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LeFevre Lecture DOES NATIONAL DEFENSE DEFEND ANYBODY?

For the third year in a row, Robert LeFevre will give a lecture at Santa Ana College on May 11 (Friday) in Lecture Hall W101 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00 each and can be purchased at the door.

The title of LeFevre's lecture is *Does National Defense Defend Anybody?* In the lecture LeFevre will question whether national defense is just another *Protection Racket* on a larger scale, or whether it is the only legitimate function of govt.



ROBERT LEFEVRE

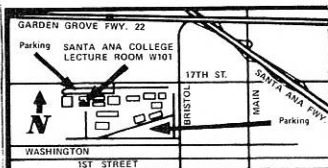
Do governments really defend the people of a country, or do people defend their government from other governments? As always, LeFevre will take a unique approach to national defense, questioning whether such defense should be privatized, organized into competing defense agencies, or established to allow an *every man for himself* environment.

Robert LeFevre has been the fountainhead of the west-coast libertarian movement. He is also one of the most controversial libertarians, especially on the subjects of justice and pacifism.

Considered as the model for Bernardo de la Paz in Robert Heinlein's *The Moon Is A Harsh Mistress*, LeFevre has an extensive career in both broadcasting and journalism. He was the editorial editor and later editor-in-chief of the *Colorado Spring Gazette-Telegraph*.

In the early 1950's, LeFevre founded the Freedom School in Colorado Springs, giving seminars which attracted people from across the country. When LeFevre moved his operations to Santa Ana, he started Rampart College and became its first president.

LeFevre is author of such classics as *This Bread Is Mine*, *The Nature of Man and His Government*, *The Philosophy of Ownership* and recently *Lift Her Up, Tenderly*. Two small booklets from previous lectures at Santa Ana College (*Good Government: Hope or Illusion?* and *Does Government Protection Protect?*) have been published through Society for Libertarian Life.



DRAFT DEMONSTRATION AT CSUF, ACROSS NATION

May 1 has been chosen as the "National Resist the New Draft Day." Society for Libertarian Life will hold an old-fashioned draft card [also registration certificates] burning demonstration at California State University, Fullerton at 12 noon in front of the library.

Other activities to call attention to new attempts to revive the draft include the formation of the **Coalition Against the Draft [CAB]**. This organization will bring together many different organizations for one purpose--to oppose any form of conscription. **Howard Hinman is spearheading this coalition.**

It could happen any day now.

At any moment, the President of the United States could reinstate the draft registration process by Executive Order. And certainly Jimmy Carter's proposal to spend \$5 million in an effort to beef up the moribund Selective Service System is an indication of where his real sympathies lie.

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PROF. JOEL SPRING GIVES LECTURE ON EDUCATION

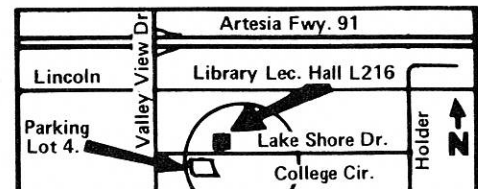
Joel H. Spring, a professor of educational at the University of Cincinnati, will give a number of local lectures in the Southern California area. An author of a-half-a dozen books on education, Spring's lecture is titled *A Radical Critique of Education*.

The first lecture will be at Cal State Univ., Fullerton at 10 am. in the University Center's M83-84 room (admission free). The second lecture will be at Cypress College at 7:30 pm. in the Library Lecture Hall L216 (free admission). Both lectures are co-sponsored by Students for a Libertarian Society (San Francisco).

Some of Spring's books include *Education and The Rise of The Corporate State*, *Rooms of Crisis*, *Sorting Machine: National Educational Policy Since 1945* and *Primer of Libertarian Education*. Receiving his BA from Roosevelt University and his MA and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Spring has written for *Inquiry*, *Review of Education*, *Educational Studies*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* and other journals.

Joel Spring
Lecture

Free admission at both lectures.



DR. BRANDEN'S LECTURE SCHEDULED AT CSUF

Psychologist, lecturer and best selling author Dr. Nathaniel Branden has accepted a speaking engagement at California State University, Fullerton on October 19 (Friday) at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center's Multi-Purpose Room. Branden's topic is *What Makes Our Relationships Succeed or Fail*. Tickets are \$5.50 each for general admission and \$4.50 each for students with ID cards.



Dr. Nathaniel Branden

We urge that tickets be bought in advance since a large turn-out is expected. Tickets will be made available at the door on a first come basis.

