

LISTEN, LP

WHY? You could be making a big mistake, one which you could rue, one which will make you say, "If only I had listened then..."

WHAT MISTAKE? Nothing is more important to you than achieving freedom right? I am addressing a libertarian, I presume. If not, then I am sorry I bothered you. Please hand this leaflet back to whomever gave it to you so it can reach more people.

YES, I AM A LIBERTARIAN. SO WHAT? That means you want liberty--and you want it to enjoy now. Not short term, ephemeral gains. Not vote totals forgotten the day after election. But the lasting freedom to pursue your ends --whatever they may be--without intervention. And you want it as fast as possible--but you also want it to last.

GET TO THE POINT! OK, can you stop coercion by initiating violence? Of course not. Can you protect us against foreign aggressors who will plunder us by allowing domestic "protectors" to plunder us? Absurd. Can you eliminate the institution monopolizing coercion by ...1. playing in its artificially contrived game, where...2. it makes the rules and changes them at whim, and... 3. the only prize it grants you is a share of the looting you are supposed to stop...? Obviously not.

ARE YOU SAYING WE CAN'T WIN? Emphatically no! We (libertarians) can win. And a political party can win. But they are fighting opposing battles. A political party by its nature seeks control of the machinery of the monopoly of legitimized coercion--the State. Libertarians seek to abolish the State. A political party cannot abolish the State--it is part of the electoral machinery--it is part of the State. The raison d'être of a political party is to capture the State. Anyone who tries to tell you differently is talking nonsense.

YOU MEAN A POLITICAL PARTY HAS TO PLAY THE STATE'S GAME? You've got it! Their rules, their sandboxes, and take twenty giant steps back if you forgot to say, "May I?"

SO A "LIBERTARIAN PARTY" IS A CONTRADICTION? Right. And that's the mistake I was warning you about. You are not working for freedom by serving the Party, but for the division of the Plunder Pie to the LP bosses, you know, the "Partyarchy."

THEN SHOULD I BROWNE OUT? Another dead end. While you attempt to hedonistically enjoy yourself in the loopholes of a growingly fascist economy, you will be doing nothing to stop the plugging of those same loopholes. Sure, there is a Black Market even in the USSR. But is that what you are willing to settle for? Not even Harry himself is.

GIVE ME AN ALTERNATIVE. HOW ELSE CAN I SPREAD THE WORD? There are many alternatives. That's what a free market is all about. Individuals offer their wares in the open-market place (the agora) and the best win out. So it is with selling libertarianism--the best package will sell.

ISN'T THE PARTY REACHING THE MEDIA? With what message? "Another party. *Hmpph* Somebody else after my taxes. And they have the gall to say they want to free me. Go 'way and let me be!" I don't know about you, but that response signifies a potential libertarian to me! And he is right.

SO WHAT IS YOUR PARTICULAR OFFERING? Look, we believe in the efficacy of the agora, right? Our economics is better than everyone else's, right? And we morally choose Market over Power, right? The answer stared me in the face for years before I saw it and thought this out, so don't blame yourself for not seeing it before. The answer is what I call Counter-Economics.

Libertarians should move from economic theory to practice--from being praxeologists to agorists--in fact, from "being" to "doing"! Each one can market his chosen goods and services. Anything from unregulated milk from agorist dairy farms and unreported labor in an agorist workshop to underground arms

manufacture and drug dealing. Libertarians hiring other libertarians, buying selling, saving and lending with other libertarians, should out-profit the State-abiding White Marketeers. No taxes, no licenses, no barriers to entry, no payroll deductions, no maddeningly endless bureaucratic forms, no ridiculous regulations. Instead, that overhead will be translated into avoiding, paying off, and ultimately defending against bureaucratic predators. As the interlocking counter-economists grow, they will be served by guards and eventually counter-economic protection agencies. When the Counter-Economy is bigger than the State-sanctioned economy, it will finance adequate protection from the State's plunder. With its monopoly broken, the State ceases and only a puny gang of robbers with a lot of old enemies will remain.

SOUNDS GOOD IN THEORY BUT IN PRACTICE... That's exactly it! For years libertarians have lived believing that they have the right ideas but they won't work in "getting there". Like wanting to achieve an orgasm but rejecting sexual manipulation as the means to getting it. Just as you can't get off by just fantasizing, you cannot get freedom and the agora without living it--NOW. End the frustration that has broken libertarian activist after libertarian activist.

ISN'T IT RISKY? How many times have you heard the day is coming when we will be arrested for thinking libertarian thoughts? Sure it is, so why wait until we're licked? Let's take our risks now, and if we get busted, it is for committing libertarian acts! Laissez Faire!

SO MUCH FOR TALK. WHAT ARE YOU DOING? First, New Libertarian Enterprises is counter-economic, providing goods and services to libertarians for increasing our tribe. Such as printing this leaflet and a lot of other literature. And Sons of Liberty medallions, buttons, Lunar Free State T-shirts, and more and bigger as capital accumulates. And printing NLN.

Secondly, New Libertarian Notes is providing an idea exchange for the New Libertarian and keeping him/her

entertained as well. If you haven't been reading it, find out where the avant-garde of the New Libertarians is at.

Thirdly, a New Libertarian Alliance has formed to provide an open front to oppose Statism and hold it back while the Counter-Economy does its thing. NLA will provide meetings for Counter-Economy contacts, literature distribution, leafletting, media interaction such as editorial rebuttals, Ballet Boycotts and Election Embargoes, anti-State demonstrations, tax resistance, inflation fighting, and even social activities to keep up our morale. And you can be NLA! Your own chapter even.

Maybe NLE is not efficient enough? It has competitors. NLN not witty enough? It's got competition. And NLA? Let the market decide. Cast your purchasing power in your first Counter-Economic act. Ally with us in the struggle For A New Liberty.

Or you can go back to your meeting or convention and vote, and follow parliamentary procedure, and vote, and nominate someone, and vote, and campaign for them (not libertarianism), and vote, and win or lose an election for what difference that will make, and vote...

No, it's not a visionary dream. You are just waking up after a long nightmare, and it's the sunlight stinging your eyes.



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