

# FUTURE OF FREDOM CONFERENCE 1981: THE TECHNOLOGY OF FREEDOM

May 8-9-10 / California State University, Long Beach . Student Union & Soroptimist House

# THE TECHNOLOGY OF FREEDOM

is the theme of the 1981 Future of Freedom Conference. We are presenting speakers (May 9 and 10) who will be offering you information on ways to enlarge your personal sphere of liberty in your lifetime. There is theory involved, but the main emphasis this year is on *practical* ideas ("the technology of freedom") you can use in your everyday life. From tax rebellion to foreign policy, from cryptography to psychology, from education to political action, there is much to be learned from our speakers (whether in the main lecture hall or workshop rooms). Just take a look at our list of speakers and workshops! But that's not all...we have a very special event to kick off the Conference weekend...

### ATRIBUTE

Friday night, May 8, in the Student Union main conference hall, we have a special banquet: "A Tribute to the Early Years, With Special Recognition to John Hospers." Dr. Hospers will receive special recognition for his contributions and achievements since the early years of the modern libertarian movement. (He is a professor of philosophy at USC, an author, and has been a Libertarian Party candidate for both U.S. President and California governor.) Speeches will be given in his honor by Bob Poole, Shawn Steel, Bill Susel and Leonard Liggio. Reserve your ticket early!

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Your host for Saturday night, May 9, will be none other than **Dr. Demento**, host and creator of the nationally syndicated (KMET-Radio) "Dr. Demento Show." He will play a special selection of wonderful wacky music with anti-statist and libertarian themes; he personally owns one of the largest collections anywhere of crazy, banned and just plain offbeat records and tapes. This will be a truly memorable evening, and soft drinks will be provided.

The party runs from 8-11 pm in the Soroptimist House—not far from the Student Union; directions will be available at the Conference. After Dr. Demento's show, folk music will be performed by **Frank Gasperik**.

### ATRADITION SINCE 1969

This year's Conference is the ninth in the nation's oldest libertarian/individualist conference series. Here is a brief history:

In May, 1969, the purged West Coast leaders of Young Americans for Freedom created a new organization, the California Libertarian Alliance. Under the leadership of Dana Rohrabacher, Shawn Steel, Doug Kennel, R. Kimberling, Dennis Turner, John Schurman and others, the CLS organized a conference on libertarianism and Austrian economics, held at California State University, Long Beach. Ludwig von Mises was the keynote speaker, with Robert LeFevre, Tibor Machan, and Philip Abbott Luce also giving speeches. (200-plus students attended.)

The "Left-Right Festival of Liberation" was held (February 1970) at the University of Southern California, and was attended by some 500 eager listeners. Featured were F.A. Harper, Tibor Machan, Karl Hess, Carl Oglesby and others.

"The Annual Festival of Liberation" (November 1970, USC) featured Paul Goodman, Murray Rothbard, Dr. Thomas Szasz, Skye D'Aureas, Robert Love, Lowell Ponte and others. Some 700 persons attended.



"My heartiest congratulations to the Future of Freedom Conference for your work in bringing news of the libertarian movement to a wider and wider audience."

- Dr. Nathaniel Branden

Branden, who has a private practice in Beverly Hills, is author of the bestseller, **The Psychology of Romantic Love**.

The fourth conference was titled simply "Libertarian Conference" (November 1971, USC). Among the speakers were Lowell Ponte, Don Franzen, Philip Abbott Luce and Roy Childs.

The fifth conference (February 1972, USC) was billed as a "Symposium on the Political Implications of Modern Psychology." Some of the featured speakers were Nathaniel Branden, Robert LeFevre, George Bach, Carl Faber, David Harris and Roy Childe

"The Future of Victimless Crimes" (February 1973, USC) featured Dr. Thomas Szasz, Nathaniel Branden, John Hospers, Robert LeFevre and others.

Number seven, titled "The Future of Freedom" (April 1977, USC) is best remembered for the debate between David Friedman and Tom Hayden. Other speakers included Pavel Litvinov (Soviet dissenter), Poul Anderson, Nathaniel Branden, Jerome Tuccille, John Hospers, and John J. Matonis.

"Future of Freedom II," actually the eighth conference (April 1980, Cypress College), featured a host of luminaries: Arthur Laffer, Robert Anton Wilson, Karl Hess, John J. Matonis, Robert LeFevre, John Pugsley, J. Neil Schulman, George H. Smith, John Hospers, David Bergland, Anthony Hargis, Sandy Shakocius, Carl Nicolai, Bob McGinley, Samuel E. Konkin III, Linda Abrams, Shawn Steel, and others

The 1982 Conference is tentatively scheduled for USC. With your support, we hope to continue this fine tradition.

