to the utterly irresponsible Israeli raid at Entebbe Airport. How dare any nation's ruler protest when a foreign power lands commandos and shoots up a major airport in his country! Why the U.S. would have been happy to grant Tel Aviv or anyone else the privilege at LaGuardia or Dulles...

Lest any of the above give one the impression that I hold any sympathy for Idi Amin, let me assure *NLW's* readers to the contrary. I have none whatsoever for him or any of the other equally brutal rulers on either side of the African color line—or ruler anywhere else for that matter. Such people have *always* misutilized their power at the expense of the average individual.

What is amusing, or at least ironic, however, is that many of the same

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The Week

News of and for the New Libertarian Society

SF PROS AT LIBCON

(March 26 || Los Angeles) The "Future of Freedom" libertarian conference (see "Calendar") is adding two more illuminaries to the roster—both quite stellar. Poul Anderson, the long-famed science fiction professional writer, author of such libertarian novels as *Winter of the World*, has accepted an invitation to appear.

Also accepting is conservative Jerry Pournelle (*The Mercenary*, *Spaceship for the King*) who is probably best known for his science fact articles in *Galaxy*, edited by anarchist Jim Baens. The invitations came from Dana Rohrabacher, friend of the great and near-great. ■

AND LIBERTARIANS AT SF

(April 11 || Los Angeles) The Los Angeles regional Science Fiction convention LosCon III might have confused a casual observer as to its nature with the sheer number of libertarian luminaries. Among the attendees were Samuel Konkin with Susan Monahan, Wendy McElroy, Victor Koman, J. Neil Schulman, Lee and Barry Gold, Sandy and Steve McIntosh, The Thornton, and others...

LosCon III was held April 1-3 at the Sheraton Airport Hotel and was sponsored by the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society. Programming was minimal, with no hucksters (fannish free marketeers).

Requests are coming in concerning Frefan plans for the year's World Science Fiction Convention in Miami Beach over Labour Day. New Libertarian Enterprises has tentatively reserved a suite at the Con site (Fountainbleau Hotel), and should be hosting a running party.

To keep up with libertarian-SF fan ("Frefan") events and discussion, try *Frefanzine*, the libertarian SF APA, editor Victor Koman, Box 94, Long Beach, CA 90801; 50¢ for sample. ■

LIBERTARIAN CHURCH ACTIVITY IN CHICAGO UP

(March 21 || Chicago) The Free Church General Conference office is preparing a booklet to help local churches deal with secular authorities,

"Hints on Bookkeeping for Local Churches." It's available to ordained ministers of the Free Church who send \$5 donation. *Free Church of America*, Box 303, Lombard, IL 60148.

Another church has recently formed in Chicago, Freedom Church, P.O. Box 41222, Chicago, IL 60641. Will Kinney, former LPI secretary, is minister. They publish *Freedom Notes*, available for \$4/year (12 issues) donation.

The first issue contained the remarks of the Libertarian Party of Illinois chairman, Milton Mueller, on "Is Libertarianism Amoral?" Joe Cobb's remarks on the topic should follow. —Bonnie Kaplan

LIBERTARIAN MINISTERS DEAL WITH THE WORLDLY

(April 9 || Elk Grove, Illinois) A retreat seminar on world practices and problems of ministers, churches and others was held at the Holiday Inn of Elk Grove. It featured Rev. William Drexler (*well-known tax rebel*), LSC, and others.

"This event promises to provide great benefits for our ministers and church members, especially those charged with the heavy responsibility of dealing with secular authorities on worldly matters." This quote was from *Free Church Aegis*, Free Church of America, Box 303, Lombard, IL 60148. —Bonnie Kaplan

QUINCY HOWE DIES AT 76

(March 7 || New York) Quincy Howe—an ACLU activist, opponent of American involvement in the second world war, and early radio-TV news commentator—died of cancer of the larynx February 17 in New York. He was 76 years old.

Howe was a lifelong defender of civil liberties, and served from 1932 through 1940 as director of the American Civil Liberties Union. Following World War 2 he spearheaded a drive against censorship.

As war clouds loomed closer and closer to America in the late 1930s, Howe criticized American involvement in two books—*England Expects Every American to Do His Duty and Blood Is Cheaper Than Water*.

During World War 2 Howe's radio reports on the fighting reached millions of Americans. Dropped by CBS in 1947 on request of a sponsor, he returned to broadcasting in 1954 after a stint as a journalism professor at the

University of Illinois. Howe continued with ABC from 1954 until 1968. —Eric Scott Royce

BALTIMORE CLUB FORMS

(March 26 || Washington) A Baltimore Libertarian Social Club to meet at Holiday Inn 2, Glen Burnie, Maryland, has now been organized. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7, and will feature David Friedman speaking on "Socialism, Limited Government and the Future of Libertarianism." Prices will be effectively somewhat lower than D.C.

The addition of a successful Baltimore Club will allow the importation of more expensive speakers, with costs being apportioned between the two Clubs. If the Baltimore Club does as well as the D.C. Club has done, a Libertarian Social Club will next be organized in New York and after that Boston.

Eventually we look forward to a nationwide network of clubs sponsoring dinner meetings, trips, libertarian courses, and social action projects. Other possible club spin-offs include transcription and marketing of saleable speeches and audio-links between clubs for particularly notable meetings. —Jarret Wollstein

LSC GETS 100 IN FEB.

(February 18 || McLean, Virginia) Over 90 persons attended D.C. Libertarian Social Club's February 1977 meeting at which the film *The Second Battle of Britain* was shown and Jarret Wollstein spoke. The film depicted the growing collapse of the British economy and political system as a result of socialism.

In his speech, Mr. Wollstein argued that the United States is following the same path as Britain and the tragedy of Britain can only be avoided if Americans make a firm commitment to freedom in all aspects of their society. Questions from the audience which included 15-20 non-libertarians, focused on the issue of financing government services, particularly defense. —Jarret Wollstein

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The Charles Curley Letter

POSSEMANIA

(Part II)

"If it happened in politics, you can bet it was planned that way." —FDR

The Democratic Party is a major political organization, and it is presently in control of the U.S. government. Yet, it is composed of an alliance of several factions each jockeying for power, both within and outside the Democratic Party. These factions range from the McGovern liberals and the Black Caucus/Welfare Rights people to the Southern Democrats.

It should be noted that these ideological labels are nothing more than convenient handles we paste on the politicians in order to help keep track of them. A given politician can shift labels without coming to harm within his own organization. Charles Goodell started out as a conservative Congressman from upstate New York, and ended up as a liberal Senator from the New York liberal establishment. Richard Nixon never really had any ideological convictions; he merely found the labels "conservative" and "anticommunist" convenient at certain times, and dumped them when it became necessary.

More recently, we have the Peanut. He started out in national politics as being somewhat conservative politically (notably the "reorganization" of the Georgia government) and very conservative personally (except in *Playboy* interviews). His success in the primaries can best be attributed to the simple fact that in him the public saw a negative: he was *not* Hubert Humphrey, he was *not* Scoop Jackson, *not* George McGovern, and *not* (ahem) Fritz Mondale. The only other candidate who could consistently beat him was also perceived to be a "none of the above" candidate—Jerry Brown.

The fact of Walter Mondale as Vice President can best be explained by what I call the Post-Lee Harvey Oswald Method of VP selection: you pick a Vice President who is most likely to be even more repulsive to your potential assassin than you are. Lyndon Johnson had his Hubert Humphrey; Nixon his Agnew; Ford his Rockefeller; and if the Peanut is shelled, the country will go on the Fritz.

So why does the Peanut administration have all the same old faces? Cyrus Vance, one of the engineers of Vietnam; Paul Warnke, another Kennedy-Johnson warmed over holdover; the pathological liberal who swiped the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill out of every collection of economic nostrums since

Keynes; and so on, *ad nauseam*. Why? Because Peanut is not an ideologue, but a possemaniac. Granted that the rest of the people who were running for President last year were also possemaniacs, then the only difference between the old war horses of liberalism and Peanut is that Peanut was better at it than they were.

The system discussed in the last issue, of never bringing an important question to a vote until the ruling clique is certain that it will go their way, is responsible for a prominent feature in American life: the broke political promise. If the leadership of YAF or the LP can plot their conventions so carefully, think how much effort and how much care goes into the steering of a particular bill through the Congress or an agency.

Conspiracy fans are only half right. I don't think that a small group of men ("The Bilderburgers," "The CFR," or whatever) plot and plan for the next hundred years what the country will do. No way—there are just too many variables. Rather, there is a concerted network of people who boost each others' efforts; an "old boy network," an "establishment." They help each other to get the jobs, to get the government contracts, to get the legislative bennies, and so on. It's not a deliberate plot to take over the entire government (although, that is what they have done), but rather an attempt to use the State for their own individual benefit. Their mutual co-operation is the means, but it is a product of their possemania, not their power.

There are factions within the Establishment, as in the ruling clique of any institution. Usually, they co-operate, and the machinery of the State runs smoothly, and no-one outside is aware of the "old boy network's" existence. Occasionally, one faction takes off after another—it decides that it has more to gain from breaking the fragile truce than from keeping it. This results in a covert form of war. The effort to impeach Nixon is one of the more obvious examples of this.

The co-operation comes, not because the factions like each other, but because no single faction is large enough by itself to occupy all the Federal offices to run the Federal government by itself. So, they trade off votes and influences. In addition, many factions operate in totally different areas of Federal policy (i.e. the safety nuts and the desegregationists), do they co-operate and each achieves its ends.

The problem is, of course, that all these bennies for which the different factions are reaching must be paid for; TANSTAAFL. Who pays for it? Obviously,

those who are on the outside. There would be no point in getting a big bennie if the person who was to get it also had to pay for it. Some people seek welfare; their attitude is, "Screw the taxpayer." Others seek protection from competitors; their attitude is, "Screw the consumer." Others seek Empire; their attitude is, "Screw everybody."

In the last few years, especially with Watergate and similar scandals, more and more people have been turned off to government. The most obvious sign of this is the decline of voting. Not only are fewer registered voters voting, but fewer people are registering. The politicians have noticed this, as Peanut's proposal for "instant" registration shows. Mondale wants to, "overcome the disgrace and scandal of the shockingly low voter participation" in the elections. It isn't disgraceful, nor scandalous. The low voter turnout is a natural and entirely justified response to the way the government is run. As I have said before, we have a government of the people by the bureaucracy for the special interests.

The politicians *need* those votes. They don't care

THE WAR ON GOLD, reviewed here last month, will be published by 76 Press (Box 2686, Seal Beach, CA 90740). Retail price will be \$9.95, and the publication date is supposed to be May 16, 1977. I say "supposed to be" because the publishers inform me that some copies will be available before then. The publisher will take mail orders, or you can order from your local bookstore, or Laissez Faire Books, 206 Mercer St., New York, NY 10012.

THE CAMERA DOESN'T LIE, but good editing can shade the truth. According to the February issue of *More*, there are five obvious clues the TV news viewer can use to spot possible editing meant to modify the meaning of a news interview or event. Watch for: 1) The Cutaway; where the camera shifts from the subject to the interviewer. The latter may be giving a question actually taped after the interview was concluded. 2) The Back of Head Shot, where you don't actually see the person saying the lines. 3) The Long Shot, where, again, you can't be sure that the guy is really saying it. Example: a rally or convention. 4) The B-Roll, in which the interview subject's voice is voiced over footage of something totally different. 5) The Jump Cut, a cut in the middle of a sentence or otherwise unjustified by content.

Videotape editing can bring fantastic possibilities to the newsroom

producer. I observed the production of an hour-long TV show where an entire sub-plot was added with one day's production and a lot of skillful editing. The last day's shooting included the taping of a lot of "wild track." This is sound footage with no synchronized film footage. It was later edited into the film by using it to replace the lines the actor spoke when the scene was shot.

According to the *More* article, the major safeguard against unethical editing is the personal integrity of the editor. One editor is quoted as saying that part of his job is to tell the producer what is not permissible. However, as videotape improves in quality, it becomes more and more attractive to newsrooms. This means that the older film editors are being replaced by the newer video editors, who, apparently, have much less by way of ethics.

More, 40 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019, \$12.00 per year.

TAX HAVEN CRACKDOWN: I wrote a year ago about the IRS' Project Haven (CRCL 3.03). The first trial to

who you vote for as long as you vote. They don't give a damn about democracy, just about "justifying" their own existences. They need the myth of a "popular mandate" for propaganda purposes. The theory is that a vote for a particular politician is also a vote for each and every policy that he supports, and a vote against each and every policy he opposes. This is patent twaddle; for rarely does a voter see eye to eye with a particular politician on each and every one of myriads of issues.

Thomas Jefferson was right when he pointed out that a government rules "with the consent of the governed." In a modern democracy, they show their consent, their sanction, with their votes, and it is here also that the key lies for opposing the State. The way to defeat *all* the possemaniacs is, first, to deprive them of the means to loot you, and, second, to deprive them of their legitimacy. The first is what the tax rebellion is about; the second is what the voters' boycott is about.

What if they gave an election and nobody came?

result from this investigation opened recently in Palo Alto. Los Gatos, CA, tax lawyer Harry Margolis is charged with creating \$24 million in phony tax deductions for a variety of clients, including Barbara McNair and Erhard Seminar Training, Inc. (est). According to the prosecution, these deductions were created by phony transactions analogous to taking a dollar out of one pocket and putting into another—you haven't really spent it.

As I said at the time, the IRS is after biggies, but the individual investor can still learn from this case. Point one: Margolis shifted funds back and forth between the U.S. and Banco Popular Antilliano, N.V. in the Netherlands Antillies, some times in the same day. This would obviously attract the government's eye. Once your funds are outside the U.S., keep them there. Two: Keep your trap shut. Margolis' employees knew exactly what he was up to, and they will be required to testify against him. Your financial activities are your business, and no-one else's. Keep them that way.

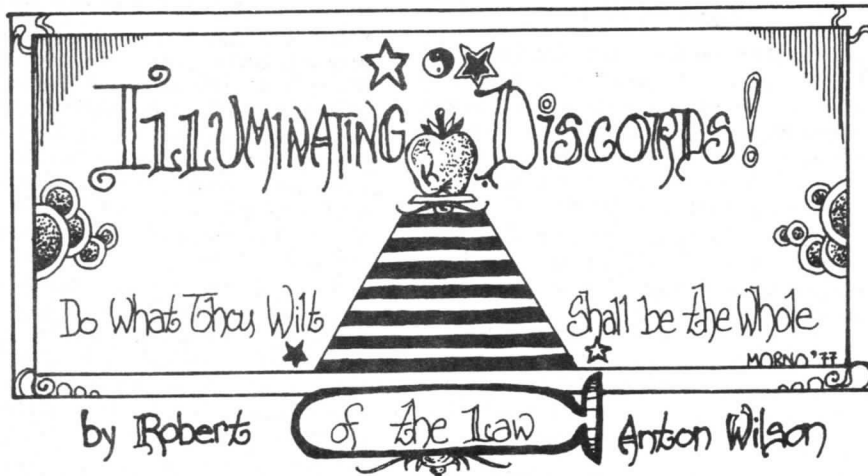
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"Sometimes it is said that man cannot be trusted with the government of himself. Can he then be trusted with the government of others?"

Thomas Jefferson



That Old Black Magick

Say the magick word and the duck will come down and pay you \$100.

—Marx

In *NLW* 65, Phil Osborn raises some objections to Bonnie Kaplan's article "Libertarian Magick" (*NLW* 55). While I am quite sure Kaplan can defend herself, and probably will, I can't resist hornning in on the debate myself.

Osborn objects to Kaplan's remark, "And like technicians, magicians do not completely understand why what they do works, but they know it often does." In what follows, I will give Osborn's objections and my comments in the form of a dialogue.

Osborn: Oh, really?

Wilson: Yes, really. Some technicians may think they know *why* what they do works, but this is due to their defective education. If they questioned a physicist about the assumed entities with which they are dealing, they would soon find themselves adrift in an aggravated agnosticism as far from Objectivist dogma as anything in Cabala or Tantra is. For instance, Bell's Theorem (1964) quite adamantly demonstrates that, if quantum mechanics is true, then we must surrender either objectivity or Einstein's speed-of-light barrier or, quite possibly, both. Since nobody can imagine a physics without quantum mechanics, or without objectivity, or without the speed-of-light barrier, physicists are in a much worse ontological quandary than mere magicians. And yet the technology based on this physics works.

Osborn: How do they know it does? (I.e., how do magicians know magick works?)

Wilson: In the stupidest way possible, by sheer empiricism. This, of course, was the only way anybody knew anything (although philosophers had a lot of opinions) before the Revolution of

the 17th Century, in which modern science was forged by synergetically combining such primitive empiricism with mathematical-logical method.

The great magicians of that epoch—Paracelsus, Dr. John Dee, Giordano Bruno—were pioneers in this synergetic wedding of empiricism with mathematics, and offered the best scientific models of how magick works that anybody could produce in that era. Those models are now out of date and magicians are looking for better ones. Meanwhile, empirically, magick continues to work, whether we have a good theory for it or not.

Osborn: By observing results? Well, then, which results are tied to which causes? If the magician can *prove* that connection, then he does in fact understand why it works.

Wilson: Ah, my friend, if only it were that simple. In fact, it is quite possible to build several models, in modern physics and parapsychology, which will each explain the phenomena of magick, some causally and some acausally. The Physics/Consciousness Research Group, headed by Dr. Jack Sarfatti, had six good models the last time I heard from them. I provide a run-down on each of these models and four others from related disciplines in my new book, *Cosmic Trigger: The Final Secret of the Illuminati* (And/Or Press, June 1977). The trouble is that, at this point, there is no valid reason to prefer any of these models to any of the others.

There are even reasons to believe (as suggested by Nobel laureate Nils Bohr and Dr. Sarfatti, among others) that the search for One True Model is medieval and obsolete. We may find it much more profitable intellectually to accept a minimum of two models, and a maximum of n , as the best way of describing the universe, mind included.

Osborn: A more serious error is

contained implicitly in the whole article and specifically in the paragraph beginning "Magick is rational..." It is not rational to postulate the existence or non-existence of something just because the universe or any part of it would seem more liveable that way. This is the essence of psychotic subjectivism.

Wilson: It is not rational, either, to write about a subject you do not understand. Magick does not *postulate* the existence of any entities (except the mind of the experimenter, and even that is called into question by some of the more advanced experiments).

As Crowley writes in *Magick*, "In this book it is spoken of the Sephiroth, and the Paths, of Spirits and Conjurations, of Gods, Spheres, Planes and many other things which may or may not exist. It is immaterial whether they exist or not. By doing certain things, certain results follow; the student is most earnestly warned against attributing objective reality or philosophical validity to any of them."

This may seem like "psychotic subjectivism" to Osborn, but it is merely the intelligent agnosticism of one who has done research in a very puzzling area; just as the similar agnosticism in modern physics seems like psychotic subjectivism, or worse, to poor old Rand, but is merely the intelligent response to puzzling experimental results.

All of this is probably rather annoying to Osborn and amusing to Kaplan, but in my usual perverse fashion I would like to conclude by saying that I emphatically agree with Osborn's judgement that few magicians are rational beings. I would go further and say, with Brad Steiger, that "the lunatic asylums are full of people who set out optimistically to study the occult."

Crowley used to warn that nobody should study magick until they could pass an examination on Comparative Philosophy (Ancient and Modern, Eastern and Western), perform credibly in athletics, master the elements of yoga (asana, pranayama, dharana), conduct scientific experiments accurately and carefully, face death bravely, and possess a general knowledge of mathematics and the physical sciences. After what I have seen of the occult revival in the last ten years, I would add a few more qualifications to Crowley's list—e.g., the student should also be able to balance a budget, raise a family, program a computer and write any argument in the mathematics of sets.

If your mind can be blown, if you are at all subject to anxiety or hysteria, magick is the quickest path to psychoses.

Like Chogo Ri, magick is only worth the heroic efforts it requires because of the rewards it gives to the survivors. To quote Crowley again (and remember that he climbed higher on Chogo Ri in 1901 than any expedition before or since), "Man is only a little lower than the angels and happiness is not so far beyond him as is apt to be thought by those who do not climb mountains." The mountain of magick is the most dangerous, and the most rewarding, of all.

However magick works, it does keep you high; that's why folk-art, quite accurately, portrays wizards as having

inscrutable smiles and witches as laughing like a gang of potheads who've just been sampling the latest shipment of Columbian Gold. On a planet that seems to consist 99.9999% of depressives and paranoids, staying high is no small accomplishment.

Those who want to pursue this subject further can find some of the best theories about how magick works in *Programming and Metaprogramming the Human Biocomputer*, by Dr. John Lilly, *Exo-Psychology*, by Dr. Timothy Leary, and *Space-Time and Beyond* by Bob Toben and Dr. Jack Sarfatti.
—Robert Anton Wilson

Moslow!

Books to Burn & Unthinkable Thoughts...

Out of the countless five or six people who read this paper, it is near certain that at least one of you is a fan. (The point of this diatribe being that soon, this will be a far better average than one can be likely to expect at an SF Convention.) Since your worthless money is as good as anyone else's, *Tonight!* this particular piece of axe grinding is pandered at you!

THEY WALKED LIKE FEN

I was sixteen years old, and I went to NYCON III. Just before *Star Trek*, and thrown by Ted White. White may (or may not, what I know of his screams the opposite) be the cad people take him for, but he puts out two fantastic magazines and threw one fucking hell of a great worldcon. Why was it great? It was great because I found what I wasn't sure I was even looking for until I found it and knew I would never want to let it go—a gaggle of loud mouths, just like me, to rant and rave with past the wee wee hours of the following week. Tad's and Heinleins, Grants and what the fuck was really in *Dangerous Visions*. (It hadn't come out yet, and already it had won an award.)

Fandom for the next few years (ignoring little unimportant things like the rest of my life) occupied my every waking hour, and the priceless people I would meet was worth the agony of meeting a few (like Fred Phillips and Sam Konkin) who couldn't ever shut up even less than I could.

I met people who liked and were liked by me, who detested me and were bronx cheered in kind. But, even the people who I hated, or detested (not always the same thing, please take note), I couldn't help giving *some* grudging, hairsplitting, but nonetheless sincere respect. They read the stuff—God, that meant a whole hell of a lot to me then, still does. It'll be the

first, last, and only good word you ever get out of me, John Boardman, and the only one you are entitled to. You have damned fine taste in literature. Mine...

We are a community. Some of us are with it, some of us aren't, and a lot are still not too sure what that *it* is, yet. Some of us are creative, and some, like Neil Schulman, will write a great best-seller someday. Some of us make out, and some, like Bob Cohen, are just naturally shy. We are interested in everything (collectively, that is) from astrology (which is a form of masturbation) to masturbation itself (which I have developed into a form of fortune telling). We are raunchy but cleancut bunch, and like a community, whose one link is that of territory, we share one thing in common. The field of science fiction (and/or fantasy). That link must remain, nothing else is vast enough to form a center among so heterogeneous an assortment of whatever.

"Things fall apart, the center cannot hold."

A group of New York fen went to the wilds of New Jersey, to attend what was announced as Freecon. It was a *Star Trek* con, and it wasn't announced as such—not out of carelessness or maliciousness—but because the poor kids who threw the damn thing didn't know there was any other kind. They were taught in due order.

Glasser grabbed his guitar, two of his girlfriends (nestmates or whatever) grabbed him (Marc has just recovered from a nervous breakdown after attempting *menage a Madison Square Garden*), my lovely wife broke into song—and the kids learned that you were allowed to *smile* at a con. (Treat kids like kids, and then complain that they act like a bunch of fucking kids.) The poor bastards really didn't know that a con lasts at least for a weekend, and only rented the church it was held in till midnight, just when the orgy was starting. (For really, all the kids needed was a push.) But they learned

there was more than being pushed around, and thanks to my own ability to push great books at people without being in the least bit willing to read other people's favorites in kind, they learned there was more to do with your spare hours, even when alone, than watching the fiftieth cut version of a bad season trek rerun. I want to be back next year.

The Trekkies are not what is ruining fandom. They are even a healthy movement. Their cult may be as two dimensional as a rothbard, but all they need is the chance to be exposed to something better. They may even be healthier than we are.

Open a fanzine, and you will find equal parts of criticism, essay and gossip. Nine tenths of any Trek Zine is fiction. We laugh at how they are pushed around at conventions, and feel all so smug and superior. Bullshit, and you damned well should know it.

All or most of us attended our first con as a kid, and we started acting like adults at cons because the people around us were the first persons to encourage us to do so. It's not their fault that all the trek entrepreneurs are interested in is packing them, and their money, and especially their money, in like so many sardines. It may even be ours, after all, who grew most of these racketeers but fandom itself?

Star Trek makes us all queasy at different times for different reasons, but its effect for evil on fandom is more in what it encouraged us to do ourselves than anything it could have done by itself. It made fans afraid to meet new people... And on a larger scale, the thing made America space conscious again when nothing else could, and what could be more important than that? A St. Fantony Meeting?

But it made fans afraid, and Rooseveltophobia be hecked, there really is very little more to fear than fear itself. Unless it's being alone on a desert island with Allison Abromowitz. Fans feared holding their worldcons in places like New York, and Washington, and started looking for inaccessible places where kids who wanted to see Leonard Nimoy would have to spend more than subway fare to go. It started with Kansas City. Tomorrow is Phoenix. There was even a bid for Hawaii. Where will it all end? Edmonton? (H-e-y, that's really not a bad idea. Get on it, Sam.) And by so doing, you have defeated the very purpose of a *Worldcon*. Which is Future Shock.

You can just goof off at a relaxicon, for that's what it's for. And a regional is where the real business and pleasure, the lifeblood of fandom, really, is conducted. But if there's any other purpose to a world con than to over-

load your senses for a week with as many different people as you can find, I'd like to know what the hell it is. And the only way to get maximum people is to hold it in an area within five hundred miles or so of a lot of population centers. New Jersey is as good as Boston for this, as Modesto is as good as San Francisco. But who the hell lives in Phoenix? A bad TV show.

When a city like Chicago gets a worldcon, there is a homegrown fandom to run it. When the part of Florida (not Abby's, alas) that got the worldcon got it, the battle of Orlando vs. Miami was not fought between Miami and Orlando fandom, there isn't any, it was fought between a guy from Jersey and one from New York. Fear Trekkies, and run where no fan has gone before.

And the sort of people who will run your cons are inevitable, the clingers, the social climbers, the people who are willing to invest a lot of time and money in making the right friends, 'cause if they connect there's a lot more money in fandom you can get back. In other words, foreign mercenaries. In real other words, we have brought an old fannish joke to life. We have created in earnest the "secret masters of fandom." About as many people voted for Miami in '77 as for Ford in '72.

And what is the result? The result is the person who told me that he really didn't read the stuff, he just came here to work on the committee. And he was being honest about it. How many people have you met, beautiful people, who wouldn't know Fred Pohl from Poul Anderson—in the heart of the con, railing at neos, blasting disco at parties, and twisting you around your impressionable little finger. They now have something to talk about, Trekkies, Lin Carter (fine editor), the death of the field (never healthier). But mostly they talk about the committees they worked on, the authors they've collected (and I don't mean their books), and their shock at how the Gor books were ever allowed to be printed (not that they are fit to read them, or probably know how—a wrestling fan would spit on them).

Take fandom from the sprawling, growing misfits, lunatics, and such who make fandom interesting, make it expensive to get to (and interesting people are usually financial failures), discourage all cults but your own in the name of reason (KC was run by rubes—Dena Brown is far from the best editor fandom has, but she's as good as some of the rest of the jerks who got the Hugo they were voted), and lie your ass off (KC wanted only to keep a ton of people out, so they charged \$50 at the door).

A con that charges so much only so as to keep people out should come up with a GoH less designed to bring an army in than Heinlein. This is what we have created by our fear.

They are stealing our precious bodily fluids. It's called our blood. And you have only yourselves to blame. You're all a bunch of snobs, hypocrites, and sniveling cowards. Fandom took you in, fandom treated you the way your parents would not, and, as likely as not, it was through fandom that you lost your virginity. But you're totally willing to screw it up for everybody, and especially yourself, because you won't stand the thought of dealing with a bunch of kids, the way you were dealt with, and helping them to become men and women, the way others did for you.

Are you ready yet to realize who my title is referring to...? —Mike Moslow

ORIGINS OF IDI AMIN

[Continued from page one, column three]

papers and public figures who now have only ill will toward the bloated Ugandan "President-for-Life" once sang an entirely different tune. You see, Amin originally gained power with the approval if not connivance of British and Israeli imperialism.

When the British turned Uganda over to native rule in 1962, Idi had already served London's interests for 16 years. In 1946 he signed on with the King's African Rifles as a private. Promoted within seven years to lance-corporal, he distinguished himself during action against the Mau-Mau in Kenya. Late in the 1950's Amin received special military training at the British Infantry school in Wiltshire, and in 1962 he took command of one of his infant nation's two Army battalions.

By the close of the decade, Uganda's civilian president, Milton Obote, was beginning to irritate some of the Western imperialists. In 1969, for instance, Obote flatly rejected Israeli requests that refueling rights be granted its planes, which were being used to provide assistance to rebels in the Sudan. The following year Obote nationalized some 85 Western-owned companies and broke diplomatic ties with Britain over issues related to Southern Africa.

Israeli discussions with Amin during this period demonstrated that he was more sympathetic to their cause. In 1968 he went to Tel Aviv as a guest during Israeli independence celebrations and was presented with several Sherman tanks captured during the 1967 Mideast war.

Amin's friendliness with Israeli officials such as the head of that nation's

Ugandan mission, Colonel Bar-Lev, paid off on January 25, 1971. On that date, while Obote was overseas at an international conference, Amin seized power. British and Ugandan reports at the time indicated that Israelis were piloting the tanks used in the coup.

Britain raised international eyebrows when it recognized the new order in a scant ten days, and the Western press heaped accolades on Obote's successor. The *New York Times*, for example, reported that Amin "is personally regarded by most who know him as a compassionate and even gentle man."

By spring of the year following Amin's coup, the West had soured on its new hero, too. Now it openly reviles him. The "jolly giant" of yesteryear has become a beast in the media image of Hitler, Stalin, and the Kaiser. But as the West squawks, we should simply recall that the imperialists' chickens have come home to roost. —ESR

FOWLER ON LEARY

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farmers to adventurers—a movement he's trying to bring: to do it *ourselves*. "Space doesn't belong to NASA or the military" he insists, to thunderous applause.

Other advantages to space migration mentioned by Leary include: the wealth derivable from producing solar energy for export to Earth, or handling manufacturing problems that are much more efficient in a vacuum; the freedom to "decode DNA and defuse the aging clock" that we don't really have on a crowded planet; the jump in intelligence of the species the challenge of a jump into space will promote; and escape from the danger of nuclear or genetic experimentation wiping out the human race before it ever matures.

So that's what Tim Leary is promoting today—in books, on radio, to literally overflow audiences on the college campuses ("the biggest crowds there since the Sixties," said one UCSD student). SMI2LE: Space Migration, Intelligence Increase, Life Extension. And he makes it clear—the last two are only practical *after* the first.

—Dave Fowler

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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 P.M. to midnight at the main Chicago post office, 433 W. Van Buren, Chicago. || **Gainesville Tax Protest.** For information on the Gainesville Demonstration against the income tax, contact (904) 373-2072. Gainesville, Florida.

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.

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April 23-24 Future of Freedom Libertarian Conference. Debate between Tom Hayden and David Friedman. Stars: Pavel Litvinov (Soviet dissident), Robert LeFevre, Nathaniel Branden, Norm Karlin, Harold Demsetz, John Hospers, and Jerome Tuccille. \$15 in advance to California Libertarian Alliance, 52 Sunset Avenue, Venice, CA 90291. \$20 at the door. Student admission \$7.50/12.00. Town and Gown Hall, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

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 5 R.N.D. Seminars "The Basic Seminar in Free Market Economics." 5 week seminar by R.S. Radford begins tonight. Tuition \$50, two weeks in advance to R.N.D. Seminars, P.O. Box 5215, Long Beach, CA 90805. (213) 423-0179. Central/West Los Angeles.

|| **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.

May 5-8 Biocentric Institute. "Self-Esteem and the Art of Being," a 40-hour intensive with Nathaniel Branden, Ph.D. 7 P.M. Thursday to 11 P.M.; Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9-9. \$250 in advance to The Biocentric Institute, 9725 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90069.

May 6 Libertarian Social Club. David Friedman on "Population, Resource Depletion and the Energy Crisis." Admission only, \$4 for adults, \$2 for full-time students. Dinner \$12.50/\$10.50. Reserve from LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., dinner 7:30 P.M., program 8:30-11 P.M., social 11-midnight. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), McLean, Virginia, Washington, D.C. area. || **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.

May 7 Baltimore Libertarian Social Club. David Friedman on "Socialism, Limited Government and the Future of Libertarianism." \$9.95 dinner. Contact Washington LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308 for more information. Holiday Inn 2, Glen Burnie, Maryland.

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May 12-15 Society for Individual Liberty. "Four Day Trip to Freeport in the Grand Bahamas." \$219.00 for SIL members, \$259.00 for others. Includes air transportation, Holiday Inn room with double beds, parties, etc. \$50 deposit required in advance, balance by April 29. Reservations (703) 780-7605; SIL, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Freeport, Bahamas.

May 27 Society for Libertarian Life Robert LeFevre speaking in Lecture Hall W101, Santa Ana College, 7:30 P.M. \$2. More information: (714) 526-1873. Orange County, California.

June 10 Libertarian Social Club of D.C. *The Fountainhead*, Ayn Rand's film. \$4 for program only; \$12.50/\$10.50 dinners. Cocktails 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Program 8:30 P.M.-11 P.M. Social 11-midnight. Reservations to LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, Virginia. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), from 495 use exit 11N going South, McLean, Virginia. Washington area.

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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.

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SACCHARIN SCANDAL! Counter-Economist Opportunity?

by Eric Scott Royce

(March 22 || Washington) On March 9 the FDA issued a statement indicating that it intended to ban saccharin, a substance used as a sugar substitute, because certain Canadian tests indicated that literally massive doses administered to laboratory rats had caused an incidence of cancer in the rodent subjects.

The response to the FDA's latest exercise came quickly and in overwhelming quantity. A massive wave of public indignation, concentrated in particular among diabetics and weight-conscious Americans who depend on the artificial sweetener, hit Washington and has yet to subside. In one, single asinine action, the Feds created more national libertarian-type sentiment than the LP's futile crusade could hope to do in a decade.

In reality, the FDA had little choice in the matter, although it might have delayed things a bit. As critics have noted, the agency is moving more speedily on this issue than is its habit. Nevertheless, it was forced to act under the terms of the so-called "Delaney amendment" to the Food and Cosmetic Act. The measure, which became law some 19 years ago, is named after its author, Representative James J. Delaney, an otherwise undistinguished New York Democrat of the LBJ-type. Delaney's little amendment prohibits determination that any food additive "be deemed safe if it is found to induce cancer when ingested by man or animal... after tests..."

Saccharin has been utilized as a sugar substitute for some eight decades, and during that time no evidence has been produced to indicate that its use might contribute to cancer in human consumers. To be sure, as Steven Kelman points out in the March 26 *New Republic*, this does not mean that it is *not* dangerous. But a serious look at the Canadian tests does

make one wonder a bit about the scientific method. Reminiscent of the basis for the FDA's ruling some years ago against cyclamates, the poor rats north of the border were forced to ingest the equivalent of the saccharin in some 800 twelve-ounce bottles per day of diet soda for a lifetime. Someone should notify the SPCA.

A study of the effect of saccharin on monkeys—commissioned by the FDA and undertaken over a period of 6½ years—showed no link to cancer. And Dr. Jesse L. Steinfeld, the now retired U.S. Surgeon General who initiated FDA action against cyclamates, has expressed strong reservations about the projected FDA ban.

The public outcry has resulted in suggestions that while saccharin might no longer be used in sodas and the like, it might still remain available at your local drug store on a prescription basis. Congress, sensitive to the clamor of the enraged masses, is likely to consider a warning label similar to that on cigarettes. Rep. Mickey Edwards (R-Oklahoma) has proposed legislation, I believe, to that effect. A disgusted Rep. Andy Jacobs (D-Ind.) has another warning label measure in the hopper. The required message in the Jacobs bill: "Warning: The Canadians have determined saccharin is dangerous to your rat's health."

Unlike some libertarians, I do not object to releasing results of surveys like the Canadian one. The public has a right to know what kind of crap it is ingesting and the potential results of such consumption. The mere fact that such exposes are bad for business, the idol at whose feet so many Objectivists and Conservatives seem to worship, is utterly irrelevant. Government, however, should have no ultimate right to prohibit anyone from making the

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NEW YORK NEWS*by Robert Cassella*

(March 25 || New York) Nathaniel Branden will conduct a 40 hour weekend seminar workshop in New York City from June 16 to 19, 1977. "I (N. Branden) invite you to share with me the distillation of my work, in a 40-hour high intensity workshop, whose purpose is to enhance the level of the participant's self-esteem, and to assist the individual to a wider vision of life's possibilities, through a new awareness of his or her positive personality potentials." For information, call (212) 274-1134.

Ayn Rand's next Ford Hall Forum Lecture to take place during Easter week will also be the last lecture she will be giving at the Forum.

Rosalie Nichols' *Confessions of a Randian Cultist* is now back in print. Ms. Nichols also is planning a newsletter for gay libertarians. For information about either write her at 55 West San Fernando Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

The Center for Libertarian Studies (200 Park Avenue South, Suite 911, New York, NY 10003) has published two new pamphlets entitled *Methodology of the Austrian School* and *The Production of Security*. Each sell for \$1.50.

ALF (Association of Libertarian Feminists) in New York City will sponsor a panel discussion on male liberation in a month or two. **Lou Sicilia** and **Bob Cassella** will be among the members of the panel.

Howard Katz (author of *The Paper Aristocracy*) will appear on television in New York City on the Joe Franklin show, Channel 9, WOR-TV on April 13 or 14, 1977 at 12:30 P.M. and on April 20 or 21, 1977 at 8:30 A.M.

Tax Rebel **Ken Kalcheim** had a letter to the editor on the evils of rent control in *The New York Post* during the month of March.

1977, of course, is the 20th anniversary of Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged* and the 34th anniversary of *The Fountainhead*. Neither book has ever been out of print in hard cover, and to the best of my knowledge, no other book or

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The Week

News of and for the New Libertarian Society

LIBERTARIANS DEBATE ABORTION IN DC AT CLUB

(March 18 || McLean, Virginia) The March Washington Libertarian Social Club meeting was the scene of a spirited debate between Dr. Thomas Johnson, an Objectivist-oriented professor of biology at Mary Washington College, and David Myers, a college instructor and real estate salesman from Hughesville, Maryland.

Supporting the proposition, "Resolved: The Fetus Has a Right to Life," Dr. Johnson argued that all human beings have a right to life, including the fetus. Johnson went on to quote Nathaniel Branden who contends that since parents are responsible for the existence of the fetus which by nature cannot survive by itself, they are morally responsible for supporting it until it is capable of supporting itself. Hence abortion or refusal to support one's children constitutes a violation of their right to life.

Myers replied that human rights simply mean the right not to be aggressed against, and that a right is not a moral claim upon the assets of another human being. Hence the mother is morally free to remove the fetus from her body so long as this action in and of itself does not kill the fetus. If the fetus subsequently dies for want of support, Myers contended, this did not violate any right of the fetus. Myers also argued that the fetus was not a person with rights since it is not a rational being.

The subsequent audience discussion was quite heated and continued until midnight. An informal poll of the response of the attendees to the debate disclosed two interesting facts: first, the majority of persons present had been opposed to abortion before they came. Second, only one person indicated that his views on the subject had been significantly changed by the debate.

All in all this meeting, attended by approximately 40 persons, was the most lively and exciting we have yet held.

—Jarret Wollstein

AND ANOTHER VERSION:

(March 18 || McLean, Virginia) A crowd of about forty was on hand at

the Evans Farm Inn in McLean, Va., on March 18 for the Libertarian Social Club of Washington's long-awaited debate on abortion. The anti-abortion forces got off to an awkward start by distributing literature including many full-color photographs of aborted fetuses where the members would see them when they sat down to dinner.

Once the debate got underway, though, Thomas L. Johnson, the opponent of abortion, made a very good impression with his carefully-prepared and smoothly-delivered arguments. The organizers apparently had considerable difficulty in finding a proponent of abortion, finally persuading David Meyers to take up the challenge just a few weeks ahead of time (by contrast, Johnson was scheduled in December).

This shortage of preparation time may have accounted for Meyers' less polished presentation, along with the fact that his background was in the Marine Corps. Johnson is a professor of biology at Mary Washington College.

Johnson was at his most effective in arguing that a cavalier attitude towards abortion leads to a similar attitude towards other human life (both debaters agreed to stipulate that the unborn child is biologically human at all stages in its development). Meyers startled the audience by supporting the right of the parents to withdraw support from the child at any time before or after birth (although this still did not satisfy one Nietzschean in the crowd).

Despite the stipulation of humaneness to reduce the scope of the debate, it still rambled widely over a number of areas. The moderator was rarely able to get the debaters to lock horns over a specific issue.

The closest thing to a consensus to develop was that the ethics of abortion was not precisely analogous to the ethics of any other situation on which a well-defined libertarian position has been developed. Opponents of abortion said that the nearest case was that of a reckless driver crippling a pedestrian—having caused the victim's dependent state, the driver had a responsibility to take care of the victim.

Proponents of abortion argued that the closest case was that of a businessman driving a competitor to beggary by offering a better product at a better

price—while the businessman is *causally* responsible for his competitor's plight, he is not *morally* responsible, since his acts were non-coercive. After the close of the debate, a third analogy was developed by some proponents—that of a person who authorizes a life-saving operation on his or her identical twin; an operation that leaves the twin an invalid, dependent for life on regular bone-marrow transplants (which only an identical twin can provide).

