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## Mini-Convention Planned for SLL

The October 12 Executive Board meeting of Society for Libertarian Life passed a motion to reorganize SLL by conducting a mini-convention in conjunction with the Future of Freedom Conference.

Scheduled at Cal State Univ., Long Beach, SLL's mini-convention, entitled *Reaffirming Liberty, 1981*, will start on Saturday, May 9 from 11:00 am. to 1:00 pm. adjacent to the main conference floor of the Future of Freedom Conference.

Lawrence Samuels, Executive Director of SLL, said, "We have decided to allow our membership more voice in our organization. That is why the Executive Board decided to throw the entire board up for grab in SLL's first official election by membership. We had always intended to make positions of leadership within SLL open to membership through an annual convention, but time and money forced us to delay annual conventions. We hope this mini-

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## Speech by J. Matonis

### Local Event

### JACK MATONIS TO GIVE O.C. DINNER SPEECH--Dec. 14

Jack Matonis, the fiery Washington D.C. attorney, will address a SLL dinner on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 pm. at Kessabella Smorgasbord, 8874 Valley View St. in Buena Park (off the Riverside Fwy.). Price for the dinner/speech is \$6.20 each. This is an excellent price considering that its all-you-can-eat with roast beef, barbecue ribs, Virginia ham, four other entrees, and 20 salads, vegetables and fruit dishes. Reservations would help; Howard (714) 535-5798 or Sandy at Athena (714) 979-5737.

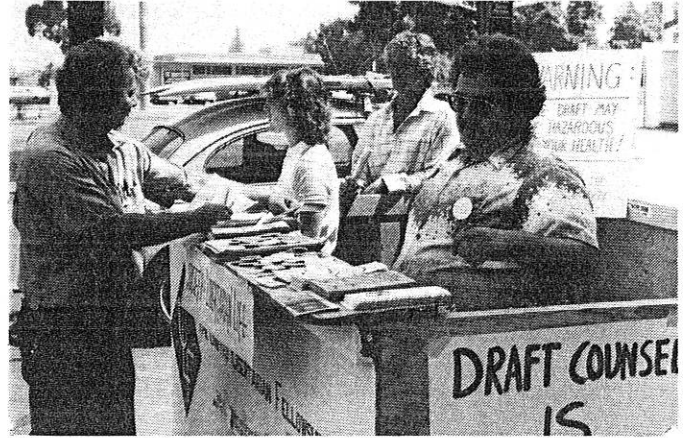


Jack Matonis

John Matonis is one of the leading anti-establishment lawyers in the nation. He attacks anything with slightest hint of statism. Involved in politics since receiving a degree in political science from St. Joseph College, Matonis has been a Democrat County Committeeman in Florida, a Republican fundraiser, an attorney-advisor for the 1969 Nixon campaign, and a Libertarian Party delegate from Alaska in 1979.

*Matonis will cover the latest government moves to counter the tax strike and he will unveil his plan to make the tax strike a real strike in 1982.* In his 14 years as an attorney, receiving his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Temple University in Philadelphia, Jack has helped to protect the rights of draftees, mental patients, cancer patients, doctors and has worked for religious freedom (i.e. E-Meter case concerning the Scientologists).

Matonis is also the editor/publisher of *Little Guy* (box 2885, Fullerton, CA 92633) which reports on tactics to defy govt.



Howard Hinman, SLL Co-Chair and Dyanne Petersen, former Southern Cal. Executive Director of the Cal. LP, are counseling draft registrants at the main Santa Ana Post Office.

## Draft Registration Assaulted by SLL

"Draft registration is no joke" was the slogan used by hundreds of anti-draft organizations during the two weeks in which 19 and 20 year-old males were to report to the Post Office to register for the draft.

The Coalition Against Registration and the Draft (CARD), of which SLL is a member, printed thousands of flyers listing almost 75 draft counseling centers from San Diego to Fresno, California. Members of SLL distributed CARD flyers and libertarian literature at several locations. Howard Hinman, co-chair of SLL, arranged to set up a large, wooden counseling booth next to the main Santa Ana Post Office on the first day of registration (July 21). Hinman and other draft protestors turned away a dozen teenagers from registering for the draft. "We encouraged them to attend a draft counseling center first before making a decision," Hinman said. "Personally, I believe 19 and 20 year-olds should not register because any participation in the mandatory registration program is a submission to slavery," Hinman continued.

