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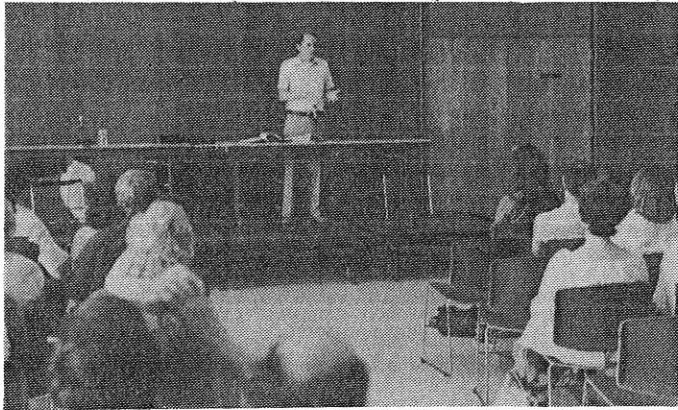
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Lawrence Williams, founder of Meadow School, discusses home-schooling at "Keys to Learning" Conference.

LOCAL EVENT

Academy Award Winning Film (1980) To Be Shown *Karl Hess: Toward Liberty*

In a joint sponsorship with Rampart Institute, the film *Karl Hess: Toward Liberty*, the Academy Award winner in the category of documentary short subjects, will be shown in Anaheim at Sir George's Smorgasbord (400 S. Euclid--other cross street, Broadway; take Lincoln offramp from Santa Ana Fwy.) on Dec. 13 (Sunday).

Dinner starts at 6:30 pm., program at 7:45 pm. with panel discussion at 8:20 pm. by several well-known libertarians. The price is \$7.75; all you can eat, including tax and beverage (not tip); beer and wine available at additional charge.

Also a winner of a Blue Ribbon at the 1980 American Film Festival, the film shows Hess' lifestyle and philosophy that has made him famous. A former Republican speechwriter for Barry Goldwater and Presidents Nixon and Ford, Hess first turned libertarian, then semi-New Left in the late 1960's. Author of *Dear America* and other books, Hess has lead the movement for decentralism and do-it-yourself small-scale technology. In fact, Hess build his own partly underground home in West Virginia. Currently, Hess edits a new journal called "Survival Tomorrow."

A must film to see.

Call Howard for res. (714) 535-5798.

Next LeFevre Seminar on November 5, 6 and 7

The next LeFevre seminar will be on Nov. 5, 6 and 7 each evening starting at 7:30 pm. (ends at 10:00 pm.) at 3315 Romelle Ave. in the city of Orange (residential). The first night seminar is titled "The Nature of History;" second evening, "Roots of American/Libertarian Thought;" third evening, "The American Revolution."

Total price is \$30 for non-students and \$10 for students. Mail checks to Rampart Institute, Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632; phone reservations--Sandy at Athena Typesetting (714) 979-5737.

Future of Freedom Conf. '82 Splits into Two Conferences

On September 27, 1981, the Future of Freedom Conference Committee '82 dissolved to form the Future of Freedom Conf. Steering Committee (FoFConSC). All funds and trademarks were transferred to the FoFConSC, which retains the power to license future conferences. So far, two FOF Conferences are being planned; one in April at the Pasadena Hilton and one in Fall of 1982, most likely at Cal State Univ., Long Beach, the same site as the 1981 FOF Conference.

Reasons for the steering committee occurred because the FOF Conf. Committee was split over the location of the 1982 conference. Half of the FOF committee wished to stay at a campus one more year to build up out-of-town clientele; while others on the FOF committee thought that the 1981 conference was successful enough to move to a hotel site. The results are that two FOF Conferences will be held in 1982, with different, but similar names.

As for the financial make-up, each FOF Conf. Committee is separate financially and leagally. If debts are incurred by one FoF-ConCom, they cannot be transferred over to another FoFConCom or to the FOF Steering Committee.

