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Alternative Education Conference--Aug. 16 John Holt/Jack High/Nancy Reck- inger/Greg Bodenhamer, others

Both Society for Libertarian Life and Rampart Institute are part-sponsors of the **Keys to Learning/Expo '81 Conference** to be held August 16 at Cal State Univ., Fullerton in the Univ. Center (multi-purpose room) from 9:30 am. to 6:00 pm.

John Holt is a leading libertarian educator who centers on home-schooling as an alternative educational method. Editor of *Growing Without Schooling*, Holt takes a radical approach to education. Not only does he oppose state-operated education, but is hostile to any formal educational structure outside the home, including private schools.

Author of nine books, his latest, *Teach Your Own*, Holt has earned wide acclaim for his criticism of public education, especially for his

work in teacher-parent relationships to educate children in a natural environment that encourages self-learning.

Other speakers include **Prof. Jack High**, co-author of a soon-to-be-published book entitled *Education and Liberty: Spearation of*

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John Holt

SLL at Orange Co. Fair Again

For the fourth straight year, SLL has a booth at the Orange County Fair (off the Newport Fwy., in Costa Mesa) from July 10-19. We need people to watch the booth, distribute material and discuss libertarianism with the curious. SLL will be given a number of free tickets for workers, which will mean that SLL workers will get into the Orange County Fair for free, and therefore given the opportunity to see all the exhibits.

Dan Twedt, at (714) 586-1430 is Booth Manager this year. Please call him to set up a two/four/or six hour shift.

Pot Luck/Swim SLL Party on Aug. 1

Location: Mark III Town Home's Recreation Hall

A pot luck/swimming summer party will be held on August 1 (Sat.) at Jim Gallagher's recreation hall in Fullerton near the corner of East Bastanchury and Via Colina.

Party begins at 4:00 pm.; pot luck at 7:00 pm. Every person or couple must bring one pot luck dish (not just corn chips or beer). Please call Howard at (714) 535-5798 to advise him as to what you are bringing. The recreation hall has a swimming pool, spa, sauna, pool tables, fireplace and lounge. This is a BYOB party.

Anyone may attend this party; bring a friend or two (no charge at door).



Future of Freedom Conf. at Cal State Univ., Long Beach

FOF Conference '81 —A Big Success!

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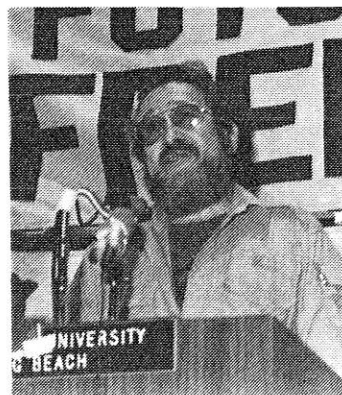
Some 500 people eagerly attend the largest and oldest independent libertarian conference in the nation on May 8-10 at Cal State Univ., Long Beach. With more than 50 workshops, 40 exhibitors, 130 attending the Friday night banquet and 250 attending the Dr. Demento Saturday Night Party, the FOF Conference has entered a new era.

"We are no longer a small campus conference series," Lawrence Samuels, FOF Conf. co-manager, said, "because we put in thousands to run the 1981 conference. This is amazing when you consider that most of the money comes from ticket sales; and that the conference gets no cash donations from any institute or business. If we get donations, it is in labor or materials.

Samuels mentioned that a number of people flew from the East Coast and Alaska just to attend the conference.

The 1982 FOF Conference

On May 30, a new FOF Conference Committee was selected to prepare for 1982. The two co-managers are Kenneth Gregg, Jr. (213) 869-6051 and Charles Curley (213) 422-3673. Suggestions are being solicited for next year's speakers. High on the list are Murray Rothbard, Robert Ringer, Thomas Soul, Thomas Szasz, Nathaniel Branden, Durk Pearson and David Stockman.



KARL HESS

KARL HESS LECTURE

By Terry Diamond

Dressed in a plaid work shirt and denim overalls, Karl Hess was introduced to the Future of Freedom Conference as the former presidential speech writer whose occupation now is commercial welding. Karl Hess has become known in recent years for his advocacy of do-it-yourself small scale technology and its application to practical survival techniques. He emphasizes a practical approach to freedom that stresses

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Decentralizing the Home Water System

By Lawrence Samuels

Michael Hinds of the *New York Times* recently reported on a recycling waste/sewage system that more than 50 pioneering families across the nation have installed. Produced by Pure Cycle Corp. of Boulder, Colorado, the system was designed for areas which have poor soil conditions, near-by waste dumps or where fresh water is unavailable. And the cost is \$15,000 installed, as compared to regular septic systems which cost somewhere around \$10,000 to \$15,000.

