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SLL ALL SET TO BURN DRAFT

Draft registration is no joke. Congress, at the behest of President Carter, has approved a bill reviving the sleeping monster known as the Selective Service System. SLL has co-ordinated several demonstrations at the main Orange County Post Office in Santa Ana, California. Other anti-draft organizations have set up vigils at post offices around the country.

During the majority of these protests, 19 and 20 year olds have been told of their options to draft registration. Those include not filing, and seeking advice from one of many newly created draft counseling centers. The Coalition Against Registration and the Draft (CARD) has papers detailing such centers both in Southern California and the rest of the country. Locals should write to: CARD, 633 S. Shatto Pl., Los Angeles CA 90005. Others should write CARD's national office in Washington, D.C.

It is important to remember that there has never been a registration without a draft. There has never been a draft without a war. On July 21, 1980, America began the journey down the short road to another world war.

All 19 to 20 year olds must now consider how to protect their future. Their decisions now could help save their lives and perhaps stave off a war. If enough young men refuse to register the system will collapse. Without an almost unlimited supply of manpower, a war may be averted.

Society for Libertarian Life was one of the first organizations to oppose the draft. In May, 1979, SLL held a major anti-draft demonstration on over three campuses in Orange County. Unfortunately, most students viewed the anti-draft demonstration in May of 1979 as a little less than a prank.

The anti-draft movement may be the most important movement of this decade. Hopefully, everyone will get involved to halt this assault on our individual rights and world peace.

Draft kits, including posters, flyers, and a printed draft card, can be obtained from SLL for one dollar.



Anti-Draft Demo. Sponsored by SLL on May 1, 1979

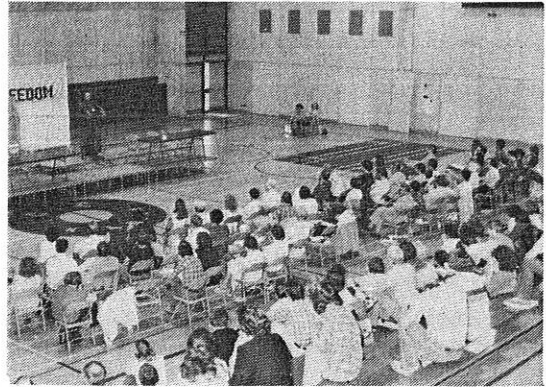


Photo by PAUL O'NEIL

"FFC II" at Cypress College

Future of Freedom: An "Important Success"

Spring's "Future of Freedom II" conference has been dubbed "a very important success" by SLL Co-Chair Howard Hinman.

SLL co-sponsored the Cypress College event, along with the California Libertarian Alliance, Society for Individual Liberty and Cypress Collegiate Libertarian Alliance.

Hinman, conference co-ordinator, discussed what he felt to be the highlights of the two-day event. "They had to be the speeches by Karl Hess," he said. "His talks captured the essence of community spirit, and gave it a whole new modern impetus."

Hess, a noted author, discussed his new book on Community Technology.

All of the various speeches, debates, and workshops have been recorded by SLL Co-Chair Kevin Kordes, and are available by mail (see special coupon, this issue).

Hinman said that plans are already being developed for next year's conference, set for California State University, Long Beach. "Right now, we're still looking for feedback," he said. "We're trying to find out who people would like to see, and I welcome any input as to how we might improve next year's event."

Although the 1981 FFC will be held at CSULB, Hinman said the conference planning committee is still looking for a privately owned permanent location. "We had a lot of hassles this year at Cypress College, so now we're trying to find a good privately owned facility." Specifications would include a 400 to 500 seat main hall, three or four 40 to 60 seat rooms, and an exhibit area capable of handling 40 to 50 exhibitors. "We welcome anyone interested in the future of freedom to join in the planning for next year's conference," Hinman said.

The Future of Freedom Conference Committee (FFCC) selected the dates of May 2 & 3 or April 25 & 26, 1981 for next years conference. Some of the speakers to be confirmed for the conference are: Robert Ringer, author; Robert Poole, editor of "Reason"; Robert LeFevre, author; and Dr. Nathaniel Branden, psychologist. FFCC hopes to have a tribute to Branden banquet on Saturday night.



