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FUTURE OF FREEDOM

CONFERENCE PLANNED APRIL 19 & 20

DEBATES, SPEECHES,
PANELS & A BANQUET!



KARL HESS

Karl Hess, Arthur Laffer and Anton Wilson will be the star speakers at the second Future of Freedom Conference scheduled for April 19 and 20 at Cypress College in Orange County, California (close to Los Angeles).

First started in 1969, this is the oldest libertarian conference series in the world. Every major libertarian author and leader has appeared at these conferences (i.e. Ludwig von Mises, Harry Browne, Dr. Szasz, Poul Anderson, etc.).

This years conference will feature Karl Hess, former speech writer for Sen. Barry Goldwater (1964) and author of *Dear America* and the famous *Playboy* magazine article (1969) entitled *The Death of Politics*. Hess is one of the very early libertarians who turned radical, embracing anarchism and the counter-culture.

Robert Anton Wilson is the author of the *Illuminatus* trilogy, *Cosmic Trigger*, *Neuropolitics* (with Timothy Leary) and *The Game of Life* (also with Tim Leary). Wilson is a former associated editor of *Playboy* magazine and has a Ph.D. in psychology.

Arthur Laffer is a professor of business economics at USC and has written (and co-authored) four books. He is most noted for his famous economic concept called the "Laffer Curve."

Other speakers include John Matonis, the controversial tax-strike attorney, John Pugsley, author of *Common Sense Economics*, Neil Schul-

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CENSUS PROTEST DAY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1

The Census Resistance 1980 movement is getting into high gear. April 1 has been designated as Census Protest Day. We urge all libertarians and groups to set-up voluntary census committees and hold a press conference (to burn or shred real census forms) or stage a demonstration at the local census office.

This issue is important. Privacy is at stake here. Originally, the census, as established by the U.S. Constitution, was only concerned with population figures of this country. And the basic question asked then was, *How many people live in your household?--not how many toilets you own or with whom you sleep?*

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1980 RESISTANCE

After the radio station requested and failed to receive the necessary number of the census, the questionnaire used for the 1980 census was cancelled and the 1980 census was held by the Committee for a Voluntary Census.

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Approximately 1000 persons in 1979 received and mailed their census forms to the Census Bureau. These persons are known as the "1979 Census Resisters." They were the only persons who refused to mail their census forms to the Census Bureau. They were the only persons who refused to mail their census forms to the Census Bureau.

HISTORY OF CENSUS RESISTANCE

Although two persons were convicted in 1950 for refusing to answer the census, 1950 marks the first year that a national anti-census movement emerged. In 1950, the first anti-census committee was formed in the state of California. It was the first anti-census committee in the United States.

CONTACT: Committee for a Voluntary Census, P.O. Box 1347, Westminster, CA 92683. Phone: (714) 962-4491.

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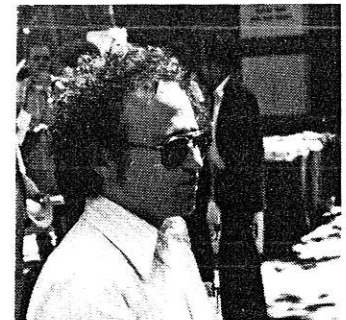
Sy Leon, author of *None Of The Above*, will speak at Santa Ana College (D-102) on Feb. 22 (Fri.) at 7:30 pm.

David Friedman, son of Nobel Prize winner in economics Prof. Milton Friedman, will speak at Santa Ana College on Feb. 29 (Fri.) at 7:30 pm., room D-105.

Sy Leon is the main founder of the



SY LEON



DAVID FRIEDMAN

"League Of Non-Voters" and travelled extensively across the nation to promote non-voting. Leon

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LIFE JACKETS AND THE LP

Editor: SLL takes no official opinion on the Libertarian Party. The article below is the opinion of the author, and not SLL.

By Lawrence Samuels

Is the Libertarian Party (LP) necessary, or is it counter-productive to the general libertarian movement? It is probably both.