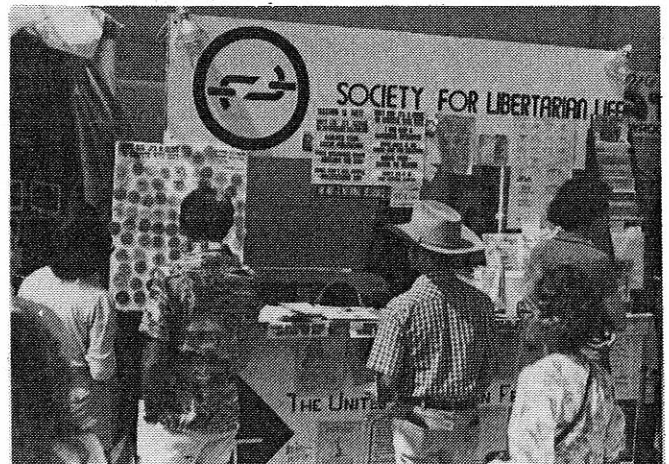
Members of the FoFConSC include Jane Heider, Kenneth Gregg, Jr., Charles Curley, Howard Hinman and Melinda Hanson.

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Financial Dinner/Speech By Jim Gallagher on Nov. 15

Jim Gallagher, Vice-Chair of Society for Libertarian Life, a computer programmer and a financial investor will give a speech entitled *Money: Past, Present and Future -- How To Protect Your Assets*. It will be held at Sir George's Smorgasbord [400 S. Euclid--take Lincoln-left onto Euclid, corner of Euclid and Broadway] on Sunday Nov. 15.

Dinner starts at 6:30 pm., program at 7:45 pm. and will end by 9:45 pm. It is all you can eat, meats, salads, fruits, etc. The price is \$7.75 which includes tax and beverage (not tip). Wine and beer are available at additional charge.



Much thanks must be given to Dan Twedt who organized SLL's booth at the Orange County Fair last July.

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Any libertarian organization or group may apply for a license to organize a Future of Freedom Conf. in the United States or in another country. The FOFConSC has funds to make interest-bearing loans (as seed money) to help a FOF Conference Committee get started. Write to FOFConSC, 450 E. 3rd St., Suite 319, Long Beach, CA 92802 (213) 435-3492 for details.

"Keys to Learning" Update

The "Key's to Learning, Expo. '81" at Cal State Univ., Fullerton on August 16 saw about 150 people in attendance to hear educator John Holt. Society for Libertarian Life sponsored the conference. However, the person who put the conference together was Cathy Levesque.

Unfortunately, the conference lost money. Funds are being raised to pay expenses to compensate those who had to help bail out SLL. Please mail donations to **Keys to Learning**, P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632.

KEYS TO LEARNING '81 CONFERENCE TAPES

K100. **John Holt**, *Teach Your Own, Part I*. One of America's best-known educators outside of the government school system. A libertarian, Holt centers his talk on his new book *Teach Your Own*, which advocates home-schooling, and shows how to legally take a child out of the school system (60 minutes).

K101. **John Holt**, *Teach Your Own, Part II, Continues from the first tape, with additional topics*. Holt tells about his letters from subscribers to his newsletter, their experiences with state-operated schools, state schooling laws, regulations, ideas on learning aids and effects of home schooling on their children (60 minutes).

K102. **John Holt**, *The Family*. Holt discusses why the family does not exist for many people and what to do about this new situation. Later, Holt turns to the subject of children themselves, and their place in today's society (60 minutes).

K103. **Lawrence Williams**, *Home-Schooling Example*. Director and founder of Meadow School of Ojai, California, Williams demonstrates how the "Independent Study Program" works with teacher, parent and child relationships (60 minutes).

K105. **Gene Takamine**, *New Educational Alternatives*. A Santa Ana attorney and President of the Foundation School, Inc. of Montebello, California, Takamine gives a brief history of the educational system. Later he talks about the various Voucher systems and Tuition Tax Credits for private school students (60 minutes).

PRICES: The tapes from this Keys to Learning Conference are \$7.00 each, 2/\$11, 4/\$20, 5/\$24.

Supper Club of Manhattan

When Dyanne Petersen moved from Southern California, we thought that we would never hear from her again. Instead, Dyanne, who co-managed the Libertarian Supper Club of Orange County with Jack Dean, has organized the Laissez Faire Supper Club of Manhattan. Currently working for the Center for Libertarian Studies [200 Park Ave., South, Suite 911, New York, NY 10003 (212) 533-6600], Dyanne has an impressive line-up of speakers: Sept 16-Lew Rockwell, Oct. 28 Leonard Liggio, Nov. 16 "Abbie Hoffman" and Dec.-Jeff Hummel (tentative).

It should be mentioned that the Center for Libertarian Studies is hosting the eighth Libertarian Scholars Conference in New York on Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1 at the NY Sheraton Hotel.

