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## THE NEW LOOK

In this edition of *Libertas Review*, we have adopted a new format, increasing our size and quality to give more nation-wide news and to explore new areas which will expand personal and economic liberties to all people.

Society for Libertarian Life (SLL) first appeared in 1973 at California State University, Fullerton as a non-credit study class with an enrollment of just 5 students. Out of the class came a small student organization known as Students for Libertarian Life. Early activities included the speaking appearance of Philip Abbot Luce and Liz Keathley. By 1974, the organization's name was changed to its present form.

SLL really began to grow in early 1976 when it sponsored Prof. Nathaniel Branden at Fullerton College. More than 300 persons attended the speech. By the end of 1976, SLL became recognized as a major libertarian group, winning the Best Libertarian Organization Award in 1976 from Society for Individual Liberty. SLL now has members in some 15 states and plans to go nation-wide with chapters in every state as well as in other countries. We hope that you will continue to support SLL in every way you can.

## What's New

**LEFEVRE'S SPEECH:** More than 50 persons listened to Robert LeFevre last May at Santa Ana College. Most persons considered it to be one of the best speeches sponsored by SLL. The speech will be published by SLL under the title of the speech, *Good Government: Hope or Illusion*. The cost will be \$1.95 each.

**THE SLOBINS WIN:** Fullerton City Council (California) abandoned their efforts to confiscate the 62-year-old Slobins home when protestors filled a Fullerton City Council meeting and presented 2,500 signatures from citizens who opposed a mini-park and the taking of the old house. As CBS and ABC cameras rolled, the city council soon decided unanimously to let the Slobins keep their newly restored home. SLL leaders wrote a number of letters to the editor which were published in local newspapers and assisted in organizing the main assault on city hall.

**COALITION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS:** There is a nation-wide movement for human rights consisting mostly of such minorities as Blacks, gays, the aged, women and so forth. A number of SLL leaders are on the steering committee of the Orange County Coalition for Human Rights in an attempt to promote libertarian principles.

**SPANISH FLIERS:** SLL just published the first spanish edition of the pamphlet *Voluntarism: The Absence of Force*.

**MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** The *California Journal*, billed as the monthly analysis of state government and politics by its publishers, ran an article entitled *Libertarians, GOP successor or philosophical study group?* The article describes a speech of John Hospers at Fullerton College which SLL sponsored. Much of the story deals with SLL, the Libertarian Party and the Peace and Freedom Party of Orange County which was taken over by SLL. (July 1977 edition, pages 241-243)

**ODDS AND ENDS:** Professor Robert Michaels of CSUF economic department and Howard Hinman are trying to get Rothbard at CSUF in the near future...Jeff Smith is organizing a SLL chapter at Fullerton College. ..Judy Cain, who was active at Chapman College, is now at U.C. Davis. ..Jim Gallagher has been voted to SLL's Executive Committee. He is helping SLL computerize its mailing list...A new flier called *What About The Poor?* will be published next month.

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# THE ECONOMIC FUTURE LECTURE

## MURRAY ROTHBARD

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## 7:30 pm

## Social Science Hall

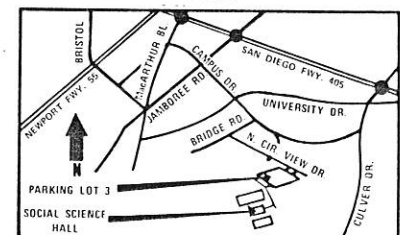
Society for Libertarian Life, The Cato Institute and The William Koch Foundation are sponsoring two speeches in Southern California. The first one is during the day at the University of California, Irvine at 2 pm in the Social Science Tower (room 220). The main speech is at UCI also (7:30 pm.) in the Social Science Hall. Both speeches are on the same day, Nov. 4. Admission is free to both speeches, however, tickets are being issued for the evening speech because seats are limited.

**BACKGROUND-** A student of the famous Austrian economist, Prof. Ludwig von Mises, Prof. Murray Rothbard is one of the leading free market advocates in economics. His extensive defense of 'Anarcho-Capitalism' on practical grounds has won him numerous supporters. Rothbard's best known works include *Power and Market*, *Man, Economy and State*, *The Panic of 1819* and *America's Great Depression*. Both his *For A New Liberty* and *Conceived in Liberty* are being called 'classics.' Rothbard is currently editor of *Libertarian Forum*, and a professor of economics at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. He has recently written guest columns for the *New York Times* and, with author Jerome Tuccille, arranged for the republishing of 17 libertarian classics with Arno Press.