The modern libertarian movement began in the mid 1960's, first appearing in California and New York (most notably at Berkeley University). The movement was small, mostly composed of students and professors, and it was clearly anti-political. It was not until 1972 that a more conservative-libertarian group created a political party under the libertarian banner in Colorado. Since 1972, the LP has made spectacular growth in attracting members and money.

The new political party was originally intended as an educational tool only. This, of course, has changed. And the reasons are clear. Most people are conditioned to believe that little can be accomplished outside of a political party. And when an organization advertises as a political party, it draws in people who are more interested in the art of political maneuvering than in the libertarian philosophy. It's the nature of the beast.

THE QUESTION

The question becomes not whether the LP will develop into a regular dime-a-dozen political party in the future; that is inevitable. The question is whether we need groups to act as bridges of information.

If the LP accomplishes anything, it surely creates bridges. That is, since most newcomers to libertarianism cannot envision the acquisition of liberty without a formal political party, the LP acts as a bridge to more radical libertarian thought. The LP is like a railroad depot. People from conservative and liberal backgrounds get on at the LP depot and travel towards the many branches of libertarian thought. It is, however, unfortunate that most people use bridges constructed by others, but there is a reason for that.

BRIDGES AND LIFE JACKETS

Generally speaking, people need bridges built by others because, psychologically, they are insecure. People feel that they must grab onto something or perish. The LP, as a formal political structure, helps the newcomer to bridge the gap between a weak, insecure attitude towards liberty and a strong, independent one. The situation is analagous to an individual taking swimming lessons; the learner grips the side of the pool or wears a life jacket to remain afloat. After many lessons, he/she is able to swim independently without outside aid.

The LP best serves the libertarian movement as a life jacket, a bridge to better understanding of liberty. Members of the LP naturally meet and converse with their libertarian cousins (non-political) who stress education (or counter-economics) over politics. It is only a matter of time before LP libertarians begin to acquire a better definition of liberty and how to acquire it for themselves.

Political parties and organizations in general exist only to help people learn to do what they must do for themselves. In essence, this is what liberty is all about--living on your own, freely, confidently and independently. This is similar to what Harry Browne in his bestseller *How I Found Freedom In An Unfree World* explains--that liberty is something the individual discovers for himself no matter what the political situation is in that particular nation, province, county or city.

Political parties and organizations are only crutches. When a person has reached a certain point of understanding and security, he/she should discard the crutches and walk unassisted.

The main objective of Libertarian Party leaders should be to eventually say to their members, "Go and disband. There is no further need of political parties. Liberty has been reached. Throw away your crutches. People now live and think for themselves."

Future of Freedom Con.--continued from page 1
man, author of the new science fiction novel *Alongside Night*, Anthony Hargis, author of three books and founder of the "Stateless Firms," Shawn Steel, Los Angeles attorney and co-founder of this libertarian conference series.

Also, three exciting debates are planned. The first one is KPFK-Radio commentator/author Lowell Ponte vs. a Marxist. The second debate is between George Smith and a conservative. Third, the editor of *New Libertarian*, Sam Konkin, will debate former candidate for Congress (30th district, 1972) on the Libertarian Party ticket, Manuel Klausner, on *Counter-Economics vs. Political Action: Which Direction for The Future?*

There is also a "Tribute to Robert LeFevre" banquet Saturday night (April 19) at the near-by Buena Park Holiday Inn (7000 Beach Blvd.) starting at 6:30 pm. with no host bar.

Tickets: Students (before April 12) \$10, (at door) \$15, Non-Student (before April 12) \$20, (at door) \$25. One Day Tickets: Students (in adv.) \$7.50, (at door) \$10, Non-Students (in adv.) \$15, (at door) \$20. Tickets for LeFevre's Banquet are \$12 each (reservations for banquet must be made before 12 noon, April 17 (Thur.).