The beauty of this computerized system, which has been approved by Health Departments in four Western States, is that it decentralizes the normally state-controlled and financed water/sewage system. Individuals can now depend on their own resources to provide fresh water and waste disposal system. In fact, the recycling system does not require additional water. After the hold tank is initially filled with 1,000 gallons of water, no more water is needed. "The system has a 99.3 percent recovery rate on the average family that consumes 300 gallons of water a day loses two gallons daily. This loss is more than made up by the beer, soda pop and liquids from canned goods that the family pours down the drain," according to Pure Cycle Corp. spokesmen.

The recycling system is both economical and ecological. Normal water consumption for a household of four is 73,000 gallons of water annually as compared to zero consumption with the Pure Cycle system inside the home. With the demand for more water going up, water prices can only increase, and as ecological demands become louder, solutions like the Pure Cycle will become more appealing.

Libertarians have predicted a new era of self-contained homes, operating with independent energy systems (like solar energy, etc.), wireless telephones, and now functional recycling water systems. The technology has arrived, although still a bit expensive. But mass production of these systems and inefficient governmental services will lower the price tag and cause people, as a by-product, to view government as an impediment to progress. This is important. As the individual's world becomes decentralized, more self-contained, more self-managed, the result will show the populace

Unity Slate Wins At SLL Mini-Con.

Declaring victory for the Unity Slate, Howard Hinman and Kevin Kordes were reelected to positions of Co-Chair at the first formal convention of Society for Libertarian Life (SLL) on May 10 at Cal State Univ., Long Beach by convention delegates. The unity slate includes: Jim Gallagher as Vice-Chair; Lawrence Samuels as Executive Director; David Moore as Publicity Director; Ted Roger and Al Jackman as Chapter Service Directors; Pam Maltzman as Corresponding Secretary; Danny Twedt as Recording Secretary and three other board members at large—Kenneth Gregg, Jr., Joe Williams and Bill Wingfield.

The *Libertas Statement* was reaffirmed with a minor changed. Both Jack Matonis and Bob LeFevre gave introduction speeches to encourage the growth of SLL and its projects on campus and in the community.

Later on, Carl R. Nicolai was recognized as chair of the new "Seattle Society for Libertarian Life" chapter of SLL with William R. Hafer as the vice-chair.

If you wish to attend one of the monthly SLL meetings in Southern California call Howard at (714) 535-5798.

the anachronism of rulership. People simply will not need the outdated and ineffective services provided by the government. It is economics. When a product or service is too expensive and cumbersome, customers will naturally seek out a better alternative. This is exactly what is occurring to government. Technology is discovering better, less expensive alternatives to governmental management. The Government is being priced out of the market and slowly replaced with local, individual control through technological advancements. Only the government's monopoly of coercion keeps decentralization from bursting into national prominence. But the floor gates of governmental control cannot withstand the new technological age of self-rulership for much longer. Something will have to give; and it is unlike that technology will be the loser.

The Pure Cycle Corp. can be reached at P.O. Box 671, Boulder, Colo. 80306 (303) 449-6530.

(Keys to Learning/Expo 81—continued from front page)

School & State with George Smith. An advisor to SLL, High teaches economics at Cal State Univ., Fullerton. **Nancy Reckinger**, is a professor of Teachers Education at Cal State Univ., Fullerton, and the former director of the Center for Educational Alternatives. **Gregory Bodenhamer**, director of "Back in Control Behavior Consultants" in Fullerton, has been a Deputy Probation Officer since 1973. Author of two books, Bodenhamer has helped thousand of families regain control of their children's misbehavior. **Lawrence** and **Bonnie Williams** are founders and directors of the well-known privately-operated Oak Meadow School in Ojai, California.

Tickets: August 1 is deadline for early discount ticket sales; second price is after Aug. 1 (at the door).

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| Students (18 or under) | | \$8/\$10 |
| General | | \$10/\$12 |
| Couples | | \$15/\$18 |

Literature tables are available at \$20 before Aug. 1 and \$30 at the door. A directory is planned; deadline for copy is July 27. Price is \$50--full page, \$25--half page, \$15 quarter page, \$10--business card, \$5--listing of name, address and phone.

More information: (714) 995-6059.

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self-responsibility and building a libertarian community and being a good neighbor.

With a preference for homey informality that includes being called by his first name, Karl was noticeably warm towards the audience of over five hundred people that packed the lecture hall. "I think that you are free," he said, "when you can do pretty much what you want to do and be totally responsible for you own actions." He stated that he used to think that wealth was intrinsically involved with money and exchange. Now he thinks, "The essential thing [about wealth] has to do with your ability to be self-reliant." His goal is to be self-sufficient so that if the rest of the world collapses it will be only a minor inconvenience.