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## Athena--SLL Office

The semi-official office of SLL is located at **Athena Typesetting & Graphics** in Costa Mesa, California. Sandy Sisson is the office manger and will take most questions. Messages to most Executive Committee members may be left with Sandy. The phone no. is (714) 979-5737.

## Future of Freedom Set for May 8-10, '81

The Future of Freedom Conference '81 is gearing up for another great conference on May 8, 9 and 10 at Cal State Univ., Long Beach (Student Union). Working with the CSULB Students for Rational Individualism, headed by Terry Diamond, the conference

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has speaking commitments from Robert Poole, editor of *Reason* magazine; Robert LeFevre, author; Jack J. Matonis, anti-establishment attorney; David Friedman, author and UCLA professor of economics, Alan Bock and others. To be confirmed are Robert Ringer, Timothy Leary, Prof. John Hospers, Durk Pearson, Sandy Shakocius, Robert Love, Justin Riamondo, Lowell Ponte, George Smith, Carl Nicolai, John Pugsley, and others.

A banquet for Friday night May 8 and a social event with a live band on Saturday night May 9 is planned. Dr. Demento may host the Saturday night event as he did at the 1977 conference.

A program will be printed with the schedule of events. Advertising in the program is being accepted now, along with reservations for booths and requests for workshops. Write to the *Future of Freedom Conference '81*, P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632 or call Ken (213) 869-6051 or Larry/Sandy (714) 979-5737 at Athena Typesetting.

Rampart Institute, Society for Libertarian Life, Society for Individual Liberty and others are co-sponsoring the conference.

## Revolt Fails on New Hebrides Islands

The New Hebrides revolt apparently has failed. Shortly after Jimmy Stevens, leader of the revolt on the island of Espiritu Santo, declared independence from the New Hebrides centralized government, he was captured and imprisoned on the island of Vila by invading troops from Australia. Apparently, Australia fears a free port in the New Hebrides. For years, Jimmy Stevens and the Nagriamel Federation have not only tried to gain local autonomy, but an infusion of money from outside sources. With the help of Mike Oliver and the Phoenix Foundation, Stevens was given libertarian literature, a radio station was made operational and a small landing field was built. No armaments were given or sold. But the centralists headed by father Lini on the capital island of Vila, became upset and prepared to stop any movement for a loose con-  
tion.

On May 28, 1980, Stevens and about 800 followers took over government facilities in Luganville, capital of Espiritu Santo. Stevens, a half Scottish and half native Melanesian tribal chief, proclaimed the name "Vemarana Republic" which included some 14 other islands. However, the powers of statism and centralization have apparently defeated Stevens and the Vemarana Republic. Libertarian groups in Los Angeles and San Francisco have demonstrated at the Austrian embassy. John Hospers, former U.S. Presidential candidate on the Libertarian Party ticket in 1972, has tried to get the Libertarian Party and other groups to publicize the New Hebrides nightmare. But, according to Hospers "The LP (national) wants nothing to do with it during an election year. They wanted Reason to spike its article on the NH, but Poole said no; but they succeeded with Libertarian Review..." The future looks dim for the New Hebrides.

## Learning to Fight The Black Hole of Govt.

By Lawrence Samuels

**Below is a two-part series on taxation and methods to avoid being robbed by the government.**

The old saying that "the power to tax is the power to destroy" has never been more true. As inflation continues to eat at our earning power, and as progressive income tax puts everyone into higher tax brackets, it appears that poverty will become fashionable in the near future. If the trend continues, the American people will be divided into two groups—the poor and the very poor.

In other words, the middle class, usually the defenders of liberty, will be wiped out. However, there are several ways to prevent the "Black Hole of Government" from sucking your money away from you.