In this case, the healthy twin has caused the other twin to exist in a dependent state; but the alternative state in which the stricken twin was and/or would have been in without the healthy twin's intervention (i.e., non-existence) was worse yet still than the state of dependence produced by the intervention. Therefore, the sick twin has no claim against his or her sibling.

—Erwin S. Strauss

NLW MAKES FIRST ERROR

(April 10 || Long Beach) For the first time in its publishing history, *New Libertarian Weekly* had an error of fact in the April 10 issue, Number 69. The error occurred in the second story of "The Week," page 2, "And Libertarians at SF."

Two persons of note who had announced intentions to show up at LosCon3 did not, in fact, do so: Wendy McElroy and The Thornton. Both of these embarrassing people work for *NLW*.

—SEK3

EPISTOLARY

NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS

I have recently found out that my letter of last December 28, published in *NLW* 56, was in error, and I would be grateful for your printing this letter as a correction. I have learned that the falsehoods which appeared in Roy Childs' letter in *NLW* 54 were supplied to him by a third party, and that Childs believe them to be true when he wrote the letter. While Childs was clearly at fault in publishing unverifiable gossip, I am satisfied that he did not originate the lies in his letter, and I would like to apologize for having implied that he had.

Adam V. Reed
New York, New York

[Damned if I can figure out what you are apologizing for, Adam. And what's the difference between unverifiable gossip and verified gossip?

—SEK3]

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Dear Sam: March 22, 1977

I am disturbed by some of the assumptions underlying Dave Walters' survey of the membership of SIL [Society for Individual Liberty]. The purported "representativeness" of the survey, while dubious at best, is beside the point; I am concerned about Walters' preoccupation with constructing a statistical profile of the "typical" libertarian.

It seems to me that he has fallen for one of the major fallacies of collectivism: the idea that what is important about a group is the "average" or "normal" member. First, this "average" person is a statistical figment; I doubt that Walters can find a single respondent to his questionnaire who fits his description of the "typical" SIL member. Second, the most important fact about any group is not the characteristics of the "typical" member, but the *variety* of types which the group includes. Beginning with Adam Smith, social philosophers have pointed out that if all the members of a group were identical, there would be no reason for them to interact with one another, and the "society" would be nothing more than an aggregate of isolated individuals. It is the diversity of its members that holds a society together, by providing a motive for communication and exchange.

This is as true of the libertarian movement as of any other social group. A recruiting policy aimed solely at the potential "typical" member, which Walter appears to advocate, would if successful eventually result in a movement of people who think alike, act alike, and all read the same authors: the surest route to intellectual fossilization and social disintegration. I suggest that libertarian organizations try to reach as wide a range of people as possible, and that they take seriously the proposition that libertarianism has something to say to everyone.

Joe Maxwell
Chicago, Illinois

I'm not clear as to whether you're objecting just to possible false conclusions Dave might make from his survey, or to whether there should have been a survey. I can sympathize with your cautions in light of the former position, but I would have to line up with Dave & Don if you take the latter position. Believe me, for those of marketing to libertarians, we need every bit of data we can get. And there must be one thing all us diverse anarchoindividualists have in common: libertarianism. Nest-ce pas, Joe?
—SEK5]

Dear Sam, March 18, 1977

I must take exception to your statement in the March 20, 1977 *NLW*, that anyone running for power cannot be against state coercion.

I recently ran for election to an office I definitely did not want. I live in an area that is not incorporated and has never had any government. Every few years, a group of people would get together and hold a very expensive referendum and try to incorporate. It was always defeated (by voting anarchists, I guess).

Recently, this same group decided to try to form a park district which could also tax and regulate people's lives. They hoped this would sneak through more easily than actual incorporation. I ran for Park District Commissioner because they were elected at the same time as the district formation was voted on. I ran because, as a candidate, every time they would print a discussion or have speakers on the park district, they had to include me, too.

In my campaign literature, I stressed that the most important vote was against the district; I didn't care if they voted for me. But I really wanted to see a large *No* vote and a large vote for me so these creeps who wanted to form the district would know why people voted *No*. I assumed that if I "won," the district would be defeated; I certainly don't have time to run over people's lives.

Unfortunately, we lost, and Wildwood has a park district. However, the district has no land because the land is in a trust owned by the homeowners who have to sign away their property rights to the district. My campaign brought a lot of people out of the woodwork who may not be libertarians, but they can see this as an encroachment on their freedom and are willing to fight it. I feel we can still get rid of the park district by refusing to give up our land to it and in the same time, get a lot more people aware of how even "small" government can affect their lives. The district has already stated how they can hardly wait to begin "regulating" the park use!

Anyway, my point is, I ran, and I was against power.

Marji Kohls
Wildwood, Illinois

[Your first two sentences are flat contradictions. Makes it difficult to argue with you, you realize. "To run for power" means "to run for power," and power = state coercion. A is A. And seeking something you do not want is, well, how do I put this delicately? Irrational? Insane? Whimsical? Take your pick.

I'm sure everyone enjoyed hearing your trials and struggle, as I did, but do you sincerely believe, now, that your efforts were anything but an incredibly inefficient expenditure of your precious time and wealth? By Mises, you would have probably saved a fortune by buying off the state. Time to check Ye Olde Premises, Marji.

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FDA SACCHARIN BAN

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decision to kill him- or herself by drinking soda or putting artificial sweetener in the morning cup of coffee.

The saccharin issue is tailor-made for libertarian propagandists. Let's grab it before the supposedly anti-Big Government conservatives can. The public is ripe for the message that government has no right to protect the public from itself.
—ESR

CASSELLA'S NEW YORK

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author can match that record. In addition, both books, in paperback, continue to sell over 100,000 copies per year.

Leonard Piekoff has been giving a new series of lectures on Objectivism in New York City.

Here's one reader (me) who would love to see my Objectivism series renewed in these pages. Does my vote count?
—Robert T. Cassella

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Danielle Brison, a French (Strasbourg) journalist on French government regulations and the news media. Also, Ms. Brison will talk about other French institutions, bureaucracy, government and comparison with U.S. 7:30 P.M. Call (312) 935-0412 for further information. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham. Dinner group meets after talk. Chicago.

April 21 *Peninsula Libertarian Supper Club.*

Karl Bray speaking at 8:00 P.M. Cocktails at 6 P.M., dinner at 7 P.M. Dinner and lecture \$10, lecture only \$3.00. Checks to Janice Allen, P.O. Box 257, Cupertino, CA 95014 with reservations; call (408) 926-9803. At Dinah's Shack, 4269 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, California.

April 23-24 *Future of Freedom Libertarian Conference.*

Debate between Tom Hayden and David Friedman. Stars: Pavel Litvinov (Soviet dissident), Robert LeFevre, Nathaniel Branden, Norm Karlin, Harold Demsetz, John Hospers, and Jerome Tuccille. \$15 in advance to California Libertarian Alliance, 52 Sunset Avenue, Venice, CA 90291. \$20 at the door. Student admission \$7.50/12.00. Town and Gown Hall, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

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 30 *Salvationists and Unearthly Phenomena Investigative Society.*

Byron Marcossis lectures on "Unsuspected Events." Also talks by Eric Burtheim, David Alm, Tom McCarthy, and possibly Jay Kinney on subjects ranging from "Witchcraft and Magic Used as Implementations of War" to "Potential Yoruba Uprisings," "The Disinheritance of Eurasians," and "Primal Motives of Leaders" (notably Jefferson Thoreau). Scheduled for library building, although subject to change. No dues. Contact David R. Hollis, Jr., c/o The Lafayette Interstellars, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, Indiana 47904.

May 1 *Association of Libertarian Feminists Meeting.*

Contact Ann Kotell, 5 Elm St., #2, Acton, MA 01720. Boston.

May 3 *Libertarian Enterprises Discussion.*

"Parental Neglect of Children—Is It A Crime?" Williamson Evers. Social 7 P.M. Janice Allen (408) 926-9803 for price. 1910 Messina, San Jose, Calif.

May 5 *R.N.D. Seminars*

"The Basic Seminar in Free Market Economics." 5 week seminar by R.S. Radford begins tonight. Tuition \$50, two weeks in advance to R.N.D. Seminars, P.O. Box 5215, Long Beach, CA 90805. (213) 423-0179. Central/West Los Angeles.

|| *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.

May 5-8 *Biocentric Institute.*

"Self-Esteem and the Art of Being," a 40-hour Intensive with Nathaniel Branden, Ph.D. 7 P.M. Thursday to 11 P.M.; Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9-9. \$250 in advance to The Biocentric Institute, 9725 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90069.

May 6 *Libertarian Social Club.*

David Friedman on "Population, Resource Depletion and the Energy Crisis." Admission only, \$4 for adults, \$2 for full-time students. Dinner \$12.50/\$10.50. Reserve from LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., dinner 7:30 P.M., program 8:30-11 P.M., social 11 midnight. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), McLean, Virginia, Washington D.C. area.

|| *Libertarian Heritage Series.* "Auberon Herbert and Free Life" with Charles Hamilton. 7:00 P.M. Reservations (212) 553-6000. Center for Libertarian Studies, 200 Park Avenue S., Suite 911, New York City.

May 7 *Baltimore Libertarian Social Club.*

David Friedman on "Socialism, Limitations, and the Future of Libertarianism." 7:30 P.M. dinner. Contact Washington LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308 for more information. Holiday Inn 2, Glen Burnie, Maryland.

May 9 *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.*

Topic to be announced. Reservations required in advance from Linda Abrams at (213) 657-2272 or 10368 Ashton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. 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 north of Sunset), Los Angeles.

May 10 *Libertarian Enterprises Discussion:*

"Is There a Role for Anti-Trust in a Market Economy?" Rudy Gonzalez. Social 7 P.M. Discussion 7:30. Janice Allen (408) 926-9803 for price. 1910 Messina, San Jose, California.

May 11 *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.*

Lawrence Gale on "Life Extension and Cryonics." Reservation required in advance for supper (\$7.50) for supper for Linda Abrams at (213) 657-2272 or 10368 Ashton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. 7:15 P.M. for dinner, 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block North of Sunset), Los Angeles.

May 12 *Forum for Philosophical Studies*

J. Neil Schulman on Robert A. Heinlein, with authorized tape interview 7:30 P.M. \$4. 6725 Sunset Blvd., Suite 500 (just East of Highland), Hollywood.

May 12-15 *Society for Individual Liberty.*

"Four Day Trip to Freeport in the Grand Bahamas." \$219.00 for SIL members. \$259.00 for others. Includes air transportation, Holiday Inn room with double beds, parties, etc. \$50 deposit required in advanced, balance by April 29. Reservations (703) 780-6065; SIL, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Freeport, Bahamas.

May 13 *Peninsula Libertarian Supper Club.*

"The Free Port: Antiquity to Modern Times." Alvin Rabushka. Reservations by April 29th, checks to Libertarian Enterprises, P.O. Box 257, Cupertino, CA 95014. Dinner \$10, lecture only \$4. \$5 "tax" if bought at the door. No host cocktails 6 P.M., dinner 7 P.M., lecture 8 P.M. Dinah's Shack, 4269 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, California.

May 24 *Libertarian Enterprises Film:*

"The Incredible Bread Machine." Social 7 P.M., Film 7:30 P.M. Janice Allen (408) 926-9803 for price. 1910 Messina, San Jose, California.

May 27 *Society for Libertarian Life*

Robert LeFevre speaking in Lecture Hall W101, Santa Ana College. 7:30 P.M. \$2. More information: (714) 526-1873. Orange County, California.

June 10 *Libertarian Social Club of D.C.*

"The Fountainhead." Ayn Rand's film. \$4 for program only; \$12.50/\$10.50 dinners. Cocktails 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Program 8:30 P.M. 11 P.M. social 11-midnight. Reservations to LSC 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, Virginia. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), from 9th use exit 11N going South, McLean, Virginia Washington area.

June 13 *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.*

"Gradualism" Debate twixt George H. Smith and a Partyarch champion (to be chosen). Reservations required in advance from Linda Abrams at (213) 657-2272 or 10368 Ashton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. If overflow crowd, site may not be the usual: 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). May not be at Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block north of Sunset), Los Angeles.

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 considered as "libertarian activities" will be rejected.

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BIGGEST LIBERTARIAN CON EVER EXPECTED!

"Future Of Freedom" Looks Bright

(April 11 || Los Angeles) Organizers of the "Future of Freedom" Libertarian Conference, to be held this weekend [see page seven], appeared at the Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles to give a preview. Old movement hands look for a record turnout, judging by the successful track records of Messers Dana Rohrabacher and Shawn Steel.

Rohrabacher sang several songs, old and new, to a packed turnout at the Supper Club, before his spiel for the Con. Particularly well received were "Makhno's Army" and "Roadblock" (formerly "1984" when published in *NLN*.)

Other tunes interspersed with Dana's folksy anarchopatter, included "Individual Man," "You Can Count on the People," "Why Can't They See," and a couple of non-libertarian songs, the humorous "Barracha in Old Mexico" and the thoughtful "Crossroads." He also read the lyrics to "Prague Spring," while he was explaining his background to those unfamiliar with the early days of the libertarian movement when he was the star activist from the stormy, glory-filled St. Louis Convention of 1969.

Rohrabacher's talk was a curious mixture of wryness and apologia, the latter arising from his awareness of the disapproval of much of the audience to his recent return to political activity. The "purists," as he called them, had been his circle of allies, and many turned out to hear him again, including Robert and Loy LeFevre, Samuel Edward Konkin III, Riqui Leon and Sy Leon who introduced Dana.

Dana talked about his work for the Reagan for President Campaign, and



during question period, his campaign for the Na-Griamel Party of the New Hebrides, with several humorous anecdotes. He noted how the organizers of the past California Libertarian Conferences had been busy with other concerns for the past three years, and how he, Shawn, and others decided it was time to revive them, and if successful, continue them on a regular basis.

Shawn Steel provided *NLW* with an advance, but tentative, look at the

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Big Names At Wilson Benefit

(April 17 || Berkeley) Former Black Panther Party leader Eldridge Cleaver and Timothy Leary appeared at a benefit for Luna Wilson, a murdered High School student and daughter of speculative libertarian Robert Anton Wilson. Ms. Wilson was killed October 4 at the age of 15 [see *NLW* 45].

The benefit was to finance the preservation of Ms. Wilson's brain until the "information," as Dr. Paul Segall, Director of Research at the Bay Area Cryonics Society called it, can be reconstructed from her brain, and recreate her. This case is a practical application of R.A. Wilson in his own life of his (and Leary's) belief in Life Extension.

Other speakers at the immortality benefit included underground columnist Paul Krassner, Wavy Gravy ("Nobody for President" clown), and novelist Alan Harrington (*The Immortalist*). There was also performances by rock group Winds of Ice, disco dancers, psychiatrist and singer Tod Mikuriya, M.D., and an educational slideshow on life extension by Trans-Time Inc.

The benefit was called "A Celebration of Life and Life Extension" and held at the Berkeley Community Theatre from 7 P.M. to midnight. The proceeds from the \$5 tickets were divided among the Luna Wilson Immortality Fund, Earth People's Park (a community-service organization managing the benefit) and the establishment of a longevity-immortality laboratory in the Bay Area. ■

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ALF HOT FLASHES FROM SHARON PRESLEY

(March 31 || New York) An SF Bay Area ALF [Association of Libertarian Feminists] meeting was held April 8 at the home of Janice Allen [Libertarian Enterprises, Peninsula Libertarian Supper Club] in San Jose. For info about further mailings, write Janice at P.O. Box 257, Cupertino, CA 95014.

Boston Area ALF meets Friday May 1 [see Calendar] and New York City area meeting is sometime in May, date to be set. Topic: "Men's Liberation, Feminism and Libertarianism." Contact me for further information: Sharon Presley, 206 Mercer St., New York, NY 10012.

ALF will be represented at the Future of Freedom Conference April 23-24, including a feminist panel and literature table. For further information, contact Diane Hunter Smith, 3045 Hollycrest Dr., Hollywood, CA 90068. —Sharon Presley

NLAer BLASTS WELFARE IN CONNECTICUT

(March 24 || Willimantic) David M. Brooks III appeared before a federal hearing of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare which is to submit recommendations for welfare reform to U.S. President James Carter. Brooks is an active New Libertarian Ally, and appeared for the "Libertarian Action and Free Trade Association."

Brooks attacked the foundation of the system as plunder, and contrasted charity with welfare on the basis of coercion. Accompanying Brooks was Roger Morin who proclaimed "Welfare is Theft" by a sign as Brooks stressed to the committee that welfare "cannot be reformed, only abolished."

Brooks and Morin received coverage in the *Willimantic Chronicle* of March 24, the *Norwich Bulletin* of March 25 and the *Hartford Courant* of March 25. All the stories focused on Brooks and Morin over the social agency representatives at the statist hearings. ■

LIBS BREAK THROUGH

(March 20 || Lanham) A small but

enthusiastic group of activists converged on the Lanham, Maryland, Ramada Inn for the Libertarian Breakthrough Conference on March 19-20. A wide variety of interests was represented: tax rebels of at least three different schools, retreatists, financial survivalists, constitutional reformers, local political activists, direct-mail specialists, occultists and occultism debunkers—and even new-country enthusiasts (the holder of all of the unissued Minervan currency).

Throughout the conference, there were usually at least two discussion groups going, one in the meeting room and one in the motel lobby. Dinner in the restaurant started just after adjournment on the 19th at 6 P.M., and lasted until well after nine.

All manner of schemes were schemed, including plans to indict government officials for their many misdeeds. Much exchanging of addresses went on, along with information about which radio talk-show hosts were sympathetic to which approaches to action, which lawyers were reliable and which ripoffs, and other nuts-and-bolts savvy essential to successful action programs.

The entire affair was tied together with a running series of talks surveying recent thinking inside and outside libertarian circles to get discussion started on each topic in turn. Some thought is being given to doing something similar on the West Coast, perhaps next spring. —Filthy Pierre

LFAVE MEETS L.A. LIBS

(April 14 || Los Angeles) Appearing at the Forum for Philosophical Studies Kenneth LaFave and his wife Libby met several well-known Los Angeles area-libertarians. LaFave's lecture was on "Sense of Life and the Integrity of Experience," including discussion on his forte, musical aesthetics.

The L.A. crowd was not a picture of health, however. Jeff Riggensbach had an arm in a sling from an operation, Diane Hunter Smith experienced whiplash after-effects, a newcomer from Long Beach had a bandaged nose, and even Forum hostess Wendy McElroy announced she was "sick of psychology."

The movement somehow managed to make it to the usual post-meeting watering hole without any further casualties. ■

DEATH IN FAMILY

(April 7 || Los Angeles) The *Los Angeles Times* reported the death of Patricia Wynant Branden, 37, wife of objectivist-libertarian psychologist Nathaniel Branden. She was apparently found floating in the swimming pool. —Phil Osborn

GREY MARKET BUSES?

(March 9 || ZNS) It's a case of the grey rabbit beating out the greyhound.

Officials of the Greyhound Bus Company have confirmed reports of the company's spying on a tiny alternative cross-country bus line based in Berkeley, California.

The bus line, called the Grey Rabbit, runs an informal coast-to-coast service for about half of Greyhound's standard cost. The buses also offer what company staffers call "three days of communal living." Most Grey Rabbit buses have their seats removed and replaced by cushions and pillows, resembling one huge bus-sized bed.

Now, however, Greyhound Bus officials in Phoenix are confirming reports that they have filed complaints with the Interstate Commerce Commission in efforts to stop the competing transit line. Greyhound charges the Grey Rabbit has no I.C.C. license and says it is taking away business.

Greyhound also admitted it had hired private agents to spy on and take pictures of the Grey Rabbit accommodations. ■

EPISTOLARY

NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS

Dear Sam: March 26, 1977

Only thing of great interest to me, in #67, is Michael Moslow's article—not only is it SF related, but expresses some opinions that need to be expressed. For example, what's happening to the science fiction field, why is it sinking out of sight, and whatever became of *Orbit*, *SF Digest*, *SF Plus*, and entertaining magazines of this sort.

Moslow seems to revere the type of old science fiction magazines that published pictures of space ships, articles on Psionics machines, the fine and cleanly-wrought mysteries of Richard S. Shaver, and first published stories by Richard Geis, Jack Woodford,

Satan Mufti, and Otto Greenshaw. I've seen people like Moslow showing their favorite magazines around at conventions, and *Startling* and *TWS* are always there in their left hands to be shown after all the others and after the tumult and laughter have died, as "too good to be mentioned just at first." He ignores something about both magazines—the strange availability that governed both. Never could you tell by looking at a magazine store whether they would be stocking these two magazines or not, and occasionally a copy of one or the other would drift through a familiar newsstand and then disappear forever, or perhaps to recur a year or so later. (Only recently I saw a *Weird Tales*, a magazine of that general genre, appear in a newsstand, but I never did see a follow-up issue.)

What about the established magazines? H.L. Gold's onetime *Galaxy* was such an example. David Moreau Thornstein's *Worlds of Wonder* another. Did Mike ever see one of these? Or what about Mort Sahl's *Future Sense*? These magazines had *budget*, which is something that most magazines lack—small wonder they have their vagaries.

As for Roger Elwood, his means of supporting a magazine are easy to see. Get enough of the boys together, get a little mead or other potable, fill the tub with brank-water, and just pile it together; it distributes itself. I doubt if his magazines have had any of the same readership for two successive issues. Of such successes are things like the *Kubla Khandry* and the *Phoenix* bid formed.

John Thiel
Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Sam: April 1, 1977

That 68 was a fine issue, a ball, but three items in it distressed me (aside from that gigantic Theo Bikel orgy of Yiddish folksongs called *Jews vs PLO*). One was the item about the Xerox, which reminds me that this noble invention is also being used for pluperfect copies of folks' journals, leaving numerous people with the impression that they belong to organizations which never heard of them. Since many of the journals I refer to have the status of government documents or communiques, the upheaval has some fine effects on the social structure.

Then the poll by the Roper Organization (is this Steve Roper?). Politics has recently been equated with sin by no one less than Karl Menninger—not more sinful than other activities, just sinful *per se* and *ergo sum*. Thus we're apt to hear less evasive language in the near future.

Finally the item about politicos

getting caught. Yes, they're being rounded right up out of the Nixon administration (as witness that fine book by Charles Colson, *Born Again*. Colson was Nixon's hatchet man). But as for who is the motivating influence in this roundup, no one knows. There is a group still existent who dispute Nixon's impeachment and expulsion from office, including the very concept of it.

Meanwhile we have for reference a book by Abraham A. Low, M.D. detailing *Recovery Technique*. Should work pretty well on the nation.

All the best,

Eric Katz

Crawfordsville, Indiana

Dear Mr. Konkin: April 1, 1977

I can't tell you how happy I was to read the news item in the *New Libertarian Weekly* for April 3, 1977 concerning the new concept of a "high"—that item entitled "A 'Riggenbach Rush'?" This seems to me to be something anybody should be interested in.

The item is highly reminiscent of an unfortunately not-too-widely-viewed film which was distributed a number of years back called "Cult of the Cobra." This film showed various people, including American soldiers, fooling around with a cult which involved keeping cobras in hemp-woven baskets and using them in ritual ceremonies, including snake-charming, that is, playing a flute-like instrument while the cobra rises swaying out of the basket, to the entertainment and other varying emotions of spectators.

The bite of the cobra is, of course, death, and fascination with a cobra in view of this fact would be fascination with death, in this case in an undulant form. The cobra cult is in the center of a vast conspiracy in India to get rid of undesirables in a silent and mysterious fashion. So great is the fascination these practices exert on people from other countries that see them, that I am not surprised to see reports about similar activities in Paris.

I wrote to fanzine publisher Elst Weinstein of Hollywood about this practice, and I will certainly hope he prints the letter. As for my letter to you, I hope that you too will print it, and that you do not regard it as being too serious to print. I think a subject like this is of strong interest to people with such beliefs as the libertarians, and I think knowledge of such practices should be made open. Anyone who has a good imagination can imagine the influence this sort of thing can have all over the earth. Remember, no man is an island.

I could add, too, that if you've ever seen a motion picture called *Them* you

get a good portrait, fictional though the movie may be, of how glad people involved in such experiences are to have them found out.

Carole Chayne Lewis
West Lafayette, Indiana

[Do I detect an SF club in Lafayette, Indiana? If you people really are trying to get the hang of libertarianism, may I suggest that you join Frefanzine (see **Black Market** or write Vic Koman, Box 94, Long Beach, CA 90801) and also write *Laissez Faire Books*, 206 Mercer Street, New York, NY 10012 for their list of recommended introductory list. TANSTAAFL & FIAWOL, kids! "SEK3] Goodfan Konkin, March 24, 1977

I was surprised and pleased to read Michael Moslow's "Books to Burn" in *New Libertarian Weekly* 67. Goodfan Moslow writes with striking perceptivity and power on the decline and fall of prozines since 1960, and while the prognosis he provides as an envoi—the eventual eclipse of the prozine—is unpleasant to contemplate, it is unmistakably possible. Even probable.

Nonetheless, there might be some way to salvage the prozine market, possibly via the alliance of SF magazines with major SF publishers. If Ballantine books could acquire *Analog*, for example, or *Galaxy*, it would enable the company to experiment with new authors and artists, develop new story formats and, perhaps most importantly, acquire the "voodoo value," the mystique, of the magazine's respectable name. God knows, after seeing Ballantine's Del Rey line of SF (mostly retreads like Gordon Dickson's *Mission to Universe* and Anne McCaffrey's *Restoree*) you can't deny that SF needs infusions of new blood; we can't survive on reprints of Ace Doubles forever.

If possible, the prozines should be preserved. They provide the beginning writer with ready access to editorial opinion. They are an important market for such novices to test their strengths in, and they allow for greater diversity of form and content than could hardback or paperback anthologies. Their passing would be more than a matter of "...sorry you had to go, drop dead;" it would significantly reduce the variety of expression that figures large in the peculiar genre that is science fiction.

And yes, by God, it was a fucking good year!

Rich Bartucci
Kansas City, Missouri

[The market seems to have decided against zine-book mergers, Rich, though if they lacked the idea before, they have it now. But Mike wrote his column just before two new prozines came out, one of which looks promising. —SEK3]

'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

That Parental Support Duty: Libertarian Imperative by George Steven Swan

Phillip Osborn's "Kid Lib" (NLW 55 January 2, 1977) denies that parents are bound to support their children. This is a disappointing compromise with self-indulgent radical chic. Real, hardcore libertarianism provides for a parental support duty in even the most difficult of child support areas: pregnancy.

As Nobel laureate Dr. Friedrich A. Hayek points out in *The Constitution of Liberty*:

Deception, like coercion, is a form of manipulating the data on which a person counts, in order to make him do what the deceiver wants him to do. Where it is successful, the deceived becomes in the same manner the unwilling tool, serving another man's ends without advancing his own. Though we have no single word [aggression—G.S.S.] to cover both, all we have said of coercion applies equally to fraud and deception.

The following examples seem to embody Dr. Hayek's delineation of fraud.

A. Boater freely invites Nonswimmer "for a boatride in the harbor;" Boater is silent about a ride back. Nonswimmer innocently accepts. One mile into the lonely, shark-infested harbor, Boater on pure impulse orders Nonswimmer off his boat.

Nonswimmer has the right to remain despite the order, because Boater freely has directly placed Nonswimmer in a dependent position, dependence to Nonswimmer's detriment should the dependence fail. To deny Nonswimmer's right constitutes fraud as manipulation of the context on which Nonswimmer innocently depends, making Nonswimmer do what Boater wants him to do. Were Boater successful, Nonswimmer would become involuntarily a tool, serving Boater's ends without advancing Nonswimmer's own.

B. Boater, who knows Nonswimmer, a sleepwalker, even awake can barely resist cookies, freely leaves a tray of cookies in his beached boat, where Boater knows their aroma wafts through Nonswimmer's bedroom window. Nonswimmer, sleepwalking, helplessly follows the scent into the boat, and eats the cookies. He only wakes hours later, when the risen tide

has swept the boat deep into the harbor. Boater, through a bullhorn from the beach, orders Nonswimmer off his boat.

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C. Mother engages freely in intercourse, actively placing Unborn baby in a situation of vital dependence upon her. Mother decides to abort Unborn.

Mother has not expressly contracted with Unborn to provide life support; neither in Example A had Boater expressly contracted with Nonswimmer for a return trip. Mother has not formally contracted with Unborn at all; neither in Example B had Boater formally contracted with Nonswimmer at all. Unborn was not even conscious of his dependent relationship when it first obtained—he can realize it only later; neither in Example B was Nonswimmer even conscious of his dependent relationship when it first obtained—he could realize it only later. Mother had no prior intent to deny Unborn her womb; neither in Example A had Boater a prior intent to deny Nonswimmer his boat for the ride back.

Unborn has the right to remain, despite Mother's decision, because Mother freely has directly placed Unborn in a dependent position, dependence to Unborn's detriment should the dependence fail. To deny Unborn's right constitutes fraud as manipulation of the context on which Unborn innocently depends, making Unborn do what Mother wants him to do. Were Mother successful, Unborn would become involuntarily a tool, serving Mother's ends without advancing Unborn's own.

These cases differ from many familiar instances of dependence which do not equal contract, the violation of which is fraud. In the typical case (peanut vendor "depends" on a win-

ning team to attract crowds) the dependent freely assumed the risk that he would fail to serve his own ends. Fraud negates this freedom possibility.

In Example A, Nonswimmer reasonably expected a ride back; Boater's machinations directly made it impossible for Nonswimmer freely to take a risk Boater freely led him to think nonexistent. Examples B and C, thanks directly to the freely-chosen deeds of others, encompass no opportunity for the dependents to freely decide anything (at least if sleepers and fetuses are not deemed decision-makers).

Mr. Osborn's argument that, since the baby didn't exist before conception, his support is a revocable gift chargeable for by the parents, is ridiculous for a libertarian. Even if he is correct that the no longer supported baby is no worse off than before support began, his contention fails. Plenty of parties to contract would, were the contract violated, be no worse off than originally; these contracts still must be honored.

Agrees Dr. Tibor Machan in *Human Rights and Human Liberties*: "[E]ven if one has a child 'by accident' that action imposes upon a person responsibilities that *ought* to have been acknowledged at the outset." (Italics of Machan) Seemingly, Dr. Robert Nozick's *Anarchy, State and Utopia* goes much farther: "An existing person has claims, even against those whose purpose in creating him was to violate those claims."

The pregnancy contract often is evaded by defining the unborn as subhuman. That unborn babies are human beings is a scientific fact, not an opinion in political theory; libertarian embryologist Dr. Thomas Johnson of Virginia's Mary Washington College has demonstrated this. To Mr. Osborn's credit, his discussion of prenatal physiology seems to recognize this hard reality. A is A.

—George Steven Swan

In Answer to George Swan: by Phil Osborn

I spent seven hours rereading your letter and wrote five separate replies and finally decided to seek advisement. So I gave it to Ken Gregg, who is well read in Dr. Hayek, thinking that perhaps there was an alien semantic thought structure here. Ken read it carefully several times over a week's period and concluded that you were just another anti-abortionist whose fuse I had lit and who was now merrily "sputtering and popping off." Sorry, but I can't see that you've raised a valid argument concerning any of

my conclusions. Since I make no claim to understand what I suspect to be an inconsistent, or non-existent argument, the following criticisms deal with specific points out of context.

First, "duty" is an anti-egoistic concept involving placing some "moral imperative" above one's own survival and happiness. Second, I don't consider "self-indulgent" a pejorative. Third, since you can't "place" a non-existent, Mother did not "place" Unborn through intercourse. "Unborn," by the way, is a beautiful example of semantic manipulation which appears to fit the definition of deception you gave to a T. Fourth, I don't consider the *potentially* human early fetus to be human. The most essential characteristic of a human is his capacity for rationality—his volition. An adult *homo sapiens* has more in common with a chimpanzee, a dolphin, or Rand's "intelligent spider from Mars" than he has with a young fetus. Don't assume I'm trying to use the "sub-human" argument to make my original point; however, I just don't like to be misconstrued. Fifth, I can't see any point in arguments from authority.

Finally, my original point about parental responsibility dealt with any child at any age. It rested upon the assumption that "need" was not a valid moral claim on the life of others. As far as I can see, in order to refute my point, you must show that either 1) there is a special category of moral imperative which can be derived from the standard of life as a human being and which implies that supporting the child is *always* more valuable than abandoning it, or 2) that providing prior support creates a moral obligation to provide future support, or 3) that the entirety of support was the child's property to begin with from some point of development. I would be happy to discover I was in error, but I want *proof*. —Phil Osborn

memorable stories (Heinlein's "Year of The Jackpot" and Niven's "Inconstant Moon" come to mind) that it's a shame this story fails. The basic flaw? Nicholas Richmond thinks and feels, but he doesn't act. And a story of this kind needs a protagonist who acts, if we are to care about him. There are other flaws which wouldn't matter if the story were more soundly constructed. The style is too obviously literary, the placing of women in "men's jobs" a bit obtrusive, and there's an uneasy combination of "hard science" and the super-natural. (Like peanut butter and ketchup sandwiches, this combining must be done carefully and still won't be to many tastes.)

Nuclear Run, William E. Cochrane. The environmentalists have gotten so many restrictions put on nuclear power that the fuel must be smuggled in. Otherwise, no electric power would be available. It would seem more efficient to use the normal processes of corruption; or to build nuclear plants a few inches across the border and import the power. Leaving that aside, Cochrane leans too heavily on the analogy with Prohibition—though he doesn't carry it as far as exemptions for sacramental plutonium.

E-Dep, Eric Vinicoff. A profession has arisen which requires going into the minds of the dying.

Portions of this Program, Dean Ing. Adventure story based on the assumption that autism is partly a psi phenomenon.

Crown of Thorns, Alan Brennert. A President who may be inspired by God—or by something rather different. The opening sentence is excellent; the mystery situation is good. But as too often happens, the explanation of the mystery is nowhere near as good. And Brennert's knowledge of politics seems to come from reading rather than participation—like war, this subject is best left to those who have been in line of fire. A minor flaw that amused me: Brennert has fallen for Hunter Thompson's Ibogaine hoax.

Editorial, Ben Bova. Forthcoming changes: higher cover price, AnLab to be dropped, higher payment to frequent contributors. (This last bothers me. I would prefer that Bova had put more emphasis on payment for the best stories, rather than most frequent contributors.) Photos and capsule biographies of SF pros. And a venture into SF recordings.

Is Something Wrong With the Sun? Margaret L. Silbar

Is the Sun a Normal Star? Dr. John Gribbin. These two articles come to the same conclusion: the Sun is ill, but we need not worry for some millions

of years.

Political Science, Jeff Rovin. Rovin sent questions on American scientific and technological policy to former President Ford—and got answers amounting to "don't know."

FANTASY & SF February 77

In the Hall of the Martian Kings, John Varley. An expedition stranded on Mars begins to find rather improbable forms of life. Varley makes its existence plausible. Better yet, he has people one can care about, complex enough to be believable. (Not, apparently, part of the future history in which most of Varley's stories are laid.)

How Dorothy Kept Away the Spring, Joanna Russ. A little girl who doesn't much care for life.

Upstart, Stephen Utley. A Gordon Dickson story done in Barry Malzberg's style. Funny as Hell.

Dream Fighter, Bob Shaw. Boxers have been replaced by mutants who fight with illusions. It's one of the oldest boxing stories, turned into a mutant story from the Forties or Fifties. Well enough told that it works—barely.

Tiki, L. Sprague de Camp. Willy Newbury runs into another supernatural menace.

Lunatic At Large, Ron Goulart. Another Jose Silvera story. Those who like Goulart will like it. Those who share my opinion of his work had best avoid this.

The Pale Brown Thing (serial, 2nd of 2 parts), Fritz Leiber. The loose ends I feared Leiber would never tie up turn out to be essential plot-threads. This will probably be the best fantasy novel—and very likely best fantasy story of any length—this year. And it may be Leiber's best work yet. (Still, it does sag in the middle.)

Asimov's Corollary, Isaac Asimov. Why, when the public rallies around a scientifically disreputable idea, it is usually wrong.

FANTASTIC February 1977

The Figurine, L. Sprague de Camp. Willy Newbury, with the help of a Guatemalan idol, triumphs over a mob of campus radicals. De Camp makes a mistake he warned against in 1947: "Nor should a joke, to be effective, deal with any matter about which either the joker or the reader feel too strongly." ("Humor in Science Fiction," in *Of World Beyond*, ed. Lloyd Eshbach).

By that rule, de Camp should have left confrontation between a staunchly conventional banker and staunchly unconventional students alone. Many



PROZINES by Cain Smith

ANALOG February 1977

Particle Theory, Edward Bryant. A man saved from certain-fatal cancer learns that the sun will explode. Bryant is a good enough writer, and the theme has produced enough

readers will identify strongly with one side or the other. And de Camp himself—leaving aside his support of American intervention in Vietnam and distrust of mind-altering drugs—is a lifelong opponent of the irrationalities which students went in for during the late Sixties.

Judas Story, Brian M. Stableford. Our old friend, the rock star who is supernaturally evil.

Red River Lies Drowning, C.L. Grant. A returned soldier's foreign sweetheart is dead, but not quite gone. The war was in Viet Nam—but with the sweetheart's nationality and a few other details changed, this might have been written about WW I.

The Apprentice, Dave Bischoff. An old vampire-killer reluctantly persuaded to come out of retirement and train an apprentice. The vampire killers are dislikeable enough that I rooted for the vampires. This seems to be the author's intent.

Buried Silver, Dennis More. Part of the Felimed series. Fine swordplay and sorcery in post-Roman Britain. More appears to know the era and place well enough to write accurate historical fiction with no supernatural elements if he cared to. And his style is meant to be readable—not to remind of Howard, Lovecraft or Smith.

The Stuff of Legend, Susan Doenim. The gods who interfered in the Trojan War were really aliens.

Miasmas, William Nabors. This *might* be meant as a parody of literary-quarterly fantasy; but was probably written in dead seriousness.

Re-Entry, Barry N. Malzberg. "This is a new Malzberg story" says the blurb. The style is easier to get through than Malzberg's old serious-writing style. The action is murky enough to make up for that.

In Brightest Day, In Darkest Night, Stephen Utley. The protagonist has gone mad reading superhero comics.

Editorial, Ted White. Mostly an attack on Robert Heinlein. Aside from questions of taste, I wonder why it offended White to hear Heinlein express views he's given in print at least since 1912.

The Fantasy Interview: Lin Carter, Darrell Schweitzer. Like many other writers, Lin Carter knows more about writing than he's apparently able to use. Some immensely valuable advice here. —Cain Smith

HUMOR by David M. Brooks Hunting Season

(Hartford, Connecticut) The Speaker of the House said today that the

passage of Bill 3059 was "a fluke, a horrible mistake. Nobody knew what they were voting on. It was the last day of the legislative session and nobody had read any of the bills. It happens every year. Anyway, one of the staff members got the Bill number mixed up and nobody noticed it. Apparently the Bill was introduced as a joke. Some joke. They've already shot Representative Jones."

The bill, which provides for the hunting of politicians, tax-collectors, and top level, appointed state officials with either bow and arrow or shotgun, either shot or slugs. The Bill also provides for bag limits.

Representative William R. Jones (D), a long-time anti-gun advocate, was the first victim of the new law. He is reported in poor condition in a private, unnamed clinic.

The Governor's car has been shot at several times, but so far the Governor remains uninjured. Two hunters were arrested on the charge of damaging state property.

Governor Grasso said in an official statement today that she is "appalled by every aspect of this situation. Even as a joke it is sick. And to think it got through both houses, and across my desk. I don't have time to read every piece of legislation. This situation proves the need for laws. People will do anything if it's legal."

State Gaming officials were also surprised by the new law. One complained that the new law would add tremendously to their burden. "We needed a budget increase before, now we really need one." —DMB

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program with its high-powered attractions. Naturally, at press time, the program is liable to last-minute changes.

Saturday

8:00 A.M.	Doors Open, Registration
9:00 A.M.	Program begins
9:15-9:45 A.M.	John Hospers on Philosophy
9:45-10:15 A.M.	John A. Pugsley, Invest. Economist
10:30-12:00 P.M.	Workshops
12:00-1:00 P.M.	Lunch Break
1:00-2:00 P.M.	Jerry Pournelle, SF Writer
2:00-3:00 P.M.	Pavel Litvinov, Soviet Dissident
3:00-4:00 P.M.	Workshops
4:00-6:00 P.M.	Debate: Tom Hayden vs David Friedman
8:00 P.M.	Films, Party

Sunday

9:00 A.M.	Doors open
9:30-10:15 A.M.	John J. Matonis
10:15-10:45 A.M.	Robert LeFevre
10:45-11:15 A.M.	Poul Anderson
12:00-1:00 P.M.	Lunch Break
1:00-2:00 P.M.	Workshops
2:00-3:00 P.M.	Jerome Tuccille
3:00-4:00 P.M.	Prof. Norm Karlin
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- April 23-24 Future of Freedom Libertarian Conference.** See ad on page seven and front-page story. Town and Gown Hall, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.
- 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 Avenue, New York City.
- April 30 Salvationists and Unearthly Phenomena Investigative Society.** Byron Marcossis lectures on "Unsuspected Events." Also talks by Eric Burtheim, David Alm, Tom McCarthy, and possibly Jay Kinney on subjects ranging from "Witchcraft and Magic Used as Implementations of War" to "Potential Yoruba Uprisings," "The Disinheritance of Eurasians," and "Primal Motives of Leaders" (notably Jefferson Thoreau). Scheduled for library building, although subject to change. No dues. Contact David R. Hollis, Jr., c/o The Lafayette Interstellars, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, Indiana 47904.