Karl currently edits the journal *Survival Tomorrow* and he takes his own ideas seriously. He is proud of the fact that he has designed and built his own energy-efficient house in the ground and tends his own vegetable garden on top of the ground. In the West Virginia community where he lives, he is known as being a bit crazy. He also notes, with obvious pleasure, that the people put up with his eccentric ways because he is considered a "right good neighbor."

After complementing the audience many times for their good grasp of libertarian principles, he stressed that these be put into action to form a libertarian community. "Everybody can tell you about liberty," he exclaimed, "now we need a place where we can see the damn thing." In this context, he points out, "A statement of principle should be simply an explanation of the way you live your life."

When asked afterward during the question period if there were any authors that influenced or described his position, he mentioned Robert Anton Wilson. Since he had quoted novelist/philosopher Ayn Rand, saying that reason is the best tool an individual can have, many in the audience were surprised when he quoted Wilson saying, "There is no truth and everything is permissible!" He went on to say that, "Even though there is no truth and everything is permissible, you still must, yourself, say things that you feel to be true, and you must not do things that you feel to be impermissible, and there is no power on earth except the power of your own volition that will lead you in these directions."

The United States Is Wearing Out!

Government Report

According to Pat Choate and Susan Walter, two researchers at the Council on State Planning Agencies, America is wearing out, physically. That is, the U.S. highways, ports, water systems, railroads, bridges and other facilities are deteriorating faster than federal, state or local governments can repair them.

The two researchers point out that the U.S. interstate highway is wearing out at the rate of 2,000 miles a year. And some 8,000 miles of road and 13 percent of its bridges are beyond their service life, and must be rebuilt. One of every five bridges in the nation needs either replacement or major reconstruction. The cost for the repairs is \$33 billion according to the Transportation Department. However, only \$1.3 billion has been allocated. Also, a large number of the nation's 43,500 dams require investment to "reduce hazardous deficiencies." And the railroads are in such bad condition that over half of the rail lines may be closed, even if Conrail lines in the Northeast are sold to private businesses.

Apparently, Governmental agencies cannot even repair or manage the areas it directly controls. Any normal business must spend money to repair and update its equipment or risk bankruptcy. Somehow the state worries little about unsafe highways and other facilities. And why not; who can compete with them?

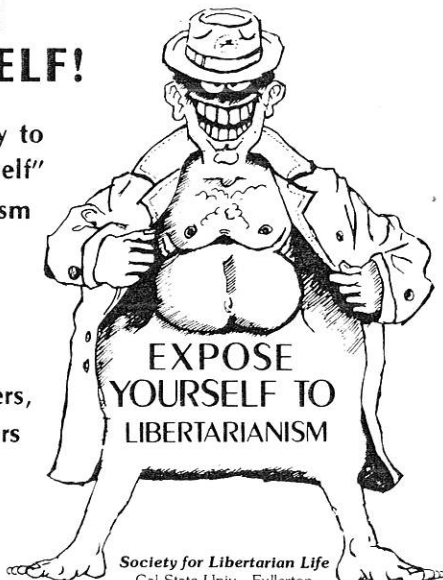
Material from article by Bill Neikirk, Chicago Tribune wire service (March 29, 81).

FOF Conference Tapes Available for \$6 each (c60)

If you missed the conference or forget what the speakers said, well, just write for a free catalog of the 1981 Future of Freedom Conference cassette tape listing. Tapes go for \$6.00 for each 60 minute tape (the foreign policy/justice and tax panels consist of two 60 minute tapes--\$12 for both tapes). Get them while they last at these prices. Write to **Future of Freedom Conf., Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632.**

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LeFevre Gives Summer Seminar

July 30, 31, August 1



Robert LeFevre, author, newspaper columnist and lecturer will give a summer seminar in the city of Orange on July 30, 31 and August 1 from 7:30 pm. to 10:00 pm.

According to LeFevre, the series of 3 evening speeches covers new material that has never been heard before.

The Thursday evening speech is entitled, "The Nature of History," and will explore the importance of history, and that history is necessary for the survival of government. Friday's speech is "The Roots of Libertarian and American Traditions", which defines the ideas and traditions of individual liberty; and Saturday's speech is "The American Revolution," which will deal with the revolutionary thought, of the American colonists, and where American Revolutionary ideas often clashed with their actions.

The price is \$30 per person and \$10 per student. Lecture is limited to 15 people. Call Sandy at Athena (714) 979-5737 for res. or mail checks payable to Rampart Institute to P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632.

Sexism Charged Against FOF Conf.

In the May 1981 edition of Association of Libertarian Feminist (ALF), the editors charged the Future of Freedom Conference Committee with sexism for failure to have a balanced male/female program.