Until the publication of his book *The Psychology of Self-Esteem* in 1969, Branden was best known for his close association with the novelist Ayn Rand. Since then, Branden has written *Breaking Free* (1970) and *The Disowned Self* (1971). Branden told SLL that a new book will come out shortly and will deal with the reasons for successful and unsuccessful relationships.

Anti-Draft demo. continued from front page

There are currently five different bills in Congress which would either revive draft registration, or--in the case of the more blantly authoritarian schemes--create a national "youth corps" devoted to "community service" at home, as well as international imperialism abroad.

In the five years since Vietnam, the rulers of the American Empire have discovered that the All-Volunteer Force is inherently a *peacetime, defense-oriented* army. While perfectly adequate to *defend* the U.S., the AVF is not suited to quick mobilizations for foreign wars, and was never designed to maintain the troop level required by dreams of an empire.

Wars overseas have always meant a war on the "home front"; a war against individual liberty, a war against economic freedom, a war on our pocketbooks, and a war on dissent. Authoritarians of both left and right have always united on this single issue, each singing different versions of the same old song. On the Right, we have Sen. John Stennis and the old warhawk faction, who are trying to convince the American public that the incompetent, top-heavy, ponderous despotism known as the USSR is a threat to U.S. national security. On the Left, we have statist "liberals" like Jerry Brown and Pete McCloskey draping their own version of militarism and slavery in the rhetoric of "community service" and do-goodism run amok.

With both the forces of the Left and Right working together to revive the draft, it is only a question of time before the draft and another war confronts Americans.

MORNINGRISE PRINTING

Jane McLaughlin, libertarian manager of Morningrise Printing, was prepared to represent herself in court on March 22 to fight Costa Mesa's business license tax.

To her surprise, Judge Selim Franklin, after presiding over a private one-and-a-half hour conference with McLaughlin, decided to drop all charges.

Judge Franklin agreed to drop all charges if McLaughlin would pay the fee without filing for a business license. Called "a draw" by the newspapers, McLaughlin agreed to the comprised by saying that her main objection was the license itself. "I nor anyone needs a license to work," McLaughlin said.

She says that she is still opposed to paying the tax, but that she will pay it to get city hall off her back.

Interestingly, Costa Mesa's city attorney and deputy attorney attended the private conference while around 20 supporters waited outside in the court room. McLaughlin said that the attorneys wanted vengeance, and warned her that they could easily "nail her" on other violations of the city code if they looked. Apparently, this surprised Judge Franklin who, according to McLaughlin, began to give some support to McLaughlin.

PUGSLEY'S ADVICE--PUT MONEY INTO CASH FLOW

Author and economic consultant, John A. Pugsley lectured on "Common Sense Economics" at Santa Ana College on Feb. 9 to more than 60 people.

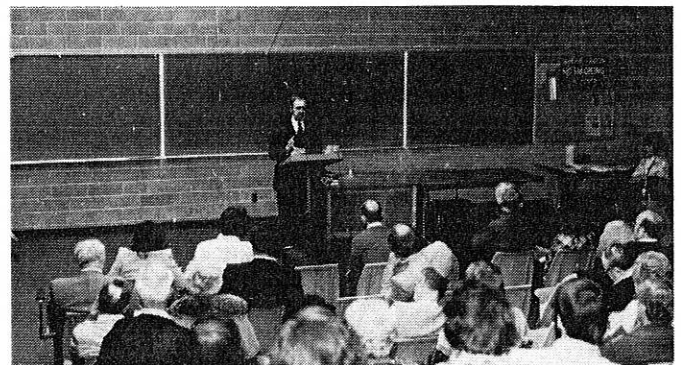
To safeguard personal wealth, Pugsley warned against investments in real estate. "Real estate is very visible. And government is an eating monster which must be fed," Pugsley argued. "My portfolio advice is to sell your house. Get into the cash flow."

Pugsley, author of the best-seller *Common Sense Economics*, suggested a program to hoard canned goods. Use the "Alpha Strategy" he said. "If I had thought of this a short while ago, I could have bought crescent wrenches for a third of the price."

Other advice urged stocking up on tradable goods--but not on retail products: "There is too much mark-up. Find products with very little mark-up, like industrial products or metals such as copper or zinc. The price may fluctuate, but the general trend is upward."

"If you put your money into bonds or stocks and the market fell 10 percent in real terms, 10 percent of your capital would be lost forever," he said. "The stock market is also a victim of inflation."