The safest approach to protect your money is to turn to religion. Of course, this suggestion is hotly contested by the libertarian/atheist community. However, one need not believe in a god to start a tax-exempt Church. According to Rev. Hensley, founder of the Universal Life Church, the famous atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hare was ordained a minister in his church, and she later formed the *Poor Richard's Universal Life Church* in Austin, Texas.

Anyway, if a citizen is ordained and applies to be pastor of his own church with the Universal Life Church, he is entitled to the same privileges granted to traditional churches. With three members (pastor, secretary & treasurer) the "board of directors may buy property, provide a parsonage, furnish a car for pastoral duties, and pay general expenses for all church-related business," and all exempt from taxation. In fact, a Church does not even have to file with the government since that would be a violation of Church and State (first Amendment). The individual Church determines what will comprise a church meeting. Plus, the pastor can take a vow of poverty. This is usually suggested for self-employed people since any money made from salary or business will automatically go into the church. Thus, no income tax.

Tax laws are complicated. Write to ULC, 601 Third Street, Modesto, CA 95351 (209) 527-8111 for further information.

Libertarians believe that taxation is legalized theft. Just because the government appears to have all the guns and power at its disposal, it is no reason not to use every means to discover tax loopholes.

The next article will explore other methods to avoid taxes on income, including the popular tactic of claiming that the U.S. dollar is not money, since it is not redeemable in gold or silver (U.S. coinage laws state that money is defined as 412.5 grains Standard Silver Troy weight or 25.8 grains Standard Gold weight).

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### DRAFT REGISTRATION AND THE DRAFT: ANALYSIS

It is vital for libertarians to become involved since the draft represents an intense struggle against slavery. Most Americans would not recognize the fact that slavery was not abolished after the Civil War. Indeed, the 13th Amendment states, "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude...shall exist within the United States", but this amendment apparently referred to *private* ownership of people, and not government ownership of people. Hopefully, people will realize that government is the biggest slaveholder of them all.

Some of the options explained to potential registrants at Post Offices across the nation included such advice as registering as a conscientious objector (CO), and to build a file to prove CO status. This includes letters from ministers, business leaders and school officials. Official CO forms were obtainable from the Selective Service System (SSS), but since a draft nor a war is presently operating, CO forms are not likely to be accepted by the SSS. Several anti-draft groups have extra copies of this CO form, and most draft counselors suggest that they be filled out, notarized and filed in a safe place. This type of preparation will make a strong case for CO in future drafts and wars.

It is likely that few exemptions will be accepted in a future draft. Becoming a minister might help, but it is doubtful. Enrollment in a college will have no effect. Medical exemptions could prove successful if some medical problem is discovered, reported and filed. Pretending to be gay was successful in the Vietnam War until it became common. In fact, John Matonis, attorney and draft counselor, wrote that the military might find gays to be the best fighters. Pointing out that ancient Greece used gay warriors, Matonis said that "the city-state of Sparta paired gay lovers together so that if one was killed the other would fight in a passionate rage."

The option to refuse to register may be dangerous, but it is unlikely that the government will locate, prosecute and jail some 200,000 teenagers who, by the government's own statement, did not register. In fact, the government's figure of 93 percent compliance is being challenged by various anti-draft groups. These groups contend that the compliance figures are much lower, perhaps by a million. And if this is not enough, it is likely that when the U.S. Supreme Court examines the law, they will declare it unconstitutional because it excludes women.

## BOOK REVIEW

# New Lib. Manifesto

"Don't get it right, get it written," that was the advice given to Samuel E. Konkin III. And so, Konkin III has given the libertarian movement a new booklet called *New Libertarian Manifesto*.

What is the libertarian manifesto? According to Konkin III, it is something that will shake the world as surely as Karl Marx's manifesto did over 100 years ago. It is also the manifesto to bring in the era of "New Libertarianism," to differentiate between the so-called libertarianism of the Libertarian Party (LP). Referring to the LP as "partyarchism," Konkin III makes the case for agorism/counter-economics to counter the LP.

*New Libertarian Manifesto* was written as a strategy to fight statism and coercion by using the market mechanism. The booklet describes tactics to by-pass a warring, inflation-ridden State and organize pockets of free areas. As the State destroys itself, free market traders will begin to offer services that government is unable to operate. In a sense, the State, because of its own corruptions and economic inability to survive, (and as masses of people enter the underground/black market just to survive,) will eventually wither away, but not without one last violent surge. As Konkin III argues, the revolution will come at this point and statism will be defeated.