First, the FOF Conf. committee places no consideration on what sex a potential speaker might be. What is examined is the potential audience a speaker may attract since the FOF Conf. survives on ticket sales. The FOF gets no funding from any institute or organization. In other words, the FOF Conf. must have speakers who appeal to the libertarian and non-libertarian public in order to survive.

Secondly, the FOF Conf. Committee did approach a number of women, including Barbara Branden, to speak at the conference. However, it should be mentioned that there is a void of well-known libertarian professionals in the California area. This is not our fault, and we cannot afford to place an equal number of women, for the sake of feminism, on the FOF program who are unknown, or whose main subject would center around feminism. We would go broke.

A letter has been written to Sharon Presley of the ALF to advise the FOF Conf. Committee on a list of libertarian feminist who are well-known in their own field of studies, who would draw a large audience, speak for little money, and who live in California or on the West Coast. So far, we have received no answer.

ALF also criticized *Libertas Review* for describing Wendy McElroy in the calendar section as "an associate of George Smith." The calendar section has little space to give a long description for any person; plus no other information other than McElroy association with George Smith was available. The calendar section is to advertise other group's events as a public service to the libertarian reader in general.

EDITORS NOTE: We suggest that the ALF work to encourage women to become involve in all fields of studies as experts and leaders, and that the ALF learn from the old proverb about Henry Ford. And that is: "Henry Ford did not bitch about the horse-drawn carriage; he built an automobile."

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REVIEWING THE NEWS

•On June 1 another effort to repeal sales tax in California was launched by Citizens Asserting Supremacy over Taxation (CAST). CAST plans to put their initiative on the June 1982 ballot by gathering 555,000 valid signatures in 150 days. The petition drive will be underway soon.

Pablo Campos, who organized the unsuccessful anti-sales tax initiative two years ago, is again at the helm of CAST with a better organization. The initiative two years ago would not have abolish the sales tax outright, but would slowing lower the sales tax rate until it reached zero within three years.

CAST, 8004 Willis Ave., Panorama City, CA 91402.

•Another California initiative will be hitting the streets soon called the Marijuana Reform Initiative (MRI). This is the second attempt to decriminalize marijuana through the initiative process since 1980. The 1980 initiative, however, contained a clause for setting up a state-wide governmental commission to control and regulate the commercial use of marijuana. This prevent many libertarians from working on that initiative. However, according to MRI leader, Gary Coponland, a former county coordinator for the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), the 1982 MRI Initiative has deleted the clause to set-up a commission. Coponland further said that libertarians have a strong voice in the MRI leadership.

The 1982 initiative reads: "Adults, 18 years or older, shall not be punished criminally, or be denied any right or privilege, by reason of their private possession, transportation or cultivation of marijuana for personal use" (Section 11357.5).

Petitioning is scheduled to begin Jan. 1, 1982.

MRI, P.O. Box 26760, San Diego, CA 92126.

•The Tenth Anniversary Convention of the Libertarian Party is scheduled for Aug. 26-30 in Denver Colorado. **LP Con. Com., 1041 Cherokee Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303)573-5229.**

SLL takes no official position on political initiatives.

Careers In Space Conference

Are we at the edge of a great new age of exploration in the heavens above? Well, to OASIS and the L-5 Society, they are doing more than wondering. These two groups are staging a "Careers in Space '81" on July 17 and 18 (Fri.-Sat.) at USC's Davidson Hall. Featuring Eric Burgess, Peter Vajk, G. Harry Stine and many others, "Careers in Space" will have representatives of space-related industries available to provide insight into specific career opportunities.

Registration fees: Students (full-time)--\$30, OASIS/L-5/AIAA members--\$35 and regular--\$40. USC housing available. Mail and make checks payable to: **OASIS, Box 704, Santa Monica, CA 90406 (213) 374-1381.**

Calendar of Events

July 10-19--SLL Booth at Orange County Fair. See front page story.

July 11 (Sat.)--"Bastille Day with Murray Rothbard". Cost is \$15; check is your res., mail to 17179-B Brookhurst, Fountain Valley, CA 92708; to be held in Costa Mesa. Starts at 12:00 noon; all-you-can-eat-barbecue; Murray speaks around 8:00 pm.; Info from Jack Dean or Peggy (714) 548-2457.

Aug. 1 (Sat.)--SLL's Pot Luck/Swim Party in Fullerton. See front page story.

Aug. 16 (Sun.)--John Holt at "Keys to Learning/Expo '81" at Cal State Univ., Fullerton. See front page story. Call other local libertarian Supper Clubs on monthly programs: LA Area--(213) 937-8886; South Bay Area--(213) 428-1866; Pasadena Area--(213) 795-7642; San Diego Area--(714) 460-9136.

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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 agresses 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.*

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