Pugsley was critical of Prop. 13 saying that it was a "political action" in preserving one's property. He suggested that Prop. 13 in the long run would hurt property owners. Pugsley gave an example. "A man



More than 60 persons attended Pugsley's lecture.

planted crops in his yard and the neighbor's goats broke in and ate his harvest. He didn't throw rocks at the goats. He went to the neighbor and demanded that he keep his goats out of his property."

"The parallel is with politicians and those who fund them. When taxes go up, don't blame the politician. He's just a creature of the lobbyists who give them campaign money. Go to General Motors and tell them you won't deal with them because they are seeking government involvement," he said.

"Don't get involved in political action," Pugsley said. "Think of everyone in terms of customers and producers."

BRIGGS CLAIMS NO OBLIGATION TO DEBATE

By Barry Turnbull

In his defense against a suit by CSUF's Society for Libertarian Life, Senator John Briggs said that he had no obligation to appear at last October's Proposition 6 debate.

The breach of contract suit for \$3,500 was filed by SLL along with three other groups after Briggs failed to show for the scheduled CSUF debate with libertarian Rev. Eric Garris of San Francisco.

Filed in Fullerton Municipal Court, the case will not come to trial until July.

SLL Chair Lawrence Samuels said that he made an "oral contract" for the senator's appearance with Kathy Briggs Bailey, (the senator's daughter and a leader of the "Defend Our Children" campaign organization.)

At the time the suit was filed, Briggs was quoted as saying that it was like "suing someone for breaking a date." His attorney, Burt Ward, asserted that if such a contract did exist, it was seen differently by Briggs. Ward explained, "Briggs was told of the group's basic philosophy, that there is too much government and too much force in people's lives, and that he was requested to appear as the leader of the initiative, but was told that he would not be forced to, as that would be against the basic philosophy of their organization." It seems kind of funny that now they are suing for breach of contract," Ward said.

Samuels, said however, the he never talked to Briggs personally, but made all contacts through his daughter. He also denies that any other SLL member or any member of the other three parties involved (the Orange County Committee Against the Briggs Initiative, Students for a Libertarian Society and Rev. Garris) ever made such a statement.

One of Briggs' defenses, said Ward, has been that the function went off as planned (with UCI Prof. George Kent replacing him), and that Briggs had no real obligation to appear.

"The case is a very simple one," said SLL attorney David Bergland. "The guy made a commitment, and asked people to incur expenses to promote the event. It's fairly clear that a commitment was made and not kept." Samuels noted that a week before the Oct. 26 event he had been notified that Briggs might not appear, but was still led to believe that there was a chance for his appearance right up until the debate.

"The Briggs people knew well the expenditures being incurred, through advertising, and promotion," Bergland said.

NEWSPAPER SHORTS

MONTGOMERY, Ala. - "Time runs out this week for the last 23 of some 600 black men who stand to collect thousands of dollars because they were tricked into taking part in the government's infamous Tuskegee syphilis study.

"During the U.S. Public Health Service experiment, which began in 1932 and ended 40 years later, treatment was withheld from 400 syphilis victims so doctors could study the effects of the untreated disease on the human body. The 200 other participants did not have syphilis and were used as a control group.

"After disclosure of the experiment in 1972 produced public outcry, the study was discontinued and the Health Service began the following year notifying participants that they had been used as guinea pigs.

"The participants, all poor, unschooled black men, were never told the purpose of the study nor that they had syphilis. They were persuaded to participate by promises of free medical treatment for illnesses other than syphilis, free meals and free burials.

"At least 28 men died as a direct result of the untreated syphilis, and officials estimate that the actual number of deaths attributable to the experiment could exceed 100." [AP, March 12, 1979]

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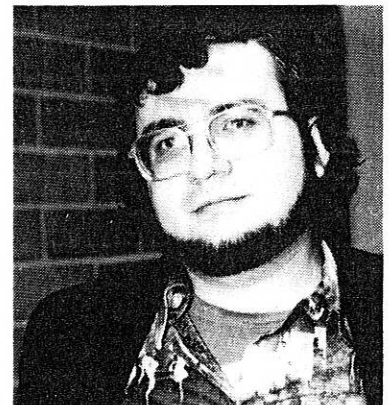
Jack High, a teacher in the economic department at Cal State Univ., Fullerton and Ed Clark, the 1978 LP candidate for the governor of California were elected to SLL's Advisory Board (the vote was taken on Ed Clark before he announced his plans to run for president of United State)...Dave Lynch, a member of SLL Executive Board announced that he is starting a radio program called "Get Off My Back" to air grips of small businesspersons who run into government interference. Lynch is looking for salesperson to work on commission; Call Dave at (714) 761-1204...Barry Turnbull has been elected to SLL Executive Board as well as to Recording Sec... A new SLL chapter is forming at Orange Coast College under Christina Vogt (714) 536-3759...The Caltech Libertarian Alliance in Pasadena has affiliated with SLL. The chapter is headed by Mark W. Stroberg...A libertarian group at Cal State Univ., Long Beach has been formed. Headed by Melinda Hanson and Pam Maltzman (213) 874-4000, the group is working with SLL on a Lowell Ponte vs. Dorothy Healy debate.