*New Libertarian Manifesto* is interesting reading, but it is not mainstream libertarian thought, although Konkin attributes many of his ideas to Murray Rothbard and Ludwig von Mises. *New Libertarian Manifesto*, published by New Libertarian Enterprises, Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801 at \$2.95 each.



Samuel Konkin III

## Owner May Become Jailbird

BERWICK, Pa. (AP) - Suzie, a bald robin who can talk, and Bert, a bald robin who can't, have hatched a dispute between their keeper and the law. Federal and state wildlife officials want the robins returned to the wild in accordance with laws forbidding migratory birds from being kept in captivity. Their owner, Anne Leffler, 35, says they'll die.

Suzie and Bert were rescued about a year ago when they fell out of a nest in Miss Leffler's yard. Their heads are bare of feathers, probably due to illness, and Leffler has since taken in a third robin, a chick with an injured leg.

Tuesday, Arcovitch, Columbia County's game protector, accompanied by a deputy game protector -both wearing sidearms as mandated by state law - went to Leffler's house to talk about the birds. Leffler...refused entry to Arcovitch and his deputy. "They were out there for about an hour and a half," she said. "I can't understand why it would take two officials with guns to pick up a bird." A compromise was reached: She can keep the robins for the time being and file for a permit for rehabilitating migratory birds. But Arcovitch stressed that even with the permit the birds eventually would have to be released. (Aug. 22, 1980).

## SLL Frontlines

Several members of SLL participated with Sy Leon, author of *None Of The Above*, on a media campaign on the virtues of non-voting and a proposal to place "none of the above" on the ballot. ...SLL had another successful year at the Orange County Fair.



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## SLL Mini-Convention

convention will set a new trend, leading eventually to a full three-day weekend convention on an annual basis."

Positions open for this mini-convention include: Chair, Vice-Chair, Executive Director, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Computer Director, Chapter Director, Fund-raiser and four members at large. Also, five new positions have been added for better chapter cooperation. This includes five "Chapter Representatives" who have full voting authority at the monthly Executive Board meetings.

Unfortunately, the mini-convention will be short. In two hours the election process must be prepared for the following: to confirm eligibility of voters, nomination of candidates, short two minute speeches by the candidates, counting of votes and acceptance speeches by the new chair and vice-chair.

After the election fanfare has settled down, a motion will be introduced to reaffirm the *Libertas Statement* which was written on May 5, 1973 around the time SLL was founded at Cal State Univ., Fullerton. Friendly amendments will be accepted from the floor to amend this document.

Jack J. Matonis, well-known resistance attorney, will host the mini-convention. And all SLL members and Executive Board members in good standing (paid) or members recognized by the Board in advance, may vote. Members and chapters must be official paid members of SLL by Friday, May 8 to vote. Official SLL chapters may cast more than one vote depending on official membership. The rate for chapters is: 1 to 5 members, one vote per chapter, 6 to 10 members, two votes per chapter, 11 to 15 members, three votes per chapter, 16 to 20 members, four votes per chapter, 21 to 30 members, five votes per chapter, 31 to 50 members, eight votes per chapter and 51 to 100 members, ten votes per chapter. Chapters carry substantial voting power, needless to say. Presently, SLL has seven official chapters across the country. Hopefully, this voting power will encourage more affiliations and chapters.

Write to P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632 to apply for nomination papers, chapter applications and membership forms.

Hopefully, this mini-convention will enlarge the influence of SLL and its libertarian philosophy. If you ever wanted to do something for the cause of liberty, this is the perfect time to get involved.

# Rampart Institute Publishes Prospectus

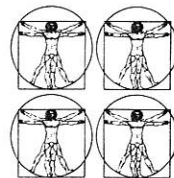
Rampart Institute has recently published its prospectus and first annual report in an eight page, two-color booklet. Copies may be obtained by writing to Rampart Institute, Rampart Publishing, Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632.