Day time speech is entitled "An Austrian Critique of Welfare Economics." Info. (714) 832-9479

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# Private Money

Prof. Friedrich von Hayek, author of *The Road to Serfdom* and *The Constitution of Liberty* and Nobel prize winner in economics, spoke recently at UCLA. The speech was jointly sponsored by The Libertarian Supper Club and The First Libertarian Church.

A good deal of Hayek's UCLA speech was written in the *Wall Street Journal*. The article is most concerned with the question of who will print our money. "The one thing the government of a free society must not be allowed to possess exclusively is a printing press for money," Hayek wrote.

Hayek believes that government as a money "maker" has done a terrible job. It is easy to see why. Politics rules money instead of rational economic approaches. Whenever politicians want to please the people, especially before election time, they will work for passage of bills that will create jobs, hospitals, parks and so forth in their district. Thus, government spends lavishly in a thousand ways, spends more than it get in taxes and borrows hugely to get the rest.

As one newspaper columnist puts it, "Borrowing from the banking system creates new money. Over-production of money creates inflation."

Of course, the first question that soon arises is, if the government does not control our money, who will? Hayek and other economists suggest that the banks, owned and controlled by private stockholders will. Going into detail, Hayek suggests that each bank could produce its own supply of money for lending and competition would keep the money sound and uninflated. Already some four-fifths of our money today is created by the free market. Commercial banks, numbering some 14,000, create money when they lend money. For instance, when a bank lends \$100, the bank creates a deposit of \$100 which goes into circulation as the depositor draws checks on it. Most of our money is created in this way. Only paper currency and coins are made by the government.

Source: "Print your own \$ and beat inflation," Oscar Cooley, *Anaheim Bulletin*, Sept. 7, 1977.)

# THE ENERGY MYTH

The National Taxpayers Union, which is one of the largest and most professional libertarian anti-tax groups centered in Washington D.C., has started a campaign to halt passage of President Carter's Energy bill. The NYU recently presented some rather interesting facts about the so-called energy crisis.

Here are some of the facts:

The world's proven reserves of petroleum are greater today than they have ever been - 657 billion barrels. These reserves are almost twice as great as they were in 1967 and three times greater than in 1957.

U.S. annual consumption of oil is now a smaller percentage of

the available reserves than it has been for most of this century. In other words, we are farther away from a true supply crisis than normal. Furthermore, the real price of gasoline (adjusted for inflation) is "2¢ per gallon less than it was 20 years ago."

Natural gas is also available in staggering abundance. The *Wall Street Journal* estimates that 50 quadrillion cubic feet could be brought to market - if political controls were removed. "This is enough natural gas to last from 1,000 to 2,500 years at current rates of consumption."

This is not the first time in U.S. history that people from Washington have warned of an energy crisis. In 1966, the United States Revenue Commission proposed a costly program to create synthetic fuels for when "crude oil production ended."

In 1891, the U.S. Geological Survey testified that America would soon run out of oil. Part of that prediction was that "no oil would be found in Texas."

In 1919, the U.S. Geological Survey warned that the world supply of oil would be "exhausted within 20 years." Government experts rushed to Scotland to study a crash program to extract shale oil. Shortly afterwards, the Secretary of the Navy called for immediate nationalization of the oil industry as the only remedy for the "energy shortage."

In 1946, another "shortage" was purported to be on the horizon. Economists such as John Kenneth Galbraith urged that wartime controls be continued to "combat" this problem. Fortunately, this bad advice was rejected, and by 1947 another "energy crisis" had been forgotten.

There have been times when oil producers have produced too much oil. In the 1930's, troops were actually called into the oil fields to forcibly shut down independent producers who refused to curtail production and thus force an increase in prices.