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- 664, Elmhurst, IL 60126. (312) 279-6568. Holiday Inn, Mannheim and Higgins, (O'Hare Airport), Chicago.
- May 1 Association of Libertarian Feminists Meeting.** Contact Ann Kotell, 5 Elm St., #2, Acton, MA 01720. Boston.
- May 3 Libertarian Enterprises Discussion.** "Parental Neglect of Children—Is It A Crime?" Williamson Evers. Social 7 P.M. Janice Allen (408) 926-9803 for price. 1910 Messina, San Jose, Calif.
- May 5 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.
- May 5-8 Biocentric Institute:** "Self-Esteem and the Art of Being," a 40-hour Intensive with Nathaniel Branden, Ph.D. 7 P.M. Thursday to 11 P.M.; Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9-9. \$250 in advance to The Biocentric Institute, 9725 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90069.
- May 6 Libertarian Social Club.** David Friedman on "Population, Resource Depletion and the Energy Crisis." Admission only, \$4 for adults, \$2 for full-time students. Dinner \$12.50/\$10.50. Reserve from LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., dinner 7:30 P.M., program 8:30-11 P.M., social 11-midnight. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), McLean, Virginia, Washington, D.C. Area. || **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.
- May 7 Baltimore Libertarian Social Club.** David Friedman on "Socialism, Limited Government and the Future of Libertarianism." \$9.95 dinner. Contact Washington LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308 for more information. Holiday Inn 2, Glen Burnie, Maryland.
- May 9 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** Lawrence Gale on "Life Extension and Cryonics." Reservation required in advance for supper (\$7.50) for supper from Linda Abrams at (213) 657-2272 or 10368 Ashton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. 7:15 P.M. for dinner, 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block North of Sunset), Los Angeles.
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- May 12 Forum for Philosophical Studies** 17. J. Neil Schulman on Robert A. Heinlein, with authorized tape interview. 7:30 P.M. \$4. 6725 Sunset Blvd., Suite 500 (just East of Highland), Hollywood.
- May 12-15 Society for Individual Liberty.** "Four Day Trip to Freeport in the Grand Bahamas." \$219.00 for SIL members, \$259.00 for others. Includes air transportation, Holiday Inn room with double beds, parties, etc. \$50 deposit required in advance, balance by April 29. Reservations (703) 780-7605; SIL, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Freeport, Bahamas.
- May 13 Peninsula Libertarian Supper Club.** "The Free Port: Antiquity to Modern Times." Alvin Rabushka. Reservations by April 29th, checks to Libertarian Enterprises, P.O. Box 257, Cupertino, CA 95014. Dinner \$10, lecture only \$4. \$5 "tax" if bought at the door. No host cocktails 6 P.M., dinner 7 P.M., lecture 8 P.M. Dinah's Shack, 4269 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, California.
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- May 27 Society for Libertarian Life** Robert LeFevre speaking in Lecture Hall W101, Santa Ana College. 7:30 P.M. \$2. More information: (714) 526-1873. Orange County, California.

- June 10 Libertarian Social Club of D.C.** *The Fountainhead*, Ayn Rand's film. \$4 for program only; \$12.50/\$10.50 dinners. Cocktails 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Program 8:30 P.M.-11 P.M. Social 11-midnight. Reservations to LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), from 495 use exit 11N going South, McLean, Virginia. Washington area.
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- June 16-18 National Committee for Monetary Reform Conference.** Price and time from NCMR, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, Louisiana. Con in Bermuda.

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"LIBERTARIAN" PARTY OF AUSTRALIA FOLDS! National Workers Party Dissolved!

by John Zube

(April 4 || Berrima) The Australian libertarian party (Worker's Party) has just been split into state groups only, the national headquarters disappearing, and adopted another name and other platforms. Only the principle remained unchanged.

The platform of the Queensland branch of the Progress Party is in some respects better than that of the Worker's Party was, although it comes out only in favour of limited government. It's authorized by V.R. Forbes, who is also FEE's local representative.

Greg Lindsay, David Hart, Robert Gowin, John Curvers and Duvian Yuille dropped out of the party, but Bob Howard is still working on a new platform. The WP split and name change and dissolution of the national directorate had to happen just when I had three of its four directors interested in my finance plan [see *NLW*].

Reasons among others for dissatisfaction with the Workers Party were insufficient internal discussion, authoritarian structure, avoidance of controversial points, favouring nuclear reactors, uranium mining and nuclear strength without any worthwhile knowledge on the subject, or caring to acquire it, either; the disinterest of most members in literature, and the many prejudices represented among the members.

My *ABC Against Nuclear War and Peace Plans* I might as well have tried to sell to illiterates as party members. None of the local members here, for instance, does any reading; they gladly leave it all to me.

The worst was probably the almost total lack of advanced libertarian discussion among the party members and within the party framework. Not that there was any outside of it, either; all energies were taken up.

Since then Marilyn Rose Fairsky and Greg Lindsay have started a libertarian dinner club in Sydney which had its first meeting in March with Sudha Shenoy speaking. It is true, some libertarian thoughts have been temporarily brought to the attention of most Australians by means of the Workers Party—but probably with no more effect than mentioning some rat bag religion in some Sunday Supplements of the daily papers.

We are going to have our first academic libertarian and Australia-wide congress at Macquarie University on April 16th/17th due to the organizational efforts of Greg Lindsay and his Center for Independent Studies, P.O. Box 32, Turramurra, NSW 2074. Its transcripts can be ordered for \$4.50.

[This article was edited from a much longer letter to editor *SEK*. A couple of biographical sentences are appended to introduce North American libertarians to their remarkable Australian ally, John Zube. —*SEK*]

I was without a nationality when I was born in 1933—the Nazis did my parents the honour of excommunicating them, and I have been living in Australia since 1959. Some international consciousness-raising has been my aim with my peace plans series since 1964.

—John Zube

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MORE LETTERS

The epistolical deluge continues

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MORE NEWS, TOO

We just keep it coming...

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NEW YORK NEWS

by Robert Cassella

(April 8 || New York) Roy Childs has asked that it be noted that the reprint of Murray Rothbard's article on the critics of Walter Block is being reprinted as a paid advertisement. As the new editor of *Libertarian Review*, Roy indicates that he would not have used this article otherwise and was quite upset by my report that he would. I'm not sure what difference it's being there as a paid ad makes, but I promised Roy that I would have *NLW* make a correction in my column.

Howard Katz (author of the *Paper Aristocracy*) has received a bit of negative commentary from fellow libertarians on his anti-pornography letter which appeared in the March 27, 1977 issue of the *New York Times*. Howard maintains that pornography should not and is not covered by the First Amendment to the Constitution. However, he does think that in a free society individuals are allowed to use pornographic material if they wish. The problem is that no one would know that from reading his letter. Nonetheless, Katz has been adamant in his defense of his view and has caused other individuals to question his status as a libertarian.

Allan Blumenthal, Ph.D., is giving a course in Objectivist Psychology in New York City and intends to write a book on the subject.

Sharon Presley (Association of Libertarian Feminists) and Robert Cooke (Laissez Faire Books) have begun a petition drive to have the Prisoner returned to New York TV. They distributed their petitions at the April 8 to 10, 1977 LunaCon and hope to have thousands of individuals sign and give their support to this project.

Barbara Branden is hoping that her novel, *Price No Object*, will be published by the beginning of next year. She is in the process of negotiation with a publisher at the current time.

Alan Greenspan was interviewed during April by the *New York Post*. In

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News of and for the New Libertarian Society

CHICAGO GROUP STUDIES ANARCHY

(April 18 || Chicago) The Anarchist Study Group has had two meetings, with more planned. The organizational meeting attracted a dozen newcomers, including a couple of Spartacists.

The second meeting, Monday April 18, centered around readings from Canadian anarchist George Woodcock's book, *Anarchism: A History of Libertarian Ideas and Movements*. Those interested in attending should contact Joe Maxwell, 5405 S. Woodlawn, Chicago, IL 60615, (312) 752-8959.
—Chicago NLW News Bureau

SNITCH SAYS TELEPHONE COMPANY IS SNOOPING

(March 13 || New Haven) According to Richard K. Sulman, a "surveillance specialist," Southern New England Telephone Co. (the Connecticut Bell affiliate) has equipment that can tape private phone conversations.

At a seminar on wiretapping sponsored by the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union held March 13, Sulman said that an employee of SNETCO gave him "detailed information" about the equipment. The seminar also included discussion about recent reports in the *New Haven Journal-Courier* that New Haven police have conducted hundreds of illegal wiretaps in the 1960s and early '70s.

Sulman is a member of the CCLU and is considered an expert on modern surveillance and tracking devices, none of which involve eavesdropping, though he once specialized in "bugging" devices himself. He has been interviewed on national television on the use of such equipment.

Sulman said that the recording equipment is controlled by the phone company's security division, but the division's head, Ed McKeon, refused to discuss it with him.

McKeon said that the phone company has a program to "monitor" lines to determine if customers have added additional phones, but said the program does not listen to conversations.

—David M. Brooks III

STATE NEEDS FODDER

(March 15 || ZNS) The government of Laos is reportedly attempting to repopulate its country with a newly declared ban on all birth control devices.

Pacific News Service reports that the new move by the Vientiane government is in response to recently released statistics indicating that over the past 10 years, war and the exodus of refugees to other countries, had reduced the population of Laos to a mere 3.4 million in 1975, with a 1.8 percent annual growth rate.

Laos officials are hoping, Pacific News says, that the birth control ban will raise the growth rate to at least two percent to meet the expanding labor needs of the country. ■

POLITICAL SUICIDE?

(March 21 || ZNS) Presidential politicking drives some people to drink. It also drives a lot of other people to commit suicide.

This is the conclusion of psychology Professor Vern Andress of Loma Linda University. Andress reports he studied near 50,000 suicides between the years 1960 and 1974 and found that people take their lives in record numbers during the presidential campaigns.

The psychology professor said that one of the worst times for suicides was during the 1972 Nixon-McGovern campaign in which "everybody was throwing so much mud at each other."

Andress, writing in the journal *Psychology Reports*, concludes that "Many people who are suicidally prone may in fact perceive this [campaigning] as being a very tense time when the world and the country are going to pot." As a result, he says, they decide to end it all. ■

COUNTER-ECONOMY HAS SLIGHT SETBACK IN ITALY

(March 22 || ZNS) An intense campaign in Eastern Europe to stop the flow of bootleg blue jeans from the west achieved a "major" success last week with the disruption of what some Yugoslavian officials are calling "The Italian Connection."

The Italian Connection was apparently a wire strung across the Idria River between Yugoslavia and Italy that had been used to haul great quantities of jeans for sale on the black market.

The *New York Times* reports that the seizure of the wire left some 1200 pairs of jeans and a large quantity of denim cloth awaiting transport from Trieste, on the Italian side, to Yugoslavia.

Contraband blue jeans—worth \$10 to \$15 in the West—go for upwards of \$100 a pair on the black market in Eastern European countries. ■

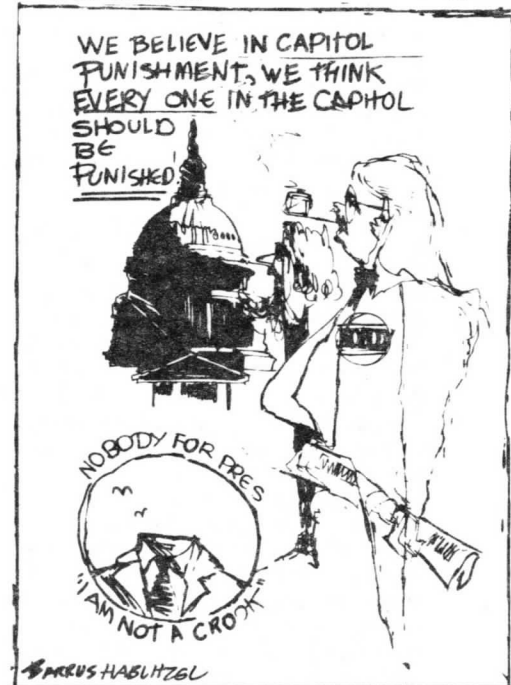
STATE FINDS AGENT NOT UNRELIABLE ENOUGH

(March 22 || ZNS) A Canadian agricultural technician who worked in Cuba has told the Long Island newspaper *Newsday*, that he was paid \$5000 by a U.S. intelligence agent in 1962 to infect turkeys in Cuba with Newcastle disease.

The Canadian, however, is quoted as saying he duped the C.I.A. by accepting the money, but then secretly destroying the Newcastle virus before he reached Cuba.

According to the newspaper's account, the technician's rip-off of the agency was later aided by the fact that 8000 turkeys in Western Cuba died of unspecified causes not related to Newcastle disease, but the C.I.A. apparently believed he had been successful.

What did the technician do with the money? He reported he had "one hell of a good time" with it in Miami and New Orleans. ■



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EPISTOLARY

NEW LIBERTARIANS EXCHANGE SHOTS
 Sam, March 29, 1977

In response to C. Bailey's query (March 27 NLW) the pro-laetrile committees for Freedom of Choice in Cancer Therapy is located at 146 Main St., Suite 108, Los Altos, CA 94022. They have a monthly publication called *Choice*, which is available for \$10/year from that same address.

Those interested in laetrile (or smuggling/black market sales in general) may find the feature article in the April *Free Market Reporter* worth sending in \$1.50 for; our address is P.O. Box 11242, San Francisco, CA 94101.

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 Dear Sir: March 27, 1977

Concerning R. Cassella's column in No. 67, I would be interested in seeing more "Objectivism Revisited" articles. For that matter, I would like to see some old ones—I am a relatively recent subscriber to NLW. Please let me know whether back issues containing these articles are available.

Gerry Uba
 West Seneca, New York

[Well, I would like a few more "votes" for Bob before I consign the space over to his series. NLW is a tighter incarnation than the old *New Libertarian Notes* format. As to back issues, a few are available. There were two installments so far. Those desperate enough can send \$2; they will receive copies as long as they lat, and after that, I'll send Xeroxes of the Cassella article. OK, Gerry? —SEK3]

Dear Sam, March 21, 1977

I neglected to write in response to Robert Anton Wilson's first column about the "Eight Kinds of Libertarians," figuring A) he would reveal he was just kidding in a future issue, or B) he would be laughed from the pages of such an erudite publication as yours by an astute readership. Alas, no such luck, so I tackle it myself.

Numerology plays such an ingrained, if minor, role in most religions, that I guess it's easy to fall into the fallacy that there are only "eight kinds

of authoritarians, men, women, bud-dhists, etc. *ad nauseum*. The "fact" that there are eight—not seven, not nine—also has that mystical quality so attractive to those of the occultist persuasion. Needless to say (I would think), any libertarian should know that there are as many different types of libertarians as there are libertarians, which is in the "everything is everything" class of information communication.

Linked with the foregoing, I suppose, is the formula for opening the 8th circuit: SMI2LE. Wilson gives no instructions for its use; we don't know whether to smoke it or chant it like our "friends" in Krishna consciousness. Its explanation reads like some Vedantist tract, promising...something (certainly not enlightenment) after many *kalpas* (an Indian word meaning about 3½ billion years), if we do good deeds (migrate through space, study intelligence, grow older longer).

That's the central issue in all this, of course: enlightenment. Nothing in Wilson's articles or the SMI2LE "doctrine" is aimed at giving anyone peace of mind, or leading one to discover one's "place" in the "universe." (The previous quotation marks are there because of my religion, which I won't attempt to impress on your readership.) No SMI2LE is aimed at bringing the believers onto the inside track with "galactic higher intelligences;" just another crappy name for god, for all practical purposes. Of course, once this "contact" is "established," one is "out of the body, out of space-time;" all (women) (men) swoon at your feet, water changes to wine at your beckoning, never have another cold pizza.

What a great promotional campaign: "Now, you too can hobnob with the great brains of the lesser Magellanic cloud! SMI2LE." (Synchronistically, of course, as I write this, a commercial has just come on TV for Downy Fabric Softener, promising "even more April freshness.")

I'd better stop here. It wouldn't do at this point to launch into a discussion of how Wilson almost totally misunderstands Zen; that would take a while.

One parting word of advice, though: quoting a man who thinks dolphins are smarter than humans won't get you very far in some circles.

V.H

Mark Kernes

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

P.S. I hereby invite any of Wilson's 8th circuit friends—the ones who have transcended time and space—to visit and discuss philosophy. My door is always locked for them. —MHK

[Now that Bob has taken to answering people occasionally in his column, I'll leave

it to him to use that medium, send in a letter, send you a letter, or None of the Above. Keep watch, faithful one. —SEK3]

Dear Mr. Konkin, March 29, 1977

It is nice to know that I am not the only libertarian who opposed the Libertarian Party. Though you oppose parties in general, you have good reason to oppose the LP in particular.

In September 1976, I petitioned to get the LP on the ballot in Vermont and New Hampshire, and was told by the national party chairman Ed Crane that I would be reimbursed for expenses when I arrived in Vermont. Upon arrival in Vermont I was not reimbursed, but was told by MacBride for President Committee Chairman Bob Meier that I would be paid the agreed-upon salary and expenses before I returned to New York.

It is now six months later, and despite repeated phone calls and letters, I have yet to receive one cent. This is fraud at most, and irresponsibility at least. I have since resigned from the LP, and notified MacBride and New York FLP leaders of the experience. But apparently no one is very interested, perhaps because this is S.O.P. in the Libertarian Party.

Francis Adamo
 New York, New York

[Many readers, I know, are getting bored with "another LP scandal"]yawn*. But cases like yours and Adam's remind us that there are real libertarians out there getting hurt by the Little Pest, and we can't forego it's fumigation just because we're faced by a bigger monster in D.C. Thanks for speaking out, Francis. —SEK3]

CASSELLA'S NEW YORK

[Continued from page one, column three]

the interview, Greenspan said he would not do anything different now than he had done during his time with Nixon and Ford because his policies were effective. He also declared that he liked Carter because the President was much more conservative than he had believed during the campaign.

The Center for Libertarian Studies has been giving a series of lectures in New York City featuring Leonard Liggio. Robert Kephart, former editor of *Libertarian Review*, remains active with the *Inflation Survival Letter* and Audio Forum.

The paperback edition of Hospers' *Libertarianism* is out of print. However, the hardcover edition can be still purchased from Laissez Faire Books. (Selling price \$10.75 from 206 Mercer Street, New York, NY 10012). Rothbard's *For A New Liberty* is also out of print but may be reissued in paper at a later date. —Robert (Bob) Cassella

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Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

May 1 Association of Libertarian Feminists Meeting. Contact Ann Kotell, 5 Elm St., #2, Acton, MA 01720. Boston.

May 3 Libertarian Enterprises Discussion. "Parental Neglect of Children—Is It A Crime?" Williamson Evers. Social 7 P.M. Janice Allen (408) 926-9803 for price. 1910 Messina, San Jose, Calif.

May 5 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.

May 5-8 Biocentric Institute: "Self-Esteem and the Art of Being," a 40-hour intensive with Nathaniel Branden, Ph.D. 7 P.M. Thursday to 11 P.M.; Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9-9. \$250 in advance to The Biocentric Institute, 9725 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90069.

May 6 Libertarian Social Club. David Friedman on "Population, Resource Depletion and the Energy Crisis." Admission only, \$4 for adults, \$2 for full-time students. Dinner \$12.50/\$10.50. Reserve from LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., dinner 7:30 P.M., program 8:30-11 P.M., social 11-midnight. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), McLean, Virginia, Washington, D.C. Area. || *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.

May 7 Baltimore Libertarian Social Club. David Friedman on "Socialism, Limited Government and the Future of Libertarianism." \$9.95 dinner. Contact Washington LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308 for more information. Holiday Inn 2, Glen Burnie, Maryland.

May 9 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Lawrence Gale on "Life Extensio and Cryonics." Reservation required in advance for supper (\$7.50) for supper from Linda Abrams at (213) 657-2272 or 10368 Ashton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. 7:15 P.M. for dinner, 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block North of Sunset), Los Angeles.

May 10 Libertarian Enterprises Discussion: "Is There a Role for Anti-Trust in a Market Economy?" Rudy Gonzalez. Social 7 P.M. Discussion 7:30. Janice Allen (408) 926-9803 for price. 1910 Messina, San Jose, California.

May 12 Forum for Philosophical Studies 17. J. Neil Schulman on Robert A. Heinlein, with authorized tape interview. 7:30 P.M. \$4. 6725 Sunset Blvd., Suite 500 (just East of Highland), Hollywood.

May 12-15 Society for Individual Liberty. "Four Day Trip to Freeport in the Grand Bahamas." \$219.00 for SIL members, \$259.00 for others. Includes air transportation, Holiday Inn room with double beds, parties, etc. \$50 deposit required in advance, balance by April 29. Reservations (703) 780-7605; SIL, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Freeport, Bahamas.

May 13 Peninsula Libertarian Supper Club. "The Free Port: Antiquity to Modern Times." Alvin Rabushka. Reservations by April 29th, checks to Libertarian Enterprises, P.O. Box 257, Cupertino, CA 95014. Dinner \$10, lecture only \$4. \$5 "tax" if bought at the door. No host cocktails 6 P.M., dinner 7 P.M., lecture 8 P.M. Dinah's Shack, 4269 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, California.

May 24 Libertarian Enterprises Film: "The Incredible Bread Machine." Social 7 P.M., Film 7:30 P.M. Janice Allen (408) 926-9803 for price. 1910 Messina, San Jose, California.

May 27 Society for Libertarian Life Robert LeFevre speaking in Lecture Hall W101, Santa Ana College. 7:30 P.M. \$2. More information: (714) 526-1873. Orange County, California.

June 10 Libertarian Social Club of D.C. *The Fountainhead*, Ayn Rand's film. \$4 for program only; \$12.50/\$10.50 dinners. Cocktails 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Program 8:30 P.M.-11 P.M. Social 11-midnight. Reservations to LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), from 495 use exit 11N going South, McLean, Virginia. Washington area.

June 13 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. "Gradualism" Debate twixt George H. Smith and Robert Poole, moderator David Bergland. Reservations required in advance from Linda Abrams at (213) 657-2272 or 10368 Ashton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. If overflow crowd, site may not be the usual: 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50; 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). May not be at Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block north of Sunset), Los Angeles.

June 16-18 National Committee for Monetary Reform Conference. Price and time from NCMR, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, Louisiana. Con in Bermuda.

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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2 DAYS THAT SHOOK THE MOVEMENT

Branden Breaks Free New Positions; Libertarians and Soviet Dissidents Historic Meeting through Litvinov; Friedman Edges Hayden in Close Debate; Science Fiction Authors Bring Future to Libertarians; and More on "Future of Freedom" Libertarian Conference

by Samuel Edward Konkin III

(April 24 || Los Angeles) After three years of hiatus in California, the Steel-Rohrabacher Conference returned this weekend, breaking the intellectual barnacles and factional encrustments off the recent past with sledgehammer force. Newcomers to libertarianism were swept away by the explosions of new ideas and projects fired in machine-gun succession.

This entire issue of *New Libertarian Weekly* is devoted to a report on the "Future of Freedom" Conference, held at the University of Southern California, Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24, 1977. (The Week, Epistolary, Speculations, Calendar, and our other regular features return with the next issue.)

Although our format and space limits in-depth reporting to the highlights of the Con, and the many competing "workshops" could not be all attended, the speakers were enthusiastically received and worthwhile new ideas were conveyed throughout the two days. The tables of libertarian merchandise, including a *New Libertarian Weekly* table, did brisk business outside the Town and Gown Hall.

Conference organizers Shawn Steel and Dana Rohrabacher popped in and out of the podium, but they turned over the "Masters of Ceremony" roles to Manuel S. Klausner and Lowell Ponte. Many complaints

over Klausner's incessant *reason* plugs and little sermons and Ponte's harassment of Poul Anderson were observed generating the only negative feelings about the Conference's organization.

Attendance was sluggish for the 9:15 A.M. John Pugsley talk "Future Threats to Individual Freedom" and Jerome Tuccille's "Technology and Freedom." Both speakers were available again in workshops which completed the morning session.



THE NEW NATHANIEL BRANDEN

Literature Tables

During the lunch break at noon, food and drinks were available at the tables outside the Hall, though many moved on to USC-area restaurants. Many others took the opportunity to browse and buy at the other tables as well, including the newcomers pouring in for the afternoon "heavies"—Litvinov and Hayden.

New Libertarian Weekly and the Con sponsors (CLA) had a choice corner by the Con entrance. Next to *NLW* was libertarian bookseller P.K. Slocum.

Across the walk were the Partyarchs (LP and YLA), making it an unbridgeable chasm to many. Then the Neo Life Food Supplements table, and up the walk, a "U" was formed with the Association of Libertarian Feminists table and one by Barney Steele, libertarian-objectivist graphic artist.

Karl Bray Has Cancer!

The afternoon session began with a bombshell from Linda Abrams. Libertarian Tax Rebel-martyr Karl Bray was in Massachusetts being treated for cancer.

The cancer was reported to be involved with the lymph system and has a 50% chance of cure. Ms Abrams solicited tax-deductible contributions to the Church of Moral Ethics (all money to go to Karl), Box 674, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254, and correspondence to Karl Bray, 252 Pleasant, Marblehead, MA 01945.

Bray, unable to make his scheduled appearance at "Future of Freedom" asked through Ms Abrams for taping of the speakers and workshops. Additional announcements were made during the Conference.

Pavel Litvinov

At 1:15 P.M., Klausner introduced the founder of the Human Rights Movement of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Pavel Litvinov, he said, had graduated in Physics from the University of Moscow in 1964,

founded the Movement in 1966, and was busted for his demonstration against the Czech invasion of 1968.

Released from Siberia in 1973, he went back into activism, then was given a final choice by the KGB: forced duty or exile. He's now a teacher of physics in a private high school in New York.

Litvinov arose, reminding one immediately of the stereotype Russian played by Arte Johnson for comedy, from rumped suit to accent. He maintained a lightness and lack of bitterness throughout his tale of oppression.

Litvinov opened with remarks on political power and its nature and distinguished it from economic power. He stressed the key to the human rights problem in the Soviet Union—the lack of private press.

Then Litvinov brought up the major weapon of struggle for human rights (what libertarians would call the Counter-Economic 'press): *samizdat* and *tamizdat*. The terms are black humour, explained Litvinov, arising from the Soviet bureaucracy's naming of all official publishing houses with the suffix "-izdat."

Samizdat, then, is "Myself, Publisher" or self-publishing. It is done by typewriter with carbon copies, passed on to others who make copies and so on.

Tamizdat is similar, but the material so distributed are reprints of foreign literature.

Litvinov talked about the first demonstration, with slogans "Respect Our Constitution" and "Open Trial for Daniel and Sinyavsky." The KGB outnumbered the dissidents four to one, said Litvinov.

He reeled off the penalties for dissidence in the Soviet Union. Igor Bukovsky spent 11 of his 31 years in prison, students were expelled from U. of Moscow, Aleksandr Ginzburg was arrested many times. Again with a light touch, Litvinov noted how inefficient the Soviet bureaucracy of even the secret police was—he got several hundred letters of support before his mail was cut off.

Litvinov reminded Western listeners of the Soviet genocides, and the current persecuted minority groups: Crimean Tartars sent to Siberia in cattle cars for one of them offending Stalin and unable to return home; Jews, again; and Pentecostal religious

groups. Western support is a tremendous help, asserted Litvinov, in aiding the Human Rights Movement.

During the question period, Litvinov rebutted assumptions of Soviet State omnipotence, stressed the Human Rights Movement was a prerequisite for political movements, and plugged his publication, *Chronicle of Human Rights*.

(Pavel Litvinov had considerable social interaction throughout Saturday, little crowds forming around him in heavy exchanges of ideas and attitudes. During the film showing of *Animal Farm*, he sat next to *NLW* Editor SEK3 and Susan Monahan, borrowing American cigarettes from the latter and delightfully confirming the former's analysis of the film's correspondence to the Soviet reality.)

Tom Hayden vs David Friedman

After the second set of workshops, attendance peaked at 500 for the debate "Freedom—Which Way?" Moderator was Warren Olney of KNBC News, generally judged by the audience to favour Hayden slightly.

The former National Secretary of the Students for a Democratic Society, husband of Jane Fonda, and last, but not least, candidate for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate, spoke first. Tom Hayden laid down his premise: democracy.

Hayden's rap was not entirely unappealing to the overwhelmingly libertarian audience. His strong support for a decentralized solar energy system and the California entrepreneurs of the system "from Bay Area hippies to Orange County Birchers" went over well, though points would be later lost when he admitted willingness to accept State funding.

Hayden's high point was his affirmation of anti-imperialism and attacks on the Bilderbergers and Trilateral Commission. He was still quite hot on the Vietnam issue as well.

The son of Milton Friedman, former physicist and present economics professor, and YAF '69 Libertarian Caucus leader (in ascending order of importance), David Friedman took an offensive gamble in the debate. Rather than deal with Hayden's various positions piecemeal, Friedman tried to wrap them into a coherent whole, with the label "democratic socialism."

Friedman's strongest point arose when he showed Hayden's laudable goals could not be achieved by the institutions he was supporting. He also scored on Hayden's inconsistency: willingness to accept central government laws when he favoured them, but switching to decentralism when he didn't.

A brand new, compelling argument against Left "concern with the poor" would probably have been the knock-out punch on Hayden if both Hayden and the audience had digested it. Basically, Friedman pointed out that the Left is unwilling to open up the U.S. borders to the World's poor, and that the concern is limited to the relatively wealthy U.S. "poor."

Friedman, probably wisely, avoided foreign policy, but did get a few jabs in quoting Kolko-revisionism to counter Hayden's monopoly-phobia.

The question period (abnormal debate procedure) started off with Hayden gaining back ground. Neil Schulman's question on limited liability as the basis of corporatism elicited Hayden's "abolish it" and Friedman's "it's not important."

Both would abolish the Federal Reserve System, to general applause. Hayden lost libertarian points by refusing to accept a "non-coercive monopoly" by saying he didn't believe in them, but gained back ground when he thought capitalism would work if we had anarchy.

The latter assertion nearly brought down the house until Hayden added he thought capitalists will fight to keep government.

Although Friedman took a turn after Hayden in the questions, most were addressed to—or fired at—Hayden who became increasingly defensive about his lack of philosophical grounding. He said he studies the philosophy involved on an issue a lot before acting and is willing to learn new approaches which will attain his ends more fully.

The final question which triggered him off was being asked if he would impose his philosophy by government. Yes, and he supports 14b repeal, child labor laws, would not legalize all drugs and wants some national—as opposed to local—laws. (Provocateur was Manuel Klausner.)

The rebuttals were led off by David going through Hayden's senate cam-

paigned literature and disembowelling it, pointing out numerous internal contradictions. Most observers conceded him a dazzling display of intellectual footwork.

Hayden started off strong in his rebuttal, scoring on Friedman's over-intellectual and abstract approach, and denied Friedman's labeling of him. But he made a drastic slip when he wondered why Friedman didn't answer his attack on the Pentagon—and Hayden identified support of the Pentagon as a libertarian position.

"What about the Pentagon?" asked Hayden rhetorically. "Abolish it!" cried the crowd. "Well, even I'm not willing to go that far," said Hayden, and it was downhill from there.

Hayden's attempts at guilt-tripping libertarians for not being concerned with present suffering, usually effective with liberals, only angered the audience. His voice rose and he slipped into a harangue like the old SDS campus days—and thus blew the debate.

Afterwards, Hayden collected his \$500 cheque and left abruptly with his two or three admirers. David Friedman stayed around for congratulations and the films and party.

Films and Party

Though libertarian projectionist Chris Schaefer (of the Art Theater in Long Beach) ran into a few problems starting the 7 P.M. films on time, they ran without further trouble. Reel changes brought some patter from Dana Rohrabacher, who did some of his famous John Wayne jokes to kill time.

The first film was a Bugs Bunny cartoon, seldom seen on TV, that contained everything from metaphysical identity problems to a Szaszian view of psychiatry, and ended with Elmer Fudd beating the IRS. The second film was the *Incredible Bread Machine*, a libertarian propaganda movie in the style of Saturday morning live-action juvenile documentary.

The hit was *Animal Farm*, though many literary libertarians were highly disappointed at the otherwise-good animation work being ruined by the tampering with George Orwell's ending. The house was packed for the showings.

Around 10 A.M. the party began, and various stimulants were distributed. Most celebrated the libertarian conference by committing several victimless crimes apiece, while disco-style music blared and some danced in the film room.

Dr. Demento, a well-known Los Angeles radio personality, appeared, but didn't seem to be sure of what to

do. He quickly found that his fans were even more "demented" than he and tried to sort it all out with great difficulty.

The hardy began to drift away soon after midnight to be able to make the early morning session.

The Second Day

The schedule started off in confusion because the State ordered the time changed by an hour, but libertarians rallied to meet the problem. The session started an hour late but accelerated, and by reducing the lunch break to 25 minutes, got back on schedule in the afternoon.

John J. Matonis, noted San Diego tax lawyer and tax rebel, led off with a well-received talk on a standard subject. He followed up his legal resistance and bureaucratic harassment instructions in his workshop.

Robert LeFevre came out with a new book listing federal government agencies and elicited considerable humour for the largely burnt-out audience. Some found his view of statist trends unduly pessimistic, but he was as uncompromising, anti-political, and entertaining as usual.

Poul Anderson

Poul Anderson blended technology and economics into one of the most fascinating and well-integrated views of the conference. His emphasis on space frontier as a liberating area and source of energy and materials was well-balanced by a realistic view of the shape of earth and the possibilities of dealing with surface-planet problems.

Unaccountably, moderator Lowell Ponte interrupted Anderson's speech near the end and summoned up David Friedman to ask him questions. Many fans were annoyed at this cavalier treatment of one of SF's greats, and Phil Osborn managed to work in a question to get Anderson to complete his original preparation.

In spontaneous insurgence, report reliable sources, Anderson's workshop had the largest attendance of the Conference. He was joined by Jerry Pournelle and frenen for, among other things, a discussion of free market space flight and colonization.

Feminist Frontier

While the number of workshops made full reporting impossible, one was particularly worthy of mention at the 1:00 P.M. timeslot. This was the standing-room only panel of Caroline Willis-White, Diane Hunter Smith, Sara Baas, Susan Berk, and Lynn Kinsky.

According to the organizers, two "workshops" [ugly word, that; actually,

no work was done at any of the shops—SEK3] were originally planned, one with a COYOTE ("Call Off Your Tired Old Ethics") representative to talk about prostitute rights, and a second for the Association of Libertarian Feminists (ALF). Only one slot appeared, so the panels were combined.

To top it off, the COYOTE rep failed to appear, so the panel was more wide-ranging on the issues. Leading off was non-libertarian Susan Berk, for the American Civil Liberties Union Woman's Rights Project.

Berk was no more libertarian than Hayden, supporting legislation for feminist action, and the ERA. She was no less, though, attacking "protective labor laws" for being used to keep women out of jobs. "Just because we have the laws doesn't mean we're protected," she asserted to smiling libertarians.

Lynn Kinsky, another defeated senatorial candidate from the 1976 races, talked exclusively about rape. Only point of contention she raised was her willingness to use the state's law against rapists. That evoked several counter-economic alternatives, such as the Inez Garcia method, from the audience.

Sara Baas actually talked about the prostitution issue, focusing on the concrete events in San Diego, where she runs a libertarian supper club. Baas showed an excellent grasp of economics in her analysis of why cruising sidewalks in cars had arisen as a traffic problem where hooking was driven into the black market.

Baas also performed one of the most gentle evisceration of another person's position witnessed for a long time by this reporter when she picked apart Berk's errors. The tactic was quite successful, both leaving Berk unaroused and, since the job was done, cooling off the audience so that new areas could command attention.

Caroline Willis-White returned as moderator to field questions, and now got one from Carolyn Molitch wondering about the missing speakers. White confirmed that the COYOTE rep did not show, and that Diane was there, but with her neck in a collar [see NLW 71, "The Week"].

Immediately, the clamor arose from the NLA in the audience "We want Diane!" and she arose, valium-sodden and all. But after her apologies for her condition, she proceeded to captivate her audience as usual.

Not only did she set Berk straight, but took care of Kinsky's closet statism and brushed aside all suggestions of political recourse from Janice Allen. "The State is the Big Husband or Big

Father in the sky," "There's no room in my life for government" "...not one minute for politics."

One male partyarch fled about this time, followed by others. Nothing could follow Diane's act, so Caroline sensibly let her field questions and closed the panel 15 minutes overtime.

Final Afternoon

Attendance dropped low for a couple of special interest talks by philosopher John Hospers and Professor Norm Karlin of Southwestern Law School. No *NLW* staffers attended.

Then came the surprise blockbuster which jolted all the bleary-eyed, burnt-out, exhausted Con-goers who assembled one last time. Many people expected an updated version of the old "Fallen Son of Rand" and the familiar philosophy; what they got was Nathaniel Branden.

Nathaniel Branden

Branden's quick levity at Klausner's cloying introduction and his obvious good humour dispelled notions of the old objectivist puritan. Although his work was "present oriented," he said he would extrapolate trends into the future (the theme of the Conference), which was enough of a departure from stereotype to perk up a lot of the audience.

Futures that led to catastrophes would leave Branden little to work with, so he aimed at the problems which would arise if we kept going the way we were. What he foresaw was an increase in confusion.

An increase in growth increases possibilities of response, Branden postulated, and a characteristic of neurosis is rigidity of response. Genius, on the other hand, shows unusual flexibility.

An example of an array of new choices opening up for individuals by innovation was the advent of birth control. Branden ranks this invention as an insufficiently heralded great contribution to human happiness.

Tying this into libertarianism, Branden saw options high in a free society and few in repressive societies. He paid, in an offhand remark, a startling compliment to the frefen in the conference.

Speaking of people having difficulty in understanding and dealing with the succession of future events, he exempted those who can foresee "of science fiction inclination."

Branden mentioned his topic required he only come up with problems and not solutions, and spun some more off. A great many people face choice as terrifying and they will have ever more to deal with.

Branden went on, saying unless we learn to become better connected with our bodies, needs and wants, it will be more difficult in a progressing society. Instead of pursuing one's own needs, individuals give in to demands on their time from others whose feelings they don't wish to hurt and so on.

Branden urged one learn more of "non-belligerent self-assertiveness." He then went on to note the growing alienation in our society—but not what Marx predicted.

In the 19th Century, mused Branden, political/economic individualism flourished by social interaction was conformist. A reversal has occurred in the Twentieth Century.

He cautioned not to become "hysterical over individual differences," and lobbed a Szaszian-style bombshell in his analysis of modern-day psychology replacing religion's function. "Psychologists and psychiatrists have become the new priesthood."

Man has a need for a frame of reference to understand the universe, and he will seek it in religion, philosophy, or psychology. Branden considers *Atlas Shrugged* important for its attempt to put forth such a frame of reference.

Another surprise from the new Branden was his new position that in some respects, *Atlas Shrugged* failed. The most important area of failure was in psychology, said Branden; "I do not believe in rewriting history," quoth he.

Onward plunged Branden in his assertions: religion was defeated by Westinghouse refrigerators; technological civilization drives out preoccupation with the supernatural. Religion answered other needs, though, it made sense of the world in which we live.

There are plenty of specialists today, Branden judged, but generalists are in need. Generalists will put together the specialities and make sense of the whole.

Branden sees a problem of leisure growing, since most people don't know what to do with it. This time, he proposes a solution: more people are turning towards art as a creative activity rather than as a consumer act.

The problems of humanity, concluded Branden, are eternal. "Who am I and where am I going?"—find an answer to that.

Diane Hunter Smith led off the questions, shilling for Branden's "Intensives" sessions being held around the country. In describing them, Branden mentioned that his first intensive was backed by Robert Kepphart [see *NLW* 59].

The intensives are 10 hours cut loose from the world, pitched Nathaniel Branden. He said those who went through them found them indescribable to those who had not experienced them.

Melinda Hansen laid a heavy question on the psychologist, asking about his concepts of masculinity and femininity, and divergences from those of Rand. Branden took considerable time to cover the question, including rejecting Rand's one-sided man-worship.

He said homosexuality is not an ethical position but a problem for scientific exploration. And he's not interested in fulfilling what a man or woman is supposed to be, but rather their individuality.

For the difference among individuals are far greater than those between the genders. Branden summed up that each man should think woman is Creation's greatest gift, each woman that man is Creation's greatest gift—and they can live with the difference.

Closing remarks were anti-climactic, and the Con ended with a sermonette from Manny Klausner and pitches for Karl Bray from Linda Abrams and to cover the Con debt (\$500) from Dana Rohrabacher. A last-minute flurry of sales around the tables and exchanges of addresses of renewed acquaintances, and the "Future of Freedom" Conference ended, leaving its indelible mark on the history of the New Libertarian Society. —SEK3

Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

May 9 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Lawrence Gale on "Life Extension and Cryonics." Reservation required in advance for supper (\$7.50) for supper from Linda Abrams at (213) 657-2272 or 10368 Ashton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. 7:15 P.M. for dinner, 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block North of Sunset), Los Angeles.

May 10 Libertarian Enterprises Discussion: "Is There a Role for Anti-Trust in a Market Economy?" Rudy Gonzalez. Social 7 P.M. Discussion 7:30. Janice Allen (408) 926-9803 for price. 1910 Messina, San Jose, California.

May 13 Peninsula Libertarian Supper Club. "The Free Port: Antiquity to Modern Times." Alvin Rabushka. Reservations by April 29th, checks to Libertarian Enterprises, P.O. Box 257, Cupertino, CA 95014. Dinner \$10, lecture only \$4. \$5 "tax" if bought at the door. No host cocktails 6 P.M., dinner 7 P.M., lecture 8 P.M. Dinah's Shack, 4269 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, California.

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TAX REBELLION GROWS

Jersey, Chicago Demonstrations

Led by Libertarian Activists!

by Bonnie Kaplan

(April 24 || Chicago) The tax protest in Chicago is growing, if the number of people will to picket April 15 is any indication. Advance publicity for the protest was widespread, thanks to the efforts of Jim Tobin, President of National Taxpayer's United of Illinois (an affiliate of National Taxpayers Union). Eight radio and two TV stations broadcast interviews or phone-in spots with Jim.

The *Reader*, a popular counter-culture newspaper devoted a sympathetic article to the protest. Several thousand individuals received announcements by mail. As a result, protest activities went on all day April 15.

Several people spent the afternoon leafletting downtown. Unfortunately, a mix-up in location prevented good coverage of the afternoon press conference. About 30 protestors met for dinner, then went to the main Chicago post office to bring their messages to the last-minute taxpayers.