Turnbull-- New *Libertas Review* Editor

Barry Turnbull

CSU Fullerton student Barry Turnbull has assumed editorship of SLL's *Libertas Review*.

Turnbull, a telecommunications major on the Titan campus, has been a member of SLL's Executive Committee since February, 1979. He has had an extensive career in collegiate journalism. He served two years on the Cypress College weekly *Hoofbeat*, one semester as editor-in-chief. While attending Cypress he authored an article, *Libertarians: Answer to the American Dream?* for the college's *PM* magazine.

He has also written for Cal State Fullerton's *Daily Titan*, and is currently one of five students producing a weekly news program, *Orange County Now*, heard Sunday morning and evening on KORJ-FM (94.3).

(On that program, Turnbull won an award for a three-part series he reported about police harrassment of adult-oriented businesses in the city of Anaheim, California.)

"The media, both print and electronic, will become more and more instrumental to our movement with the passage of time," Turnbull said. "I hope that with this publication I can make some kind of contribution."

Turnbull has undergone changes in his own thinking in recent years. "Four years ago I was a Ronald Reagan Republican," he said. "In the past years, however, I have written about libertarianism, investigated it and found its the only philosophy of life I can be happy with. I have only recently come to see the shallow nature of the traditional political process in this country."

SLL Loses Briggs' Lawsuit; Fund-Raiser Sept. 7th

SLL's long legal battle with California State Senator John V. Briggs has finally ended - in defeat.

Santa Ana judge Richard Law decided the case in Briggs favor in June - 20 months after Briggs refused to show for an SLL sponsored debate in October, 1978.

SLL's Executive Director, Lawrence Samuels, served as the main witness. "Apparently," Samuels said, "politicians not only have the right to break campaign promises, but speaking commitments, too. Nobody will ever schedule Briggs for a speech or debate again."

The Briggs lawsuit finally came to trial on May 29 at the Santa Ana Municipal Court. The lawsuit had been delayed for almost two years - the last delay caused by a dispute with a judge of the Fullerton Municipal Court. That body was to determine the site of

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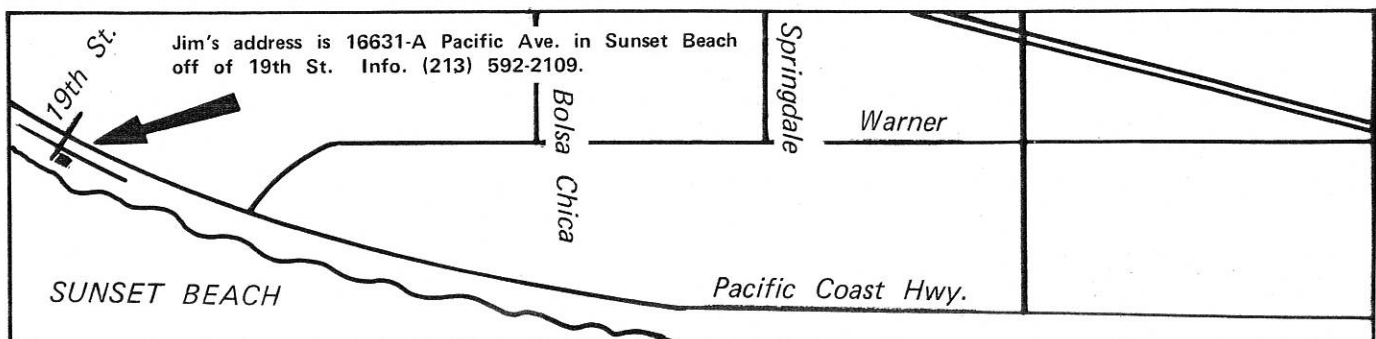
Rampart Institute: The Start of Something Big

Rampart Institute, established last April at the Future of Freedom Conference, has added several directors and has big plans for the future. Rampart now plans to buy a small building to house a research library, bookstore, lecture room, offices and a publishing house. The Institute also plans to conduct seminars, produce educational merchandise, produce films, and publish several journals, including *New Rampart* and *Rampart Individualist*. Some of the directors include chair Pamela Bell, secretary Kenneth Gregg, Jr., treasurer Jane Heider, executive director Lawrence Samuels, Robert LeFevre, Dennison Smith and Randall Smith.

the trial. That court determined that the site would have to be moved to Santa Ana, due to the fact that a former law partner of SLL attorney David Bergland had become a Fullerton bench-sitter. She would not have been the presiding judge should the suit been tried there.