The energy shortage is more of a free market shortage. The people who crave political power have a chance to use this so-called shortage to impose heavy taxes and extend rigid controls over the energy industry. This will, of course, cause more confusion, chaos and shortages of a political nature. And when the oil industry is almost destroyed, the politicians will say that the free market does not work here, and so the government will have to step in and take over the industry and dictate prices and policy as one big oil monopoly.

(NTU, 325 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003)

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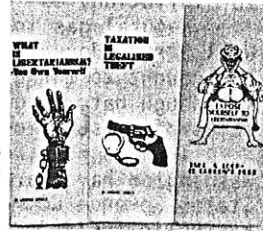
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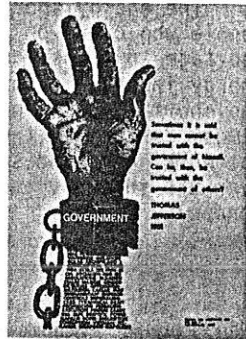


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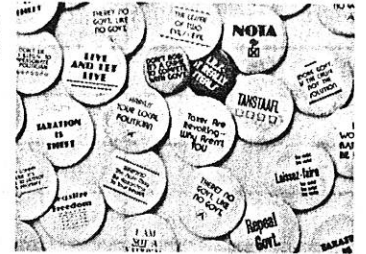


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# New Drugs

For years libertarians have warned of government control over the medical industry. Libertarians are especially critical of the of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and for good reason. Ever since 1962, the FDA has been given more authority to interfere in the deveopment of new drugs. The cost is not just in monetary terms which could run into the billons. The cost is in human lives. Laetrile is only one example where thousands of lives might be saved by a very inexpensive method. There are other drugs which have been tested and proved to be safe and beneficial to humans. Yet the FDA fails to legalize them, in effect usurping the doctor's prescriptive role.

For instance, xylocaine has been found to be very effective in controlling caradiac arrhythmias. However, it took 10 years before xylocaine received final approval by the FDA after the original report first appeared in medical journals. A number of medical authorities have questioned Fthe FDA's life or death control over a drug as so powerful that if penicillin were to be introduced today, it would probably remain illegal for at least a decade.

Another direct result of the FDA's power is the dramatic re-duction of competiton in the open marketplace. It is almost imposs-ible for small drug companies to develop and test new drugs. In 1962, for instance, it took the average new drug two to four years, \$1 mil-lion and as few as 1,000 pages of documentation to get a new drug a-pproved. Today, it takes 10 to 20 years, \$40 million and around 200,000 pages of documentation. Has federal regulation improved the quality of drugs sold in America? According to the 1975 Economic Re-port of the President, "there is no evidence that the average effi-cacy of drugs introduced after 1962 is any higher than that of drugs previously introduced."\*

It seems apparent that the government has slowed drug research as well as assist in making large drug companies even larger. What better way to hinder competition and assure higher prices for drugs.

It appears that doctors and professional researchers are not running the medical industry. Rather, it is legislators, who are usually lawyers by trade, or bureaucrats, notorious for their ineffi-ciency. Yet, if anyone doubts efficiency of doctors and medical re-search companies, then we would highly suggest that the next time you enter the hospitial, consider asking a local FDA official or burea-ocrat to supervise the intake of drugs and medicine during surgery on the operating table. It could be funnier than watching the U.S. Post Office lose your mail.

\*"Most Ineffective Drug Is One Not on Market When Needed," U.S. Rep. Symms, *Battle Line*, June-July 1977.

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 just as H & R Block will back up its own returns. For more infor-mation write Economic Freedom Alliance (EFA), P.O. Box 1402, Garden Grove, CA 92600. EFA is a militant chapter of SLL. (No, we don't shoot people, but we don't just sit around and read books either).

# INCOME TAX- RIP

By Neal Glass

There exist as many different ways to resist the income tax as there are tax resistance groups. However, for those of us who do not want to spend half our lives in the local auditor's office and the other half in court, the following must be understood:

(1) Read the Constitution. Note Article 1, Section 2, which permits Congress the right to coin money and fix the standard of weights and measures. Now, what did the framers of the Constitution consider legitimate money?