One of the major priorities listed in the prospectus is the proposal to save Robert LeFevre's library of 5,000 to 7,000 books. LeFevre sold the library for \$15,000 to Northwood Institute in Dallas, Texas to Dean Ken Ryker, an admirer of libertarian thought. However, Ryker left his post at Northwood Institute, and unconfirmed reports indicate that the library is being stored in boxes on the edge of the campus in an old army-like structure. It is feared that this year's winter may damage the rare books of LeFevre's former research library. Anyway, Rampart Institute will buy back the library when enough funds are raised to buy a building to house the library. Rampart Institute hopes to do this through the prospectus and the ability of the Institute's fundraiser, Denison Smith of DeRand Corporation of Virginia.

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knows what  
freedom means  
will find a way to  
be free."

Robert LeFevre



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**LR's Believe It Or Not**

BENTON HARBOR, Mich. (AP) - *Benton Harbor is rotting.*  
 The downtown area of the once-prosperous factory town is a crumbling shell of boarded-up windows and empty parking lots. Only three stores are open on Main Street.

Security guards roam the corridors in city schools, which are under a federal court order to desegregate. Unemployment claims nearly 26 percent of the town's workers. Plants stand empty and silent; Whirlpool Corp. is the only major employer left in town.

In less than a year, Benton Harbor has staggered through five "payless paydays," postponing payrolls until state-approved loans came through or willing merchants paid their taxes early.

The town's plight can be traced back through two decades of "white flight" and government mismanagement.

Benton Harbor's 15,000 population is 80 or 90 percent black, a reflection of what happened when the town, in an unfortunate coincidence, began an urban renewal project just as racial violence ripped through America's cities. The project took over a large area which had been home to most of the city's black population. The displaced scattered, and Benton Harbor's white residents fled.

Benton Harbor's woes only worsened through the years because of fiscal mismanagement. That problem, in turn, was heightened by political infighting on the nine-member city commission. "They (the commissioners) would approve a budget, which was a completely useless document, and then do what they wanted with city funds," said Paul McCauley, the city's fourth manager in the past five years.

McCauley said his predecessors paid the salaries of an inflated workforce with federal revenue-sharing funds intended for physical improvements. No money was budgeted for capital improvements and nepotism was commonplace in city hiring, he added.

Voters recently approved a tax increase of six mills.  
*The Register Sept. 27, 1980*

**Calendar of Events**

Nov. 13 (Thur.)--Speech by Susan Love Brown, one of the authors of "The Incredible Bread Machine." Begins at 6:30 pm. with no-host bar, dinner at 7:15 pm., program around 8:00 pm. Location: Revere House in Tustin..Cost: \$12 each, season members \$10; Res. (714) 975-1191.(O.C. Libertarian Supper Club).

Dec. 14 (Sun.)Speech by Jack Matonis, attorney and editor of "Little Guy." See front page story, Res. (714) 979-5737, Sandy (sponsored by SLL).

Dec. 16 (Tue.)--Speech by Edward H. Crane III, a national leader of the Libertarian Party. Time: 6:30 pm. with no-host bar; cost: \$12 each, season members \$10; place, Revere House in Tustin; Res. (714) 975-1191 (O.C. Libertarian Supper Club).

**Troubles in LP Camp**

It appears that the Ed Clark/David Kock campaign for the White House on the Libertarian Party ticket was perhaps more successful with the general voter than with their own party. Murray Rothbard, an LP heavyweight, has been attacking Clark's milk-toast libertarianism since August. Rothbard, author of *For A New Liberty*, attacked several statements made by Clark during the campaign. One attack centered on Clark's statement that government welfare could not be abolished until the U.S. has full employment. Rothbard has also noted that Clark appears to be soft on taxation; only campaigning for a 50 percent reduction in taxes instead of outright abolition of taxation. Of course, Clark is trying to appeal to a wider voting audience at the expense of principles. Even the LP Radical Caucus, who endorsed Clark over Bill Hunscher, is disappointed with Clark. And now an Abolition Caucus of the LP (Box 30681, Seattle, WA 98103) has formed to take Clark to task. Troubles never cease.

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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 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 area 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.*

May 5, 1973