Bergland estimated that court costs will run into the hundreds of dollars. SLL plans a fund-raising party, September 7 at Jim Gallagher's house on Sunset Beach - to help pay those court costs.

Gallagher's beach house parties have become a favorite SLL summertime event. This year's affair is set to begin at approximately 3 PM. Food and drink are "BYO", with some cooking facilities available. Volleyball will also be on tap. Donations will be asked to help recover the court fees. See the map below for directions to Jim's beach house in Sunset Beach.



FROM THE CHAIR



By HOWARD HINMAN
SLL Co-Chair

This publication, to be effective, must always balance the interests of those who live nearby and can attend the various activities we publicize, and the interests of those who live elsewhere. Some of our readers from afar have felt we have not done the best job possible. Frankly, they are right. We're looking into ways to alleviate the problem, so please be patient.

My good friend Lee Freeman has an interesting perspective on the seemingly eternal "proper government-anarchist debate." His concept is that as long as no one's rights are being violated, any argument is merely one of semantics.

This column resumes a series begun some time ago, but my goal remains the same: to provide interesting information that is also useful.

A rather confusing item appeared in the last *Libertas* concerning donations. We meant to say the following: if you find our publications to be of no value, we would be pleased to remove you from our mailing list. If you do find them of value, we would appreciate a donation. Obviously, none is required.

Draft registration is again with us. In mid-July the SLL led protests at local post offices in the Greater Los Angeles area. This disgusting thing is once again oppressing us.

Anyone who is a libertarian must, by definition, oppose any type of national service program. We hope the youth of this country will wake up and throw one big monkey wrench into the machinery of the Selective Service System. Many opportunities will exist to avoid enslavement. Since women have been excluded, registration has been attacked legally by various groups. Various religious and other groups will offer counseling on the many options that exist.

Locally, KPFK (90.7 FM) has been doing a good job of publicizing the 20 or so counseling offices in the area. Some have a great deal of leftist influence, however this should not prevent us from using them.

Noted libertarian attorney Jack Matonis (1432 N. Mariposa Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027) is planning to be heavily involved in anti-draft activities. Contact him for more information. Further, as Barney Steele pointed out to me, libertarians generally hold that draft resistance is ethically right. Those that serve on draft boards and the like are in the wrong. These people deserve our scorn. They are the necessary players in this scheme of enslavement, militarism, and imperialism.

I have an acquaintance, Nick, who was badly hurt in Viet Nam. He suffered nerve damage. His speech is impaired, his walk unsteady. Another fellow I know lost his leg to a hand grenade. Many more, some 55,000, never came home from Southeast Asia. That would be enough to fill Dodger Stadium! That is the legacy of war.

There has never been a registration without a draft. *Nor a draft without a war. Let's stop it now.* Before it stops us.

As you may know, SLL has a series of short papers in which individuals take positions, and discuss various subjects. Currently, we have 20 papers - recent postal regulations now prevent us from printing new papers here in *Libertas Review*. We are presently exploring ways to resume this practice. Remember, position papers and their printing will not come free - although much of our printing is donated.

If you have a particular topic you feel needs to be discussed, why not underwrite the writing of an SLL paper? We currently are looking for papers on various subjects, including medicine and energy. Papers should be five to seven pages long, typewritten and doublespaced. We are also always on the lookout for suitable works that can be reprinted. Meanwhile, why not obtain a copy of our catalog, and order the papers you might have missed? Catalogs are available at no charge.

Remember, the SLL's Executive Committee meets every month at various locations in the Southern California area. Meetings are held the second Sunday of every month at 7 PM.

Liberty Struggles In New Colonies

(Editor's note: A group of individualists, led by Jimmy Stevens, is currently trying to win control of the New Hebrides Islands.

This is the first of a two-part series to focus upon New Hebrides and other independence movements, past and future.