(2) Be advised of the Coinage Acts of 1792--1900. They define the U.S. *Dollar* as 412.5 grains Standard Silver Troy weight of 25.8 grains Standard Gold. Keep in mind that this legal definition has never been altered by Congress. Now, who among us has earned any *Dollars* lately? Our paychecks are fraudulent contracts promising to pay *Dollars* when in fact they are redeemable only in fiat money. Fiat money is all well and good if you are a fascist, but one's paycheck is no less a fraud for all the platitudes of "modern" economics.

(3) Understand that IRS code spares anyone who has earned less than 750 *Dollars* as having incurred no liability for that year. Technically such cases are not even required to file.

Everything depends upon your own individual situation, but the following is generally the best means of exploiting the facts enumerated above:

(A) File a protest 1040X. Legally a 1040X acts as an amendment to past 1040A's which were in error. A protest 1040X (courtesy of *Your Heritage Protection Association*, a local Constitutionalist group with a membership of over 4,000) informs the IRS that your past returns were in error in so far as you have earned no *Dollars* since 1968 when Federal Reserve Notes ceased promising to pay the bearer on demand. Every April, therefore you should file a protest 1040A of a similar nature (also available from *Your Heritage Protection Association -YHPA*).

(B) If you are employed and wish to stop having money withheld on your paycheck, file a W4E form which states that you have incurred no tax liability last year and expect to incur no liability this year.

(C) Above all, to back up your 1040X, 1040A and W4E and to stay clear of court and jail, you must stamp your paycheck with a special notice which reads, IN ACCEPTING AND ENDORSING THIS CHECK, THE BEARER IN NO WAY ACKNOWLEDGES HAVING RECEIVED LAWFUL MONEY. The Guardian's Office of YHPA has a scrapbook of canceled checks carrying this stamp. Should the IRS haul you into court, the Guardian's Office will enter the scrapbook as evidence and banks all over the country will be subjected to a subpoena. In effect, the entire U.S. "Monetary" system will be put on trial. The IRS shuns this stamp as a vampire shuns a crucifix.

Such are the bare bones of revolt. It's a lot of fun. Of course, there's more to it, but space is limited. The best route is to hook up with a defense league which will back up its forms

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# Government Ripoff

To many it is a common belief that the money we pay to the government gives us something in return. Supposedly, we get better service and quality from those businesses that are regulated by Washington. But according to Thomas Gale Moore, senior fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University, government regulations are not only destroying efficiency in the business world, costing the consumer huge sums of money.

The Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) regulation of trucking alone adds at least \$5.7 billion in costs, Moore testified before the Congressional Budget Committee Task Force on Tax Expenditures, Government Transportation and Regulations. One of the most costly expenditures brought out recently by other experts is a regulation that prohibits about 30 per cent of the trucks from re-loading on return missions. That is, the truck must remain empty by ICC regulations when it returns to home base.

Railroad regulations cost an additional \$3.5 billion Moore said. Plus rate distortions and added costs for private, non-regulated trucking add another \$500 million to \$700 million. The regulations basically benefit nobody except a few lucky individuals like Teamster members with seniority and the original owners of truck operating rights.

To give an example of what would happen if regulations were eliminated, Great Britain abolished trucking regulations several years ago and rates declined, service increased and profits of trucking firms were maintained, Moore testified.

Another good example comes from the court decisions that resulted in deregulation of poultry and frozen fruit and vegetable shipments. The result of those decisions caused cost cuts of 33 per cent and 19 per cent respectively.

Moore also brought out that European countries which have little or no regulation of trucking enjoy rates averaging 43 per cent lower than the United States and West Germany, which also regulates rates strictly.

This annual cost of \$9 billion to consumers from trucking and railroad regulations might not seem to be a great deal of money, but the Union Oil Newsletter once explained what a billion is:

"Most people in Washington have lost sight of what a billion dollars is. One billion seconds ago, the first atomic bomb had not been exploded; one billion minutes, Jesus was still on the earth; one billion hours ago--in terms of government spending--was yesterday."

It is the unions, regulated businessmen and bureaucrats who benefit from regulations. These groups oppose deregulations because it means less power to the unions, more competition to regulated businessmen and less jobs to bureaucrats. The consumer, however, is left out in the cold.

Source: Gene Wekall, *Regulations cost all*, Anaheim Bulletin, Sept. 7, 1977.