Until after midnight there were 10 to 30 different protestors. Four lanes of continuous, slow-moving traffic saw our posters and flags. The flyers prepared by four participating organizations was handed out to motorists near the sidewalks. (The police would not allow us in the street.)

Three other organizations and two individuals also handed out literature. Hopefully next year we will be able to combine efforts. As diverse as these groups are, all want reduced taxation, and one handout with the various messages would be better than flooding passing cars with paper.

During the protest, news reporters

interviewed Jim Tobin, Milton Mueller (Chairman of Libertarian Party of Illinois), Robert Randall (also of LPI), and Lyn Ridgeway (of Chicago Committee of Single Taxpayers). The barrel Lyn wore attracted lots of attention.

In addition to these groups, other participating organizations were Organization of United Taxpayers; Patriots for Constitutional Taxation, a militant right-wing association; TRIM (Tax Reform Immediately), a Birch Society group; and some members of None of the Above. (None of the Above, being a collection of individuals, does not take stands as an organization.)

Jim Tobin, as coordinator of this year's tax protest, plans to continue anti-tax activities. Anyone wishing further information on his group, or any of the others mentioned, can contact him at National Taxpayer's United of Illinois, 5048 W. Augusta Blvd., Chicago, IL 60651. —BK

by Ralph Fucetola III

(April 17 || North Arlington) Income Tax Repeal Rally II was held as planned by the coalition of taxpayer's groups, including the New Jersey Chapter of the National Taxpayer's Union. NJNTU co-sponsored the event at the State House in Trenton, New Jersey, on Saturday, April 16, 1977.

Several thousand taxpayer activists from throughout the state met, exchanged views, and vocally expressed their demand that New Jersey's "temporary" state income tax be repealed immediately and permanently.

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NEW YORK NEWS*by Robert T. Cassella*

(May 5 || New York) "The Death of Libertarianism," an article by none other than that old favorite of mine, Jerome Tuccille, appears in the pages of my other old favorite, *National Review*, during the month of April. It seems that Mr. 50,000 Votes has finally seen the light and gotten his ass out of the Libertarian Movement. My only comment is Amen! (But then again, I'm a little sad; after all, I won't have Jerry Tuccille to kick around anymore.)

Activist Ken Kalcheim had another letter published in the *New York Post* of April 18, 1977. This time it's on the evils of reverse discrimination. Bob Cassella appeared the next day (April 19) in the letter page of the *New York Daily News* praising porn and condemning the Bible.

The date for the Male Liberation Panel of New York ALF [Association of Libertarian Feminists] is May 15, 1977. For information: (212) 674-8154.

Ed Crane had a letter in the May 1977 issue of *Playboy*. The May issue of *Penthouse* has a story about the murder of Robert Anton Wilson's daughter and the freezing by Wilson of her brain. [See NLW 45.]

Nathaniel Branden will give a lecture in New York City during May or June. Tickets will cost \$5.00. For information, contact the Institute of Bio-Centric Psychology in California.

Laissez Faire Books has a limited number of copies of the out-of-print *Who Is Ayn Rand?* by Nathaniel and Barbara Branden. \$15.00 plus 75¢ postage. 206 Mercer Street, New York, NY 10012.

Margit Von Mises, widow of the late Ludwig Von Mises, will appear on *The Barry Farber Show* on radio in New York City in late May. Check your local newspaper listings for exact date and time.

Murray Bookchin spoke on "Environment and Anarchism" on May

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CASSELLA'S NEW YORK

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12, 1977, at the Libertarian Book Club, 369 8th Avenue, New York City. Karl Hess spoke at the Free Libertarian Party Annual Convention in New York City on April 23, 1977.

The Gay Action Coalition committed itself to building for a day of mass picketing of the United States Supreme Court followed by celebrations of love. The have chosen Saturday, May 21, 1977, in order to mark with outrage the 1st anniversary of the Court's decision upholding Virginia's sodomy laws. For information, New Jersey Gay Action Coalition, c/o GAA New Jersey, P.O. Box 1731, Hackensack, NJ 07606, (201) 343-6402; Washington, (202) 363-3881. Meetings every Monday in New York City at Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, Room 215.

The Encyclopedia of Comic Books cites Steve Ditko's Objectivist hero, Mr. A, as the best thing done in comic books in their 10 year history.

Nathaniel Branden discusses "A Wider Vision of Life Possibilities" in New York City on May 23, 1977, at the Roosevelt Hotel, Madison Avenue at 15th Street from 8-11 P.M. For information, Ideation Institute, P.O. Box 173, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10016, (212) 724-9310.

Roy Childs, the new editor of *Libertarian Review*, spoke at the Free Libertarian Party Convention in New York City on March 22, 1977.

Free Life Editions (41 Union Square West, New York, NY 10003) will publish three books by Paul Goodman. *Drawing the Line*, August 16, 1977, \$11.95; *Creator Spirit, Come!* September 6, 1977, \$11.95; *Nature Heals*, September 20, 1977, \$11.95. Complete boxed set of all 3 titles \$32.00.

"Youth Against Space" by Jack Williamson is an article about Robert Heinlein's juvenile science fiction and appears in the Spring 1977 issue of *Algol*. In the same issue is a review of George Edgar Slusser's *Robert A. Heinlein: Stranger in His Own Land* (\$1.95 60 pp, the Borgo Press, P.O. Box 7589, Van Nuys, CA 91409).

Signs of Inflation: seems like only yesterday I purchased my first copy of *Atlas Shrugged* for 95¢—it now sells for \$2.95.

Commentary: Is the fetus alive? Yes, of course it is. Is the fetus a human life? No, of course it's not. I am now working on and will be finished a major article within a couple of weeks entitled "Alive But Not A Life." In it I will offer evidence that the fetus is not a separate life, but only one other organ of a woman's body. For information: Robert Cassella, 210 5th Ave., New York, NY 10010.

For the other side of the abortion question (actually, as far as I'm concerned, there is no other side), contact Dolores Gorden, 13121 Hathaway Drive, Wheaton, Maryland 20906, (301) 460-1111.

That's it for now. —Bob Cassella

TAX DEMONSTRATIONS

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The program was structured as a "Town Meeting," with a Town Crier, and a messenger on horseback delivering the demands to Governor Brendan Byrne's luxurious mansion

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My First Altruist/Collectivist Libertarian Conference by Phil Osborn

My first inkling of the problems ahead came in early Fall of '76. I had come to California with the intention of starting a revolution. At that point, I'd been here eight months and was as far, it seemed, as ever from my goal. The libertarians here seemed about equally divided between Browne-outs and Movementists. Neither was interested in a practical means, as far as I could tell, of actually creating a free society in our lifetime. (I had not yet met the Free Enterprise Institute which does, I believe, have a chance of creating a free society.)

Then I heard about the CLA conference. I contacted Jean Berkman and Dana Rohrabacher and was told that anyone could present a workshop on anything. I volunteered my services to help get the con organized, but Dana told me no help was needed. At that point, only one thing bothered me. To wit, if anyone could present

in Princeton, some 10 miles from the State House. After approving continuing united taxpayer's action against what was labelled "extortionate taxation," the event went on to a mock trial of the four politicians (including the Governor and Chief Justice) who were most responsible for the doubling of taxes in New Jersey in the past decade.

The men were found guilty and sentenced to carry the Rally's petition to the State House doors. The "Governor" (played by Robert A. Steiner, not in drag), also got a well-deserved pie in the face. Winding up a peaceful demonstration, the Town Crier exhorted all present to persevere in the fight against "Tax Slavery."

The NTU Chapter, in cooperation with United Taxpayers of New Jersey, arranged to have the proceedings filmed under the direction of John W. Doswell, multi-media producer of New York City. It is expected that the film will be the basis for a planned documentary regarding the national Taxpayers Rights Movement. —RFIII

anything, then the value to the conference organizers of any particular workshop was zilch. How much cooperation could I actually count on?

Later, other things occurred to me. Such as: Rohrabacher's a politico—will this affect the con? The CLA doesn't seem interested in making a profit—how will this affect their performance as organizers? And, speaking of organization, I got conflicting info on several points from Berkman and Rohrabacher—will they get their act together in time?

About two weeks before the con, I called Dana and was referred to Shawn Steel about workshop info. Shawn seemed very sympathetic to my workshop and to my idea of getting one of the local Montessori organizations to run a separate workshop. I then spent several days contacting Montessori people, none of whom had ever heard of libertarianism. Meanwhile, Shawn informed me that a workshop organizational meeting would be held April 18th at Bernkrant Cafeteria at USC at 8:00 P.M.

I showed up. The Roston Montessori Teacher Training Organization showed up, having driven all the way from Orange County. The Rostons have a large organization with many schools, and often have openings for both teachers and managers. Ms. Roston had read much of Rand's work and was very much a libertarian. In fact, when I described anarchocapitalism to her, she stated, "Oh, I'm all for that." They were professionals and well-organized, and they could have been a valuable asset to libertarians in this area.

No one else showed up. I called around frantically and discovered the meeting had been held a day before. The next morning, I finally got hold of Dana, who told me that the meeting time had been changed at least a week before. He referred me to Barry Serrans (who referred me to Jane Heiders) who told me that there had been a workshop meeting on the 18th—at her home. I had repeatedly tried to reach Shawn the week before, to verify workshop arrangements, but I got no response.

The Rostons were understandably upset, but Ms. Roston assured me they planned to still attend if I could get all the necessary info. Unfortunately, at that point, I discovered from Dana that only 500 attendees were expected. Operating from apparently exaggerated reports from years gone by, I had assumed several thousand, and I had gotten estimates of at least a thousand to two thousand from a friend experienced in these matters. I now had to convey this info to the Rostons. They said that they still expected to come and to please reserve tickets, which I did.

I arrived at the con well before the first lectures, and, after about half an hour of fruitlessly asking everyone where my workshop was to be held, I discovered Barry Serrans posting signs on workshop doors. At last, I felt, things are going my way.

Foolish optimist that I was! Barry had assured me that an announcement of all the workshops would be made, giving their names and a few lines of description. To this end I had sent both Barry and Shawn copies of my intro sheet. No announcement beyond the names was made, as far as I can determine, although one other workshop person was allowed to give a five minute talk on his to the whole assembly.

Only one person attended my entire first workshop, which, discouraging to anyone, was to me more so, since I had invested about a thousand dollars in the workshop and it was the first time I had ever done anything like this. The Rostons never showed, and I

can't really blame them. What's fair for the goose, etc. As I found out later, however, a great many attendees were looking for them. I spent another fifteen minutes tracking down Barry that afternoon to ask him if I could please be given two minutes or even thirty seconds to announce my workshop. He refused, saying that they didn't have time, but he finally consented to read a few lines of my intro sheet, his copy of which he had apparently lost.

I had a virtually packed room for that second workshop. I still was not really organized too well, since my last public engagement was in 1962 at my elementary school commencement, but I sold literature to about a third of the attendees.

My last workshop on Sunday was not announced but three people showed up anyway despite heavy competition and I sold a complete set of literature to all three. By then I knew what I was doing.

Based on the almost non-existent publicity and the actual attendance, I'm certain that if I had had those two minutes to speak, I would have had a packed room for all three workshops and actually covered my publishing expenses.

I was not, of course, the only person who ran afoul of this sort of organization. Jane Heiders was already aware of it before the con, and told me she thought it was because no one was in charge. I have good word that Poul Anderson almost didn't come, because his agent could not get confirmation on a time and date.

Well, I asked one of the CLA afterwards why they didn't aim at making a profit? He said, "We were afraid people would think we were price-gouging." I think that pretty well expresses the problem. Friends, anyone who protests against *profit*, against "price-gouging," is no libertarian.

We're not going to win against the statists through charitable institutions. Even if we could avoid the negative image such organizations generate, the idea is unworkable. How can you effectively complain about the quality of a freebie? After all, they've *sacrificed* so much to provide it for you. Shouldn't you at least sacrifice a *little* too?

Had this been a profit-oriented con, I could have made the following sort of deal: you effectively advertise my workshop, literature table, or whatever, and provide me the space, and I'll pay you a percentage of my profits. Both of us would have an incentive to produce and a contract to fall back on.

Instead, we have Dana Rohrabacher Sunday evening begging for charity to cover the conference deficit (which I

think some fool actually responded to). To his credit, Barry Serrans agreed with me.

I don't know how many others ran into this problem, besides myself and Anderson. I know that Anne MacCallum was so discouraged by the fact that no one wanted to buy any of her material on her Open Network—they all wanted freebies—that she didn't come back Sunday. If anyone is a dedicated revolutionary, it's Anne MacCallum, but how long will she last in that kind of parasitical atmosphere?

This points up the fact that in such an altruist/collectivist atmosphere, everyone loses. The producers go on strike and the consumers no longer have anything to buy. Does this give you a clue as to why we're not creating a revolution? If it doesn't, I suggest that you—and particularly the CLA—read the story of the 20th Century Motor Co. again in *Atlas Shrugged*.

Finally, several of the paid speakers were excellent. John Pugsley, a Galambos disciple, was superb in his point by point logical analysis of the economic alternatives available and the real function of the State as a mere hireling of the parasites. John Matonis' talk was valuable in its analysis of how to legally stymie the State. Branden's covered what sounded like new material for him in his discussion of a positive concept of freedom, although Montessori actually developed the same concept sixty year ago.

Jerome Tuccille, however, was still harping on his same old themes, but with noticeably less enthusiasm. And David Friedman, in the most vicious hatchet job I have seen in years, made me actually like Tom Hayden. (One other staunch libertarian conferee said he would write Hayden a letter expressing his disgust at Friedman's attitude and method.)

And Linda Abrams, for whom I do have some admiration, made an impassioned plea for money to pay Karl Bray's hospital expenses... When I described my school project to Bray, his first response was (approximately), "Good, let's get together and make some money on it." I am sure that if libertarianism were a profit seeking and profit-making venture, then there would be innumerable offers of loans to Karl, because he is a truly quality individual. But instead, he's a martyr, and we're all called on to sacrifice to the cause. Which way, libertarians? Any society in which Karl Bray has to depend on charity is in trouble.

—Phil Osborn

[The preceding was a somewhat differing view of the "Future of Freedom" Conference reported last issue. NLW 73 is still available for 50¢ for those wishing to read a positive view of the Con. —SEK 5]



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May 21 *Salvationists and Unearthly Phenomena Investigative Society* (henceforth, SUPIS) "Fledgling Flights from Evil"—Eric Katz; "The Devil—In the

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Flesh"—Bem Phillips; "A Pre-Search for Identity"—Randy Everness. No dues. Contact David R. Hollis, Jr., c/o the Lafayette Interstellars, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, IN 47904.

May 22 *NOTA* Talk Artist and freelance writer Jay Lynch on how the comics code destroyed the adult comic market. 2:30 P.M. Call (312) 935-0412 for further information. 5:30 P.M. *NOTA* after-talk dinner at The Brewery, 3144 N. Broadway, Chicago. (Reservation in the name of Kaplan). Talk at Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham, Chicago.

May 24 *Libertarian Enterprises Film*: "The Incredible Bread Machine." Social 7 P.M., Film 7:30 P.M. Janice Allen (408) 926-9803 for price. 1910 Mesina, San Jose, California.

May 25 *MENSA Libertarian Special Interest Group (LibSIG)* forming. Organizational meeting at Wayne Overlander's, 3132 N. Lowell, (312) 283-1690, Chicago, IL 60641.

May 27 *Society for Libertarian Life* Robert LeFevre speaking in Lecture Hall W101, Santa Ana College. 7:30 P.M. \$2. More information: (714) 526-1873. Orange County, California.

May 28 *SUPIS* "Putting a Book Together; It's Simple, If You Know The Ropes"—Tom McCarthy; "Magic, the Elements Thereof"—Tom Reasoner. No dues. Contact David R. Hollis, Jr., for location and additional information c/o the Lafayette Interstellars, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, IN 47904.

June 2 *None of the Above Meeting*. Call (312) 935-0412 for place and time (usually 8 P.M.) or write Bonnie Kaplan, 607 W. Wrightwood, Apt. 703, Chicago, IL 60614.

June 4 *SUPIS* "Putting the Child Back in Summer"—Susan Kennis. No dues. Contact David R. Hollis, Jr. for location and further information, c/o the Lafayette Interstellars, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, IN 47904.

June 5 *Poetry Workshop* First session deals with distinction between poetry and prose. Given by Wendy McElroy, personal consultation included. 2½ hours. 1:00 P.M. \$7/session. For further information, call (213) 467-1051 or write Forum for Philosophical Studies, 6725 Sunset Blvd., Suite 500 (just East of Highland), Hollywood.

June 10 *Libertarian Social Club of D.C. The Fountainhead*, Ayn Rand's film. \$4 for program only; \$12.50/\$10.50 dinners. Cocktails 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Program 8:30 P.M.—11 P.M. Social 11-midnight. Reservations to LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Evan's Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), from 495 use exit 11N going South, McLean, Virginia. Washington area.

June 11 *SUPIS* "The Scottsboro Boys"—Leo Ginnis; "Charles Fort"—"Blue" Max Bidel. No dues. Contact David R. Hollis, Jr. for location and further information, c/o the Lafayette Interstellars, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, IN 47904.

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June 13 *Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles*. "Gradualism" Debate twixt George H. Smith and Robert Poole, moderator David Bergland. Reservations required in advance from Linda Abrams at (213) 657-2272 or 10368 Ashton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. If overflow crowd, site may not be the usual: 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50; 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). May not be at Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block north of Sunset), Los Angeles.

June 16-18 *National Committee for Monetary Reform Conference*. Price and time from NCMR, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, Louisiana. Con in Bermuda.

June 18 *SUPIS* "Jazz Session." No dues. Contact David R. Hollis, Jr. for location and further information, c/o the Lafayette Interstellars, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, IN 47904.

June 25 *Salvationists and Unearthly Phenomena Investigative Society (SUPIS)* "Fanzine Discussions, Libertarian Analysis, The International Dateline"—Howard Skimmer. No dues. Contact David R. Hollis, Jr., for location and additional information, c/o the Lafayette Interstellars, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, IN 47904.

July 7-8 *Sixth Annual Heinlein-Konkin Birthday Party*. This year SEK3 goes over the hill! (Heinlein remains as immortal as ever.) Open to friends of either Konkin, Heinlein, or both. Write NLE for invitation. Probably in Long Beach area.

September 3-5 *SunCon, the World Science Fiction Convention*, will have major libertarian participation and possibly a libertarian suite. Watch this space for further details or write NLE for info ofn "Frefen" action at Con. Hotel Fontainebleau, Miami Beach.

November 10-13 *New Orleans Gold Conference*. National Committee for Monetary Reform, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, LA 70118.

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday *Anarchism Study Group*. For location and time and reading contact Bonnie Kaplan (312) 935-0412 or Joe Maxwell (312) 752-8959, 5405 S. Woodlawn, Chicago, IL 60615.

Saturday *Salvationists and Unearthly Phenomena Investigative Society*. No dues. Contact David R. Hollis, Jr., c/o the Lafayette Interstellars, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, IN 47904.

Weekly meetings will be listed in this section, but those with specific topics or events will be found in the Calendar above. Please check both. Same rules for inclusion as for above, except add that NLW should be immediately informed should meetings be discontinued, suspended, or changed to another day.

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LIBERTARIAN IN MIDST OF NUKE DEMO BUST Thousands Hauled Away By State

by Shel Horowitz

(April 29 || Seabrook, New Hampshire) On April 30, 1977, an estimated 2,000 people will attempt to capture that most unlibertarian of all creations, a nuclear power plant. The Clamshell Alliance has pledged to disobey the State and take over—non-violently—the construction site of the Seabrook, N.H. nuclear power plant. We will remain on the property until we are all arrested, or until the State capitulates and orders a permanent halt to construction.

Residents of Seabrook, many of whom will participate, voted overwhelmingly against the nuke in their back yard. The state-owned utility company, supported by the governor, has decided the community referendum is not binding, and has pledged to continue construction.

Government-subsidized nukes are the most flagrant attempt so far of the State to destroy what's left of our freedom. They are also, when the vast subsidies of every aspect of nuclear power are considered, the least economical way to generate electricity. (One of the most frightening of these subsidies is the Price-Anderson Act, which provided—after private insurers refused—limited-liability insurance with our tax dollars.)

The worst possible nuclear accident was estimated in 1961, in the *government's own study*, at \$17 billion in property damage and an incalculable damage to human lives. We are now talking about far larger nuclear plants, and greatly inflated dollars; yet the maximum liability in the event of a serious nuclear accident is \$560 million.

So far we have been lucky, but there

have been a number of close calls (e.g. Enrico Fermi, Michigan; Brown's Ferry, Alabama; Rocky Flats, Colorado). Even more disturbing is the necessity of maintaining a stable, totalitarian government for 250,000 years—watching over deadly nuclear wastes, easily turned into bombs, and immensely lethal (and unstoreable) in their own right.

All who participate in the Seabrook takeover will have undergone training in non-violent civil disobedience. To reduce the danger from provocateurs, all will act in affinity groups—people who trained together and know each other fairly well—of about fifteen people. There will be support rallies in various locations around the country, including a legal action at Seabrook itself on May 1.—Shel Horowitz

[Shel adds: "Sam, I'll send you another report after the action (possibly from jail). For freedom, Shel" Two weeks later, nothing has been heard. We offer the following article by Scott Royce as to what is publicly known so far on the Clamshell Alliance's demonstration of April 30. —SEK?]

by Eric Scott Royce

(April 30 || Washington, D.C.) The Clamshell Alliance, a loose-knit coalition of 15 anti-nuclear and environmental groups, struck a real blow against the nuclear power industry—and against the State—with its April 30 weekend protest at Seabrook, N.H., some 40 miles north of Boston.

Clamshell (62 Congress St., Portsmouth, NH 03801) rallied over 2,000 nonviolent demonstrators at the site of the \$2 billion Seabrook nuclear

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BUILDING A NEW ANARCHOTOWN!

*by Abby Goldsmith**and Mark Merriman*

(May Day, 1977 || Black Flag) Greetings from the anarchofarm! As if the swamps of North Florida weren't an unlikely enough place to reside, we've packed it up and moved the show to Pettigrew, Arkansas, smack in the middle of the Ozarks. Don't bother getting out your maps—it's probably not on them, though Huntsville, the county seat, is in bold letters with its population of 1500. Compared to this, old Gainesville was a bona-fide metropolis.

"Why?" seems to be the inevitable question. Or, from the more politically minded, "What are a bunch of radical activists going to do out in the middle of nowhere?" Naturally, the answers coincide. We are here precisely because of our politics and we plan to do exactly what we've always done, with one essential difference, time. If we were able to contribute to the advance of anarchism while fending off the building inspector, the school board and the health department, it follows that we'll be able to do even more without such intrusions, not to mention the bonus of a little peace of mind in the transaction.

But, even more important, we now have the space for a couple of cherished projects—our own private school and our firearms training pro-

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The Week

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LIFE EXTENSION LAUDED

(May 9 || Los Angeles) A somewhat disjointed presentation resulted when Lawrence Gale of Alcor tried to exhibit all the reasons, associations and tie-ins with the case of Life Extension. Gale appeared at the Libertarian Supper Club of the First Libertarian Church to an audience of around 10.

Nonetheless, few could argue his premise that being frozen for eventual resuscitation was better than the alternative (showing slide of graveyard), though a doughty Leon Kaspersky did indeed try. None challenged his closing, "I want to go to the stars."

Gale previously appeared here to introduce Gordon Smith, and was himself generously introduced by Supper Club director Linda Abrams. Gale closed questions by suggesting Ms. Abrams give a talk.

HEINLEIN BLASTS OFF WITH ANARCHOMINDS

(May 12 || Los Angeles) Several libertarians attending the Forum for Philosophical Studies on Thursday night expressed renewed and deeper interest in the "dean of Science Fiction" Robert A. Heinlein. The inspirices included Forum directors George H. Smith and Wendy McElroy.

Bringing the thoughts of Heinlein to the libertarian multitude was *NLW*'s redoubtable J. Neil Schulman, armed with tapes and interviews that he had conducted, and a wad of Heinlein's books. Schulman received good attention and applause, and pronounced himself satisfied for himself and his mentor.

As has become tradition, the speaker joined a bunch of anarcho-pleasure seekers at Theodore's Restaurant afterwards.

FREEDOM DAY AWARD

(May 1 || Cedar Grove) The awarding of the First Annual National Taxpayers Freedom Day Certificate of Merit, by the New Jersey Chapter of the National Taxpayers Union, was announced today. May 1, 1977 is National Taxpayers Freedom Day, because, according to calculations from National Taxpayers Union's

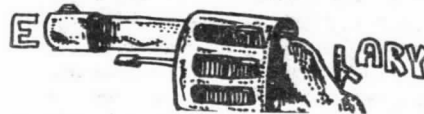
headquarters in Washington, the average taxpayer will have worked from January 1st to May 14th of this year just to pay local, county, state and Federal taxes.

This year the Certificate of Merit is being awarded to Edmund O. Matzal, M.D. of Blairstown. Dr. Matzal is an Advisor to NTU-NJ and a Director of the state-wide Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers. He has been a leader in the Taxpayers Rights Movement in New Jersey, and nationally, for over a decade.

Dr. Matzal was indicted last year, three days after he spoke to the September 18, 1976, 10,000 person Tax Repeal Rally held on the steps of the State House in Trenton. The Federal indictment contends that he willfully failed to file income tax returns for the years 1970-1972.

Dr. Matzal contends that he did file his returns. The returns he filed contained a notation of his Fifth Amendment Right not to give evidence against himself, rather than certain financial data.

The Certificate honors Dr. Matzal for his forthright defense of taxpayers rights against ever increasing demands for taxes and power by the governing bureaucracy. [NTU is a well-known libertarian front group, run by Jim Davidson.] —Ralph Fucetola III



Dear Sam,

May 5, 1977

As a female, I wish to comment on Swan's and Osborn's views of the abortion "controversy."

First, Mr. Swan's examples hinge upon one word: freely. "Boater freely invites," "Boater freely leaves a tray of cookies," "Mother engages freely in intercourse." Like hell she does! Father engages freely in intercourse, maybe, but "Mother" is risking her life and health with contraceptives. Using your own "life boat case" as a method, let's set up this example:

Boater lives in an area where there are occasional nonswimmer-type stowaways. Boater takes all the precautions known to modern technology to avoid the situation, from barbed wire to biochemical warfare. One day, despite all of this, a mile out to sea, Boater discovers a Nonswimmer on board. What should Boater do?

However, Mr. Osborn, A is potentially A? Nonsense. Those fetuses are human beings. I am not personally acquainted with any woman has had an abortion without being all too well aware that she is participating in a species of murder.

The choice to abort or not abort is based on the individual woman's judgment of the effects pregnancy and childrearing will have on the quality of her life. I know my own strengths and weakness well enough to say that I shall probably never choose to have an abortion. However, I would be ashamed to say that I could judge the limits of that which someone else has to endure.

I found it interesting that Mr. Swan had nothing to say about the "parental support duty" of the father. I believe I can guess Mr. Osborn's opinion. But in terms of Mr. Swan's Boater/Nonswimmer cases, would poor Father now become the nasty, malicious Boater? And Mother a Semiswimmer?

Sandy McIntosh

Southern California Association
Libertarian Feminists

Dear Sam,

April 17, 1976

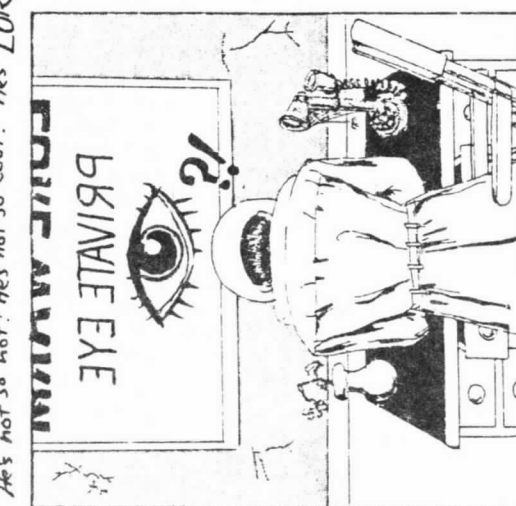
If Dr. Thomas Johnson did indeed quote Nathaniel Branden as saying "...since parents are responsible for the existence of the fetus which by nature cannot survive by itself, they are morally responsible for supporting it until it is capable of supporting itself," he does Dr. Branden a grave injustice. Nathaniel Branden has never held any such position. What Branden has said is that parents are responsible for supporting their children until a child reaches college age. In fact, his position on abortion is exactly the same as Ayn Rand's, i.e., that every woman has the right to her own body and therefore has the right to terminate her pregnancy.

If David Myers did indeed stipulate that the unborn fetus is biologically human at all stages in its development, he had no right to present himself as a speaker for abortion. If, in fact, the fetus was biologically human, it would have a right to its life; if, in fact, the fetus is not biologically human, it would not have a right to its life. Any individual, such as myself, who argues for a woman's right to her abortion must be able to show that the fetus is not a human life but, in fact, is a living part of a human body just as every

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COMING SOON!



He's not so hot! He's not so cool! He's LUKE WARM PRIVATE EYE

BY DAVE BURD

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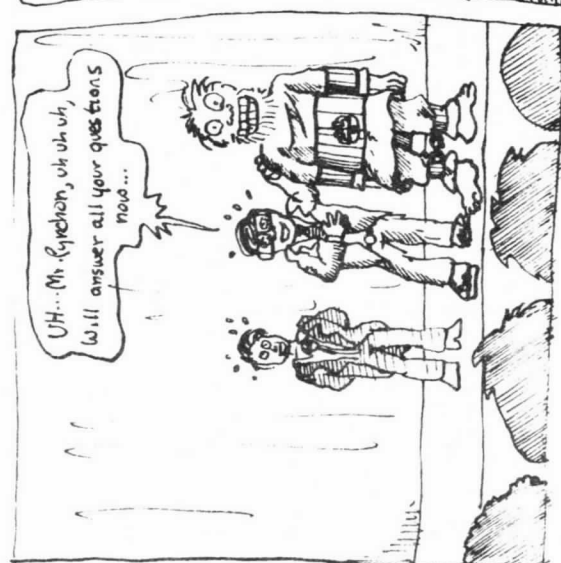
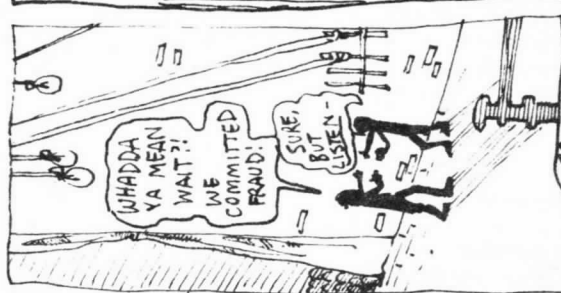
This is our Third Half-Anniversary Issue (1½ years or 75 numbers) and, as has become our custom, we would like to tell you about the great improvements that you can expect, even over the unbelievable, fabulous improvements you got last time!

We've come a long way from that first ditto page in 1970, those crummy mimeos in 1971, those electrostenciled smudges in 1972, or even those offset but regular typed *New Libertarian Notes* during 1973. Then came typesetting and better writing and art in 1974, then came "weekliness" in 1975, sheer survival in 1976, and the first half of 1977, we promised you an average of six pages (usually with alternating issues of four and eight pages). All fulfilled.

Now we're going to keep that all up, but we're turning inward again. A new feature beginning in a month or so (as soon as we get our photostat camera for illustration reduction) *New Libertarian Weekly* is bringing you the first weekly comic strips! That's right, every week we spice up the News of the New Libertarian Society with a little anarcho-humor. On this page you will notice two sample strips (both badly in need of a camera but they will usually be done far larger than this and then reduced) which we've got first to start off the *New Libertarian Comics Page*. On the right, or below if you've already turned the page sideways, is (a reject, another will actually be used in sequence) a sample of Jeff Grimshaw's "Anarcho Antics." Many of you will remember Jeff from those great covers for the last *NLNs*. To the left (or above) is the work of a friend of his, more literary satire than ideological, Dave Burd's "Luke Warm, Private Eye." Most of the strips will actually form a serial story; this one stands alone so we picked it as a sample.

To use at least half a page every issue for comics means we need more pages every week, so...you got them! We will be switching to six pages a week, with occasional eight pages (until you subscribers put us over the top for eight a week).

A big Anarchothanks to all of you out there for sticking with us and hope we'll hear from you next anniversary! —Samuel Edward Konkinn III



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GRIMSHAW

EPISTOLARY

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cell, every organ, and every part of any human being is alive.

The question, as always, that must be answered is, Does an individual have a right to her his own body, i.e., her his life or not? If the answer is yes, every woman has the right to do anything with her body that she wishes. A fetus is nothing more than one more part of her body. If the answer is no, no one has the right to do anything. I don't object as much to those who say no as I do to them saying no to that question and calling themselves libertarians. Those who deny a woman's right to her abortion are doing just that. Whatever they are fighting for, it is not liberty and they are not libertarians.

In Liberty,
Robert T. Cassella
New York, New York

Dear Sam, May 2, 1977

As I reread Mark Kernes' letter in your *Illuminati* Day issue (May 1), I seemed to be traveling back in time to the famous meeting of the Royal Chemical Society in the 1860s, where John A.R. Newland was laughed at and denounced for his paper dividing the chemical elements into 8 families. The Royal Society, of course, recognized at once, as Kernes does, that 8 was a mystic number in ancient occultism, and they therefore knew (or thought they knew) that such mystic octaves have nothing to do with hard-headed scientific chemistry.

Of course, after Mendeleev proved beyond all doubt that Newland was right, and the elements do indeed come in 8 families, the Royal Society repented itself, invited Newland back, and presented him with a belated Gold Medal. I doubt that Kernes will ever present me with a Gold Medal, nor do I know what I would do with one, but I hope he will at least repent himself. (Re-pent: to think again.) 8 indeed is a mystical number in Pythagoreanism; and so are 7 and 9, to mention just its close neighbors. But are we to reject every scientific hypothesis with an 8 in it, just to escape all taint of Pythagoreanism? There are 8 families of elements; and the octet truss is a basic building block in synergetic geometry; and there are even 8 types of quarks, according to a recent *Scientific American*. And there may well be 8 types of humans, as I suggested in the column that roused Mr. Kernes to ire, and as Jung and Leary have suggested before me.

I could only present a small (microscopic) sampling of the evidence for the theory of 8 human types in the

space of a single column. Those more open-minded than Mr. Kernes will find a larger selection of the evidence in *Exo-Psychology*, by Timothy Leary, and in a forthcoming work, *The Periodic Table of Evolution*, by Dr. Leary and myself. The value of this model can only be determined by further research and by comparing its usefulness with other psychological and neurological classificatory systems; it cannot be determined by simple assertion that there's something heathen about the number 8 itself.

I will, however, cheerfully agree with Kernes' verdict that I don't understand Zen. 20 years ago, when Alan Watts first turned me on to Zen, I understood it. 11 years ago, when I studied za-zen with Yositan Roshi, I understood it even better. But as I have continued using Zen, I have come to a point where I don't understand it at all. Mr. Kernes has my admiration; may he rejoice totally in his knowledge of Zen, and may he always enjoy his wonderful superiority over those of us who no longer understand it.

SMILE,
Robert Anton Wilson
Berkeley, California

CLAMSHELL BAKE

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electric generating plant. Excavation has begun, although technically construction cannot proceed until the Environmental Protection Agency rules on the controversial design for the plant's cooling system.

Aside from the general dangers to health posed by nuclear power plants, the Seabrook facility would do irreparable damage to the ecology of the area's coastal marshes, a prime breeding ground for fish and other marine fauna. Seabrook citizens have twice registered their opposition to the project, and 11 of the 14 neighboring towns have also voted against construction.

Ultraconservative N.H. Governor Meldrim Thomson, a strong proponent of nuclear power, initially threatened mass arrests of any individuals who attempted to occupy the site. He also accused those organizing the event of providing a "cover" for terrorism. By the time the group arrived, however, state officials had worked out an arrangement which conceded protestors the right to camp in the dirt parking lot at the site during the weekend.

When the crowd evidenced no intention of leaving on Sunday, however, state officials' position reverted to support for mass arrests. In the first five hours some 750 protestors were

processed, along with at least one newsman covering the event. Before they were done, police from N.H. and four other New England states had picked up over 1,400 individuals.

There had been no violence. The protest was tightly run, with all participants belonging to small, geographically-based "affinity groups" organized for disciplinary purposes and democratic decision-making. All protestors, furthermore, had been required to undergo training in nonviolent tactics by groups like the American Friends Service Committee. In the end all those arrested were charged with criminal trespass, a misdemeanor.

Hauled off to several National Guard armories, they swiftly became a major headache for the gloating governor. All but a handful refused release on bail or personal recognizance. In the next few days, officials estimated that it would cost the state—already facing a deficit—as much as \$50,000 per day to guard, house and feed the 1,400 individuals in custody. Funds had to be specifically allocated for health care, too. The court system quickly bogged down in a mountain of paperwork.

As of May 5, only a handful of those arrested had come to trial. The court imposed on them a 15-day jail sentence and a suspended \$100 fine.

The Seabrook occupation was an experiment, based in part on the successful mobilization of over 25,000 protestors at the site of a proposed plant in the Rhine Valley in Germany. In peaceful public resistance to state and state capitalist plans for nuclear power development, it seems to have been eminently successful. A larger demonstration, this one showed, might literally have brought the state of New Hampshire to its knees.

As things look now, the nuclear combine is in trouble. President Carter has taken steps to nix further development of the breeder reactor (while approving continued construction of so-called light-water reactors like the one at Seabrook). The number of new reactor orders declined to three last year, and old plans for construction of others—including two in my own state of Virginia—have been suspended or scrapped.

Recent incidents are focusing public attention increasingly on the safety and cost factors involved in continuation of nuclear development. A Florida reactor similar to Seabrook's—and also designed by Westinghouse—has been shut down recently for roughly a year to allow vital repairs to be made—at a cost higher than that for the facility's construction.

Slowly but surely, the tide is turning...
—Eric Scott Royce

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THE COWBOY AND YANKEE WAR

by Carl Oglesby

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ANARCHOVIEWS ONE:**by Samuel Edward Konkin III**

I first saw Carl Oglesby in February, 1970 at my first California Libertarian Conference, a heady time. 500 people gathered for the "Left-Right Festival of Mind Liberation" and Oglesby was the most important figure there for the "Left"—the New Left, of course.

For those of us, probably the majority, who had evolved from the "Right"—the 1969 Young Americans for Freedom split was less than a year past—listening to him expound a sophisticated theory and his being quite willing to hear us try out our free market economics on him, was stereotype-shattering. Only a year earlier, we had been busting through the lines of campus-block students, usually led by the Students for a Democratic Society—while Oglesby had been crucial in founding SDS back in 1964.

Some of us had been a bit prepared for Carl by his section in *Containment and Change*, where he saw us libertarians as a hope for future changes. The section, he admits, was inspired by Murray Rothbard, back when Murray was chasing New Leftists, before his recent, more reactionary, period.

Still, Rothbard has kept faith with Oglesby, recently getting him into the Center for Libertarian Studies and such, and Carl has been writing with a view, not so much free market, but to include us as well as the left radicals in the forces for social change.

A couple of years later, I saw him at the New York Libertarian Conference at Hunter College, where he expounded on his theory of the Cowboy-Yankee split in the Higher Circles or "ruling class." Libertarian interest in this area at the time was again confined almost entirely to the radical Rothbardians, but he received a warm welcome from the whole assembly.

Finally, at long last, near the end of 1976, Carl Oglesby published his theory in a book which became an

instant classic to radical libertarians, as well as the New Left. Some libertarians have already gotten deeper into the theory of the Higher Circles (G. William Domhoff's term, another "New Left" friend of libertarians) than Oglesby's analysis, and have models of their own to supersede his. Two other views of these dedicated anarcho-"conspiracy theorists" are presented in this Supplement following.

Two things seem necessary to say before we get on to them, though, and they are Why is "Conspiracy Theory" important to libertarianism? (McAlpine deals somewhat with this, too) and Why is Oglesby important?

In *New Libertarian Notes* 29 (December 1973), Rothbard and I both integrated Revisionist History into libertarian theory. My article was "*Cui Bono: An Introduction to Libertarian Class Theory*" and the title alone indicates that Revisionism is not really separable from the "sociology" of how the State is structured, who runs it, and how do they perpetuate themselves.

Libertarian theory can ignore Domhoff and Oglesby *et al.* and still provide a solid critique of the existing state of affairs, and, of course, the State. But until it firmly explains the relationship with the real State here and now, with the real people in it and running it and gaining by it, it will have a kind of floating detachment which will leave too many serious opponents of present rule likely to find it irrelevant and overly abstract. Indeed, that has been the case many times already. It need not be so.

Our anarchoancestors, from Tucker to Albert J. Nock, were all properly concerned with their power elites and the class split created by the State. The State divides us into those who are plundered and those who live off the loot. Among those who loot are the directors of the looting, the bandit chieftains, and at the highest levels, those who know what they are doing,

why they are doing it, and how they system can best be preserved and extended—by changes and even concessions when necessary. Depending on the direction the analysts of these "super-statists" are coming from, they describe them as the "power elite" (C. Wright Mills), the "ruling class" (usually leftists and Marxists), the "conspiracy" (Birchers and other rightists), and the Higher Circles (Domhoff and the latest academicians).

Whatever they are called, they are there. The overlap of names and organizations, regardless of the bias of the analyst, is almost exact.

The most spectacular success of Libertarian Class Theory recently was Rothbard (and others) predicting, by noticing David Rockefeller's new Trilateral Commission and its make-up, that the "fix is in" for Jimmy Carter, and the high number of Carter advisors and Secretaries from that group—especially Zbigniew Brzezinski.

And why should libertarians still be surprised at the existence of a State ruling elite? After all, does not praxeology tell us of the nature of human action—motivated, purposeful action? Why should anti-market, coercive action be exempt from purpose and direction? Indeed, it is not.