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Lecture

Ken Gregg, Jr., considered by many as the key libertarian historian on the West Coast, gave a scholarly lecture at Cypress College on Feb. 23. Around 40 persons attended the lecture.

The lecture was titled "19th Century Libertarians: & Their Plagiarist Karl Marx."



Kenneth Gregg, Jr.

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A new organization called Libertarians for Educational Choice (LEC) has been formed to fight forced busing.

A division of SLL, LEC is publishing a poster with a photo of a child tied to a school desk. The caption on the poster reads: *Isn't Forced Busing Just Another Word for KIDNAPPING?*

The 9½ x 12½ poster sells for \$1.95 each.

The photograph above was taken by David Moore, a SLL Executive Board member and a professional photographer.



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SLL'S CALENDAR

May 1 [Tue.]--Anti-Draft demonstration at California State University, Fullerton at 12 noon in front of library. Old draft cards will be burned. Info.-Howard/Barry (714) 535-5798

May 4 [Fri.]--Prof. Joel Spring will lecture at Cal State Univ., Fullerton at 10 am. in the University Center's M83-84 [free admission]. Title: "A Radical Critique of Education." Info.-Howard (714) 535-5798.

May 4 [Fri.]--Same lecture by Prof. Spring at Cypress College at 7:30 pm. in Library Lec. Hall L216 [also free admission]. Info.-Paul (714) 772-5995.

May 10 [Thur.]--Film LIBRA at Orange Coast College. Admission is free. Info.-Christina (714) 536-3759

May 11 [Fri.]--Robert LeFevre will speak at Santa Ana College at 7:30 pm. in W101. Tickets are \$3.00 each. Info Larry (714) 526-1873

May 17 [Thur.]--Film "For A New Liberty" presented by Libertarian Supper Club of Orange County. The supper club meets every third thursday of the month at the Revere House, 900 W. First St. in Tustin. Dinner at 7:00 pm., program at 8:00 pm. Info. Jack Dean (714) 975-1191

June 21 [Thur.]--Libertarian Supper Club at Revere House in Tustin. Dinner at 8:00 pm. Info.-Jack (714) 975-1191

July 14 [Sat.]--A day with PROF. MURRAY ROTHBARD at John P. Robertson's house in Newport Beach. Sponsors: Libertarian Supper Club & SLL. Food, swimming & entertainment. Write: LSCOC, c/o Jack Dean, 3990 Westerly Place-Suite 100, Newport Beach, CA 92660. Info.-Jack (714) 975-1191.

August 18 [Sat.]--Boat cruise off Balboa, sponsored by Supper Club & SLL. Info.-Jack (714) 975-1191.

Oct. 19 [Fir.]--Lecture by Dr. Nathaniel Branden at Cal State Univ., Fullerton at 7:30 pm.

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THE LIBERTAS STATEMENT

We, as libertarians, affirm:
That full individual liberty is impossible in any society other than a voluntary one that agrees upon no one;
That men and women require the full and independent use of their own judgement in order to survive at an optimum level, and therefore have a natural right to do their own thing, providing that they do not physically harm or coercively restrict another individual's life, liberty, or property;
That each person owns himself or herself exclusively, and is a slave to no one;
That the individual is best served by society when he or she is free from the forcefully imposed controls of others, acting alone or in concert (as a government);
That all forms of coercion and aggression are always immoral;
That the only system consistent with personal freedoms in the economic arena is one that does not interfere with free trade between individuals;
THEREFORE, we, as libertarians, resolve to oppose all forms of aggression by any State, Government, self-appointed savior, individual, or association of individuals. We further resolve to oppose taxation, conscription, eminent domain, laws which create victimless "crimes," and all programs forced onto individuals without their consent. It is time that the chains of authoritarianism in economics and morality be broken. Individual rights and coercion cannot co-exist. Liberty cannot be compromised, and we will settle for no less than freedom in our time.