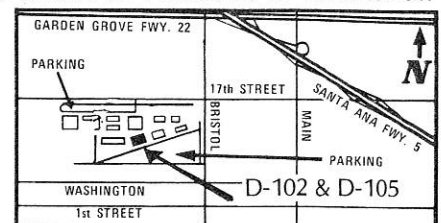
Literature tables go for \$30 (before April 12) and \$40 at the door. Send for details to **Future of Freedom Conference, P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632**. Make checks payable to Future of Freedom Conference.

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was also president of Rampart College in the early 1970's. The title of his speech is *Private Sector Answers To Government Monopolies*. Tickets are \$1.50 (adv.) and \$2.50 at the door (Res. (714) 962-6491).

Friedman, who teaches at VDI in Virginia, has a Ph.D. in physics (undergraduate work at Harvard, graduate work at Univ. of Chicago). His topic is *How to apply Economics to Unsolved Problems of Libertarian Ethics*. Tickets are \$2.50 each in adv. and \$3.50 at the door.

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For libertarians the worse part of the census is its *involuntary* nature. If a citizen refuses to give the government personal information, a fine of \$100 could be levied. In 1970, only five people were charged with violating the census, and only one person, Bill Danks, was hauled into court and forced to pay the penalty. And his conviction was later overturned.

In 1970, more than 3,000 persons mailed their census forms to the Pennsylvania-based Society for Individual Liberty. This year libertarians expect at least one million persons will mail their census forms to census protest groups.

Society for Libertarian Life has scheduled a press conference at the Los Angeles Press Club on April 1 at 10:00 am. to shred census forms in protest. Also, a demonstration in front of the L.A. Census headquarters is being considered.

UNCLE SAM'S COSTUME

Author Anthony Hargis is proposing a new project called *Uncle Sam On The Rampage*. It consists of running a monkey for various political offices, and will campaign for the politics of the future. Instead of waiting 20 years to vote for monkeys as leaders, voters will be able to do it now--why wait?

This educational project is waiting for successful financing. Write to Anthony Hargis, 1515 W. MacArthur, Unit 19, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

CAL-LP MAKES BALLOT

It looks as if the Libertarian Party is on the ballot in California. Some 85,000 individuals are now registered as LP in California. The leading forces behind this drive were Jack Dean, John Robertson and Dyanne Petersen.

SLL FRONTLINE REPORT

Nathaniel Branden's lecture drew a crowd of around 250 at Cal State Univ., Fullerton last October ...a small turnout (around 25) did not discourage both Roy Begley's lecture (*Does Socialized Medicine Keep People Healthy?*) nor George Smith's lecture (*Does Public Education Educate?*) at Santa Ana College... a new poster on Uncle Sam dressed up as a monster will be out this spring. It will consist of two colors, and sells for \$2.95...good crowds always turn out for the Libertarian Supper Club of Orange County (which SLL co-sponsors). Almost 100 came to the Revere House in Tustin to hear John Matonis (Dec. 17) belittle the IRS and give advice on how to stop paying taxes. Matonis is a well-known attorney...three new position papers should be out within a few months.

They are *What are Libertarianism, Anyway* by Ken Gregg, Jr., *What About The Roads?* by Jim Gallagher and *Justice: A Libertarian Outlook* by Lawrence Samuels...Bob Poole, editor of Reason magazine, Harry Hoiles, publisher of *The Register*, and Roy Begley have been added to SLL's advisory board.



NEW UPDATE ON SLL'S SUIT AGAINST BRIGGS

The SLL lawsuit against Senator John Briggs was to be held on January 15 in the Fullerton Municipal Court. SLL's attorney, David Bergland, was at court as well as three witnesses. However, the courts being so backlogged with cases, the Briggs lawsuit was moved to March 13. The trial should not be delayed again since the case is at the top of the judge's list. More details will be given in the next edition.

LIBERTARIANS UNDER ATTACK FROM LIBS-CONS

First it was the left-liberal *Commonweal* and *The Nation* that attacked libertarians in the spring of 1979. But the most serious attack on libertarianism has come from the right-conservative *National Review* last August.