# MAIN FLOOR SPEAKERS



KARL HESS (back this year by popular demand) is a former Republican Party ghostwriter and speechwriter for Barry Goldwater("Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice") and Presidents Nixon and Ford. A former editor of *Newsweek*, he was denounced by William F. Buckley for his infamous statement, "I love the country. I loathe the nation." Hess turned new left in the late 1960's, preaching decentralized anarchism. His best-known book is **Dear America**. He is also well-known for his award-winning 1969 *Playboy* article, "The

Death of Politics.' Hess has become known in recent years for his advocacy of doit-yourself small-scale technology (and its applications to practical survival techniques), and is currently an editor of the journal *Survival Tomorrow*.



JOHN HOSPERS, currently a USC professor of philosophy, is the author of 11 books and over 50 articles on philosophy. A former Fulbright scholar at the University of London, he is editor of *The Personalist*, associate editor of *Philosophical Studies*, advisory editor of *The American Philosophical Quarterly*, and contributing editor of *Reason*. Hospers ran for United States President in 1972 on the Libertarian Party ticket, receiving one Electoral College vote, and later ran for governor of California in 1974. His most current books (1980)

are Will Capitalism Survive? and Understanding the Arts.



**TIMOTHY LEARY** is one of recent history's most controversial figures; his scientific and philosophic ideas have had a significant impact on our culture over the past two decades. His ground-breaking work at the Kaiser Foundation in the 1950's helped revolutionize traditional approaches to psychotherapy (Leary is one of the early founders of the humanistic psychology movement, and is the author of over 20 books). At Harvard University in 1960, he began the Psychedelic Research Project (with colleague Richard Alpert),

but these pioneering studies soon became the subject of sensationalized publicity, and Leary left Harvard amid high controversy. In the early 1970's, Leary was a political prisoner during the Nixon Administration. He subsequently escaped, spent several years in exile and was kidnapped and returned to the States. Leary was released after 3½ additional years of imprisonment. More recently, Leary has had a brief broadcasting career (KEZY) and has now launched a new career as a "Stand-Up Philosopher."



ROBERT LeFEVRE has been a fountainhead of the west coast libertarian movement almost since its inception. He is also one of the most controversial libertarians on the issues of justice and pacifism. LeFevre has had an extensive career in both broadcasting and journalism. In 1956 he founded the Freedom School in Colorado Springs (later renamed Rampart College, eventually moved to Santa Ana, California). LeFevre is the author of This Bread Is Mine, The Nature of Man and His Government, The Philosophy of Ownership, Lift Her Up

**Tenderly**, and the booklets *Good Government: Hope or Illusion?* and *Does Government Protection Protect?* 



IRWIN A. SCHIFF, author of The Biggest Con: How the Government Is Fleecing You, is considered to be the father of the modern tax rebellion. A graduate of the University of Connecticut in economics and accounting, Schiff has openly stated that he hasn't paid income taxes since 1973. Unabashed and pending appeal on his latest conviction for failure to file tax returns, he recently published The Kingdom of Moltz, a story picture book with cartoon drawings. Schiff

has appeared on numerous radio and TV talk shows, including Tom Snyder's Tomorrow Show, the David Susskind Show, Mid-Morning L.A., and Howard Ruff's ''Ruff House.''



**DENNIS BROWN**, Assemblyman, has been a member of the California Legislature since 1978. A graduate of USC with a Master's in Business Administration, Brown worked as a stockbroker with Dean Witter & Company before his election to the State Assembly. A Reagan delegate to the GOP National Conventions in both 1976 and 1980, Brown led the fight for passage of Proposition 13 in Long Beach, as well as serving as

Long Beach chairman for Proposition 4 (the Paul Gann government spending limitation initiative. His district covers the east portion of Long Beach, and all of Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens and Signal Hill.



FRANK E. FORTKAMP, Ph.D., author of The Case Against Government Schools and several other books, received his Master's and Doctoral degrees in Educational Administration at Ohio State University. A former director of funding development for the County Board of Education in Merced, California, Fortkamp has taught at many institutions, including Ohio State, Chapman College, and Ohio Dominican College. Proficient in German and

Sign-Language of the Deaf, he is currently the director of the San Francisco-based Center for Independent Education.



**DAVID FRIEDMAN** is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics at UCLA (on leave from Virginia Polytechnic Institute), and author of **The Machinery of Freedom**. Friedman holds a Ph.D. in Physics; he did undergraduate work at Harvard and graduate work at the University of Chicago. His other writing, both scholarly and popularly written, includes the pamphlet *Laissez-Faire and Population: The Least Bad Solution?*, and articles which have

appeared in such publications as Frontlines, Reason, National Review (poem), Intercollegiate Review, Journal of Political Economy, History of Political Economy, Bell Journal, American Economic Review, and Journal of Legal Studies.



ALLAN E. HARRISON is the author of 3 books on the subject of education and self-reliance training: How to Teach Children Twice As Much, Discipline at School Made Easy, and Discipline at Home Made Simple. His unique "Harrison System" (first developed to bring a "slice of life" into his 6th grade schoolroom in 1959) is a highly successful method for raising self-reliant children into adulthood. Harrison received his BA in Social Science from San

Jose State and has completed graduate studies at several other colleges and universities. Harrison, his wife Marjorie, and their four children as well, have been involved in teaching and promoting the Harrison System.

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