Howard Hinman

There are presently two independence movements in the New Hebrides. One is apparently based on a John Frum-type cult. These are natives who, "remembering" the enormous amounts of men and material poured into the South Pacific by the Allies during World War II, have decided they will soon be visited by "white gods." They believe the manna from heaven is soon to arrive. They do a minimum amount of labor, preferring instead the various rituals, such as making plane replicas that they believe will attract their gods, who they think will come by plane.

(Obviously these are jet age gods - due to arrive any time now by Supersonic Transport. These people definitely believe that there are superior beings up there somewhere to be forever beholdent to.)

These cults started just after World War II and have existed ever since. The particular group that revolted in the Southern New Hebrides was summarily suppressed by the French and British.

The second group is quite libertarian. Although the leader of the State Socialists, Walter Lini, has tried to get the two powers to intervene, the future of this group remains unclear.

For a better idea of what's happening, let's look at the past, present and future of the New Hebrides. Currently these islands are a condominium between Great Britain and France, having been so since 1906. Essentially, one power has "checked" the other. Additionally, most of the native tribes are highly individualistic. While they operate on a democratic basis, any individual has veto power. Thus, the New Hebrides present a unique opportunity.

Several years ago, the British and French governments announced that they wished to make the islands independent. Various groups began jockeying for position.

The statists, mostly Socialists and Communists, supported Walter Lini, have received outside support. That includes the obligatory contributions to leftists from the World Council of Churches. The influence of the Australian Trade Unions has been critical as well.

Messages could be sent to our government in America encouraging them to recognize the independence of Espiritu Santo. Several Los Angeles area libertarians have already done so. While this revolution is not completely libertarian, it certainly would be much better than a Lini-led government. **Continued on page four**

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The Australian government is another good target. It is the closest large country to the island group. Further, they are nervous about having such a tax haven so close by. New Zealand the same.

The Australians gave Lini a great deal of money. He was opposed by Jimmy Stevens. An election was held, and Lini won. Naturally, he gained support from the British and French. This fact should put to rest the idea that Margaret Thatcher is libertarian! She's a bloody conservative.

If anyone is interested in further information about New Hebrides or any other independence movement, the Phoenix Foundation maintains offices in Carson City and Amsterdam. They seek to influence such movements.

SLL FRONTLINES

Ray Irvine (3081 Kelp, Oxnard, CA 93030) has been appointed Ventura County Regional Director of SLL...Reid Judd is chair of a new SLL affiliated called the *Libertarian Student Alliance* in Berkeley, California...Teaching positions are open to libertarians/individualists in social science and humanities for West Coast University in the city of Orange, Calif. (evening classes). Mail resumes to Director General Studies, West Coast Univ., 440 Shatto Place, Los Angeles, CA 90020...SLL had a booth again at the Orange County Fair...SLL is working on a position paper concerning libertarian pros and cons of abortion. SLL needs author on cons position. Write to SLL for details.

Society for Libertarian Life now has a part-time headquarters in Costa Mesa, CA. Owned by a libertarian, Athena Typesetting and Graphics is storing much of SLL's literature. More information can be obtained by calling Athena at (714) 979-5737. The address is 1378-B Logan Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

SHORTS

VENTURA (AP) - *If your tom cat is known as the Don Juan of the back alley set, don't bring him here - your pet's romance could bring you trouble.*

Pets planning romantic interludes will need permission from authorities if a proposed county ordinance is passed.

Unlawful acts by dogs and cats - that is, breeding without a permit - could result in a \$50 fine for the first offense, with increasingly stiffer penalties for second and third offenders. The annual permit would cost \$10.

The county's Animal Regulation Committee proposed the ordinance "to prevent unwanted litters and unnecessary euthanasia," said the panel's chief, Martin Winston.

Winston admits the ordinance would be difficult to enforce, "especially in determining the responsible male."

Associated Press, Jan. 25, 1977 (Santa Ana Register)

MISSILES ON SCHEDULE?

Art Buchwald, irrepressible political satirist, was quoted in the *Los Angeles Times* recently regarding a suggestion he had made about dealing with the proposed M-X missile system. Speaking to an audience at the University of California, Irvine, he said: "Give Amtrak the contract to put mobile missiles on underground rail cars, and be sure to give the Russians the timetable. That way the missiles never will be where they are supposed to be."

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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.