In the *National Review* attack, Ernest Van den Haag's main attack on libertarianism is its non-interventionist stand towards foreign policy. Libertarians believe that governments should not interfere in people's lives in this country or abroad. This libertarian ideal is very similar to the **Prime Directive** concerning other worlds in the TV series *Star Trek*.

Unfortunately, Van den Haag and Lawrence V. Cott (who wrote an additional article attacking the Cato Institute) see this non-interventionism as a friendliness toward Marxism. Cott has even written that "Murray Rothbard" (a former writer for *National Review* and a student of Ludwig von Mises) "is an apologist for Stalin."

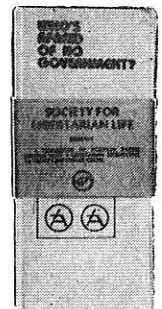
It would appear that conservatives are back to their old methods of dealing with something new--just call it *Communist* and hope it will scare people. This is very ironic, since libertarians are on the opposite pole from total government--either communism or facism.

Libertarians always oppose Marxist governments, not simply because they are communist, but because they are authoritarian. Libertarians oppose authoritarianism, and this is precisely what both conservatives and liberals **do not** oppose. They both utilize their own forms of authoritarianism while opposing other forms--viz. the liberals advocacy of authority to control guns, and the conservative advocacy of authority to control drug use.

Only libertarians remain consistent in opposing coercion in *all* areas.

SPECIAL OFFER--LIMITED

For a limited time the cost of a packet of SLL position papers has been lowered from our regular catalog price. With over 18 different position papers, one packet now goes for \$1, two packets for \$1.75, four for \$6. SLL's position papers deal with busing, nuclear power, taxation, drugs, Christian libertarianism, education, privatizing the police, the draft, women's rights, gay rights, the Third World, socialism and more.



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"Last year total taxes paid increased 13.2 percent while the entire economy, as measured by the gross national product, increased by 12 percent, the business magazine said. Inflation weighed in at only 7.6 percent on the Consumer Price Index.

"In the decade since 1968, total taxes increased 155.3 percent, IW said. In that time, consumer prices rose 87.5 percent.

"The magazine says the big jump has been in state and local taxes, which have risen 187.5 percent since 1968 while federal taxes increased 139.9 percent.

"Americans continue to pay more for taxes than for food, clothing and housing, the magazine said. "In fact, the trend has gotten worse in recent years. Last year, we paid \$624.3 billion in taxes and \$575.1 billion for these three basic necessities." Oct. 1, 1979

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SLL'S CALENDAR

Feb. 21 [Thur.]--Speech by Alan Crawford, author of "Thunder On The Right" and special assistance to Rep. Daniel Quayle. Cost is \$11 each, no host bar starts at 6:30 pm. at the Revere House in Tustin. Call Jack for more info. or to make reservations [714] 975--1191.

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Feb. 29 [Fri.]--Speech by David Friedman, son of the Nobel Prize winner Prof. Milton Friedman and author of "The Machinery of Freedom." Santa Ana College at 7:30 pm., tickets are \$2.50 in adv. & \$3.50 at the door. [714] 962-6491

March 20 [Thur.]--Forum with Ken Grubbs, Jr. of "The Register" pitted against Orange County Supervisor Edison Miller. No host bar at 6:30 pm. Call Jack for res. [714] 975-1191. O.C. Lib. Supper Club, \$11 each tickets.

April 1 [Tue.]--SLL sponsored press conference at L.A. Press Club at 10:00 am. to protest the census drive by the government.

April 17 [Thur.]--Speech by John Pugsley, author of "Common Sense Economics" at the Revere House in Tustin starting at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$11 each and sponsored by the Libertarian Supper club. Call Jack for res. [714] 975-1191.

April 19-20--Future of Freedom Conference II at Cypress College. Starting at 9:30 am. to 6:00 pm. both days. Info. [714] 962-6491 or [714] 535-5798.

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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 aggresses 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 everyone is exclusively sovereign, 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, aggression and fraud 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 consenting 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

(adopted on May 5, 1973)