Clearly, both among the world's States, and within each, there are struggles going on for control of the machinery of plunder. No one would try to explain the civil wars, coups, assassinations of both character and physical person, and the massive flows of money from one politician, than to another, one group or faction to another, by assuming they are all staged, circuses to bemuse the masses. Real conflict exists, and to discern its nature and outlines, whether to use it against the State itself or simply to better understand the drives and mechanisms of the modern State, is a prime task of the student of the State—thus for the libertarian.

True, the state of the science is not unlike that of the physical sciences in

the fifteenth and sixteen centuries. But though fledgling science may be smothered by magic and astrology, a few Roger Bacon and Isaac Newtons are discernable.

I think Carl Oglesby may be one.

The first attempts at sorting order out of chaos from chemistry was by searching for relationships and correlations. The division of elements into metals and non-metals is a gross oversimplification to the modern quantum mechanic—but it is still worth starting out freshman students with it today. And the eight rows of the periodic table turned out not to define the fundamental periodicity of the elements at all—but periodic tables still hang in the chemistry classroom.

So it is with Oglesby's first broad incision into the living specimen before him—it is a broad oversimplification to crowd all the superstatists into a camp of established, Eastern-educated and social registered (Yankees), and a second camp of *nouveau-riche*, sharp-shooting oil tycoons, software speculators, and franchise hustlers (Cowboys)—but it's a start.

So read the book and see how the events you probably lived through, at least vicariously through TV and your newspapers, "make sense." And then you may close the book with the same hungry feeling I had, saying, "What next? More!" —SEK3

ANARCHOVIEV TWO:

Reviewed by Peter McAlpine
Editor of *Conspiracy Digest* (\$15/year,
Box 766, Dearborn, MI 48121).

The strategic superiority of ruling class/conspiracy expose, as oppose to "moral" education, is still not grasped by many libertarians. The vast majority of free market libertarians still insists on tangling endlessly and futilely with the ideological veil of big government, refusing to go for the throat of the enemy.

The idea that a few thousand unsubsidized libertarian martyr intellectuals can effectively refute the continuous barrage of tyrannous rationalizations concocted by the army of statist intellectuals, the best minds that money can buy, is absurd on its face.

If the people can be led to doubt the "need" for war, the propaganda outlets spew forth "the energy crisis" as the "moral equivalent of war." For every libertarian study showing the disastrous effects of regulation, the kept "think tanks" identify five more "crises" and "problems" that can "only be solved by expanding the public (coercive) sector."

Libertarians take great delight in showing that every government pro-

gram leads to results not anticipated, if not directly opposite to what was initially claimed as justification for the legislation. Thus, the ICC benefitted railroads at the expense of consumers. The Federal Reserve System finalized the money monopoly for Wall Street. Licensing of professions protects the professions from competition instead of protecting the public. Wars for democracy spread communism and fascism at home and abroad. Keynesian fiat money rationalizations favor the big borrowers in banking and industry, not workers and small business.

But why do so many libertarians fail to draw the obvious inference that conspiracies of vested interests are achieving precisely the looting at which they have been aiming by the spread of specious economic reasoning? Why do so many libertarians insist on believing that the corporate-liberal intellectual elite (and its "radical" shock troops) are simply "mistaken" or victims of "altruist-collectivist premises," when they are obviously paid to come up with exactly the policy recommendations which they do, in fact, conceive? Why do libertarians often fail to communicate the truth that government everywhere and always is an instrument of aggression used by an elite to loot and subjugate the rest of society?

Part of the answer, of course, is that the intellectual bodyguards of the government's hidden finance capitalist masters are not fully conscious of their role. The human mind being what it is, intellectual prostitutes rationalize their depredations to themselves as well as to their victims. Only at the very peaks of power—the Rockefeller Brothers' private meetings; the Rothschild-Rhodes meetings which hatched the Round Table-Council on Foreign Relations conspiracy—does a full Machiavellian understanding of the statist conspiracy exist. The tiny handful of men that buy the propagandists know what they want, and get it. Letting bought intellectuals on the overall plot would destroy the intellectual's sincerity, and thus, effectiveness.

More important, however, in the obtuseness of libertarians is the sin of false pride. Invariably, free market libertarians like to think of themselves as the most intelligent elite in the world. "Only libertarians can see through the follies of statism." Libertarians, if they really need an ego boost, should gloat over the fact that they have discovered the methodology of the ruling class/conspiracy. Claiming that statist oppression results from good intentions gone astray only defeats the libertarian cause of freedom

and justice.

Contrary to the expectations of libertarians, a significant portion of the population is never going to be come expert on ethical philosophy and economics. Only a tiny minority with atypical psychological motivations will embrace such exhausting studies without pay.

What is the advantage of conspiracy expose as a strategy for freedom over political-economic-ethical education? Conspiracy expose is ideally suited to a mass audience (as Taylor Caldwell has shown). In either fictional or non-fictional form, conspiracy can be breath-takingly dramatic. Conspiracy expose can be escapist entertainment and at the same time communicate and inculcate a deep, abiding distrust of big-government rationalizations. When the "common man's" first reaction to a government program is to ask *cui bono?*—who benefits?—statism will be on the run.

But won't the ruling class/conspirators distort conspiracy exposes to benefit themselves? Of course, this is the case already. The conspirators are well aware of the vast, well-founded reservoir of suspicion, envy, and hatred among the people and are anxious to harness it for statism. But phony establishment expose always pictures conspiracy as the exception and holds out more government as the answer. This gives libertarians a decisive advantage. Well-executed libertarian works could be much more exciting and fascinating because of their unlimited scope and focus on unraveling the pinacles of international power that the Establishment dares not mention.

Isn't opposing statism by attacking its source an unfair, *ad hominem* argument, a form of scapegoating, that "responsible" libertarians should shun? No! Once we scientifically identify the CFR, Rand Corp., Club of Rome, HEW, and the 10,000 other Rockefeller-Warburg-Rothschild creations as the statist instruments they are, it would be the height of folly to get lost in the details of their propaganda. As Ellsworth Toohey stated in the *Fountainhead*: "Don't bother to examine a folly—ask yourself only what it accomplishes."

Libertarians have a limited supply of energy. Impugning sources and motives of statist propaganda is the most effective and rational use of energy and meets with the least psychological resistance among the broad masses of justifiably envious, frustrated, and powerless middle and working classes.

But what about *The Yankee and Cowboy War*? While lacking in free market insights (except for Murray

Rothbard's plug on the back cover) and seemingly holding up the absurd notion of the "people" recapturing the government from the clutches of Wall Street, left-libertarian Carl Oglesby has pointed the way toward discrediting the state by irreverent peering behind its moral facade to its blood-thirsty realities. Oglesby has performed a vital libertarian service through his convincing narrative of the events from Kennedy's assassination through Vietnam and Watergate. He has painted recent history and current events as a ruthless, violent struggle for state power (the privilege to loot) between new wealth "Cowboy" capitalists (Howard Hughes, Mafia Meyer Lansky, H.L. Hunt and their kept politicians typified by Nixon, Connally and Johnson) and old wealth "Yankee" capitalists (the Rockefeller-Morgan-Warburg-Rothschild clique and their kept politicians such as Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Franklin Roosevelt).

The absurd fiction of current events as a moral drama in which the "good" may be challenged, but always wins in the end, drifts further and further from the readers' mind as the record of cold-blooded murder and deception is presented.

Oglesby's detailed studies of the Kennedy assassination, Jack Ruby's secret testimony to Earl Warren, the intrigue behind the Bay of Pigs fiasco, the Howard Hughes Saga, the 1968 Democratic Convention, the Watergate plane crash which conveniently killed Dorothy Hunt, the surprising Establishment collaboration with organized crime, Nixon's ties to tire smuggling Bebe Rebozo, Patton's restoration of Mafia power in Sicily, CIA agent McCord's set-up of Nixon at Watergate, Rocky's takeover of Nazi intelligence agents, and covert action in general are exciting and must reading. Oglesby builds a powerful case for important conflict in the state-capitalist elite.

We could complain that Oglesby's left-wing background led him to overlook certain facts or misinterpret certain events. For instance: Oglesby passes over the significance of early CFR support for Castro; Kennedy is seen as offending "Cowboy" interests by flubbing the Bay of Pigs invasion whereas it was Rockefeller's agent Allen Dulles that Kennedy fired from his CIA Directorship after the invasion failed; Oglesby overlooks the Rockefellers' long-time promotion of Asian, including Vietnam, imperialism; Earl Warren's immediate attempt to use the Kennedy assassination against the right-wing (Cowboys?) and private gun ownership. In short, despite being much more even-handed in

condemning both "Cowboys" and "Yankees" than certain other left-wing writers, Oglesby can't help tilting toward the "Yankees" as the lesser evil.

However, more important is the failure of Oglesby to support his overall thesis: The Cowboy-Yankee War. Disappointingly, Oglesby defends his thesis only briefly and superficially before diving into a maze of details that have little direct bearing on his case. While his details prove conclusively the fraud of government-establishment moralizing on Vietnam and Watergate (victor's history), they do little to prove that the Cowboy-Yankee conflict is the central motivator of recent history.

The barest outline of an extremely tentative alternate theory follows. See *Conspiracy Digest* for future development and revisions.

1. While the Cowboy-Yankee, new wealth-old wealth conflict will always be with us, it pales into insignificance when compared to the conflicts within the "old wealth" finance capitalist fraternity.

2. Cowboys seldom are independent, but act as surrogates in conflicts between the big boys. (Oglesby fails to mention that the Rothschilds were Howard Hughes' bankers when Hughes was allegedly in trouble with the Rockefellers over TWA.)

3. World Wars I and II resulted from Rockefeller-Warburg conspiracies to oust the Morgan-Rothschild combine from power worldwide. This struggle can also be seen in the struggle for oil reserves between Rockefellers' Standard Oil combine and the Rothschild's Royal Dutch Shell. See Dr. Emanuel Josephson's *Rockefeller Internationalist* for more information.

4. Kaiser Bill and Hitler can be considered as "marcher lords" that the Rockefeller-Warburg faction used to batter down the British-Dutch-French world empires which were Rothschild controlled. Morgan always wanted to rush in and save the British from Germany, while the Rockefellers would hold out help (while covertly supporting Germany) until the confiscation of British holdings could be negotiated.

5. The Chase-Manhattan Bank resulted from a merger between Rockefeller's Chase and Warburg's Manhattan banks.

6. Morgan Guarantee was and is the Rothschild agent in America. Morgan was defeated first by the Congressional war profiteering probe after WWI and finally by FDR's "Watergating" prior to WWII.

7. The Rockefellers emerged sup-

reme after World War II, with a new marcher lord surrogate, the Soviet Union, with which to terrorize the enfeebled Rothschild's Europe into submission.

8. The ARAMCO cartel was set up with U.S. government help after WW II to force Europe to pay tribute to the Rockefellers through artificially inflated oil prices. The Shah of Iran turned over Iran's oil to Rocky after a CIA coup ousted the British puppet.

9. France remained the Rothschild stronghold. Charles DeGaulle was a Director of the Rothschild's Paris bank. When Eisenhower declined to save France's colony, Vietnam, from the Viet Cong and conspired to install the American AFL-CIO puppet Diem, the "American (Rockefeller) Century" began to falter. Eisenhower's intervention to prevent British-French military action against Nasser's seizure of the Suez Canal was the last straw.

10. DeGaulle demanded gold for the dollar and shook the American Dollar Empire to its core. Meanwhile he developed an independent nuclear force and made an independent peace with the Soviet Union.

11. As the tide turned, elements of the Warburg faction switched back to their 19th Century Rothschild orientation, opposing the Vietnam War and Dollar (Rockefeller-IMF) Imperialism generally.

12. Rockefeller's would be strongman Nixon was destroyed by the *Washington Post* under the ownership of Katherine Graham of the Meyer Jewish Banking family.

13. Meanwhile, Rockefeller organizes the Trilateral Commission, seizes control of the Democratic Party and installs Jimmy Carter for a try at another Rockefeller resurgence.

Note while this theory emphasizes the broad outlines of a grand conflict on an international chessboard, do not forget that the World Order Conspiracy factions are in constant intimate communication at CFR, Bilderberger, and Trilateral Commission meetings. There are numerous intermediate compromises which limit the conflict. While they fight each other for the pinnacle of power they cautiously cooperate in many looting operations against the rest of us and maintain the overall structure of world tyranny.

—Peter E. McAlpine

ANARCHOVIEWS THREE:

Review by Kenneth Kalcheim
Tax Rebel and columnist-
writer on the Higher Circles

Carl Oglesby has produced a brilliant work of revisionism. This book has put him in a class with G. William Domhoff, Gabriel Kolko, and Antony

Sutton. However, I must take exception with Oglesby on two points, one of commission and one of omission.

In the first place, he contends that there is a war going on between the Yankees and the Cowboys. I believe he is wrong in that the real war is going on between two Yankee groups (Morgan-Rothschild and Rockefeller). This can easily be documented with many examples (see letter at the end). Related to this is the fact that Oglesby lumps all Yankees together as well as all Cowboys. In reality there are four groups. They are Rockefeller Yankees, the Morgan-Rothschild Yankees, the Sunbelt or Southern Rim Cowboys and the Texas Cowboys. These groups form two coalitions. The Republican Party coalition consists of the Rockefeller Yankees and the Sunbelt Cowboys. The Democratic Party coalition consists of the Morgan-Rothschild Yankees and the Texas Cowboys. It must also be kept in mind that Yankees are not necessarily restricted to the East nor Cowboys to the South, Southeast and Southwest.

Oglesby is only partially correct in stating that the Yankees are Atlanticists. The Morgan-Rothschild group is Atlanticist but the Rockefeller group is Asia oriented.

The second point in which we part company has to do with the JFK assassination. He completely omits reference to "the tramp photos." These are a series of photos which were taken within a half hour of the assassination. The three "tramps" are pictured being arrested by the Dallas Police. Their arrest records have "mysteriously" disappeared. Using photographic overlays, two of the "tramps" have been identified clearly right down to the ear cartilage as E. Howard Hunt and Frank Sturgis. Both of them completely deny being in Dallas during the assassination. Obviously, they must be the assassins or at least those who have been already identified. The above mentioned method of identification is recognized in courts of law as legitimate identification just as fingerprints.

In addition, Oglesby omits the Rockefeller group involvement in the assassination. The Rockefellers had at least three motives. First, they were hawks on the Vietnam War which meant their interests would have been undermined with Kennedy withdrawing. Second, the Schroeder Banking Group (Rockefeller allies) in Germany which had four sugar combines in pre-Castro Cuba felt betrayed by Kennedy's blunder at the Bay of Pigs. Third and last but not least, Kennedy had plans to either lower or repeal the oil depletion allowance which would have drastically cut the Rockefeller oil

profits.

The high points of the book are most certainly the sections on "Operation Underworld," the Gehlen Organization, "The Whole Bay of Pigs Thing" and the Hughes Connection.

I highly recommend this book to everyone whether they are conspiracy buffs or not. —Kenneth W. Kalcheim

[A letter to the editor follows which offers this author's alternative view to that of Carl Oglesby's model of conflict in the Higher Circles.]

The purpose of this letter is to provide evidence of a war going on between the Rockefeller group and the Morgan-Rothschild group. I believe that the war actually began with the assassination of JFK although it might have begun earlier.

1. Senators controlled by the Morgan-Rothschild group have consistently been anti-CIA. Since its inception, the leadership of the CIA has been controlled by the Rockefellers.

2. Senator Church (Morgan-Rothschild) as head of a subcommittee on multinationals has been investigating Rockefeller corporations.

3. Senator Bayh and other Morgan-Rothschild controlled senators have been pushing for oil company divestiture which would tear Exxon and the other Rockefeller oil companies apart.

4. Watergate committee Cowboys (Sam Erwin and Herman Talmadge) as well as other Democrat Cowboys in Congress were out to get Nixon.

5. There has been no realignment of the parties into an all-Yankee Party and an all-Cowboy party. Seniority is no problem because if there was a total realignment rather than individual party changes there would be an understanding by both sides because it would be in their mutual interest.

6. Agnew (Rockefeller group) constantly attacked the media which is predominantly controlled by the Morgan-Rothschild group.

7. Agnew in his book, *The Canfield Decision*, continues to attack the Morgan-Rothschild group.

8. Rockefeller oil companies aided and supported the Arab oil boycott which hurt Europe the worst. Europe has always been controlled by the Morgan-Rothschild group.

9. On November 21, 1971, the *New York Times Magazine* (Morgan-Rothschild group) ran an expose on the CFR. At the same time there was a fight between the Rockefeller group and the Morgan-Rothschild group for the editorship of *Foreign Affairs*. Max Frankel of the *New York Times* backed by the Morgan-Rothschild group opposed William Bundy backed by the Rockefeller group. Bundy eventually won.

10. The Nixon enemies list contained primarily names of members of the Morgan-Rothschild group.

11. On December 22, 1974, three days after Rocky was sworn in as Vice-President, the *New York Times* began the "Smash CIA" campaign.

12. The Middle East issue created a tremendous split between the Rockefeller group which is pro-Arab and the Morgan-Rothschild group which is pro-Israel.

13. Seymour Hersh of the *New York Times* not only attacked the CIA but also exposed Lt. Calley and My Lai which was the tip of the iceberg of William Colby's Phoenix Program (CIA operation). Colby is a Rockefeller man. Hersh got his information from James Angleton (Morgan-Rothschild) who was Director of Counter-Intelligence in the CIA. Within 24 hours of the Hersh expose, Colby forced Angleton to resign. Even though Angleton and Helms (Rockefeller) were exposed by Hersh, only Angleton was forced to leave while Helms remained as Ambassador to Iran. It should also be remembered that Angleton was the CIA's top liaison man with Israeli Intelligence.

14. The book *Global Reach: The Power of the Multinational Corporations* by Richard Barnet (Co-Director of the Institute for Policy Studies which is a Morgan-Rothschild think tank) and Ronald Muller heavily attacked Rockefeller and Rockefeller-allied multinationals.

These are only a few examples of the war between two Yankee groups.

I still retain an open-mind about Oglesby's analysis or anyone else's analysis. If Oglesby can explain away the above examples and many others by showing how they fit into his analysis, I will sit back and listen. That is how I arrived at my present analysis after having begun 14 years ago with the John Birch Society conspiracy analysis. Hope to have more soon.

Laissez faire,

Kenneth W. Kalcheim

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The Charles Curley Letter

THE THREE SPLITS

The main characteristic of a political movement appears to be that it has splits and factions. Indeed, the history of the socialist movement is replete with splits, and, consequently, calls to unity and conciliation, or else calls to defeat the heretics and bury them. Indeed, the libertarian movement has its own splits, and a brief review of the three main ones is in order.

The oldest, most conscious split is the question of anarchy vs. minarchy, or limited government. The minarchists claim that the essential functions of the government, those of police, national defence, and dispute resolution, cannot be market functions because they are functions which deal with the use of force, and this must be handled by an ultimate authority.

The anarchist denies the concept of national defense. What, after all, is this "nation" which has to be defended by a concept, an abstraction. For police, he would substitute private defense mechanisms, and for dispute resolution, the anarchist would look to free market or other voluntary mechanisms.

The more recent dispute among libertarians has been that concerning the effectiveness of a political party for the goal of obtaining the projected libertarian society. Proponent of the political party approach hold that a political campaign is a vehicle to get ideas across to the populace, that it is an educational tool. They also maintain that pressure from a libertarian party will force the two major parties to assume a more libertarian stance, and eventually to repeal the more obnoxious measures now on the books. And, of course, a libertarian Congress and president will repeal whatever's left.

Those opposed to party action see it as an attempt to co-opt libertarian ideas by politicians who see it as a means to get into power. Opposition to political parties also stems from the ideas that there are more effective methods of education available, and that the State must eventually crash of its own weight, leaving libertarians to organize the society which will arise in the ruins. A sort of *apres le deluge, vous!* approach.

Another split which became apparent with the publication of Hospers's book *Libertarianism*, that of gradualism vs. radicalism. Hospers annoyed a number of radicals by proposing that the Social Security system should not be abolished tomorrow. Gradualists, such as Hospers, maintain that the State must be reduced slowly, in order to ease the transition from the present welfare/warfare state to a free society.

Opponents of gradualism, the radicals, maintain that gradualism in theory is perpetuity in practice, to borrow a phrase from the abolitionists of the 1850s. George Smith, who has brought the issue most into focus from the radical side, has rejected the emotional plea for maintaining the Social Security of the 90 year old grandmother by pointing out that she has no more right to the fruits of plunder than, say, Richard Nixon.

I will not go into a discussion of these issues here, except to explore certain threads that bind them together. I think that the latter two are really offshoots of the first one. An empirical guide to the wisdom of this observation is to note the personalities on the sides of each issue. The most common positions are either anarchist-anti-party-radical, or else minarchist-partyist-gradualist. Of the two personalities mentioned, Smith holds to the first, and Hospers to the second.

The issue which binds the three issues together is that of the legitimacy of the State. If one does not grant legitimacy to the State, then one is opposed to its existence (anarchist), to becoming involved with it or joining it (anti-partyist), and to its further existence in any form (radical). If one grants legitimacy to the State, but decries the present size of it, then one wishes to return it to its proper size (minarchy) by legal means (partyist) with a minimum of disruption (gradualist).

To hold a different combination of positions on these issues than the combinations outlined above is to be unclear in one's thinking, on the question of legitimacy of the State if no-where else. It makes no sense to say, for example, "I oppose the existence of the State, but I want to get into power so I can reshape it to my own ideas."

Another question which manifests itself through these three questions is that of the nature of the State. Apologists for Democracy see the State as some form of aggregate of everybody in the country. The elected "representative" acts for the peoples' own good, whether they know it or not. He somehow represents all of his constituents, even those on both sides of a political issue.

The anarchist sees the state as simply another group of people, characterized by certain obvious actions and ideas which they display. That they go around committing immoral actions is irrelevant to the central issue here, that they are simply another group of men, like any other.

Into which group does the minarchist fall? If he takes the anarchist position on the nature of the State, then he has no rational basis for deciding exactly to what activities the State should be limited. Should he take the position Friedman has stated, that the state should do for the people only what they cannot do for themselves? *That is a*

doctrine loaded with booby traps! Or should our minarchist opt for the theory of Democracy, so that when we have a libertarian regime in the capitol, we can have what I call "Democratic libertarianism"—libertarianism only as long as the people vote libertarian. The best a minarchist can do is to pick a compromise position: democracy only in the affairs of the government, and individualism outside this sphere. But the minarchist is still left with, at best, a fuzzy position.

Many defenders of minarchy take the State as a given, beyond rational analysis. They simply assume that it must be there in a free society. Their answer to the question of legitimacy of the state is, "Vox populi, vox dei." Many conservatives believe the Constitution to be divinely inspired. The more rational Miss Rand maintains that there must be a final arbiter in any dispute, and then makes the logical leap to the assertion that this final arbiter must be the State, without explaining her reasoning, if any, in between.

Still, the anarchists have been guilty of a lapse in logic. They see themselves surrounded with States,

and therefore they feel required to justify their vision. The lapse is based on this: one cannot justify an absence, and the anarchist tries to justify the absence of an institution. Since the minarchist maintains that this institution is required, the burden of proof lies on him to justify it.

More basic than this is the question of the definition of the term. What exactly is a State? Miss Rand's definition fails us when we are faced with a civil war. Then, we have two governments, both claiming to and actually exercising a monopoly of force in their respective areas, but claiming to and in fact not exercising that monopoly in the territory where that monopoly is in fact exercised by the other. Miss Rand is silent on the question of the creation of the state of West Virginia. Several counties of Virginia seceded from that state because they did not wish to secede from the federal State.

There is still work to be done by those who would justify the State—in any form, and I believe that they will define their positions on the other two questions as they proceed on the first one.

"Plans too, of course, may be self-contradictory. Sometimes their contradictions may be the effect of mistaken judgement. But sometimes such contradictions may be intentional and serve a definite purpose. If, for instance, a publicized program of a government or a political party promises high prices to the producers and at the same time low prices to the consumers, the purpose of such an espousal of incompatible goals may be demagogic. Then the program, the publicized plan, is self-contradictory; but the plan of its authors who wanted to attain a definite end through the endorsement of incompatible aims and their public announcement is free of any contradiction." Ludwig Von Mises

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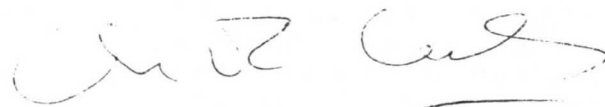
OVERQUALIFICATION is a result of the State-subsidized educational system, and tends to result in a glut of people qualified for a specific post—say, Professor of Graduate Sociology. These people are, of course, perfectly qualified to be secretaries, receptionists and file clerks, and occupy other lower status jobs. But, a prospective employer will reason, such a person will leave as soon as he or she finds a job in his or her field, so why should

I hire him or her to start with? The result: some highly qualified and highly unemployed people. Isn't mass education wonderful?

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system. He also cites Trilateral Commission backing for a renovated international monetary system, based on a new version of the SDR. I laughed when I read this, because the new monetary unit is called, by the Commission, the "bancor." I had to laugh because the SDR is nothing but an old proposal by Keynes with a flashy new name. Keynes' name? The bancor, of course! McKeever's MISL, Box 71317, L.A., CA 90071. Back issues, \$3.00 each.



NEW ANARCHOTOWN

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gram. Toward the first, we've hired our good friend Michael Nash as "teacher" or "resource person" for Debbie, Jenny and Dave. What we're looking to do is somewhat different than what is usually advanced in the name of libertarian education. All too often, the emphasis seems to be on creating "super-children," children who read Kant at eleven and goddess-knows-what by the time they're twelve. It's our feeling that that's fine and well if that's what children want to be doing, but it's our observation that it's not.

Children have an almost boundless curiosity about the world around them and the possibilities of learning from the most everyday situations are tremendous. If this curiosity leads to *The Critique of Pure Reason*, wonderful! Unhappily, however, it seems to be adult standards, not natural curiosity, that lead in that direction. It strikes us that "libertarian" education means freedom every bit as much as it means learning American History from *Conceived in Liberty*. Anyway, more on the subject after a few months of trial.

The firearms training program is considerably more cut and dried.

There appears to be an ever-increasing demand for some sort of program teaching the fundamentals of self-defense. Whether this is a function of the crime rate or a reflection of a movement starting to act on its own principles, we don't know. But we do know that it's very difficult for the neophyte to obtain the necessary information and training from conventional sources. After all, very few anarchists are likely to sign up for a police pistol course, for very good reason. Anyone interested in more information should feel free to write.

As far as more conventional activities go (pamphlets, marches, etc.), I'd like to relate a funny thing that happened on our way to find the "Movement." After spending a rather fruitless afternoon looking through the directory of student organizations on the U. Ark. campus in Fayetteville (couldn't find so much as a Young Republican, let alone anyone likely to lead us to the libertarian faithful), we stopped by the John Deere tractor place to have our brush-cutter adjusted. While waiting there, we ran into a stonemason who just so happened to need his road cleared and the inevitable trade was made. He seemed awfully pleased with the deal and remarked, "Best of all, those

bastards in Little Rock don't get a penny!" to which the whole service department gave a rousing cheer. The situation was hardly unique. Not a day passes that we don't hear some strong libertarian sentiment expressed. I'm not sure we need to do much marching here, though a ring of anti-tank missiles around these mountains might be a nice thing. —AG & MM

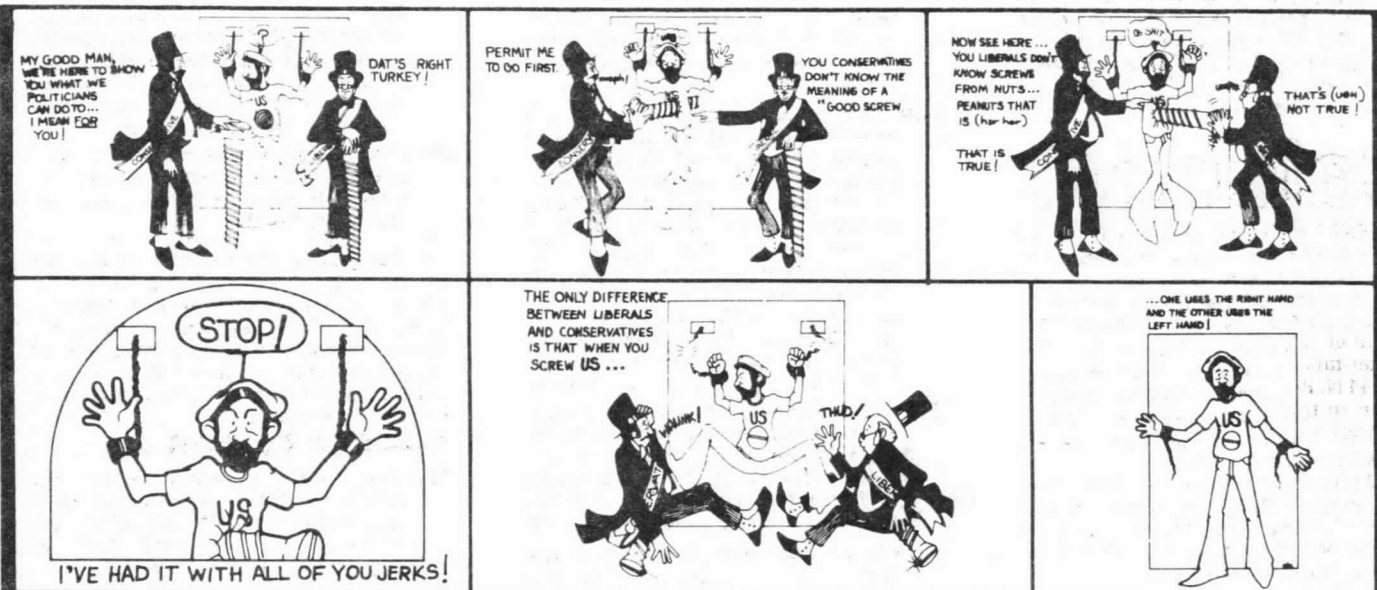


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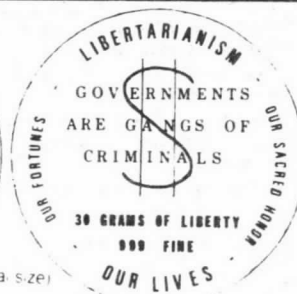
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by Chris Schaefer

(May 23 || Austin) A libertarian community? Well, almost. According to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, there is such a community. It's in Austin, Texas and it's located at the Manor

Villa Apartments, a 78 unit complex.

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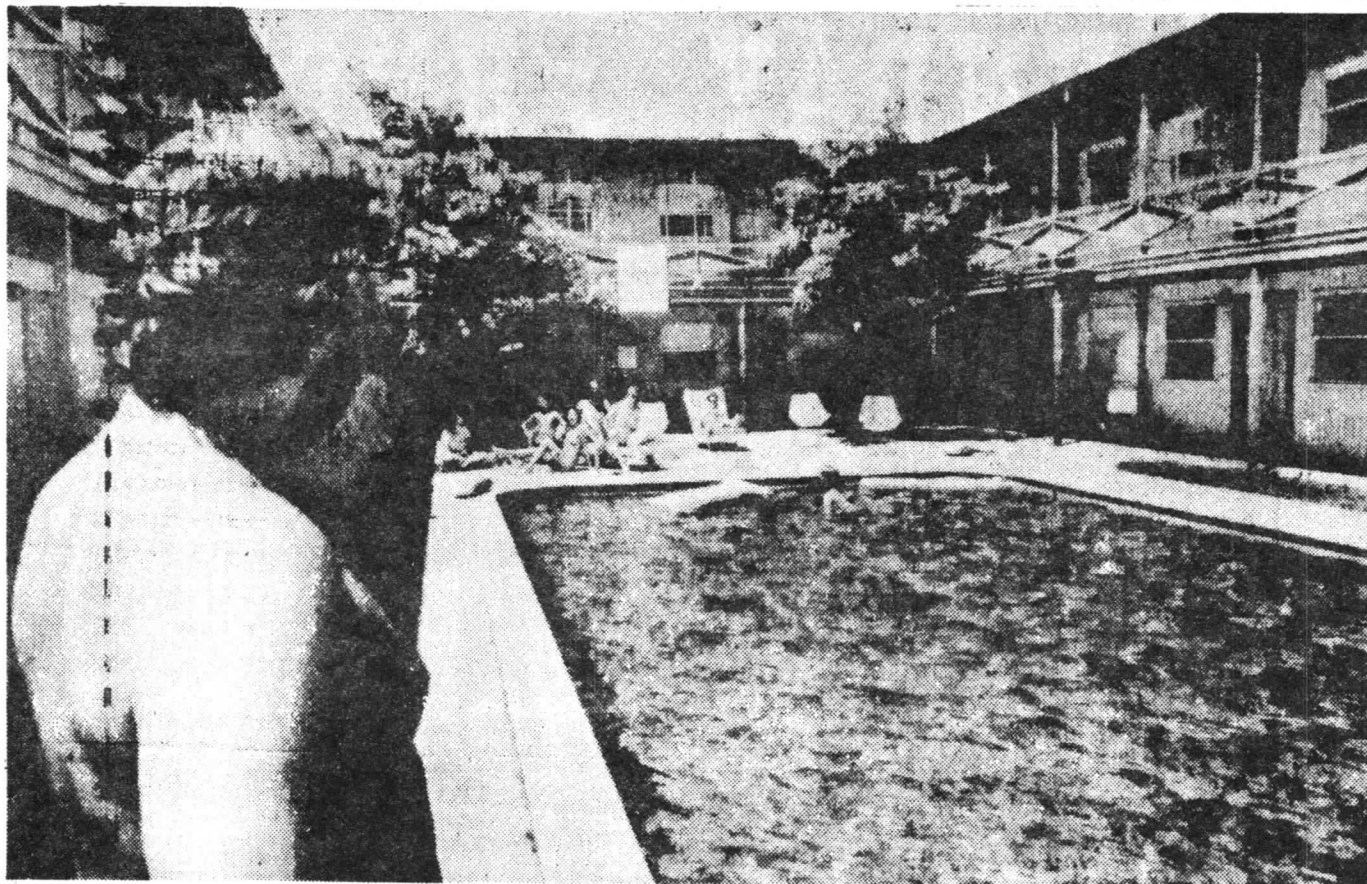
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THOSE ISRAELI ELECTIONS

by Adam V. Reed

(May 23 || New York) Less than twenty-nine years ago, in the last battle of a brief but bloody civil war that followed the first half of Israel's war of independence, the Irgun ship *Altalena* was sunk off the coast of Tel Aviv by the fire of Palmach artillery. A young but notorious terrorist named Menachem Begin was thrown off the exploding ship and managed to swim ashore.

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Residents of the once run-down Austin, Texas, apartment complex cavorted around the pool at the now thriving testing place for libertarian ideas

The Week

News of and for the New Libertarian Society

FRIEDMAN, ICELAND AND LIBERTARIAN LAWYERS

(April 22 || Los Angeles) The Libertarian Law Council met just prior to the California Libertarian Conference (see *NLW* 73) when David Friedman became available. He appeared at the noon luncheon Friday at ARCO Towers to speak of Lawyers, Iceland and Anarchy.

The LLC is taking action on the new State attempt to compel lawyers to devote 5% of their time to charity cases. Another move by the Council to take action against discriminating social clubs bogged down from numerous members' objections.

David Friedman, Ph.D. (Physics), Professor of Economics, and Icelandic history fan covered the manner in which justice was handled in the stateless society of medieval Iceland. He leaned on the source material of Njal's saga, pointing out Njal was an Icelandic lawyer to the bemused crowd.

COUNTER-ECONOMIC TRANSPORTATION

(May 25 || Philadelphia) Want to share a ride with a car or a pilot anywhere in the U.S.? People's TransShare (800/547-0933, in Oregon 227-2419) will put you in touch.

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NOLAN RELEASES THOSE LP FIGURES AT LAST

(May 10 || Aurora) Libertarian Party membership as of December 31, 1976 was 6,334. It's now about 7,500 or six times that of the Society for Individual Liberty.

There are about 7,500 more who are on the national mailing list.

—David F. Nolan

[Thank you for finally releasing the figures, Dave; now we can finally see which LP spokespersons are employing the "Child's Rule" about lying to the media.

—SEK3]



Dear *NLW*,

May 2, 1977

Here is my vote for the continuation of Robert Cassella's "Objectivism Revisited" series. For those of us not on the New York scene during that period, the first few installments provided a very illuminating (and witty) insider's view of Objectivist goings-on. Let him finish it.

Freely,
Paul Genteman
Los Angeles, California

[Oh, all right. We've got more than a 2% response from our readers, unanimously in favour of picking up the series. If he can get a couple of installments in to us soon, we'll run them monthly, probably, starting in July. Everybody happy?—SEK3]

To the editor:

April 27, 1977

This is An Answer to Phillip Osborn on the Abortion Issue.

According to biology, we are all members of the human species from the moment of conception. The zygote is the same individual as the old man or woman, being the first event in that person's life. It (he or she) is an actual member of the same species as its parents, not a potential member, and not a member of a lower species. Beings can't change from one species to another. If something is sub-human at conception, it stays sub-human always.

According to libertarian ethics, all people have the same rights, including the right to life. For one reason or another, pro-abortionists disagree, saying that certain people don't have any rights. Phil denies the rights of the "early fetus" by denying the reality of its humanity. He said the fetus lacks "(t)he most essential characteristic of a human...his capacity for rationality—his volition." (April 24, 1977, p.5)

Others, more demanding, have decided, on the same grounds, that not only the early fetus doesn't qualify for membership in the human race but that older fetuses and infants don't either. Phil is aware of the extensive brain activity that occurs "long before birth" (January 2, 1977) and probably that brain waves have been recorded at 43 days, but others demand much more sophisticated activity and consider even the born child to be non-rational until a variety of ages. Would

you believe I heard age 18 from one debater?

The pro-abortionists say that humanity is a question not of kind (of the potential for mental functioning), but of degree (of how much mental functioning is actually taking place). But the thing that sets the human above all other beings is simply the potential for reason and choice, not their present actualization. This potential is unique to mankind and actualization can't develop without its existing.

Human potential remains largely unfulfilled by the individual. We are all underachievers. Even as regards the particular things of reason and choice, each of us uses his capacities only partially and to widely varying degrees. There is a dangerous tendency for some to think that those who develop more are more "human" than the others. It is illogical to belittle someone who hasn't had the time to develop the capacity to tell you to keep your hands off him.

Phil said, "An adult homo sapiens has more in common with a chimpanzee, a dolphin, or Rand's 'intelligent spider from Mars' than he has with a young fetus." (April 24, 1977, page 5.) I say, speak for yourself, Phil. However, the intelligent spider would have to be granted equal rights if intelligence is the basis for rights. The point that we must not evade is that to be human is to be whatever a human is designed by nature to be at a particular stage of growth. Immaturity is not fault when one is immature and is certainly no grounds for killing.

Not only do parents have no right to kill their children, they have the obligation/responsibility to provide care. Nathaniel Branden said, "What are the respective obligations of parents to children and children to parents?"

"The key to understanding the nature of parental obligation lies in the moral principle that human beings must assume responsibility for the consequences of their actions.

"A child is the responsibility of his parents, because (a) they brought him into existence, and (b) a child, by nature, cannot survive independently. (The fact that the parents might not have desired the child, in a given case, is irrelevant in this context; he is nevertheless the consequence of their chosen action—a consequence that, as a possibility, was foreseeable... Par-

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ents must support the child because [t]he support is his by right." (His emphasis, *The Objectivist Newsletter*, December 1962.) While he intended these remarks to apply only to born children, there is no logical reason not to apply them to all children.

Phil rejects this claim upon the parents saying that since the child didn't exist before conception, he could not have been deprived of anything by bringing him into the world. The error in this analysis is the attempt to judge the parent-child relationship by exactly the same measures applied to all other relationships. We can't because there is something fundamentally different about this one: this relationship arises when one party is created by the other party(ies).

Branden stated further in his article that parenting "is not a sacrifice" and parents "have no moral right to regard it as such." Reproaching "a child for being a . . . burden" is unfair because "the child had" no "choice in the matter." (His emphasis.) Killing it is even more unfair.

The pregnant mother holds her child captive within her body. She has no right to mistreat it. As Phil said in his January article, "Parents have no right to physically or mentally abuse any child, and the 'their' in the above does not denote ownership." (His emphasis.) What is abortion but extreme abuse? The mother can give her child up for adoption to others willing to take up her burden. It is still the case, after all, that the child was put into a state of dependency without his assent and parents are obligated for that fact.

Yours for life and liberty,
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13424 Hathaway Drive
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[Can we bury this issue now . . . whoops,
bad phrasing there. —SEK3]

LIBERTARIAN APTS.

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libertarian ideas. The *San Francisco Chronicle* quotes him as saying: "A liberated environment where people are free to do whatever they want as long as they don't aggress physically against one another."

Before Parker took over as manager the complex was on the verge of being leveled by a bulldozer. However, after listening to some of Parker's ideas the owners changed their minds and committed \$80,000 to refurbishing the complex.

A third of the apartments have already been rented and seven sturdy

gates have been installed to keep inquiring/meddling do-gooders or antagonistic/belligerent/unfriendly/rubbernecking neighbors at bay. Signs on the gates warn visitors to stay away if they are "offended by the liberated life style inside." It also warns of "nudity, cavorting in the pool and various other consensual frolicking." Shades of Robert A. Heinlein's *Farnham's Freehold*.

Does it all work? The apartments are being rented at the rate of one a day. The new tenants are students and young business and professional people. The tenants are married couples, gays, and singles, who according to Parker embrace political attitudes "from hippie to redneck." Do they coexist? According to Parker, "The people physically coexist. It's not total freedom; but it's a relate degree of freedom compared to what's outside."

—Chris Schaefer

REED ON ISRAELI VOTE

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Begin was suspected of having planned the massacre of Arab civilians at Dir Yassein, but most of his accomplices went down with the *Altalena*, and the case could never be proven. Aided by the notoriety of a murderer who got away with it, Begin became a politician.

