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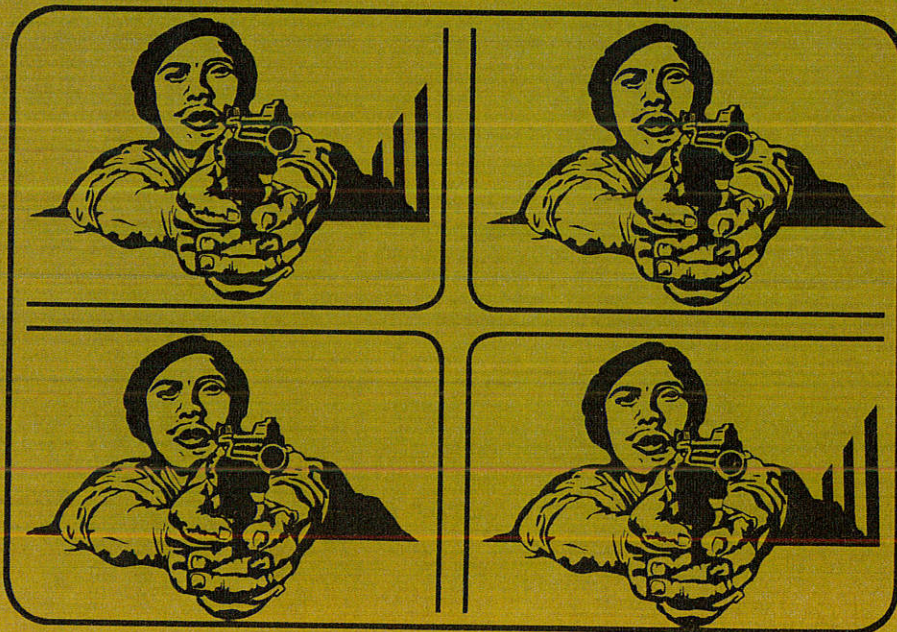
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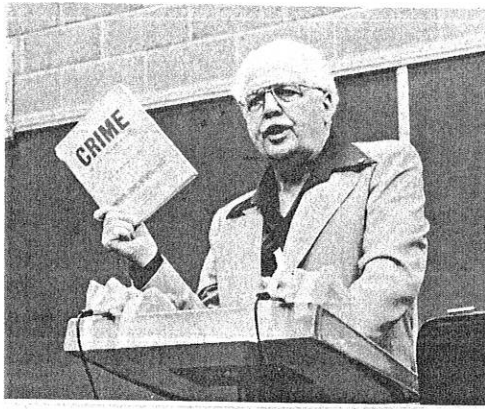
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LeFevre's Speeches

Robert LeFevre has given three SLL sponsored speeches: *Good Government: Hope or Illusion?* (1977), *Does Government Protection Protect?* (1978) and *Does National Defense Defend Anybody?* (1979). Other lecturers have included Prof. Joel Spring, Lynn Kinsky, Sy Leon, Prof. George W. Trivoli, Prof. Charles Baird, Ken Grubbs, Jr., Kenneth Gregg, Jr.



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LIBERTAS AWARD

After the lecture, Kenneth Grubbs, Jr., editorial editor of the *Santa Ana Register*, presented LeFevre with SLL's *Libertas Award*. The award is given to those individuals who have contributed profoundly to the libertarian movement. *Left to right: Lawrence Samuels, Robert LeFevre, Ken Grubbs, Jr.*



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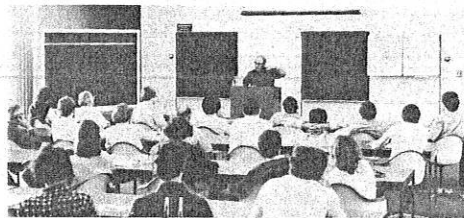
The first major venture by SLL was a speech by former Progressive Labor Party leader Phillip Abbott Luce. In a very cunning move, SLL members joined the CSUF Economics Association and voted to fund Luce's speech on campus. The speech drew 60 students and strong criticism from campus faculty. Luce had attacked public education, advocating the demise of

tax-supported education. The uproar in faculty circles was extensive, especially since, as some faculty members pointed out, Luce's speech was funded by the university.

A new direction was taken in 1976 as SLL began operating lectures and activities on other campuses and in the community. In early 1976, SLL sponsored Dr. Nathaniel Branden at Fullerton College. More than 300 persons attended. That same year SLL sponsored Prof. Tibor Machan at CSUF and Cypress College, premiered the film *The Incredible Bread Machine*, and staged an anti-tax protest demonstration at the federal building in Santa Ana, Calif. Karl Bray was to be the keynote speaker, but was detained by the federal government.



Prof. Tibor Machan
Senior Editor of Reason



Prof. Murray Rothbard

In October, 1977 SLL co-sponsored with the Cato Institute two lectures by Prof. Murray Rothbard at the University of California, Irvine. "The Economic Future" was the title with around 50 students attending the daytime lecture and some 200 attending the evening lecture.

PROF. HOSPERS SPEECH

In early 1977 Hospers gave a speech at Fullerton College on *Will Freedom Survive Until 1984?* The speech was covered by the *L.A. Times* and later incorporated into a magazine article (*California Journal*, July edition). Almost 100 persons attended the lecture. A reception was held afterward.



Prof. John Hospers of USC

THE LEGEND OF SOCIETY FOR LIBERTARIAN LIFE

It's no mystery. Legends are made; they don't just happen. It's hard work and it takes courage to advance against almost insurmountable odds. But Society for Libertarian Life (SLL) met the challenge and the world hasn't been the same since.