A week ago, with the dominant Labor party split between the regulars of Shimon Peres and the reformers of Yigal Yadin, Begin's "Likud" (Unity) party gained the largest single bloc of seats in the Knesset, and with it the first chance at forming a government.

Taking a look at the Likud platform, I was seized by an unexpected feeling of familiarity, and then realized I had seen a lot of it before: the Israeli fascists' platform was a near mirror image of that of the PLO. The PLO National Covenant states that "the Jews are not a separate nationality;" the Likud says the same thing about the Palestinians. The PLO says that "Palestine, within the boundaries it had during the British mandate, is an indivisible territorial unit." Substitute *Eretz Israel*—the Hebrew name of the country during the Mandate—and you have the corresponding Likud position.

The platform of the Likud also demands equality for Israeli Arabs (but only those who stayed in Israel after 1948), just as the PLO is ready to give equal citizenship to Palestinian Jews (but only if their ancestors lived in Palestine before 1881). Begin even calls the Palestinians "colonialist settlers"—the favorite PLO epithet for the Israelis—on the grounds that their

ancestors were brought to the country by the Roman Empire, from its province of Syria, after the forcible expulsion of the Jews.

The Likud controls 41 of the 120 seats in the Knesset, while 58 seats are controlled by parties which could never agree with its racist positions. To get even a bare majority of 61, Begin would have to bring in the Aguda, an extreme traditionalist group which demands that women be excluded from the military, and that autopsies be banned.

The former demand could result in a serious threat to the Israeli defense posture: women perform all the non-combat jobs in the Israeli forces, serve as medics and radio operators in combat units, and account for half the personnel of the Military Settlement Corps. If Begin can't form a coalition, Peres and Yadin could put together a 65-seat coalition without any such obstacles.

An interesting sideshow was provided by the candidacy of one Samuel Flatto. A Frenchman wanted for tax evasion, Flatto bolted for Israel during the Abu Daud affair, knowing that the Israelis would take their time extraditing him. (France has extradition treaties with every country on earth.)

In Israel he found out that he did not have to be a citizen to run for political office, and that, if elected to the Knesset, he would enjoy parliamentary immunity and could not be extradited until after the statute of limitations had run out. Flatto ran, and the Israeli voters registered their disgust with the 70% income tax by giving the tax evader twice as many votes as he needed to get a seat.

The Human Rights Movement—the Israeli equivalent of the LP—had three seats in the last Knesset, but that was before the "Freedom Socialists," Israeli equivalents of Chomsky and Bookchin, split off. This year, the "Freedom Socialists" got two seats; Aloni's more individualist HRM got only one. Interestingly, the HRM could have gotten three or four seats if they had had Flatto on their ticket. Turns out partyarchs are the same wherever you go.

To add to their troubles in Israel, Yadin proposes that the current proportional system be replaced by a district system, as in the Anglo-Saxon countries. If that happens, the HRM will become as ineffectual as our own LP.

—Adam V. Reed

[Adam Reed caused quite a stir last year when, trying to protest the pro-Palestinian bias of a Middle East panel at a National Convention of the "Libertarian" Party, he was beaten and evicted (see NLW 48). Reed has lived in Israel. —SEK3]



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Saturday Salvationists and Unearthly Phenomena Investigative Society. No dues. Contact David R. Hollis, Jr., c/o the Lafayette Interstellars, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, IN 47904.

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LEFEVRE KNOCKS 'EM DEAD IN SANTA ANA! Blasts His Way Into Fresh Minds

(May 27 || Santa Ana) Robert LeFevre showed why he's considered the pre-eminent libertarian educator in the West. He left the 65 individuals, mostly students, who attended his appearance for Orange County's Society for Libertarian Life, wide-eyed and open-mouthed over his demolition of the concept of the State.

Although some of the audience gathered at Santa Ana College were Society for Libertarian Life (who organized the event) regulars (Lawrence Samuels, Howard Hinman) and hard-core cadre of the New Libertarian Alliance (Samuel Konkin, Victor Koman, Neil Schulman), most were newcomers to, if not libertarianism, to the unrelenting consistency of LeFevre's anti-statism. John Yench of the *Anaheim Bulletin* (Freedom chain) covered the event for the straight press.

LeFevre set right out to distinguish between "government" and "law and order." He noted there are three types of organization man will have regardless of government.

First is the family, based on genetic necessity. Government legislation over marriage—whether for or against—is overwhelmed by popular disobedience.

Second is business or enterprise, based on economic necessity. LeFevre says, in referring to black market activities when government attempts to interfere with business, "Government can't tell the difference between a criminal and a free man. Both confuse it."

Third is the fraternity/sorority. People form clubs, societies, organizations for communication of mutual interest.

**ROBERT LEFEVRE**

"This is where we live," says LeFevre. We spend all our time in these three organizations.

Law comes from learning about reality and government deals with legislation, not law. LeFevre quickly demonstrated that legislation is either redundancy (in harmony with reality and hence wasteful and time-consuming) or out of harmony with reality (and hence destructive).

LeFevre talked about the frustration engendered by government intervention in the lives of people trying to achieve their worthwhile, non-violent goals. He then defined government and politics and outlined the structure of government.

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AN ANARCHY UNDER SEIGE

by Shel Horowitz

(May 20 || Manchester, New Hampshire) Of 1414 people arrested May 1st for disagreeing with the energy views of nuclear proponent Governor Meldrim Thompson, 691 were incarcerated in the National Guard Armory in Manchester. The remainder were split among four other armories and two prisons.

Immediately, we began to set ourselves up as a functioning anarchist community. Most of our medical and food needs, especially in the first two days of imprisonment, were provided from our own resources.

Our non-violence allowed us to have a very good relationship with the National Guard overseers; many of them supported our struggle against the ill-conceived, government-subsidized Seabrook nuclear power plant. Within the confines of the armory, we were allowed as much freedom as possible. All of us were kept in one room sleeping on concrete floors for the first two days, without adequate health or sanitation and with five minutes of exercise per person daily. In other armories, sexes were forcibly segregated; we were able to convince the Guard captain he would not be able to implement separation of men and women.

All decisions were made by the group as a whole, either by small-group discussion or through a mass "town meeting." In our society, renamed "New Freebrook, New Hampshire," majority heeded minority. All those who dissented, even on the most minor decisions, would state their case, and no decision would be made until unanimity was reached. If con-

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The Week

News of and for the New Libertarian Society

STAR WARS GRIP FREFEN

(May 25 || Hollywood) "The first science fiction movie ever made!" said Samuel Edward Konkin III after seeing the premiere of *Star Wars* at the Chinese Theatre in Hollywood. "The movie flows like a science fiction novel reads," said libertarian publisher Leon Kasperky.

"Instead of 'What's your sign?' people will be asking you 'Have you seen *Star Wars* yet?'" says Victor Koman, who has formed (with Konkin and others both libertarian and not) the Jedi Knights Fan Club (Koman, Box 94, Long Beach, CA 90801) and published the first issue of the fanzine, *The Force*. "I've seen it four times," said Charles Curley, three days after the opening. ■

LIBERTARIANS PETITION FOR PRISONER RETURN

(April 20 || New York) We have been issuing campaign literature—a cultural rather than political campaign, however. The purpose of our group, "The Prisoner returns!" is to dig up and then organize sufficient support to put the show back on the air—with frequent showings at a reasonable hour of the evening.

The Prisoner, for any of your readers who may not know, is the most hardcore individualist-libertarian drama ever on TV. The style is a blend of surrealism and science fiction and the result is probably the best original work ever shown on television. That the show ever got on the air is a minor wonder in itself.

Our campaign is currently aimed at the New York area but people interested in a revival of *The Prisoner* on their local TV stations are welcome to copies of our literature and letters of support and inspiration. Anyone who wishes can reach us by writing to us at the address above. —Sharon Presley and Robert Cooke

LAISSEZ FAIRE SPLITS

(May 1 || New York) Laissez Faire Books (206 Mercer St., New York, NY 10012), the main anarcho-tourist attraction in New York City, sent out letters to announce the sundering of

the original partnership. Sharon Presley is no longer associated with the libertarian book store and mail-order service; John Muller becomes sole proprietor. ■

ROTHBARD DRAWS 110

(April 8 || Bethesda, Maryland) The largest crowd yet at a Washington Libertarian Social Club meeting turned out to hear Dr. Murray Rothbard speak on "The Economics and Politics of the Carter Administration." Arriving over an hour late due to car trouble, Rothbard pointed out that Carter is a virtually consistent statist favoring increased social spending, national health insurance and energy controls.

Commenting on Carter's "human rights" initiative, Rothbard called it "hypocritical at best, disastrous at worst," noting that a statist cannot morally defend human rights, and that Carter's jawboning will increase the danger of war and most likely result in increased repression in the Soviet Union.

Rothbard also pointed out that conspiracy theorists got a boost from Mondale's selection as Vice President since he was the only Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) member among the Vice-Presidential candidates who otherwise were indistinguishable. (Every American President in the last 20 years has been a CFR member, along with most Vice Presidents and Secretaries of State.)

—Jarret B. Wollstein

50 HEAR DAVID FRIEDMAN FIRST LSC IN BALTIMORE

(May 6 || Baltimore, Maryland) At the first Baltimore Libertarian Social Club Meeting 50 persons heard David Friedman give two talks. In the first entitled "Socialism, Limited Government and Libertarianism" David gave a very sophisticated presentation in which he stated that people turn to government for "perfect" solutions to all social problems since there is no *political theory of government* comparable to *economic theories of the market* which would enable critics of government to define with authority the general limits of beneficent government action.

Then David gave a completely separate speech on anarchism in Medieval Iceland which lasted 300 years and

have private enforcement of law with a crime rate much lower than that in the U.S. today. The audience was as interesting as the speech, including **Gennady Shkiliarevsky**, a Soviet Oppositionist who recently emigrated to the U.S. due to harassment by the KGB, **Frank Bond**—a multi-millionaire, libertarian entrepreneur who created Holiday Health Clubs (42 clubs and counting), and numerous Baltimore businessmen.

So far Libertarian Social Club meetings in Washington and Baltimore have incurred small losses. If these losses can be replaced by even small profits, additional clubs will be added in other Eastern cities (Philadelphia, New York and Boston are good candidates). With attendance varying between 40 and 100 so far, Libertarian Social Club meetings are by far the largest regularly attended libertarian activity in the area. —Jarret Wollstein

LIBERTARIAN ACTION! FORMED

(May 10 || Washington, D.C.) As an offshoot of the Libertarian Social Clubs, Libertarian Action!—a non-Party, agorically-organized libertarian social action organization has been formed in Washington, D.C. Libertarian Action! projects will include:

- organization of libertarian speakers bureaus using phone commission salesmen,
- organization of symposiums for socially influential non-libertarian groups (e.g., a symposium on "The First Amendment and Freedom of Speech" for D.C. lawyers and journalists), and
- giving testimony at public hearings.

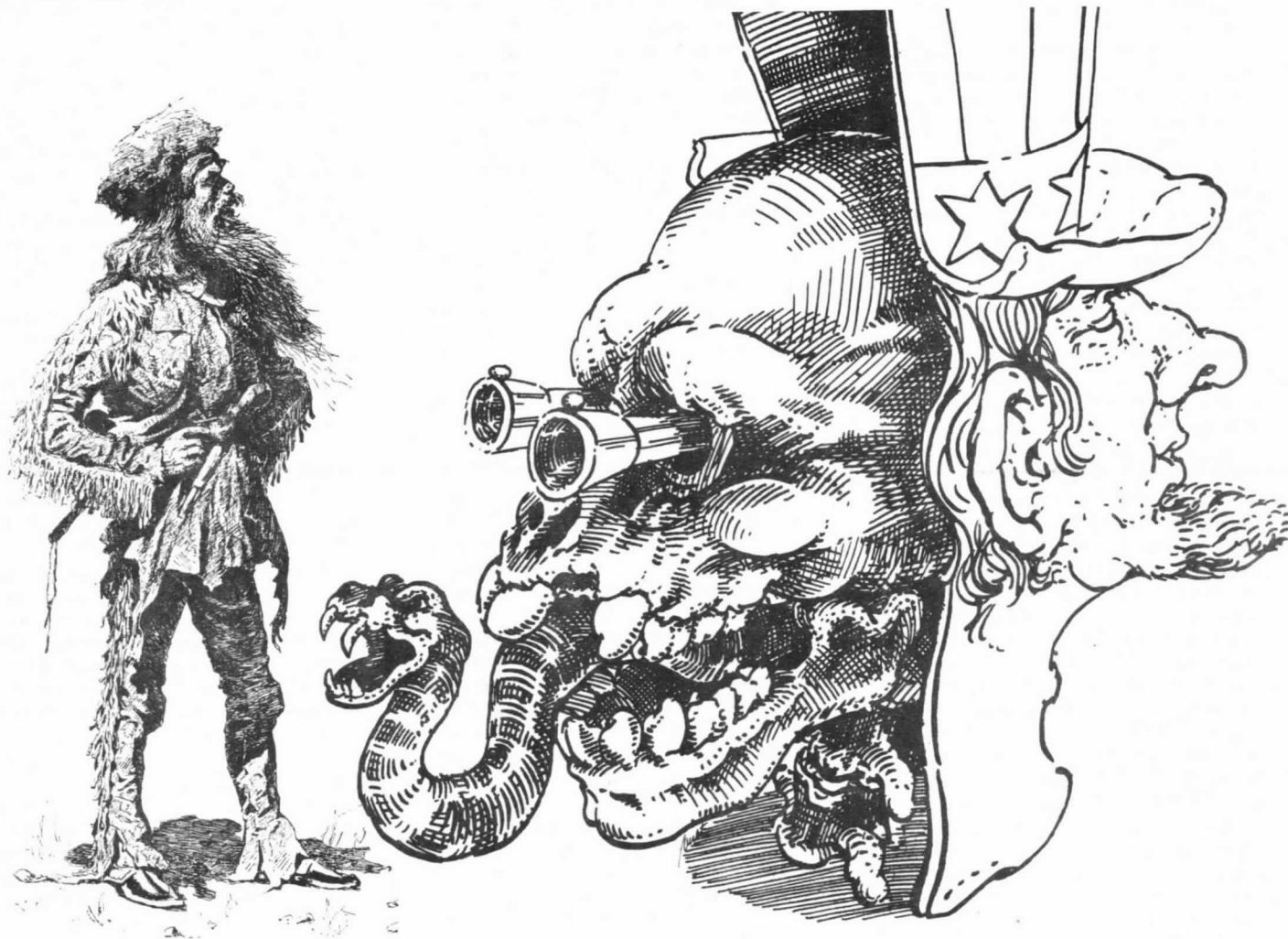
Ten libertarians are now working on the creation of a D.C.-based speakers bureau to sell libertarian speakers to local student groups, associations and conventions. Speaking engagements will in turn be used to recruit persons to form high school and college campus groups, to boost Libertarian Social Club meeting attendance, and, eventually, to form local libertarian lawyers and journalists associations.

Unlike the Libertarian Party, Libertarian Action! is agorically organized, meaning there are no "official titles," no hierarchy and participants contract with each other and with speakers individually. —Jarret B. Wollstein

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SECOND GUNS SUPPLEMENT



The Theory and Practice of Combat Shooting

by Doug Hazen, Jr.

To paraphrase Tom Paine, "These are the times that try people's souls."

The crime rate, as we know, continues to soar and the government can't seem to do anything about it. Indeed, the government, as we equally well know, causes or commits most crimes.

Most people, even some anarchists, seem to think that the police (or defense agencies) can protect them

and their property from evil. A little thought will show this is not true. A person can be killed with any number of weapons in a second or two. Valuables can be taken from your house in a couple of minutes and your house can be set afire in little more time than it takes to think of the deed.

It is obvious that, even in those fortunate neighborhoods where the police response time is an enviable three or four minutes, great havoc can be wrought before they arrive. In those more typical areas where the

response time can be 20 or 30 minutes, a fair-sized war can be fought while awaiting the fuzz.

Bodyguards can't protect you either. Bodyguards can be (and have been) subverted and used against you. Besides, a good one is expensive as hell.

You are your first and best line of defense. You are the only one who is always around when you're in trouble. You are the only one you can trust not to betray you. Even many leading police officials, in moments of candor,

will admit that, ultimately, only you can protect you.

Firearms are, generally, the most effective and efficient means of personal defense. It seems, then, that it would behoove those of us interested in such matters to learn to use a gun with some degree of skill. There are, certainly, various means to this end. The best means (as well as the most fun) is *ed* combat shooting.

Combat shooting (or "defensive" shooting or "practical" shooting) attempts to approximate real life situations in which one may have to fight for one's life. It is an attempt to develop the proficiency and skill necessary to safely end something started by someone else, whereas classical bullseye or target shooting develops proficiency in shooting as small a group of holes as possible in a funny-looking piece of paper. Both kinds of shooting are perfectly valid. Both are enjoyable. But, they have different purposes.

Here ends any agreement on the matter (in fact, agreement probably ended halfway through the last paragraph). There are different "schools" of combat shooting just as there are different schools of economics.

Combat shooting includes the use of handgun, shotgun, and rifle. However, handgun combat shooting is far more developed than that with the latter two. The shotgun is being used more and more in sophisticated shooting programs. Combat rifle practice is still restricted mostly to military programs because of the range facilities needed. This will probably slowly change in the near future. Throughout the rest of this article "combat shooting" will be restricted to handguns unless otherwise indicated.

The "standard" course of fire for police agencies across the country is the Practical Pistol Course (PPC). The PPC was developed by the FBI just prior to WW II. There are now a number of slightly different versions of it shot by different groups. The NRA modified PPC is as follows:

1) **Seven yard course** 12 shots in 25 seconds.

2) **25 yard course** 18 shots in 30 seconds: 6 shots each from sitting, right hand behind barricade and left hand behind barricade.

3) **Fifty yard course** 24 shots in two minutes and 45 seconds, 6 shots each sitting, prone, and left and right barricade.

4) **Twenty five yard course** 6 shots in 12 seconds.

All times include time to reload and draw, sixty shots total.*

As noted, this type course is "standard" countrywide and there are

regional and National championships, both team and individual, which are usually open only to "law enforcement" types. There are some people, however, who think the PPC leaves a lot to be desired as a combat course. These people consider the PPC to be nothing more than a glorified bullseye course with some concessions to police requirements.

As stated earlier, the whole purpose of combat shooting is to develop sufficient skill to win any confrontation you might find yourself in. *Realism* is the *sine qua non* of combat shooting. And the PPC is only slightly more realistic than bullseye shooting. Some of the time limits are unrealistic, the ammo and fancy equipment allowed are unrealistic and the rules and restrictions are unreasonable.

PPC shooters are almost always limited to the .38 Special revolver. And firms have arisen which specialize in converting revolvers for PPC use for the more "advanced" shooters. This entails putting on long, heavy, thick bull barrels, ribs on the top (and sometimes bottom) of the barrel and silky smooth actions. At least some of this work makes the piece unsuitable as a realistic combat weapon.

The ammo used is universally lightly-loaded target wadcutters. A person's duty ammo may be .357 magnum or Super-Vel .38 Specials, but in training and practice, they will usually use target ammo. As anyone who has fired both types will know, they ain't the same. Also, all shooting is done on the same target. (Do you know anybody who can take 60 rounds and still keep coming?) These are further needless and significant departures from reality.

Loading times are usually set for loading a revolver from a drop pouch or cartridge belt. The ever-increasing use of speed loaders may force a change in this. A speed loader will reliably cut loading times in half. And of course, an automatic will beat both.

A new school of combat shooting has arisen in response to these criticisms of the PPC. It originated in the Southwestern U.S. and is spreading to the rest of the country and the world. The chief exponent and developer of this school is Jeff Cooper, noted gun writer and *Guns and Ammo* magazine columnist. As Cooper explains it: "Practical pistol competition is frankly and openly a simulation of defensive combat. It is defensive in that it is reactive—a way of measuring one's ability to finish a conflict someone else starts. It is therefore as diversified as possible, yet governed by dogmatic principles, for when its principles are violated, it becomes just another pastime without practical application."**

Established matches are also open to all comers, private individuals as well as fuzzies. Most practitioners, and most of the best ones, seem to be civilians.

Cooper-style or freestyle combat shooting emphasizes the balance between accuracy, speed and power. None is more important than any other. "Speed without accuracy is useless, but so is accuracy without speed, and both together may not suffice without power."†

There is no set course of fire. Rather, there are many different courses (and more all the time), most using multiple targets. Hopefully the one to be fired in a match will be a surprise. This eliminates one of the totally unrealistic aspects of the PPC, which has been shot nationwide for decades by people who rapidly get to the point where they can shoot it upside down in their sleep.

The limited scope and number of rules of freestyle combat shooting is designed (ideally) to force a closer approximation to reality, rather than the opposite. Matches are in fact considered a form of experimentation to find and develop better ways of doing things. "Only thus can we discover what works best. The course poses the problem, and the shooter must be left free to solve it."‡

Freestyle competitors and exponents consider that their past 15 years of shooting have proven some things to their satisfaction. Among these beliefs are the superiority of the two-handed "Weaver" stance/hold and the pre-eminence of the .45 semiautomatic pistol as the combat pistol.

The two-handed hold, especially the Weaver type, is one of the characteristics which most distinguish the new freestyle shooters from those schooled by older police-type training methods. A reasonably powerful handgun can be fired quicker and surer when both hands are on the gun and therefore both hands *should* be on the gun when shooting defensively, if at all possible.

It should be noted that, while the Weaver hold/stance involves both hands, all two-handed holds are not the Weaver type. There are a number of two-handed holds (for a right-handed shooter): gun in right hand while left hand grips right wrist, gun in right hand while left hand is cupped more or less tightly under the grip and parallel to the ground, gun in right hand with left hand wrapped around right hand perpendicular to the ground and both arms straight, etc.

None of these are properly Weaver holds. Though there are individual

variations, the Weaver starts with the body facing the target. The left foot is sometimes slightly forward. The gun is in the right hand with the right arm straight (though not necessarily locked). The left hand is wrapped around the right, perpendicular to the ground, with the left thumb usually over the right. The left arm is bent and is lower than the right (in something like rifle-shooting position). The left hand pulls back on the gun and the right pushes forward, setting up an isometric tension.

One of the most popular variations on this is used especially when shooting .45 autos and similar guns. The index finger of the left hand, instead of being wrapped around the right hand, is extended forward and wrapped around the front of the trigger guard. Author Hazen uses this method. Authors Goldsmith and Merriam do not.[§]

The major disadvantage of Cooper-style combat shooting results from one of its major strengths: diversity and sophistication of courses of fire.

All the PPC requires is one target, a watch, some posts stuck in the ground and some measure distances. Freestyle shooting requires a diversity of courses and targets and other equipment, which makes a course harder and more time consuming to set up, more expensive than any but the fanciest PPC ranges, and the more elaborate courses of fire require a considerable amount of room.

However, you can still practice most of the principles of freestyle on a standard range by using multiple targets, surprise matches, full power ammo, etc. It may not be as neat as the Roving Assault Course, the Cooper Assault Course, the Running Man Course or the Flying "M," but it is better than nothing.

Most freestyle combat shooting still takes place west of the Mississippi. This is partly because of the room needed, partly because of the psychology involved and partly for other unknown reasons. But shooting is fun, wherever you do it and whatever kind you do. Combat shooting is simply one kind, though a kind which is especially fun and especially useful. —D. Hazen

* *A Pistol Shooter's Treasury*, p. 77.

** *Cooper On Handguns*, p. 111.

† *Cooper on Handguns*, p. 111.

‡ *Cooper on Handguns*, p. 111.

§ Hazen refers to Abby Goldsmith, well-known editrix and contributor to **NLW**,

NLN, and many lesser libertarian publications, and her anarchospouse Mark Merriam, literate gun nut. Abby and Mark will hopefully be joining Doug for future articles on self-defence in supplements to come. —SEK



ARMING THE INCOMPLEAT MAVERICK: PART 4

The Big Bores

by Victor Koman

Back again, after doing some research and experimentation, and I find that the I.M. has to retract some statements made in previous articles.

1) Derringers, though better than nothing, are dangerous. With the exception of the High Standard .22 magnum, all have a half-cock safety, which not only sometimes doesn't work, but which is next to impossible to cock with one hand. For a close range, planned attack it may be fine, especially the .38 specials. But for personal defense or streetwear, the derringer is too slow coming into action and may go off accidentally. None of this applies to the High Standard—it merely carries two ineffectual rounds.



2) Even though Super Vel Ammo is again available, the .380 is a marginal round at best. Though the straight blowback pistols that fire it can be very accurate, it is not a body stopper. What convinced me of this? The only objective tests on the subject ever performed—the Thompson-Labarde tests and Hatcher's formulas.

Long ignored by the State, these tests—conducted on living animals and human cadavers and not likely to be repeated—conclude that bullet diameter above all else makes the most difference in stopping power. Those interested in personal defense should be interested in that first and fore-

most. As an example, a .45 bullet doubles the probability of stopping a person with one shot as with a .38. 95% stopping probability versus 50%. This does not mean two shots from a .38 equals one from a .45.

A .25 ACP round has 1/20 the stopping power of a .45. It would more likely anger your opponent than injure him. Any bullet of less than .40 calibre—unless it is a rifle round—must be considered—defense-wise—a marginal round.

That leaves us with several choices in pistols—revolvers and autoloaders of .40, .41, .44 and .45 calibre.

I do not retract my stand on revolvers—they are bulky, difficult to reload quickly, have moving parts exposed to the elements and have other parts that require a master gunsmith to reach. If you decide on a wheelgun for personal defense, after giving it serious thought... wallow in it.

They make good hunting guns, though.

If you decide on an autoloader, you can still have your choice of .40, .41, .44 and .45. I know of only one .40 calibre automatic, and that is the G&A Bar-Sto using the wildcat .40 belted magnum round. (A wildcat round is a particular cartridge size not commercially manufactured. The .40 G&A round uses .224 Weatherby magnum



rifle cartridges cut to size.) As far as the G&A pistol goes, it will cost you about \$450 to adapt a Browning Hi-Power to do the job. The limited availability of the round argues against using it as a survival weapon. As a streetwear type pistol, though, it may be fine for some: the .40 calibre has about a 90% stopping probability (chance of stopping your opponent with one torso shot) and the magazine holds 11 rounds.

An automatic that can take three different rounds is the superlative TDE AutoMag. Originally designed for the rimless .44 Auto Mag Pistol cartridge (and a wildcat round cut down from .308 rifle brass, now commercially manufactured) you can buy barrels for .357 AMP and .41 AMP rounds (still wildcats). But if you've bought the pistol (at \$500, a hefty investment) you should intend to use the .44 magnum round—it's too big (one foot long) and too heavy (nearly 3½ pounds) for anything else. This is not a pistol for streetwear unless society has degraded to the point of open, armed conflict between US and THEM.

Though the .44 Auto Mag is not "unshootingable," it is a bit of overkill when a smaller, less powerful, but nearly as effective weapon is available. I speak of the .45 automatic.

The Thompson LaGarde experiments proved (to the satisfaction of the U.S. Army—who know about killing people) that the .38 revolvers used in the Philippine Revolt were less effective against an adversary than larger calibres. The Army adopted the Colt .45 Autopistol of the Browning design in 1911 and—virtually unchanged—it is still today the official sidearm of the Army and is considered the premier handgun by experts in the field of self-defense and combat handgunning.

As if you gave a shit, right?

Well, now's the time you should be thinking about arming yourself, while it is still relatively cheap and easy to buy guns. A five shot .22 revolver will probably not save your neck from a back-alley bully. It will mean *nothing* against a roving National Guard battalion armed with AR-16's (and I'll be getting to rifles in later articles).

The Colt Model 1911-A1 and its direct descendant, the Government Model Mark IV, are the large .45s (8¾" overall length, 5" barrel, 39 oz. seven-round magazine). Parts for them are readily available as the U.S. State buys them by the ton. The ammo is readily available, and—with some gunsmithing—this pistol can be tops in the combat defense field. Expect to pay over \$220 for one and just about as much in necessary work (polishing

the feed ramp, widening the port, installing visible sights, etc.). For a fine article on Colt combat modifications, read Mel Tappan's *Survival Guns* (Janus Press, 1975, \$7.95, P.O. Box 75455, Los Angeles, CA 90075).

The problem with the 1911-A1 or the MkIV is its size. *Hogleg* is an apt nickname. For those of you who desire something more concealable, the Combat Commander line of Colts is a choice buy. Shorter by ¾" and lighter by 3½ oz., the Combat Commander balances better and can be worn inside the waistband under a baggy shirt or blouse and—on most people—not show.

If you are afraid of having two pounds of pistol slide down your Levis, there is the Lightweight Commander, made of light (27 oz.) alloy. It's light weight does not make it "unshootingable"—that's a myth propagated by hoplophobes (people with an irrational fear of guns) and is nothing but a psychological confession: "I'd be afraid to shoot something that powerful, so you should be, too."

Actually, the locked breech action—where the cartridge case and barrel move together a short distance before the case is ejected—provides a smoother, gentler push in recoil than the sharp kick of a straight blowback like the 9mm (a far less effective round). Don't be afraid of it. If you're larger than a gnome, you can handle it. The pistol was not designed for big, brawny men. In fact, if you have a large hand, you should consider installing a trigger extension or "shoe" to allow you to fire without too much difficulty.

You say it's still not enough? You say it's still too big? You want something you can hide in the same space as your Walther PPK/S, but with the power of the .45 ACP cartridge? Stop looking.

The Detonics .45 is here.

Shorter at muzzle and grip than either the MkIV or the Combat Commanders, the Detonics is well engineered and incorporates some goodies not found on a standard issue Colt (combat accuracy, including self-adjusting cone barrel centering system; throated barrel and polished ramp; deactivated grip safety; hammer redesigned to eliminate "bite;" 6¼" long, 3" barrel, 31½ oz., six-round magazine).

The price reflects this quality, and its relative newness—almost \$400. Knowledgeable shopping should knock \$50 off that price, but it's too early to hope for a sale on them.

Aside from the price, there are a few minor drawbacks. The sights are small, and their radius is shortened

even more to make room for a sloping ramp behind the rear sight. Some damn fool proposed that you carry the gun in Condition Two (safety off, hammer down on a live round) and that you thumb cock it as you draw!

Stupid, stupid, stupid.

That may be fine for a double-action auto, where you trigger cock it, but on a single action auto it's dangerous. All single action autos should be carried cocked, with the safety on, and a live round in the chamber. Then, when you draw *and are sure of your target*, use your thumb to disengage the safety. Your thumb should rest on the safety at all times, but in such a way as to be clear of the slide. My apologies to all those who already know these things—these articles are intended both as a buyer's guide and a general introduction to firearms.

Another drawback is its field-stripping method. The original models required that a paper clip or some other piece of wire be inserted into the recoil spring assembly to hold it in place during disassembly. Under assault conditions, this could put you at a social disadvantage. The newer model employs a screw in the same area, which is almost as bad.

But its smallness makes up for most of its faults. It is well constructed and the loss of energy because of its shorter barrel is far less than expected.

With the addition of the Auto Mag and the Detonics .45, the realm of *effective* firearms has experienced a long overdue expansion. All persons who desire to protect themselves, their loved ones and their property, should consider arming themselves—now.

—Victor Koman

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PRINCIPLES & HERESIES

As Observed by Samuel Edward Konkin III

#4. GRADUALISM

As this is being written, a "grand debate" looms over the issue of "how gradual should the implementation of a libertarian society be?" The actual title mentions "gradualism in the Libertarian Movement"—and here is where the heresy arises.

There is no issue of "gradualism" in the libertarian movement—unless you insist on including the "Libertarian" Party as part of the Movement. And in that case, the entire problem is still confined to the politicians and those who follow them.

For consider the tactics of the non-political (not to mention anti-political) libertarians—they are, by necessity, market actions. Businesses do not talk about "gradual" introduction of goods to the market, lest they frighten with innovations the customers who will flee to competitors. Business puts the best advertising package on its products and sells, sells, sells!

Can you imagine *New Libertarian Weekly* (or *reason* or *Libertarian Review*) deliberately following a practice of "gradually" increasing circulation? Or even the *LP News*? Or any of them "gradually" printing a controversial article?

How about the Ludwig Von Mises Mint "gradually" putting silver and gold in their coins—oops, barter medallions? Could you see the Libertarian Supper Club "gradually" letting the diners engage in hard-core conversations? No matter how you slice it, gradualism makes no sense outside the political arena. And let's be clear what a politician's gradual implementation consists of—the turning of the screw.

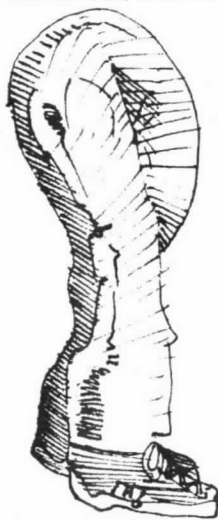
How gradually should oppression, regulation, taxation, and conscription be lifted from you? How gradually should the Partyarchs, finally wielding the State power they crave, make you free?

To the consistent, hard-core, New Libertarian, even this is absurd. Your freedom will be won, can only be achieved, by you, from the "bottom up." It can never be imposed from the top down.

Nonetheless, it will well behoove us to remember, as this debate heats up, what a non-issue it is—to those of us outside the LP and the political process. —Samuel Edward Konkin III

COMIC STRIPS BEGIN IN NLW 79

Jeff Grimshaw, who's logos for the **Black Market**, **Epistolary**, and **Moslow** sections of **New Libertarian Weekly** have already been seen, has his new comic strip **Anarcho-Antics** beginning in **NLW 79**. In case there was a demand for a portrait of the author, Jeff sent us the self-portrait below. Also beginning in **NLW 79** is Dave Burd's **Luke Warm, Private Eye**. ("He's not so hot, he's not so cool, he's Luke Warm...")



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sensus proved impossible on non-binding matters, only those who wanted to participate did so. There was no case when all of us needed to agree on a plan of action (e.g. how to proceed in court) that we were unable to do so; the longest time to reach a consensus was under two hours.

Throughout our stay, workshops were held. All of us used our jail time as a learning experience, and spiritual intellectual growth was constant and fulfilling.

Trust was so high that wallets and other valuables—even a bagpipes—were constantly left unattended. No cases of theft or vandalism were reported.

Other services we provided for each other were an art center, barber shop, postal service with other armories, library, communication (e.g. newspapers) sharing, and even a town crier.

—Shel Horowitz

LEFEVRE IN SANTA ANA

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Nearly all LeFevre's definitions and points were translated into examples, usually humorous. His illustrating that no one ever gave consent to be governed was particularly side-splitting.

"Government is a group of people who sell retributive justice to the inhabitants of a limited geographical area at monopolistic prices," defined LeFevre uniquely. "Politics is the method employed in power structures by means of which a monopoly of coercion can be attained and maintained."

LeFevre then illustrated how all government is pyramidal, and how oligarchy and democracy and "limited republic" always re-evolved a single ruler. He brought up his familiar four requirements for government: 1. Ruler 2. Sanction (of the victim) 3. Point of contact (ruler/ruled) and 4. Elite (non-productive).

Several historical examples were brought up to bolster this anatomy, spanning States old and new. He broke down the obtaining of the "sanction of the victim" to two methods: "divide and conquer" and "lesser of two evils" and illustrated both.

Questions indicated the audience had been bowled over by LeFevre's presentation, and only one apologetic spokesman for "good government" (having none of the qualities LeFevre had delved into) timorously spoke up. The meeting ended with applause, autographs, and sales of *LeFevre's Journal* and his latest books, SLL literature, buttons, and posters, and *New Libertarian Weekly*.

Other SLL news included a 40-person demonstration in Orange County April 9 led by Neal Glass and Alfred Kerrin, their new *Libertaire Enterprises* pamphlets, bumperstickers, posters and buttons (SLL, P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632) and the appearance of Murray Rothbard in the Fall. A new chapter of SLL called Students for Capitalist Society opened at the University of California at Irvine. Three new members were voted on SLL's Advisory Board: Lloyd Taylor, John Hospers, and "Jean Berkman."

The latter two raised many anarcho-eyebrows as Hospers seems about ready to ditch the label "libertarian" entirely, and "Jean Berkman," known under several aliases, is a con artist and fraud. One SLL spokesperson considered objections to Berkman irrelevant as he is leaving for Texas soon.



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June 12 National Taxpayers United of Illinois. Fiscal integrity award to Senator William Proxmire (recently proposed termination of the corporate income tax) at 2:00 P.M., showing of the *Incredible Bread Machine* at 3:00 P.M. Information (312) 287-0969 and 763-5122. Donation \$5, all taxpayers are welcome. Windsor Inn, 6565 N. Mannheim Road (S.E. corner Mannheim & Higgins Rd.), Rosemont, Ill.

June 13 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. "Gradualism" Debate twixt George H. Smith and Robert Poole, moderator David Bergland. Reservations required in advance from Linda Abrams at (213) 657-2272 or 10368 Ashton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. If overflow crowd, site may not be the usual: 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50; 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). May not be at Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill Street (one block north of Sunset), Los Angeles.

June 14 Libertarian Enterprises Discussion: "Challenges to Future Individual Happiness" Dr. Nathaniel Branden on tape. Social 7 P.M. Discussion 7:30 P.M. Janice Allen (408) 926-9803 for price. 1910 Messina, San Jose, CA.

June 15 Tax Protest/Tax Freedom Day. Contact National Taxpayers United of Illinois, 5048 W. Augusta Blvd. Chicago, IL 60651 or call Jim Tobin (312) 287-0969. Demonstration at Federal Plaza, 220 S. Dearborn, Chicago, Ill.

June 16-19 Gold Conference in Bermuda: SOLD OUT! Tapes (12 hours, \$85) from NCMR, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, LA 70118.

June 17 Libertarians for Gay Rights Debate. Robert Sirico vs James Sandmire, chairperson of the California Democratic Council's Gay Caucus on "Should there be legislation prohibiting private employers from discriminating against gay people?" 7:30 P.M. No charge. Metropolitan Community Church, 18th and Arizona, Santa Monica, California.

June 18 Pot Luck Dinner and Party for libertarians, fellow-travellers and friends. Come early enough (not before 6) to re-heat or set-up your contribution. Eat at 7:30 P.M. Call Bonnie (312) 935-0412 to tell what you're bringing. Party after dinner. BYOB. At Milton Mueller's, 1864 N. Sheffield, 1st floor, (312) 525-6231, Chicago.

June 20 Anarchist Study Group on "The Anarchist Collectives: Workers' Self-Management in the Spanish Revolution" by Sam Dolgoff. 8:00 P.M. Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E. 59 St., Chicago.

June 21 Libertarian Enterprises Discussion: Friedman-Hayden Debate at U.S.C. Conference. Social 7 P.M. Discussion 7:30 P.M. Janice Allen (408) 926-9803 for price. 1910 Messina, San Jose, California.

June 24 Peninsula Libertarian Supper Club. "Economics, Taxes and Freedom." Rene Baxter, libertarian tax fighter, etc. Reservations and checks to Libertarian Enterprises, Box 257, Cupertino, CA 95014. Dinner/lecture (before June 16) \$12; after June 16 \$15. Lecture only \$7. Also workshop the following day. Cocktails 6 P.M., dinner 7 P.M., lecture 8:30 P.M. Seven Hills Restaurant, 26 California, San Francisco, California.

June 25 Salvationists and Unearthly Phenomena Investigative Society (SUPIS) "Fanzine Discussions, Libertarian Analysis, The International Dateline" —Howard Skimmer. No dues. Contact David R. Hollis, Jr., for location and additional information, c/o the Lafayette Interstellars, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, IN 47904.

June 26 NOTA Talk "Eskimos As Anarchists" by Joe Maxwell, anarchist anthropologist. 2:30 P.M. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham, Chicago. || Dinner after NOTA Talk at 5:30 P.M. at Nanina (Japanese), 923 W. Belmont, Chicago, Illinois.

July 7 None of the Above Meeting. Call (312) 935-0412 for place and time (usually 8 P.M.) or write Bonnie Kaplan, 607 W. Wrightwood, Apt. 703, Chicago, IL 60614.

July 7-8 Sixth Annual Heinlein-Konkin Birthday Party. This year SEK3 goes over the hill! (Heinlein remains as immortal as ever.) Open to friends of either Konkin, Heinlein, or both. Write NLE for invitation. Probably in Long Beach area.

July 12 Libertarian Social Club of D.C. "Civil Liberties in America" speech by Charles Morgan, former director of D.C. office of the ACLU. \$4 for program only, \$2 students, \$10.50/\$12.50 dinners, \$1.25 dessert. Cocktails 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Program 8:30 P.M. Reservations to LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Evans Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia.

August 20 NW Radical Anarchocapitalist Conference. 9 A.M.-9 P.M. Sponsored by the Political Action Caucus, 8314 Mary Northwest, Seattle, WA 98117. (206) 782-4651. \$5. University Towers Hotel, NE 45th & Brooklyn NE, Seattle

September 3-5 SunCon, the World Science Fiction Convention, will have major libertarian participation and possibly a libertarian suite. Watch this space for further details or write NLE for info ofn "Frefen" action at Con. Hotel Fontainebleau, Miami Beach.

November 10-13 New Orleans Gold Conference. National Committee for Monetary Reform, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, LA 70118.

November ?? Investment Conference in Beverly Hills. Sponsored by Economic Education and Research Forum, 135 LaSalle St., #2140, Chicago, IL 60603. (The Forum is an Austrian school oriented educational foundation.) Beverly Hills, California.

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Saturday Salvationists and Unearthly Phenomena Investigative Society. No dues. Contact David R. Hollis, Jr., c/o the Lafayette Interstellars, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, IN 47904.

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TUCCILLE BLASTS LIBS IN *National Review* Ex-Libertarian Uses Conservatives

by Eric Scott Royce

(May 3 || Washington) "Today, eight years after its inception, libertarianism has failed to emerge as a major independent political movement in the United States," writes Jerome Tuccille, libertarian author and much-feted 1974 LP nominee for governor of New York. Why? Because, he continues, our philosophy "has always been and continues to be hopelessly utopian."

Tuccille's comments appear in an article entitled "The Failure of Libertarianism" in the April 29 issue of Bill Buckley's stuffy magazine *National Review*. Observing that libertarianism "remains an intellectual curiosity... not regarded as a serious alternative to standard liberalism and conservatism by anyone except its most ardent advocates," Tuccille proceeds to ask "Why?" and to suggest what he considers "some honest answers."

Harping on the "hopelessly utopian" theme, Tuccille then proceeds to lambaste libertarians for advocating such things as "immediate abolition of the public school system," repeal of the income tax, restoration of the gold standard, and no-nonsense noninterventionist foreign policy.

If libertarians don't wise up, become politically conscious, and advocate "realistic programs designed to control the excesses of growing federal power," libertarianism will become just another "provocative fringe movement, taking its place way over there with the conspiracy theorists, the America Firsters, and other footnotes to recent U.S. history."

What sort of "realistic" proposals does Mr. Tuccille mean? In regard to

public vs private schools, he embraces the conservative-Catholic coalition's voucher plan—a dangerous idea which would end up enhancing federal control over education rather than diminishing it, since what they feds fund or support they inevitably control. As an alternative to the gold standard (Howie Katz, please note), Tuccille proposes the conservative-Friedmanite ideas of "a tighter rein on the money supply and a balanced budget"—"as the best means of strengthening the dollar" no less!

The paragraph Tuccille devotes to foreign policy is particularly vexing. While it might be difficult to argue that the libertarian domestic positions Tuccille snubs could come to pass in the immediate future, it is eminently possible that America could achieve a substantially isolationist noninterventionist policy. After all, a minority of Old Conservatives and many New Left and even Establishment liberals currently accept most of such a position and regularly vote for it in Congress.

Mr. Tuccille, however, derides those libertarians who think the U.S. can go isolationist in the face of "Soviet weapons and Cuban troops in Africa and Communist intrusion into the political affairs of Western democracies." He denounces critics of American global policy who, correctly in my judgment, brand it as imperialist; he blasts the Cold War revisionist historians as well.

After reading such balderdash, it should surprise no one that, as I mentioned earlier, he dismisses the America First Committee—the leading organization bulwark against

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FRENCH STATE WEIGHS HEAVY PART I

by Bonnie Kaplan

(April 17 || Chicago) The weight of government is heavy in France. Although a modern country, France is saddled with an old political structure that makes America, the land of blue jeans and astronauts, seem to a French visitor a surprising and sometimes disturbing example of freedom.

For French journalist Danielle Brison, American freedom of speech, expression, and the media are especially important. Ms. Brison, assistant to the editor for international affairs of *Les Dernieres Nouvelles*, a large newspaper in Strasbourg, recently visited the United States on a journalism fellowship.

Near the end of her stay she spoke to None of the Above on French life and government. Although it is especially in the media that Ms. Brison notices the differences made by greater freedom, she spoke also of education, business, and social welfare. Everywhere the government is felt.

French government was centralized in Paris by Napoleon, and France is still run from there. The educational system is completely controlled by the central government.

Everyone in the country follows the same curriculum, uses the same books, and takes the same examinations. The course of study changes little from year to year.

All teachers are trained in the same manner by the Ecoles Normales, but the best teachers are sent to the larger towns. Government supervision is used to restrict what a teacher may say in class.

Since the 1840s, education has been free, except in the universities, which charge an administrative fee of \$20 per year. The first year of university is a nightmare; 70% fail the year—and examination.

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LIBERTARIAN COMMUNITY PROJECT STILL ALIVE

(May 14 || Washington, D.C.) Seven months ago I announced my intention to create a libertarian community in the Eastern United States. The purpose of the community was to be defined by the members, with alternatives including: (1) Self-sufficiency, retreat, (2) political independence, (3) joint projects staging area, and (4) resort vacation.

The initial site selection was outside of Columbia, South Carolina for a variety of reasons: (1) The other principal in the project, Dr. Jeff Smith, a lawyer and engineer, lives there and has both the skills and financial resources to prepare the initial site. (2) The area is a net exporter of agricultural products and has an abundance of timber. Thus in the event of a collapse in the national economy, energy brownouts, etc., the area would be self-sufficient in fuel, building materials, and food. (3) Columbia, South Carolina (population 170,000) is within commuting distance for persons who wish to work or go to school. (4) There is a nearby county which could be politically dominated by 500 libertarians. (5) There are convenient resort facilities nearby, including Lake Murray, a man-made lake with 200 miles of shoreline. (6) Taxes are very low, building codes are liberal or non-existent. (7) A libertarian church could get easy state recognition since there are many small independent churches in the area.

We are currently collecting questionnaires from interested parties. For a questionnaire write: Libertarian Community Project, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308.

—Jarret B. Wollstein

POLITICIAN GOES MORAL, PLANS RETIREMENT

(May 19 || New York) Talking with Tom Snyder on NBC's *Tomorrow* program this morning, Senator James Abourezk (D-S.D.) spoke of his frustrations in getting anything done, and said that even the President was

relatively powerless to change anything against the will of a massive federal bureaucracy. Quoting what he called "Abourezk's Fifth Law," he said, "Anybody who would actually change the government probably couldn't get elected President anyway."

Senator Abourezk plans to retire at the end of his first term in the Upper House.

—J. Neil Schulman

FRENCH STATISM

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The riots of May 1968 produced hopes for more freedom in education, but no one seems to know how to achieve this. Ms. Brisson considers the outcome uncertain.

Trade education is controlled not by the unions but by the government; there is no limit to how many can attend trade schools. However, members of the professions are licensed by the Chambers of Commerce and Chambers of Industry, but the licensing examinations and the number of new licenses are controlled by the professions themselves. There is now a severe shortage of plumbers and electricians.

Business is heavily regulated. There are compulsory automatic salary increases every five years at a wage rate determined by law.

Vacation, too, is compulsory, which everyone takes at the same time in the summer. There are plans to add a winter vacation.

Should you wish to run a business, you would need a permit to build a factory or parking facilities. If your business is one the government wants to develop, water, land, and electricity costs will be subsidized.

In order to apply for a job, you will customarily be asked to present a birth certificate and a document proving you have never been outlawed. Journalists, doctors, and lawyers are legally required to produce such affidavits.

Six percent of one's pay is taken for health, unemployment, and pension insurance. To collect full wages while ill, the unannounced visits of physicians sent by the government must also be suffered.

Retirement is compulsory by law, at age 65 for men and 60 for women.

Retired people receive a government pension based on their last year's salary.

People who have no family with whom to live may stay free in a hospital. People whose pension is inadequate get an extra governmental subsidy.

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TUCCILLE IN NR

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Roosevelt's drive to entangle the U.S. in a crusade to bail out the British Empire, a group which drew support from prominent American figures from John T. Flynn to Charles Lindbergh—as another "provocative fringe movement."

If libertarianism has failed to emerge "as a major independent political movement," it is undoubtedly because libertarianism is an inherently anti-political movement. It has also failed to have a serious political impact because most of the leading figures in the Movement who endorsed political involvement took off on a third party tangent, immediately isolating themselves from those it was most necessary to influence. In addition, by nominating people like Mr. Tuccille—whose gubernatorial campaign became perceived as little more than a clownish series of publicity-seeking antics—the LP group detracted from the serious message of the philosophy.

To be sure, in some respects, Mr. Tuccille's call for realism echoes editorials that have appeared in my own *Southern Libertarian Review*. But he swiftly steps beyond the pale: to abandon the positions Mr. Tuccille deplores as "utopian" is to abandon libertarianism, and to adopt the foreign policy view he advocates is to take yet another step and abandon realism!

Perhaps rubbing elbows with the publishers of his latest book, *Who's Afraid of 1984?*, at Arlington House went to Tuccille's head. I am reminded of the disappointment many Americans felt in the mid-1930s when another New Yorker, signed on with the Liberty League. The "man in the brown derby," it was said, had gone "silk hat." Mr. Tuccille may go "silk hat," may move his small segment of libertarianism back into the trunk of the conservative Edsel. As for me, I'd rather walk.

—Eric Scott Royce

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The Charles Curley Letter

LIBERTARIAN TERRORISM

Well, fans, we have just been treated to a re-run of the South Moluccan terrorist brouhaha of a few years ago. Granted that summer and late spring are the season for re-runs, but this is ridiculous. A few years ago, a band of about twenty or so people hijacked a Dutch train and held it and its passengers in captivity, and thereby publicised their cause. The net result then was that anyone who heard of their cause said, terrorists—yecch, and immediately abandoned any sympathy they might otherwise have had for the South Moluccans, and the terrorists ended up in jail.

Come the re-run, and another batch pull exactly the same stunt, except that they manage to grab a trainful of kids (great for that sympathy vote!) and acknowledge the previous PR disaster only by including in their demands that the last batch of klutzes be freed.

Supposing, fantasy that it is, that the terrorists had been successful and gotten their demands: independence for the South Moluccan Islands, presumably with themselves in charge. Presumably, these people are totalitarians, and they aren't all that competent. How much time would they require to run the country into the ground, and end up as a client state to either the Chicoms or the Soviets? There are worse things than being rule by the Dutch.

Terrorism in the past has been a tool of collectivists of one sort or another. Marxists, nazis, fascists, and other such people use terrorism to advance their goal. Being collectivists, they are perfectly willing to use it in a collectivist manner, i.e. *en masse*. Indeed, this has spilled over into past libertarian proposals for terrorism.

One person who claims to be a libertarian believes that using a "suitcase nuke" to extort demands from Washington would be perfectly acceptable. He fails to comprehend the possibility that, if there is one innocent person in Washington or downrange of the blast, then he would be committing an act of aggression himself. He also fails to note the decided dislike of the American people for both nuclear weapons and terrorism. It may be nice sport to fantasize about blowing Washington, D.C. off the map, and doing so might well do wonders for both the economy and architecture, but I for one would have to condemn such a proposal.

Collectivists, as mentioned before, tend to have a collectivist methodology. They tend to think in terms of groups: the "race," the "class," the "people," or some such abstraction. Libertarians, being

individualists, tend to have an individualist methodology. This means that, to the libertarian, the basic unit of social entities is the individual. Individualist methodology leads to the economics of von Mises, the political theories of Spooner and Spencer, and the histories of Martin and other revisionists. These works and their methodology would suggest an individualist methodology of terrorism.

Just as actions can only be taken by individuals, so also can guilt only be held by individuals. There is no such thing as collective guilt, and conversely, it is no defense to say, "But I was only following orders." Thus, the proper target for the libertarian terrorist is one or two individuals at a time.

A libertarian terror campaign must not be perceived by the public as your typical, off-the-shelf terror campaign. It must not be possible for the government to even paint it as such. Should this happen, the whole effort would go down the drain, and a long, arduous effort at spreading libertarian ideas would be wasted by guilt by association. Therefore, the usual trappings of the terror campaign will have to be abandoned. Because someone must make demands, even the making of demands will be abandoned.

If the usual goal of terrorism, that of making demands on the government, is abandoned, then what purpose could the kind of terrorism I am discussing have? Rather than terrorism for the purpose of meeting specific goals, I propose terrorism for the purpose which the act itself achieves. For example, the final goal is not, say, to have Congress dismantle the IRS, but to make life much more difficult for IRS agents (if not outright impossible).

The goal also will include, but not be limited to, retribution for specific cases. The IRS agents in the Bill Smiley case, or Grismore case, come to mind. Aside from the satisfaction of dealing with such a person, one also makes the over-all goal much more blatant to those directly concerned. After enough IRS agents had been killed or maimed by violent attack, some of the others might get the idea.

The over-all goal, of course, is to eliminate the State. Doing this by assassination of every single bureaucrat and politician, however soul-satisfying, would require a lot more effort than would be possible, or necessary. This can be achieved indirectly by encouraging present members of the State to resign, and by discouraging prospective

ones from joining.

A libertarian terror campaign would be waged by a few people, with limited resources. This would suggest targets who are easy to hit, and difficult to protect. This immediately eliminates Peanut as a target, as well as other high ranking people. This is just as well, since there are always people willing to risk mere death to enjoy the power and prestige of high office. Thus, the target becomes lower and middle level bureaucrats and politicians. Even hitting the Secretary of HEW would be a useless gesture, since there are more where he came from.

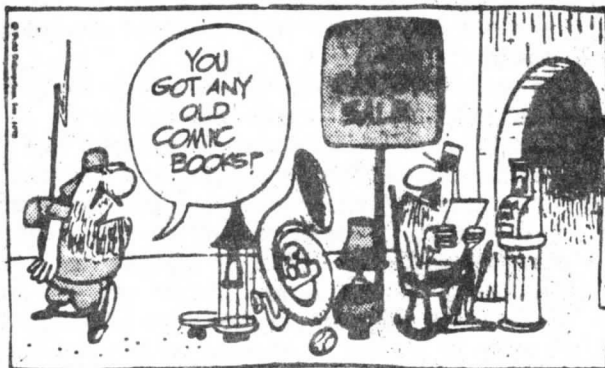
Because there always are more where he came from, the top offices will always be filled. Furthermore, it doesn't make any difference who fills a higher office; they are all interchangeable anyway. But there are people in the lower and middle bureaucracies who are indispensable to the bureaucracy. These are the key people; the ones who know what is going on, who know where everything is, who know how to deal with a problem. These are also the people who do all the work. Who these people are and locating them are problems that have nothing to do with the formal organization or pay scales. Often, these people are at the bottom of the bureaucracy. These people have to be located by close observation.

If you take out most bureaucrats, they will simply put another one in his or her place, and the machine will grind on. Take out one or two of the key people, and the bureaucracy will crumble.

There are too many bureaucracies to just hit them at random. One must select the most important. The two bureaucracies which make the government possible are, of course, the IRS and the Federal Reserve's Open Market committee. Pull these out from under the government, and it will have to scramble to survive. These two bureaucracies have two other strategic values. The Open Market Committee is indispensable to the government, and

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BY SECHIN AND PARKER



yet it cannot be openly acknowledged that this importance exists. Furthermore, by virtue of the fact that it operates in great obscurity, there exists no great public sympathy for the Open Market Committee.

Ah, but the IRS! No government agency has made enemies like the IRS. Hit a school teacher, and half the population will rise up against you. Hit a cop, and half the police force will be out looking for you. Hit an IRS agent, and two-thirds of the population will silently applaud you.

These two agencies are obvious targets, and if our terrorists only hit members of these two bureaucracies, it might appear only as a vendetta against them, instead of an anti-State campaign. Fortunately, there are other targets available. If the IRS and the Fed finance the government, the rest of the government spend the stuff. Obvious targets, then, are the people who control that spending. Eliminate enough social workers, and there will be no way to detect welfare fraud. Government spending will increase—at the same time that you are cutting off the money.

If no demands are made, and the other trappings of terrorism are abandoned, what is the result of the campaign? First, it will take the government a while before they realize what the hell is going on. This means that, by exercising some restraint and intelligence, you can get quite a few bureaucrats before they even know what hit them.

But when the pattern is finally detected by some statistician deep in the Bureau of Labor Statistics or the FBI or somewhere, then look out! A lot of people high up in the government are going to make a lot of mistakes, and a lot of them are going to over-react. Furthermore, if the bureaucracy gets the idea that "someone doesn't like us," the idea will spread that being a bureaucrat is a high-risk job.

Note: I am not currently engaged in a program such as this. Nor do I know of any extant. But that doesn't mean they don't exist!



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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



Written and Directed by George Lucas. Produced by Gary Kurtz. Music by John Williams. Starring Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Peter Cushing, and Alec Guinness. A LUCASFILM LTD. Production released by Twentieth Century Fox.

Reviewed by J. Neil Schulman

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, a rebellion against the tyrannical Galactic Empire is in progress. Princess Leia Organa (Carrie Fisher), Imperial Senator from the planet Alderaan and revolutionary partisan, is transporting the stolen plans to the Empire's new ultimate weapon, Death Star—an artificial asteroid with power to destroy planets—when her rebel space cruiser is attacked by an Imperial Destroyer. Just before capture above the planet Tatooine, Leia feeds the plans into Artoo-Detoo, a small 'droid robot, ordering him to take an escape pod down to Tatooine, find General Obi-Wan Kenobi (Alec Guinness)—last of the pre-empire Jedi Knights—and deliver the plans into his custody. This Artoo starts to do, along with See-Threepio, a dandyish translating 'droid, while Princess Leia is taken by Imperial Stormtroopers to the Death Star for further interrogation by the faceless Lord Darth Vader, former disciple of Obi-Wan Kenobi, traitor to the Jedi, and cohort of Imperial Governor, Grand Moff Tarkin (Peter Cushing).

Happenstance leads Artoo and Threepio, instead, into the ownership of young Tatooine farmer, Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill), who dreams of leaving his arid planet and becoming a space pilot. By Artoo's manipulation, Luke is driven into the company of Obi-Wan Kenobi, there to learn that his own father was a pilot, a close friend of Kenobi, and a Jedi killed by Darth Vader's hand. But it is only when circumstances force his play that Luke realizes that he must train to be a Jedi, learning from Kenobi the ways of the mysterious Force and use of the traditional lightsabre, and that he, too,

must join the rebellion. Luke, Obi-Wan, and the two 'droids set out to Tatooine's Mos Eisley Spaceport to hire transportation to meet the rebels on Alderaan, in Mos Eisley choosing the hyperspace freighter, Millenium Falcon, operated by mercenary/smuggler Han Solo (Harrison Ford) along with his furry eight-foot-tall Wookiee co-pilot, Chewbacca.

Then things start getting *really* tough.

But if you think I have told you more than the barest outline of the *Star Wars* premise, and if you believe that I will deprive you of the chance to find out for yourself how all this turns out, then you do not know this writer.

No review can adequately convey how absolutely marvelous this motion picture is. *Star Wars* is a tale of finding oneself; a tale of moral conflicts; a tale of political struggle on an immense scale; a tale of grand heroics defeating unthinkable villainy; a tale of metaphysical discovery. Though it is being advertised primarily as a "fun" film—which it is—*Star Wars* is nonetheless a serious work of art whose soaring

spirit presents things "as they might be and ought to be." It is a draft of pure oxygen in these spiritually polluted times.

There have been films before with stunning effects: *Star Wars* is an order of magnitude above *2001*, the previous record-holder.

There have been films before with a sense of wonder: never before has it been made so real.

There have been films before with exciting action sequences: none previous has anything to match the climax to this movie.

Star Wars is the first time ever in the film medium that a movie has been—all at once—so technically stunning, so heroically motivated, so minutely detailed, and so grandly scaled. It does for science fiction what *The Wizard of Oz* did for fantasy—and with four decades' more available technology, it's a more visual film.

Frankly, walking into the theater, I thought myself much too jaded to enjoy a film at such a gut level. I was wrong: I sat through it twice and reacted with the same waves of joy that hit me when I first read Heinlein's science fiction, C.S. Lewis' fantasy, and Ayn Rand's romantic realism. My first thought after seeing it was: it's nice to find out that I'm alive.

The movie has been painstakingly put together by George Lucas and Gary Kurtz, who teamed up for *American Graffiti*, and involved four years' work by a technical crew and

Governor Tarkin (Peter Cushing) interrogates Princess Leia (Carrie Fisher) with the help of the awesome Darth Vader.



production staff as inventive as it is huge. Acting is splendid throughout, with the most exciting performances turned in by Carrie Fisher as the fairytale princess with guts, and Alec Guinness as the Gandalf-like wise, old Jedi. Kudos are also due for the astounding assemblage of aliens and robots, especially the droids Artoo and Threepio, the Wookie, Chewbacca, and Darth Vader, whose voice has been dubbed by a never-named but suspiciously familiar actor.

A word must also be said about John Williams's score, a multi-themed symphonic work of classic proportions. It is as good a filmscore as any Shostakovich, Prokofiev, Copland or Korngold ever composed.

I am in love with this film. See it.
—J. Neil Schulman



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OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

June 20 Anarchist Study Group on "The Anarchist Collectives: Workers' Self Management in the Spanish Revolution" by Sam Dolgoff. 8:00 P.M. Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E. 59 St., Chicago.

June 21 Libertarian Enterprises Discussion: Friedman-Hayden Debate at U.S.C. Conference. Social 7 P.M. Discussion 7:30 P.M. Janice Allen (408) 926-9803 for price. 1910 Messina, San Jose, California.

June 24 Peninsula Libertarian Supper Club. "Economics, Taxes and Freedom." Rene Baxter, libertarian tax fighter, etc. Reservations and checks to Libertarian Enterprises, Box 257, Cupertino, CA 95014. Dinner/lecture (before June 16) \$12; after June 16 \$15. Lecture only \$7. Also workshop the following day. Cocktails 6 P.M., dinner 7 P.M., lecture 8:30 P.M. Seven Hills Restaurant, 26 California, San Francisco, California.

June 25 Salvationists and Unearthly Phenomena Investigative Society (SUPIS) "Fanzine Discussions, Libertarian Analysis, The International Dateline" —Howard Skimmer. No dues. Contact David R. Hollis, Jr., for location and additional information, c/o the Lafayette Interstellars, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, IN 47904.

June 26 NOTA Talk "Eskimos As Anarchists" by Joe Maxwell, anarchist anthropologist. 2:30 P.M. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham, Chicago. Dinner after **NOTA Talk** at 5:30 P.M. at Nanina (Japanese), 923 W. Belmont, Chicago, Illinois.

July 7 None of the Above Meeting. Call (312) 935-0412 for place and time (usually 8 P.M.) or write Bonnie Kaplan, 607 W. Wrightwood, Apt. 703, Chicago, IL 60614.

July 7-8 Sixth Annual Heinlein-Konkin Birthday Party. This year SEK3 goes over the hill! (Heinlein remains as immortal as ever.) Open to friends of either Konkin, Heinlein, or both. Write NLW for invitation. Probably in Long Beach area.

July 11 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. Topic not decided at press time. Reservations required in advance from Linda Abrams at (213) 553-5522 (answering service) and ask

what's the topic, or mail to 10368 Ashton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. 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 north of Sunset), Los Angeles, California.

July 12 Libertarian Social Club of D.C. "Civil Liberties in America" speech by Charles Morgan, former director of D.C. office of the ACLU. \$4 for program only, \$2 students, \$10.50/\$12.50 dinners, \$1.25 dessert. Cocktails 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Program 8:30 P.M. Reservations to LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Evans Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia.

July 14 Forum for Philosophical Studies. Speaker not yet announced at press time. Call (213) 467-1051 for further information. Usually 7:30 P.M. 6725 Sunset Blvd., Suite 500 (just East of Highland), Hollywood.

August 20 NW Radical Anarchocapitalist Conference. 9 A.M.-9 P.M. Sponsored by the Political Action Caucus, 8314 Mary Northwest, Seattle, WA 98117. (206) 782-4651. \$5. University Towers Hotel, NE 45th & Brooklyn NE, Seattle

September 3-5 SunCon, the World Science Fiction Convention, will have major libertarian participation and possibly a libertarian suite. Watch this space for further details or write NLE for info ofn "Frefen" action at Con. Hotel Fontainebleau, Miami Beach.

November 10-13 New Orleans Gold Conference. National Committee for Monetary Reform, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, LA 70118.

November ?? Investment Conference in Beverly Hills. Sponsored by Economic Education and Research Forum, 135 LaSalle St., #2140, Chicago, IL 60603. (The Forum is an Austrian school oriented educational foundation.) In Beverly Hills, 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.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday Anarchism Study Group. For location and time and reading contact Bonnie Kaplan (312) 935-0412 or Joe Maxwell (312) 752-8959, 5405 S. Woodlawn, Chicago, IL 60615.

Saturday Salvationists and Unearthly Phenomena Investigative Society. No dues. Contact David R. Hollis, Jr., c/o the Lafayette Interstellars, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, IN 47904.

Weekly meetings will be listed in this section, but those with specific topics or events will be found in the Calendar above. Please check both. Same rules for inclusion as for above, except add that NLW should be immediately informed should meetings be discontinued, suspended, or changed to another day.

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"GRADUALISM" K.O.ed IN SECOND ROUND! George Smith/Bob Poole Debate

(June 13 || Los Angeles) A packed house of over a hundred gathered ringside at the Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles for the debate between George H. Smith and Robert Poole on the topic of "Is Gradualism an Appropriate Tactic for the Libertarian Movement?" Poole was perceived as the champion of the "Libertarian" Party and Smith the champion of the anti-party Movement.

While most witnesses in the largely anti-politics Libertarian Supper Club audience saw Smith as the clear winner and the only one to have anyone declare they changed their minds in his favour, Poole gave a remarkably able defence of political campaigning and its consequent compromising.

Both debaters retained sympathetic rapport with the audience for a hard-fought, but friendly contest. Both were fairly witty.

George H. Smith is the founder-proprietor of the Forum for Philosophical Studies and author of *Atheism: The Case Against God*. Robert Poole is an editor of *Reason* and author of *Cut Local Taxes*.

David Bergland introduced the speaker and opined that he was neither "gradualist" nor "abolitionist" but some sort of moderate—which was why he was moderator. Although Bergland was a well-known Partyarch (1976 V.P. candidate), many anti-political libertarians thought he was bending over to be fair as moderator.

Many notable attendees not always seen at supper clubs were there such as Sy Leon (pro-Smith) and Ed Clark (pro-Poole). Lloyd Licher, the club founder who had been transferred to

the Bay Area, made a special trip back for the meeting.

Poole led off the debate, and rapidly conceded two crucial points. Gradualism was limited to political campaigning and associated activities, and had no bearing on the rest of the Movement (see *NLW 78, Principles & Heresies*). He also conceded, as did Smith, that the issue, like the Party question itself, was not connected with the anarchist-minarchist split.

Here is Poole's summary of his 25-minute speech, which was densely packed with concepts, in his own words:

Let me summarize the points I've been making. Gradualism, as I've talked about it, refers to political advocacy derived from the principles of libertarian political philosophy. It means that there is more to a political program than just expressing wishes that evil things be abolished. It means advocating reductions or abolitions of State coercion when and as doing so appears likely to be effective in actually bringing this about. I've established that there is nothing anti-libertarian in this kind of advocacy, and that it is possible to be both a legislator and a libertarian without contradiction. I've suggested that a libertarian administration or a libertarian government is unlikely to be realized until after much of the State has already been abolished piecemeal, by gradualist libertarian legislators. And that in some cases of undoing the effects of past coercion, reality may require choices between lesser evils, and that less coercion is better than more. And finally, I have stated my view that gradualistic reductions in State power are likely to be more educational for the average

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**THE STATE OF
FRANCE—BAD!***by Bonnie Kaplan***PART II**

[Part I of Bonnie Kaplan's reporting of the remarks of Danielle Brison, French newspaperwoman, at a meeting of None of the Above April 17, appeared last week in NLW 78. Copies available from New Libertarian Enterprises, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801. 30¢.]

Every town has a prefect appointed by the national government, and everyone must be registered with the police and prefecture so each citizen may be billed for the city tax. Everyone also pays regional and national progressive income taxes, including a value added tax of 33%.

Because the tax is determined by so many factors, no one really knows how his tax is calculated. French citizens receive a tax bill from the government, which computes the amount for them from information they are required to submit. Tax rates are not published.

As in the United States, the government runs the postal service. There are many postal regulations; service is expensive and poor.

The post office also controls telephones, providing service so bad that jokes about it are common. Phone installation, which can take up to two years to obtain, costs \$120. In addition, there is a \$12 monthly rental charge (the phone belongs to the government), and a \$.10 charge for each call. It is much cheaper to call France from the United States than the U.S. from France.

The government also owns the trains, buses and airlines. There is one internal airline. Prices for foreign flights, on Air France, are much higher than rates charged by other airlines.

Although nominally free, the news media are also controlled by the national government. Because many newspapers were financially pressed

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PARYTARCH BUSTED FOR COUNTER-EC ACTIVITIES

(May 19 || Columbia, S.C.) The former executive director of the South Carolina Libertarian Party, Robert B. Clarkson, was indicted Wednesday on charges of submitting false income tax claims to the Internal Revenue Service in behalf of his tax clients, reports *The State of Columbia*, South Carolina.

The 24-count indictment alleges that Clarkson, a Sumter attorney, knew the taxpayers involved were not entitled to the earned credit income which were claimed on the tax returns. Clarkson, who recently led a tax protest in front of the IRS building in Columbia, said IRS officials were "fishing" for evidence against him because of his activities.

Each count carries a maximum penalty of \$10,000 and or five years imprisonment. The 29-year-old attorney is accused of illegally obtaining more than \$8,000 in 1975 and 1976 for his tax clients. ■

BOUNTY FOR STATISTS!

(April 7 || ZNS) The "dope smuggling war" involving agents of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in Mexico has escalated to the point where at least one Mexican exporter has reportedly offered a \$10,000 bounty for each D.E.A. agent killed in Mexico.

High Times magazine says that the U.S. drug agency is hearing recurrent reports about the alleged bounty being offered by accused drug exporter Pedro Aviles-Perez in Mexico. Says one D.E.A. agent in Phoenix: "We're taking this threat seriously."

Aviles-Perez, a 37-year-old millionaire rancher, is alleged to be the "number one man" behind what the D.E.A. claims is one of the "biggest marijuana, cocaine and heroin smuggling operations of all time."

Aviles-Perez was busted several years ago in a joint U.S.-Mexican crackdown known as "Operation Cactus." According to *High Times*, that arrest nearly bankrupted him, and he is continually feeling the pressure from the D.E.A., which is urging the

Mexican government to prosecute him.

In response to this, *High Times* says, Aviles-Perez is reportedly offering the \$10,000 in cash for the murder of each D.E.A. agent in Mexico. ■

INNOVATION IN COUNTER-ECONOMY NOTED

(April 13 || ZNS) *The New York Times* reports that the latest device being utilized by sophisticated marijuana smugglers is the Kenmore Model 46101 Trash Compactor. According to the newspaper, international pot smuggling rings have been buying up the compactors from Sears Roebuck Companies around the U.S. and then hooking them up to portable generators on airfields in the mountains of Mexico.

The Times says that the compactors are used to press freshly picked marijuana leaves into hard bricks that can be stacked in airplanes and efficiently distributed in the United States. The compactor reportedly does the job "in minutes."

The newspaper says that marijuana has blossomed into a \$5 billion a year industry in America. ■

POLITICS NOT FOR KIDS

(April 13 || ZNS) A new Roper poll has found that most parents now regard politics as "the least desirable career" for their children.

The nationwide survey reportedly discovered that medicine is today's most desirable career, followed (in order) by teaching, then law and then engineering. Ranked at the very bottom of the list were politics and the holding of public offices. ■

OPEN SEASON ON T-MEN

(April 15 || ZNS) A federal judge in Chicago has ruled that it is not a particularly serious crime to punch an I.R.S. agent who comes to your home to collect delinquent taxes.

The decision was handed down by U.S. District Judge George Leighton in the case of Robert Brown of West Dundee, Illinois. Brown was charged with assaulting a tax collector.

The I.R.S. had asked for a long prison term for Brown, pointing out that Brown admitted he had lied when he testified that the tax agent had hit him first. The judge, instead, sen-

tenced Brown to a six-month work release program, saying he sort of expected a person to lie about that. ■

OPEN SEASON FOR STATE

(March 24 || ZNS) The U.S. Court of Appeals—in a two-to-one ruling—has upheld the controversial dismissal of charges against a federal narcotics agent who shot an unarmed suspect to death five years ago.

The court's ruling last week means that the State of California may not bring murder charges against federal agent Lloyd Clifton for the 1972 shooting of 24-year-old Dirk Dickens.

Dickens was shot in the back as he ran out of his cabin in Northern California, away from a helicopter full of rifle-toting drug agents which landed on his property.

A Humboldt County Grand Jury indicted the federal agent on charges of second degree murder after investigating the shooting incident. The jurors found that Dickens had posed no threat to the armed agents, that he seemingly ran in fear because they were heavily armed and failed to identify themselves as police, and that he was apparently not engaged in any illegal activity at the time of his death.

When the State of California attempted to prosecute Clifton, the U.S. Justice Department intervened. The Court of Appeals agreed with the Justice Department last week, ruling that agent Clifton—while perhaps acting unwisely—did not violate any federal laws in shooting down a fleeing man. ■

FRENCH STATISM

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after World War II, the government instituted subsidies based on circulation. That system continues.

No major paper can be self-supporting; any paper carrying more than 50% advertising must, by law, be given away, not sold. Although there is an underground press and some free papers, they cannot really compete with the heavily subsidized sensationalist dailies. (Serious newspapers receive little subsidy money because few

people buy them.)

Additional subsidies come in the form of a 30% tax deduction for journalists ("it's a way to buy the press," Ms. Brison said), and reduced postage and phone rates for newspapers. The government also controls the quota of imported newsprint allotted to each paper.

The radio waves belong to the government, which owns 43% of the stock in the three stations. Two years ago television was given autonomy in an attempt to cut costs, but it is still government controlled. The three channels (one network, "in Paris, of course"), which are supposed to be competitive, share their programs.

TV time is free for political parties, in proportion to the size of their party. Governmental ministers appear daily, whereas representatives of minor parties are seen only during campaigns. About ten minutes per day is spent on commercials. TV owners pay a tax which is given to the TV industry.

In all media, comments about the government and its officials must be favorable. By law, obscene songs cannot be broadcast before 10 P.M.; and in France, "obscene" means anti-authority.

Ms. Brison told of an incident at her newspaper, which she described as "one of the freest in France." When a government minister considered a photograph unflattering, the paper

had to print an approved picture of him.

Most French people know the media are controlled by the government, so they don't believe what is reported. They tolerate the situation because they don't care. Ms. Brison believes that a long tradition of monarchy (and De Gaulle was "probably the biggest king we had in France since Charlemagne") is to blame.

There is now some desire for less government, a trend started by the ecology movement. Ms. Brison, who calls herself a socialist, said that the French consider their present system capitalism.

She thinks that a socialist government will eventually be elected, partly because it is the only real alternative presented. Socialism promises solutions to the problems of unemployment (one million in a population of 52 million, 24 million of whom are workers) and inflation (11%).

Although socialists propose more control of such industries as oil, chemicals, and food, they favor more free enterprise than the communists, who want the government to control everything, and they advocate more civil liberties than allowed under the present government.—Bonnie Kaplan

NLW MOVES ON!

As promised, here is the beginning of *New Libertarian Weekly's* comics page. For now the part of the page not occupied by the strips will be occupied

by editorials and columns, but we hope to see the entire page filled by strips as we find more libertarian and competent cartoonists (and our circulation grows to support them!).

With a six-page minimum now, occasionally rising to eight for those containing supplements, we now have a greater space to give you more frequently. Hence our features will appear more often. More *Epistolary* (letters to the editor), more Robert Anton Wilson and Cain Smith, more dissident views in *Freedom—I Won't*, and quite likely new articles we've never had room for before.

Still more pages and new features and more news, you say? (More money, say the contributors!) Well, if each of you subscribers out there went out and got us one more subscriber apiece, we could raise our page count again and still be making more money.

By the way, "Anarcho-Antics" is the creation of Jeff Grimshaw, former cover artist and interior illustrator for *New Libertarian Weekly*, and currently publisher of his own SF fanzine, *The Crystal Drum*. He is a student at New York University.

Dave Burd's strips appeared first in *The Crystal Drum*, where he was discovered by, first Jeff, than us. Both artists would appreciate your comments on their work.

New artist submissions are, as is implied above, very welcome. Now all we need is a "Dear AnarchoAbby" column and a bridge column...

ANARCHO-ANTICS



He's not so hot! He's not so cool! He's LUKE WARM PRIVATE EYE

BY DAVE BURD



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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

ON BEING FREE and THE CONFERENCE

by Caroline Willis-White

With all due respect for Phil Osborn's experience (see *NLW* 74), at the Future of Freedom Conference and lacking his paranoia of social metaphysicians, it was a great conference and I had a marvelous time. I am of the opinion that it was a great conference for no other reason or fact than that it happened. This is not such an insignificant observation when measured against a movement that is often noted more for its production of rhetoric than for realities.

It puzzles me that Mr. Osborn fails to see this when one of his particular complaints about the movement is its ability to produce concrete results. He moans about the absence of people-out-there who have a program ready made for him to translate all his high-sounding rhetoric into a cultural reality.

He tells his hopefully sympathetic audience about his heroically martyred attempts to start a revolution here in movement-fertile Southern California. What's he crying about: I met Mr. Osborn within weeks of his arrival and I've been revolted ever since. To my knowledge he has also been enormously successful—touching people's lives, if you will—both individually and collectively ever since then.

It is interesting that he so swiftly dismisses hundreds of people who are working in many, many diversified ways to bring about a free society. More about this later. All this without bothering to inform his readers of the essentials of being a Browne-outer or a Movementist. Frankly, I don't see myself as either and I doubt sincerely that many of my associates would either.

What I think we are are Caroline-ists, and Diane-ists, and SEK-ists and Branden-ists: all organizations composed of a membership of one for the sole purpose of sustaining and succoring our existence. I wouldn't dare to speak for the others but for myself most of that organization is dedicated to actualizing Caroline; getting her equipped to be a better and more

successful human being tomorrow than she is today; capable of taking on greater and more complex challenges; able to produce larger and more effective results. Ultimately, it is an actualization structure. Acquisition of better resources, integration and elimination of new behavioral patterns, development, production and promotion. Not unlike a small industry. The industry of one human being.

I could be wrong, of course—though I rarely am—but my observation is that this is the model in other successful lives that I have observed. All of these processes underwritten or financed as it were by the commitment to change. In my case a commitment born out of philosophical observations and judgements about the nature of the universe; about the nature of being human and about the nature of what it takes to be successful for that organism in that environment. That was my way; still is. But some people I know have simply said to themselves when caught up in a lot of pain and confusion, "There has got to be a better way."

So what has all of this self-analysis got to do with the conference; with the future of freedom, and with creating a new society? I thought you'd never ask.

For me and for most women in my experience it begins with feminism, and in particular it relates to the present subjects with what I have lovingly come to call The-Workshop-That-Failed. No, I'm not talking about Mr. Osborn's workshop. I'm referring to mine.

Without being flattered, persuaded, cajoled, bribed or otherwise induced, I agreed to co-ordinate the feminist workshop for the conference. Developed a tremendous concept: would use the current situation of the prostitute to concretize two principles of feminism. The first being that we have a full and clear right to total autonomy over our bodies and the second being that in so far as we conduct ourselves without the use of force or fraud we are free to engage in any business that we choose to sustain ourselves. With enthusiastic agreement and support from feminists outside the libertarian community, feminists with whom I usually fight over ideology, I set up a panel around the Southern California representative for COYOTE, the prostitute's organization, an acronym for

call off your old tired ethics.

A small digression before I proceed with this report. Great as I am, and successful as I am in some areas, I am not a good public speaker. I do well in the privacy and protected atmosphere of the Feminist C.R. but not in other social situations where my shyness rears its head. So I really prepare. I prepare everything. I structure the seminar down to the last minute. I have a prepared answer for every question.

So on the day in question, I was brutally shocked when two unanticipated events threw me and my plans into a quandry. First my prostitute didn't show up—probably had a better offer, and at the last minute the workshop co-ordinator discovered that an impromptu workshop by Diane Hunter Smith and Lynn Kinsky would conflict with mine, and naturally threw us together.

Most of the feedback that I have received has been most complimentary, but for me it was a disaster. Determined that the show would go on, I bizarrely read notes for a seminar-that-wasn't. Unlike Phil Osborn, I did not have the fortune to fail with a tiny audience. My ruefully-regretted - at - that - time - successful-rhetoric had crammed a crowd of men and women to witness me turn turkey.

And I have no regrets. Instead of harboring some rage for a prostitute that didn't show or boiling with suspicion over the evil motives of a harassed workshop-coordinator, I in that crisis discovered a fundamental secret of successful seminars: spontaneity, not a script. I also know that I have a great attachment for scripts. I not only write them I live by them.

I've been focusing my attention on Mr. Osborn's reaction to the conference—but I could have been focusing on many individuals that I have known, not only in the libertarian movement but also in the objectivist circles that I have known.

After a lot of reading and preparation we march out into society armed to the hilt with suspicion, morals, judgements and the conviction that everyone needs us to correct their lives. Well, they don't. They don't need us anymore than we really need them.

Under the big lie that people out there need us to save them from their ignorance and evil intentions, is a quiet secret that we would very much like to be with people and share experiences with them. Most of us growing up did not have Ayn Rand for Mother nor Hyam Ginott for Father. What we did have created in

us a big appetite to be alone. And many of us did spend a great deal of time alone: nurturing ourselves and developing autonomy.

And while we were alone, very slowly a dream grew in us. A dream that we would create a society—a free society. A society in which we would mingle with other people who traded freely with us and in which we were free to express ourselves. And one day that dream got so real for some of us that we moved from places like Connecticut and Kansas and even Virginia to communities where we had heard others like us were gathering.

But in those cities and communities where we gathered our dreams became disappointments. No one understood us. No one was *really* practicing IT. No one really was a _____ (fill in your own idealism). Nothing was being done.

But in the Spring of '77 three anarcho-practicalists brought forth an event. It wasn't the hybrid of the imagination; it was the half-breed of the streets. Feminists found fault with the sexist language (he, his, man's all over the place) and with the absence of women speakers; humanists with the viciousness of David Friedman; positivists with the negativism of John Hospers; and among the critics was Phil Osborn and his crying about the ineffectualism of his communication.

Well, for Mr. Osborn and all the others who would dwell on what wasn't, for one moment I would like to invite you to imagine that there was no conference. It was just your bad dream. Do you feel better, now?

—Caroline Willis-White

[Caroline Willis-White is a professional. Writer, among other things. She's speculating about a column for NLW, and NLW is appropriately delighted. —SEK]

“GRADUALISM” DEBATE

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person than elegant theorizing about liberty, justice and human action.

That's what I mean by gradualism, and why I think it makes sense. [Robert Poole]

Smith then gave his opening talk, running over 25 minutes by two (see below), which was even more densely packed. He opened somewhat humorously on what being a libertarian was like, but rapidly turned it into the prime point he was to make concerning *why* someone is a libertarian, and how strategy was constrained by principle.