It was a meager beginning in early 1973. Lawrence Samuels, an art student, organized a non-credited experimental college course on the fundamentals of libertarianism at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). The first day was a big success--five students showed up and enrolled. Society for Libertarian Life was on its way. A legend was in the making.



Phillip Abbott Luce



Dr. Nathaniel Branden

At the conclusion of the semester, SLL began publishing a small journal entitled *Libertarian New Horizon*. It was issued under the name of Students for a Libertarian Society. Two years later the name was changed so as to include individuals from both the campus and the community. Presently, SLL membership is equally divided between high school/college students and people from the community at large.

The first years were painful and difficult for SLL. Very few persons understood libertarianism, let alone pronounce the word. Others confused libertarianism with "liberation" or something to do with "librarians." Still others tried to associate libertarians with either reactionary conservatives or radical leftists. Those who strongly opposed libertarianism, merely shrugged it off as soon-to-be-forgotten fad. Little did they know the extent of the libertarian movement and SLL.

Early SLL Activity

THE PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY ERA-- CALIF. 1974



Liz Keathley giving speech

The second major activity of SLL was to sponsor a speech by self-proclaimed *Anarcho-Capitalist*, Liz Keathley, who captured the Peace & Freedom Party (PFP) gubernatorial candidacy in 1974 (Calif.) from the socialist faction. More than 100 students attended the speech at Cal State Fullerton.

That same year, libertarians under Eric Garris and Jean Berkman captured the state PFP while SLL members won control of the Orange County PFP central committee, proceeding to shut it down (made headlines in *L.A. Times*).



Karl Bray

Karl Bray was one of the most beloved libertarians in the movement. He died at an early age in Florida (May 12, 1978). Bray gave a lecture to SLL members on June 9, 1976 on taxes and libertarianism. A former Utah radio commentator, he spoke to SLL a few months after being released from federal prison after serving a six-month sentence. He was jailed for possessing an IRS note known as a seizure notice. The notice is available to any citizen under the Freedom of Information Act.

Warning that Americans must resist taxation, Bray said, "If we don't resist, we'll lose by default. You'll have a greater chance of surviving terminal cancer than national socialism if it comes to the United States."



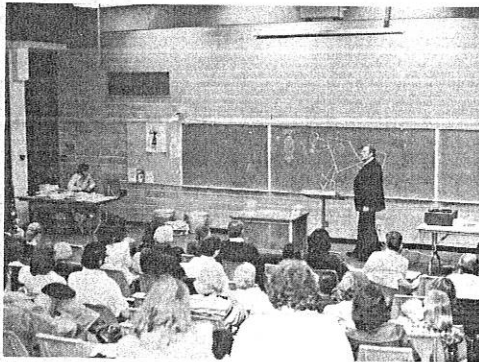
Anti-tax march in front of county jail.

Two anti-tax demonstrations and marches were held at IRS offices in 1976 & 1977. A coffin was used in the march with a sign tacked to it reading *Tomb Of The Unknown Taxpayer*. Dave Bergland, former Libertarian Party vice presidential candidate in 1976, was one of the main speakers, arguing that it was "perfectly possible to have a society without taxes."

JOHN MATONIS--ANTI-GOVERNMENT LAW AND TACTICS

John Matonis, an attorney from Washington D.C., spoke at Santa Ana College in November, 1978 to a crowd of 100. Described as a cross between a fighter like Davy Crockett and the sharp wit of an Abraham Lincoln, John Matonis is one of the leading anti-establishment lawyers in the country.

Matonis has defended tax rebels, laetrile users, fought against vitamin regulations (appeal case) and defended the Scientologists (E-Meter case).



John Matonis at Santa Ana College



Author of *Common Sense Economics*, John Pugsley spoke in early 1979 at Santa Ana College. Around 60 persons attended the lecture.



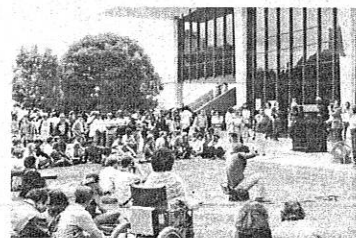
Ed Clark at rally

At 12 noon on the same day of the Briggs/Garris debate, SLL and Students for a Libertarian Society, held an anti-Prop. 6 rally with Ed Clark, Libertarian Party candidate for California governor, as the keynote speaker at CSUF.



One of the most exciting activities of SLL (1978) was a scheduled debate between Sen. John Briggs and Rev. Eric Garris on Oct. 26 at CSUF. Briggs failed to appear and is currently be sued by SLL's attorney, David Bergland. Briggs' office sent down Prof. Kent and Garris debated him in a crowd of 300.

One of Briggs' attorneys, Ward, said that Briggs failed to appear because supposedly SLL leaders told Briggs that he did not really have to make an appearance to debate in favor of his Prop. 6, anti-gay initiative since libertarians believe in *voluntarism*. No such call was ever made to Senator John Briggs.



The biggest event of SLL was its May 1, 1979 anti-draft demonstrations at Cal State Fullerton, Orange Coast College and Chapman College. More than 200 students with a eight piece rock band named *Horizon Street Band* made the CSUF demonstration a great success. Front page coverage, TV cameras from NBC and CBS and radio reporters centered on the mass draft-card burning segment of the demonstration.

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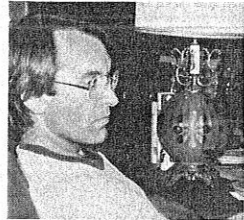
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