Smith didn't summarize his speech at the end, but here is the conclusion, in his own words:

In conclusion, I wish to return to a point

made at the beginning of this talk. I am a libertarian because I think it is right, philosophically and morally. The principle of nonaggression is, for me, a strongly held personal belief rather than a blueprint for some future society. I think governments are wrong, terribly wrong, in their manner of treating people, and I think they should stop. This may not be a sophisticated view, but it is my gut level reason for being a libertarian. This idea may appeal to some, and it may not appeal to others—I have no control over that—but I would be a hypocrite to defend liberty without stating my basic reason. And my position entails abolitionism, not because I want it that way, but because logic dictates it. So gradualism would mean, for me, not only a degree of hypocrisy, but also an inexcusable inconsistency.

I have no control over how other people think and act, but I do have control over how I think and act; and it would be sheer folly for me to sacrifice my convictions in an attempt to appease others. It would be a serious breach of intellectual integrity. Those I speak to can take me or leave me, but at least it's me they are listening to and not an artificially constructed prop designed to please their sensibilities. And I remain convinced that the key to spreading ideas is not their apparent radicalism, but the reasonableness, candor, and consistency of their advocates. These traits may not always win agreement, but they command respect.

Do I think abolitionism will succeed in winning the day for libertarianism? Frankly, I don't know—but if it fails, it will not be because abolitionism failed, but because people did not value liberty enough. All libertarians face incredibly dismal odds, and a strong case may be made for pessimism. But pessimism is no excuse for passivity. We can at least take a stand, whether we succeed or not. When a Spartan soldier, who was defending Greece against a Persian army of vastly superior numbers, was told that the Persian host was so enormous that their arrows blotted out the sun, the soldier replied, “So much the better, we shall fight in the shade.” Libertarians, I fear, won't see the sun for a long time to come, if at all. So why engage in what may be a losing battle? As the 17th Century philosopher, Richard Hooker, put it: “Though for no other reason, yet for this; that posterity may know we have not loosely through silence permitted things to pass away as in a dream.” [George Smith]

After an intermission, it was announced that Smith would yield two minutes to Poole as restitution for running overtime. Poole chose to take them *after* Smith's rebuttal.

Poole said that his best rebuttal would be to repeat his speech, but he did not have the 25 minutes (only 10). He denied being either a “hard” gradualist (allow laws to exist to

prevent “social chaos”) or a “soft” gradualist (conceal abolitionism to appear moderate and respectable), terms defined in Smith's speech.

Smith, on the other hand, came back strong in his rebuttal time and tore into Poole's speech right and left. He threw Poole into the Hard Gradualist camp, hitting him hard for the Lesser of Two Evils argument.

“We do not have to choose the Lesser of Two Evils,” asserted Smith. “No one is forcing you to.”

Poole's weak jab at anti-Party libertarians for concerning themselves with political questions when they were not involved was quickly blocked by Smith. Smith said he was concerned with political libertarians because of their association with Libertarianism.

Then he threw the knockout punch in that second round for which Poole had no defense: draw distinctions between what political activists say they are doing and what they are actually doing. Good intentions are not enough.

“Libertarian political activists are trying to take over the State,” and Smith would not entrust his liberty to their good intentions. With that, Poole's position was down for the count.

Nonetheless, Smith refuted the rest of Poole's arguments point by point, and suggested the “test question” of the Partyarchs as to whether they'd abolish immediately—if they had the chance.

Poole had his two minutes additional to lamely claim that legislators need not be immoral. (Smith later magnanimously allowed that in a certain highly unlikely scenario, a legislator might not be immoral.) And Poole vouched for the good intentions of the libertarian politicians he knew.

During the question period, a few more things came out to clarify the debate. Both combatants rejected Bergland's contention (with which a small clique in the audience gave the impression of agreeing) that there was no substantive difference in their positions.

Poole and Smith both accepted counter-economics, but Poole claimed that government de-regulation was an equally valid alternative. To this reporter's question as to how, educated on Mises, Rand et al., he could consider politics and bureaucracy the real world and not a fairyland worthy of some future anarcho-disneyland, he said “It depended on which end of the looking glass you're looking through.”

Would Poole join the Mafia to stop it? asked Vic Koman. He would send in covert agents, said Poole.

Poole magnanimously tried to co-opt George by saying that we need George Smith outside to keep us honest, but it was too dangerous to leave the political process in other hands. Smith's answer to that co-opt came at his closing remark: "And I say a pox on politics!"

NLW thanks both Messers Smith and Poole for making their written speeches available to this reporter. —SEK3]

THE END OF LIFE

New Libertarian Weekly announces the end of the sale of "Life Subscriptions" (currently \$60) as of July 8, 1977. All those purchased so far will be honored as contracted. No subscription contract for other than a fixed number of issues will be accepted after that date. —New Libertarian Enterprises.

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FNORD ALERT

Cosmic Trigger: The Final Secret of the Illuminati, by Robert Anton Wilson, from And/Or Press in August. Everything you want to know about the Illuminati, Tim Leary, immortality, Crowley, cattle-mutilators, UFOs and fnords.

A IS NOT-A!

The Libertarian Injection continues to be in the forefront of libertarian theory. Anyone (acceptable to the editors) can send in their stencils and money and appear in the Injection. Soundness of ideas irrelevant (except when they offend the editors). The latest new idea to appear in these confused pages is that politics = anti-politics. Yes, a thing is its opposite! Since we don't allow politics in the Injection, we will therefore exclude those opposed to politics. (And only have those left who are so far out of it they think there's a third position.) Send away now to Delta Dusk Enterprises for your first Injection... You won't see ads like that in NLW's classified section, **BLACK MARKET**, (but you might since we don't discriminate against competition). Get your ad to us before you find out you're not supposed to sanction us! 5¢ a word, 4¢ if ad runs 5 times or more. Get it to us at least two weeks before you want it to appear. New Libertarian Enterprises, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801. Rush.

Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

June 26 **NOTA Talk** "Eskimos As Anarchists" by Joe Maxwell, anarchist anthropologist. 2:30 P.M. Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham, Chicago. || Dinner after **NOTA Talk** at 5:30 P.M. at Nanina (Japanese), 923 W. Belmont, Chicago, Illinois.

July 2 **SUPIS** Various talks by Eric Katz, Anita Loos, Tom McCarthy and Barry Wright Ronson. See *Weekly Events*.

July 6 **Friedrich Von Hayek** on "DeNationalization of Money." 4:30 P.M. U. of Chicago Law School Auditorium, 1111 E. 60th St., Chicago, Illinois.

July 7-8 **Sixth Annual Heinlein-Konkin Birthday Party.** This year SEK3 goes over the hill! (Heinlein remains as immortal as ever.) Long Beach area.

July 7 **None of the Above Meeting.** Call (312) 935-0412 for place and time (usually 8 P.M.) or write Bonnie Kaplan, 607 W. Wrightwood, Apt. 703, Chicago, IL 60614.

|| **Friedrich Von Hayek** on "Competition and Free Society" 4:30 P.M. University of Chicago Law School Auditorium, 1111 E. 60th St., Chicago.

July 9 **SUPIS.** Open forum on prostitution. Also an examination of specious, free-floating books. See *Weekly Events*.

July 11 **Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** "Are There Positive Rights?" with Diane Hunter Smith and Sharon Presley. Reservations required in advance from Linda Abrams at (213) 553-5522 (answering service), or mail to 10368 Ashton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill St. (one block North of Sunset); Los Angeles. || **Anarchism Study Group** (now meets every two weeks). Slide show on CNT (Spanish syndicalist) Convention in Spain with Richard DeVries, IWW delegate. For location contact Bonnie Kaplan (312) 935-0412 or Joe Maxwell (312) 752-8959, 5405 S. Woodlawn, Chicago, Illinois 60615.

July 12 **Libertarian Social Club of D.C.** "Civil Liberties in America" speech by Charles Morgan, former director of D.C. office of the ACLU. \$4 for program only, \$2 students, \$10.50/\$12.50 dinners, \$1.25 dessert. Cocktails 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Program 8:30 P.M. Reservations to LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Evans Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia.

July 16 **SUPIS** "Why Libertarianism? It Doesn't Seem to be Working" Panels discussion moderated by David Hollis, Jr. Also lectures by Dave McGowan, Hutch & Lemon, Mort Flehah, Eric Katz. See *Weekly Meetings*.

July 22 **LibSIG (Mensa) Meeting.** "Anarchism" with Jim Edminster. 8:00 P.M. 737 W. Buckingham, Chicago, Illinois

July 23 **SUPIS** Meeting to discuss fandom by stay-at-homes from the Autoclave. See *Weekly Events*.

July 25 **Anarchism Study Group** "Property" Reading: "What is Property?" by Pierre-Joseph Proudhon. 8:00 P.M. For location contact Bonnie Kaplan (312) 935-0412 or Joe Maxwell (312) 752-8959, 5405 S. Woodlawn, Chicago IL 60615.

July 30 **SUPIS** Discussion of libertarian publications including **New Libertarian Weekly**, **Southern Libertarian Messenger**, and **Frefanzine**. See *Weekly Events*.

August 6 **SUPIS** "The Cult of the Cobra" talk including slides by Carole Chayne Lewis. See *Weekly Events*.

August 8 **Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles.** "Update on Tax Rebellion" with Hank Hohenstein. Reservations required in advance from Linda Abrams at (213) 553-5522 (answering service) or 10368 Ashton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill St. (one block North of Sunset), Los Angeles, California.

August 13 **SUPIS** James Sopp, John Van Natta. See *Weekly Events*.

August 20 **NW Radical Anarchocapitalist Conference.** 9 A.M.-9 P.M. Sponsored by the Political Action Caucus, 8314 Mary Northwest, Seattle, WA 98117. (206) 782-4651. \$5. University Towers Hotel, NE 45th & Brooklyn NE, Seattle

August 20 **SUPIS** Tentative film program. See *Weekly Events*.

August 27 **SUPIS** Discussion of projects for the autumn. Kenneth Patchen. See *Weekly Events*.

September 3-5 **SunCon, the World Science Fiction Convention**, will have major libertarian participation and possibly a libertarian suite. Watch this space for further details or write NLE for info on "Frefen" action at Con. Hotel Fontainebleau, Miami Beach.

November 10-13 **New Orleans Gold Conference.** National Committee for Monetary Reform, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, LA 70118.

November ?? **Investment Conference** in Beverly Hills. Sponsored by Economic Education and Research Forum, 135 LaSalle St., #2140, Chicago, IL 60603. (The Forum is an Austrian school oriented educational foundation.) In Beverly Hills, 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.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays **Temple of Reason** 3:00 P.M. No charge. Presentation third Sunday of the month. Barnard's Beaverton Mall, Cedar Hills Blvd. at Hall Street, Beaverton, Oregon.

Saturday **Salvationists and Unearthly Phenomena Investigative Society.** No dues. Contact David R. Hollis, Jr., c/o the Lafayette Interstellars, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, IN 47904.

Weekly meetings will be listed in this section, but those with specific topics or events will be found in the Calendar above. Please check both. Same rules for inclusion as for above, except add that NLW should be immediately informed should meetings be discontinued, suspended, or changed to another day.

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FDA BLOWS IT AGAIN! First Saccharin, Now Tranquilizers

(June 21 || Washington, D.C.) The Food and Drug Administration is reeling from its blunder in banning saccharin at the same time it stumbles into another controversial folly by barring tranquilizers. Libertarians are expressing glee at the fall of yet another Statist sacred cow, the formerly untouchable "protector of our health and well-being."

Associated Press reported on the two FDA spokesmen as Wayne Pines announced the retreat on saccharin and Commissioner Donald Kennedy the new "over-the-counter daytime sedatives."

"The proposed federal ban on saccharin will be delayed two months while authorities evaluate new data linking the artificial sweetener with bladder cancer, the Food and Drug Administration announced... Pines said the agency originally had hoped to issue final regulations on saccharin in July or August but that date had been pushed into the fall.

"The delay resulted from extending the period for comments on the proposed regulations by up to 60 days to allow time to evaluate an unpublished Canadian study that found that men who used artificial sweeteners had up to a 60% higher chance of developing bladder cancer than those who did not.

"At the time of that announcement, [on March 9] FDA said the soonest a regulation could go into effect would be mid-July. But the agency has received more than 130,000 comments on the proposal, mostly negative, and must evaluate them."

Even as Pines attempted to withdraw the FDA to safer grounds with the delaying tactic, politicians smelled the turning of the mob and bills to completely override the "guardian of our health" were plowing through Congress. (On June 22, Senator

Thomas Eagleton said "he was certain Congress will pass legislation for the fall to delay any saccharin ban for 18 months.)

Libertarians have been calling for a campaign to smash the Federal Food and Drug Administration while it's vulnerable from mass middle-class disapproval for taking away the dietary sweeteners. The latest was a front-page call by Eric Scott Royce in *NLW* 70 (April 17, 1977).

But even as the FDA was attempting to save face and power on the saccharin issue, it stuck its neck out again by attacking the same middle-class Americans' tranquilizers. "Imagine," says libertarian writer J. Neil Schulman, what's going to happen when they all become untranquilized because of the FDA..."

Associated Press reported that blunder as follows:

"The Food and Drug Administration intends to ban all over-the-counter daytime sedatives, it announced today. FDA Commissioner Donald Kennedy said such products as Cope, Compoz, Miles Nervine, Tranquim and Quiet World would be affected.

Kennedy said he knew of no evidence that the products lessen anxiety or otherwise provide sedation other than by causing drowsiness. Users, he said, run the risk of being drowsy during the day when they may be operating automobiles or dangerous machines and need to be alert...

"The first step in removing them from the market will be publication of a tentative FDA regulation later this year. After that, hearings will be held to gather testimony from the public and industry. FDA then would publish a final regulation, with a projected time for removing the nonprescription daytime sedatives from the market about mid-1978."

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NEW YORK NEWS

by Robert (Bob) Cassella

(June 1 || New York) Friedrich A. Hayek was the letterwriter. The letter on the pro and con of giving Nobel Prizes to economics was published by the *New York Times* on May 3, 1977.

The Panel Discussion entitled "Free and Male: Libertarianism, Male Feminism, and Male Liberation" sponsored by New York Association of Libertarian Feminists on May 15, 1977 featured Tom Avery, 1973 FLP candidate for NYC Controller; Bob Cassella; Jim Clapp, former national board member of NOW, ZPG and New Yorkers for Abortion Law Repeal; Lou Sicilia, formerly of the Libertarian Abortion Action Group; and Pete Wilson of Libertarians for Gay Rights.

During the discussion, Cassella introduced *me liberation*; i.e., the idea that the only liberation possible to an individual is her/his own; one can free oneself from oneself and from others, but none of us can free others from themselves or from others. *Me Liberation* means dropping all labels be they Objectivist, Libertarian, Feminist, Black, Gay, etc., etc.

It means viewing yourself as an individual not as a member of a group regardless of what the group is; it means I, me, myself. To sum up his view he quoted Anne Worthington: "I am a person and persons are self determined individuals—even when they deny the fact... I am me-myself and I. There has been no one like me in existence before and there will be no one like me in the future. I am the sculptor of my soul's spirit; I am the carpenter of my self-esteem; and that is my pride."

Ophelia Betty Hendrie will lecture on the Theory of Painting at the New York Hilton on Saturday, July 30, 1977 at 1:00 P.M. Ms. Hendrie received her B.S. and M.S. from Pratt

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COUNTER-ECONOMIC STICKER SELLERS UP

(June 2 || Beaverton, Oregon) After slightly more than 1½ years in business, Simon Jester, world's leader in libertarian graffiti, announced they have recently passed the 50,000 sticker milepost. Sales in the second year are running about three times greater than the first and the stickers are appearing by the thousands in Canada, Australia and England, in addition to the U.S.

According to their calculations, a sticker is being posted about once every ten minutes and seen by between 10 and 100 people before being scraped off. Their next catalog, offering several new stickers, bumperstickers, and buttons is near release.

For more information, contact Simon Jester, P.O. Box 514, Beaverton, OR 97005. —CRNLA

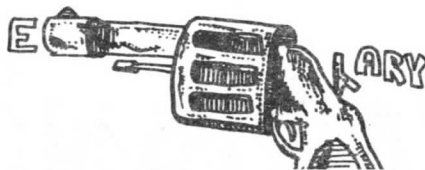
STATE KILLS THE PENNY

(April 25 || ZNS) It may be goodbye to the penny. A federal government study is recommending that the United States quit minting all one-cent pieces by 1980.

The study, conducted by the Research Triangle Institute of North Carolina, warns that, within three years, it will cost more than a penny to manufacture a penny.

The survey also discovered that an increasing number of businesses, particularly toll-takers, won't accept payments in pennies anymore. What's more, one recent study reportedly found that most people won't even stoop over to pick up a penny lying on the sidewalk.

Despite the fact that no one apparently likes pennies, they currently account for three-fourths of all the new coins minted in the United States annually. The government reports that 10 million new pennies are minted each year, and that about two-thirds of these vanish from circulation and never return. ■



Oh god, Sam, June 1, 1977

Spare us Cassella's series.

I like Bob personally—he's a sweetie-po to be sure. But he's one of the worst writers ever to appear in your pages.

Do the right thing by your readers. Enforce standards of quality in the *New Libertarian Weekly*. Let Cassella publish in the *Connection*. He meets their standards.

Fond regards,

O. Rosner

New Rochelle, New York

[Maybe we can come to an agreement between you and Bob that he is the best Objectivist writer around. More to the point, O, if I ever do have to choose between standards of writing quality and standards of freedom, alas, the first may indeed suffer. But not much, not yet. —SEK3]

Dear Sam, May 27, 1977

NLW with my first Seabrook article arrived today. I have one correction of fact (my fault). I was under the impression that any company calling itself Public Service Company of New Hampshire and performing public disservice would be state-owned. PSC, still trying to build the 2.6 billion dollar nuclear fiasco, is purely corporate, as much as anyone else. This does not, of course, prevent them from using vast amounts of public (tax) funds for their unpleasant purposes.

My thanks to Scott Royce for his companion article. It was well-written, well-researched, and will hopefully help inform libertarians about nukes.

By this time you'll have received my article about the beautiful, fully anarchistic village we set up within the armory walls (about the size of a high school gymnasium). It gives me hope for the future, if such a community can arise in jail.

I forgot to mention in that article the debt all citizens of New Freebrook owe Governor Meldrim Thompson. Thanks to the way he bungled the whole operation, we received two full weeks of continuous national news coverage. Although we had told the

state our plans and been completely honest with them, they apparently thought we were not serious. As a result, they were completely unprepared to deal with 1414 hardened trespassers once they arrested us. And even in arresting, they were extremely inefficient—they finally heeded our suggestions and cut the time per arrest by three fourths.

United we will win,

Shel Horowitz

Providence, Rhode Island

[So who is John Galt? And, yes, I too have found politicians incapable of believing you if you tell the honest-to-Mises truth. For example, when I accepted that position in the FLP several years back, saying I intended to destroy it (and did). As you can see by letters from Messers Kurk and Geislinger, many libertarians do indeed need education as to the issues. —SEK3]

Dear Sam: May 29, 1977

Being a pro nuclear power advocate I was, of course, dismayed when reading the reports by Shel Horowitz and Eric Scott Royce on the New Hampshire anti-nuke demonstrations. I fully support these demonstrators in their right to peacefully protest what they feel is a violation of their rights, especially after they had voted against this construction. And the action of the governor can be viewed as both asinine and encouraging. It was stupid of him to even attempt the arrests but it is also clear proof that the power of the State can be stopped if enough people band together, provided they are willing to accept the harassment and inconvenience involved.

But I had hoped for more objectivity from libertarians. Contrary to the hysteria promulgated by the media in such instances as Brown's Ferry, nuclear power, in my opinion, is still the least dangerous and most beneficial form of energy. The facts are that an incredible chain of human errors piled up in the Brown's Ferry fire of March 1975. It began, can you believe this, with a workman inspecting electrical cables with a candle! Try this on your gas tank some time. But despite everything no radioactivity escaped, and would not have escaped if still more errors had been piled on the chain, for not even the first line of defense was ever broken, or even close to being broken.

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HUMOUR

NLW CARTOONIST BEATS RAP

(June 15 || Clifton, NJ) NLW cartoonist David Burd narrowly avoided a \$60 fine and a possible beating with a rubber hose at the hands of Clifton police when he and friend Bob Kovaleski infiltrated the Clifton High School graduation ceremonies for the fifth straight year. According to Burd, he and Kovaleski steal graduation gowns from the Clifton High School storeroom, sneak into the procession, and are "graduated from high school." They have amassed an impressive collection of "dummy" diplomas and graduation gowns. Last year, however, they were spotted by school officials and thrown out. This year, the police were waiting.

"As soon as we jumped into the line," said the pluck illustrator, "the kids started ratting on us. A cop pulled me out of line, pulled my graduation gown off, and demanded my ID. I gave him a fake one that said Prestiphilipo Smith but he didn't buy it. 'You're Dave Burd, funny man,' he says, 'where's your buddy?'"

"Someplace back there," I told him.

He pulls out this walkie-talkie and says, "Okay boys, pick up Kovaleski." He takes out a hunk of rubber hose and says, "You guys are gonna get a \$60 fine and maybe 30 days in the slammer for trespassing."

"They kept Kovaleski and me apart to see if our stories about where we got the gowns jibed, which of course they did since we prepared a story for just such an emergency. We told 'em we rented them from Ajax Costumes in Greenwich Village. They wanted the address but we told 'em we weren't sure 'cause the streets in the Village are so crazy. They went for it.

"The cop puts away the hose and starts smiling. 'Okay, funny man,' he says, 'we're gonna let you go. But we're gonna keep the graduation gowns, see?' I did this great double take and dropped my jaw. 'You're gonna hafta pay for 'em, see? Full price to Ajax Costumes, see? We're gonna burn 'em. How do you like that, funny man?' Kovaleski and I begged him not to do it, Bob told them to throw the book at us, send us to jail, but please don't make us pay for those costumes. But the cop was adamant: 'Forget it, funny man,' he says, 'you tried to make Clifton look stupid, huh? You wanted to laugh it up. Well, go ahead, laugh it up. We're burning those costumes.'

"And he went on like that for awhile while we begged him to beat us, jail us, anything but make us go back to Ajax costumes emptyhanded. But he refused, which was okay with us, since we stole the graduation gowns from Clifton High anyway. The cops made us watch them burn the things before they let us go. 'Tell all your funny friends to think twice before they try to make Clifton look stupid. Tell 'em what a good time you had,' the cop said. 'Okay,' I said." —Jeff Grimshaw

GOOD ODDS BEAT I.R.S.

(April 18 || ZNS) If you tried to slip a few misrepresentations past the I.R.S. when you submitted your returns, the chances are good that you won't get caught. *The Wall Street Journal* reports that most of those millions of documents submitted by businesses to the I.R.S.—detailing dividends, interests and wages—are never double-checked against tax returns in efforts to catch cheaters.

The Journal says that about 60 percent of the records are destroyed without any tax person ever glancing at them. The I.R.S. reportedly will shred, pulverize and burn about 250 million documents this year, without looking at any of them.

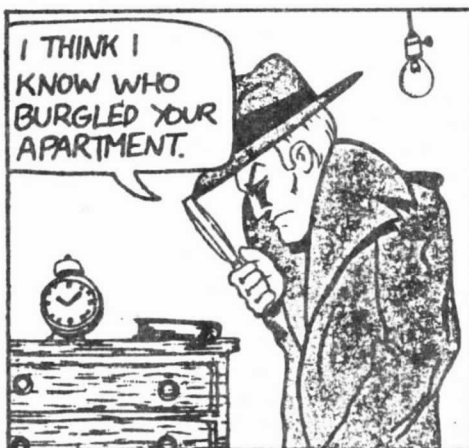
Just to get rid of these forms, the I.R.S. is buying 11 new pulverizing machines at a cost of \$180,000 each. ■

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He's not so hot! He's not so cool! He's LUKE WARM PRIVATE EYE

BY DAVE BURD



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I, ROBOT

Fairness? Decency? How can you expect fairness or decency on a planet of sleeping people?

—Gurdjieff, 1918

Last year in *Oui* magazine, Dr. Timothy Leary and I published an article ghoulishly titled, "Brainwashing: How to Fold, Spindle and Mutilate the Human Mind." I would like to summarize our basic points here, preparatory to a more general discussion of neurological relativism.

Human beings, Leary and I propose, are basically giant robots created by DNA to make more DNA. (So are all the other multi-cellular organisms on this backward planet.)

Of course, there is nothing new about the robot theory of biology. The Sufis and yogis knew about it centuries before Pavlov, or even before Mark Twain wrote his stunningly prescient essay "Man, A Machine." Nonetheless, it is so patently offensive to human narcissism that almost everybody recoils from it "as the devil would from holy water."

(Incidentally, you can get a quick estimate of a person's intelligence by asking them how much of themselves is robotic. Those who say "not at all" or "less than 50%" are hopeless imbeciles, always. The few who say "about 99%" are worth talking to; they are quite intelligent. Dr. Leary, who is the freest human being I have ever known, estimates that he is 99.9999% robot.)

The circuitry of the human robot, like that of other primates, is wired to take imprints at crucial moments of what ethologists call "imprint vulnerability." These occur on a pre-programmed schedule: the bio-survival imprint is taken as soon as the mother's breast is offered; the territorial imprint as soon as the infant is able to walk about, yell and generally meddle in family politics; the laryngeal imprint as soon as the DNA-RNA signals trigger the talking stage; the sexual imprint at the first orgasm or mating experience, etc.

For literary convenience, we can think of the bio-survival imprint as Will and personify it as Scotty, brooding over the life-support and weapons technology. The territorial or emotional imprint, then, is Ego, or Dr. McCoy, the mammalian moralist. The laryngeal (symbolic) imprint is Mind, or Mr. Spock, the linear computer. And the sexual imprint is Adult Personality, or Captain Kirk, the father-protector.

Each of these imprints exists in the nervous system as a separate circuit or network. Any one of them can be kinky or odd, since the biocomputer imprints literally anything at the moments of imprint vulnerability.

A kinky bio-survival imprint may take such forms as anxiety, phobias or outright autism. A weird territorial-emotional imprint can be either overly submissive, in which case the subject suffers, or overly dominant, in which case those unfortunate enough to associate with the subject do the suffering. A bizarre symbolic imprint is, at this stage of evolution, the norm: almost every society educates the young for stupidity, dogmatism, intolerance and inability to learn anything new. As for the sexual imprints: everybody can see how compulsive and weird everybody else's sexual imprint is; but, alas, few can see that about themselves.

Brainwashing consists of creating *artificial imprint vulnerability*. You can do this either with drugs, or with prolonged isolation ("sensory deprivation"), or with terror (new imprints are always taken at the point of near-death, which is what most shamanic initiations rely on), or with a combination of drugs, isolation and terror.

The priests, pedagogues and shamans of all tribes and nations know enough, on the empirical level, about imprint vulnerability. All the crucial transition stages of life are surrounded by ritual, repetition and redundancy—and frequently with terror and isolation, and sometimes (in many societies) with drugs—to ensure that the local belief systems and "morals" are heavily imprinted.

In short, the process of acculturation is itself a brainwashing process.

Thus, the Samoan lives inside an imprinted Samoan reality; the German inside a German reality; an American inside an American reality. That's why a crowd of Americans are immediately recognizable in a street full of Turks or Hindus or even in a street of Englishmen or Irish. The naive chauvinism of the traveler who says "all foreigners are crazy" is actually quite valid; indeed, foreigners are crazy; the chauvinist merely lacks the insight to realize that his imprint-

group is crazy, too.

(As mentioned in previous columns, there are four other imprints, intended for future evolution off this planet and therefore only appearing rarely thus far in our history. These are the neurosomatic imprint, which we call Hedonic Engineering or the art of staying high; the neuroelectric imprint, or Magick; the neurogenetic imprint, or DNA-consciousness; and the metaphysiological imprint, or "cosmic consciousness.")

Leary's idea of Intelligence-squared thus does not mean merely an increase in linear I.Q. on the third circuit. (Super-Spockism.) It means learning how to "brainwash" yourself; that is, to selectively tune, focus and serially reimprint all 8 circuits, beginning with as many of them as you can handle. (It is unwise, for instance, to attempt any 6th circuit psionic operations until great skill has been attained in self-metaprogramming the bio-survival, emotional, mental, sexual and Hedonic circuits.)

The plain fact is that most bio-survival anxieties are phobic and irrational, most emotional games silly and infantile (they are imprinted in infancy, after all), most mental sets rigid and nearly blind, most sex-roles as robotic as the mating dance of the penguin. At the same time, the ultimate sophistication is to avoid laying your own bio-survival needs, emotional cons, belief systems and sex games on others, which elementary courtesy is really what libertarianism is all about.

Unfortunately, libertarianism as a third-circuit idea (laryngeal signal) has no more effect on this backward planet than any other third circuit reality-map. The other circuits continue their robotic trips, anchored in the neurochemistry of the imprinting process. Intelligence-squared, or self-metaprogramming, allows libertarianism to become more than an idea. This is what the Neurological Revolution means; this is what the Great Work of the alchemists aimed for. When the robot awakens and becomes a self-programmer, it can easily have all the goals promised by the alchemists: The Stone of the Wise, the Medicine of Metals, True Wisdom and perfect Happiness. All of those traditional terms are metaphors for the awakening of Intelligence-squared.

Usually people are libertarians or fascists or snake-worshippers or Republicans or nudists or whatever, because of conditioned networks that fit smoothly into their imprints. People achieve Intelligence-squared, and become effective libertarians, only if they work for it.

—Robert Anton Wilson

EPISTLES

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The same misconceptions about nuclear power are evidenced by the half-truths reported in a book entitled *We Almost Lost Detroit*. All of this flim-flam is properly debunked in an excellent book entitled *The Health Hazards of NOT Going Nuclear* written by Dr. Petr Beckmann of The University of Colorado. 200 copies of this book were to be distributed to the anti-nuke demonstrators but unfortunately they arrived on the day after their release. Which is a shame since at least some of these people would have had the opportunity to hear the other side of the nuclear energy story.

Frankly, I would rather have a nuclear power plant right in my backyard than the eight oil storage tanks that are now within two miles of me which any nitwit can blow up with a high powered rifle.

No pro nuclear advocate is claiming that this power is without its dangers. But then neither is getting out of bed in the morning. However, I am very disappointed to learn that even libertarians can be so badly taken in by the Naderites.

Dennis Kurk
St. Paul, Minnesota

[Like Lysander Spooner, who insisted on believing in both abolition of slavery and the rights of secession of Southerners, I support nuclear energy and oppose the government ever getting its hands on it. As long as you, Dennis, don't support State nukes, and Shel doesn't care what you do in your own backyard with private nukes, well, then, Laissez Faire! —SEK3]

To the Editor: June 2, 1977

It was little disappointing to see the totally unopposed emotional tirades against nuclear power ("that most unlibertarian of all creations") in *NLW* 75. It would have been nice to see an emotional tirade presenting the "other side."

This being merely a letter and not an article I'd like to limit my objections to two main points: (1) economic viability and (2) safety.

First the economic viability of nuclear power: I would like to know (as I'm sure a lot of us would) what new praxeological principle Mr. Horowitz has discovered which allows him to predict what will be a viable market solution to the demand for energy. How does he manage to integrate all of the various market disturbances (e.g. funny tax games-oil depletion, etc; price controls, public ports for tankers, federal oil rights auctions, TVA, BPA, federal hydroelectric dams, limited liability, pipeline right-

of-ways, public utilities, public water ways, etc., etc., etc.) and come up with the proclamation that "[nuclear power is] the least economical way to generate electricity"? I thought the Austrians were fairly explicit about the folly involved in such predictions.

From his article it seems that all he's looked at is the Price-Anderson Act. I have news for him: the other power sources are in similar situations. This relates to my second objection (safety) so I'll cover both at once. The enclosed article from *Science* Vol. 196, April 1977, "The Distrust of Nuclear Power" shows in Table 1 the relative risks from coal, hydroelectric and nuclear power generation. As shown under "routine population hazard" coal generated air pollution produces a relatively high risk of 1.2 to 50 deaths/1,000 Mw of generation. Does their liability insurance pay for this? Obviously not.

Other studies on worse-case accidents have shown that hydroelectric dam bursts are by far the worst in terms of deaths. (Yes, worse than worse-case nuclear.) (And with the present technology a dam burst is *guaranteed* to eventually happen.) How is this liability problem handled? Simple—it isn't. Why isn't Grand Coulee "the most unlibertarian of all creations"? Aside from the fact that only a person, not a thing can be libertarian or non-libertarian, I suspect it's because it's harder to fear-monger a pile of cement than nuclear energy. People "understand" cement.

For additional information regarding risk trade-offs, I suggest you read *The Health Hazards of Not Going Nuclear* by Petr Beckmann (libertarian publisher of *Access to Energy*.) 200 copies of this book were purchased by the Conservative Caucus in Boston to distribute to the Seabrook demonstrators. They arrived the day they were released from jail.

I'm not saying nuclear power is economically viable. I'm saying that only the market can tell us—not Mr. Horowitz.

I'm not saying nuclear power is safe, I'm only saying that in terms of deaths/Mwatt the present alternatives are worse.

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[By all means, let there be a demonstration to shut down Grand Coulee and the TVA. The class of "public works projects" may be considered "the most unlibertarian of all creations" (creations = ideas which can be libertarian/unlibertarian). Personally, I think engines of War are the "most unlibertarian," but I respect other's

values in their anti-statism. As for Beckmann (also mentioned above), another reader sent me a sample of his zine. Frankly, he looks conservative rather than libertarian, but it might have been an off-issue. Any of our Revisionists out there got an analysis on Beckmann? Ken? Pete? Scott? —SEK3]

CASSELLA'S NEW YORK

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Institute in 1955, with a major in illustration.

"The invention of the airplane by the Wright Brothers would not have been possible without the prior invention of the internal combustion motor. History was ripe for this invention and if the Wright brothers had not done it, someone else would have.

"I think history is ripe for the definition of Objective esthetic standards due to the prior 'invention' of Objectivism by Ayn Rand. What I have done is simply to take Objectivist Epistemology, Metaphysics and Psychology as the given and apply them to the analysis of the field of esthetics."

For information, contact Ms. Hendrie, 39A Rockwood, Middletown, NY 10940.

Some new titles available from Laissez Faire Books (206 Mercer, NY 10012) are Thomas Szasz's *Psychiatric Slavery*; Tibor Machan's *Introduction to Philosophical Inquiries*; David Norton's *Personal Destinies: A Philosophy of Ethical Individualism*. The first two titles sell for \$8.95 plus 75¢ postage; the third for \$4.95 plus 75¢.

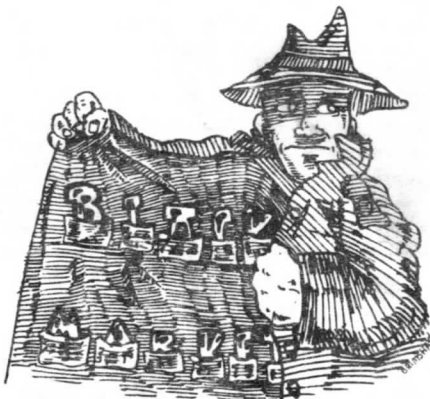
Susan Kay Johnson, former associate editor of *Independent Libertarian Commentary*, is working on a children's book of limericks. She will also assist Bob Cassella with his forthcoming newsletter, *Libertarian Profiles*.

Contrary to SEK3's statement in May 1, 1977 *NLW* that there were only two installments of my Objectivism Revisited articles in *NLN* is the fact that there were at least three and possibly four such articles. Alas, how quickly we forget! —Robert Cassella

[Yes, that quickly. There were three, in *NLN* 27, 30, and 32; all are currently out of print. Xeroxes have been made and sent to those who have ordered it so far. A few extra were made; they're \$2.00 a set. And we finally have the first negative letter to Bob's continuing his series, but he's ahead around 8 to 1 or so at last count. Finally, I most definitely do not agree with Bob's attack on labels; labels are simply aural/literal expressions of concepts, and without concepts one cannot think. To label oneself is to define one characteristic of oneself; to refuse to label oneself is evasion. Sorry, Bob. —SEK3]

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—New Libertarian Enterprises

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FNORD ALERT

Cosmic Trigger: *The Final Secret of the Illuminati*, by Robert Anton Wilson, from And/Or Press in August. Everything you want to know about the Illuminati, Tim Leary, immortality, Crowley, cattle-mutilators, UFOs and fnords.

A IS NOT-A!

The Libertarian Injection continues to be in the forefront of libertarian theory. Anyone (acceptable to the editors) can send in their stencils and money and appear in the *Injection*. Soundness of ideas irrelevant (except when they offend the editors). The latest new idea to appear in these confused pages is that politics = anti-politics. Yes, a thing is its opposite! Since we don't allow politics in the *Injection*, we will therefore exclude those opposed to politics. (And only have those left who are so far out of it they think there's a third position.) Send away now to Delta Dusk Enterprises for your first *Injection*... You won't see ads like that in **NLW's** classified section, **BLACK MARKET**, (but you might since we don't discriminate against competition). Get your ad to us before you find out you're not supposed to sanction us! 5¢ a word, 4¢ if ad runs 5 times or more. Get it to us at least two weeks before you want it to appear. New Libertarian Enterprises, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801. Rush.

Calendar

OF EVENTS FOR THE NEW LIBERTARIAN

July 6 Friedrich Von Hayek on "DeNationalization of Money." 4:30 P.M. U. of Chicago Law School Auditorium, 1111 E. 60th St., Chicago, Illinois.

July 7 None of the Above Meeting. Call (312) 935-0412 for place and time (usually 8 P.M.) or write Bonnie Kaplan, 607 W. Wrightwood, Apt. 703, Chicago, IL 60614.

|| **Friedrich Von Hayek** on "Competition and Free Society" 4:30 P.M. University of Chicago Law School Auditorium, 1111 E. 60th St., Chicago.

July 9 SUPIS. Open forum on prostitution. Also an examination of specious, free-floating books. See *Weekly Events*.

July 11 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. "Are There Positive Rights?" with Diane Hunter Smith and Sharon Presley. Reservations required in advance from Linda Abrams at (213) 553-5522 (answering service), or mail to 10368 Ashton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill St. (one block North of Sunset); Los Angeles. || **Anarchism Study Group** (now meets every two weeks). Slide show on CNT (Spanish syndicalist) Convention in Spain with Richard DeVries, IWW delegate. For location contact Bonnie Kaplan (312) 935-0412 or Joe Maxwell (312) 752-8959, 5405 S. Woodlawn, Chicago, Illinois 60615.

July 12 Libertarian Social Club of D.C. "Civil Liberties in America" speech by Charles Morgan, former director of D.C. office of the ACLU. \$4 for program only, \$2 students, \$10.50/\$12.50 dinners, \$1.25 dessert. Cocktails 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Program 8:30 P.M. Reservations to LSC, 2509 Duxbury Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. Evans Farm Inn, 1696 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia.

July 16 SUPIS "Why Libertarianism? It Doesn't Seem to be Working" Panels discussion moderated by David Hollis, Jr. Also lectures by Dave McGowan, Hutch & Lemon, Mort Flehah, Eric Katz. See *Weekly Meetings*.

July 22 LibSIG (Mensa) Meeting. "Anarchism" with Jim Edminster. 8:00 P.M. 737 W. Buckingham, Chicago, Illinois

July 23 SUPIS Meeting to discuss fandom by stay-at-homes from the Autoclave. See *Weekly Events*.

July 25 Anarchism Study Group "Property" Reading: "What is Property?" by Pierre-Joseph Proudhon. 8:00 P.M. For location contact Bonnie Kaplan (312) 935-0412 or Joe Maxwell (312) 752-8959, 5405 S. Woodlawn, Chicago IL 60615.

July 30 SUPIS Discussion of libertarian publications including **New Libertarian Weekly**, **Southern Libertarian Messenger**, and **Frefanzine**. See *Weekly Events*.

August 6 SUPIS "The Cult of the Cobra" talk including slides by Carole Chayne Lewis. See *Weekly Events*.

August 8 Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles. "Update on Tax Rebellion" with Hank Hohenstein. Reservations required in advance from Linda Abrams at (213) 553-5522 (answering service) or 10368 Ashton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. 7:15 P.M. for dinner (\$7.50); 8:30 P.M. for program only (\$1). Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 708 N. Hill St. (one block North of Sunset), Los Angeles, California.

August 13 SUPIS James Sopp, John Van Natta. See *Weekly Events*.

August 20 NW Radical Anarchocapitalist Conference. 9 A.M.-9 P.M. Sponsored by the Political Action Caucus, 8314 Mary Northwest, Seattle, WA 98117. (206) 782-4651. \$5. University Towers Hotel, NE 45th & Brooklyn NE, Seattle

August 20 SUPIS Tentative film program. See *Weekly Events*.

August 27 SUPIS Discussion of projects for the autumn. Kenneth Patchen. See *Weekly Events*.

September 3-5 SunCon, the World Science Fiction Convention, will have major libertarian participation and possibly a libertarian suite. Watch this space for further details or write NLE for info on "Frefen" action at Con. Hotel Fontainebleau, Miami Beach.

November 10-13 New Orleans Gold Conference. National Committee for Monetary Reform, 1524 Hillary, New Orleans, LA 70118.

November ?? Investment Conference in Beverly Hills. Sponsored by Economic Education and Research Forum, 135 LaSalle St., #2140, Chicago, IL 60603. (The Forum is an Austrian school oriented educational foundation.) In Beverly Hills, 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.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays Temple of Reason 3:00 P.M. No charge. Presentation third Sunday of the month. Barnard's Beaverton Mall, Cedar Hills Blvd. at Hall Street, Beaverton, Oregon.

Saturday Salvationists and Unearthly Phenomena Investigative Society. No dues. Contact David R. Hollis, Jr., c/o the Lafayette Interstellars, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, IN 47904.

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