NOTES FROM SLL

NEW POSITION PAPER: SLL's new position paper is called "Zoning and Land Use Regulation: 20th Century Feudalism," authored by Lorne Strider, a real estate agent in Northern California. Copies are 50 cents each or four for \$1.00... Andre Perra is the new Chair of SLL at Cal State Univ., Fullerton, with David Anderson as the Vice-Chair. Andre can be reached at (714) 779-0449. They are planning to show *Karl Hess: Toward Liberty* several times on campus soon.

Chile's Social Security Turns Toward Private Sector in '80

While President Reagan's Administration tries to keep the U.S. Social Security system from going financially broke within a year, Chile's government in November of 1980 turned its social security program over to the private sector.

Although Chile's program is heading in the right direction, it is, however, still controlled by the government. For instance, Chile's so-called private social security program allows individual workers to open independent retirement accounts with private pension fund companies which then invest the money according to government guidelines. It is a small amount of control, but if something goes wrong with the system, something the government does not like, Chile's military rulers could easily change the system, or extend more influence.

According to the *Associated Press*, workers pay all costs and the employers pay none. "However, the workers have been given a one-time wage increases roughly equivalent to the employer's social security contribution." Most likely Chile's government imposes uniform wage increase onto employers at regular intervals. In essence, this is a tax imposed by government and paid directly to the workers. This would appear more humane than giving it to a government bureau, who would keep a substantial portion of the money for administration costs before a portion of the money would filter down to workers. Still, the only difference between a little state control and an avalanche of controls is time, not so-called constitutional guarantees.

The new program replaces a 50-year-old system that had 20 separate social security funding bureaus. Unlike the U.S. system, Chile's workers cannot take out more money than they contribute, nor is theirs a general fund for welfare programs, dependant children or other special give-aways; and the funds cannot be opened until retirement age, 65 years for men and 60 years for women.

Another interesting fact about the program is that it's voluntary until after five years when it become obligatory for all new workers. However, under President Augusto Pinochet's program, the Chilean worker who is covered by the old system can stay on until retirement.

Chile's retirement system is a far better system than the aging and almost bankrupt U.S. Social Security system. Chile's retirement program is not perfect, but has great potential.

Apparently, the semi-free market economic advisors in Chile (from the Chicago School of Milton Friedman) are having some influence. Hopefully, these economists will do well and make way for the other breed of economists who more closely follow the libertarian philosophy--the Austrian School.

(*Associated Press*, Tom Fenton, July 13, 1981).

"Rush" Rocks Libertarians

There is a relatively new rock band from Canada that is explicitly libertarian. Called "RUSH", the musical group is more than a heavy-metal brand of neanderthal lyrics and pointless guitar solos. As one newspaper reporter, C.P. Smith, put it, "the band attempts to disseminate some rather libertarian ideas via involved lyrics and complex musical constructions." Many of the songs are based on the philosophy of Ayn Rand and have names to prove it like "Free Will" and "Natural Science."

CORRECTION

Lee A. Phelps, Central California Regional Coordinator of Citizens Asserting Supremacy over Taxation (CAST), informed *Libertas Review* that CAST's new Taxpayer Consent Initiative is not similar to the last one as reported in our Summer edition. According to Phelps, the initiative "proposes adding a new Article to the California Constitution (Article XIII C), to restore voter control over new or increased taxes, fees, or levies of any kind which may be proposed by either the state or any lesser level of government in California."

We regret the error. CAST, 8004 Willis Ave., Panorama City, California 91402.

Household Income Declines Five Percent in 1980

According to a U.S. Census Bureau report, the average American real income fell more than five percent in 1980, the largest decline since the government began recording such records.

It was inflation, coupled with the spring 1980 recession, that was accused of being the main culprit. According to the report, this caused more people to enter the "poverty level," which grew from 11.7 percent in 1979 to 13 percent of the population in 1980. About 6.2 million families - 29.3 individuals - were classified as poor last year.

So much for government's war on poverty. If Washington tries hard enough to eliminate poverty, we all might enter the "poverty level." Then we would have little choice but to depend on Washington for everything. Makes you wonder.

The Problems of Rent Control Surface in NY City

By Lawrence Samuels

A recent Associated Press article in August reported on a bizarre occurrence in Brooklyn, New York where ten officers with shotguns kicked in the door of a landlord family. The landlords, the Latora family, were accused of instigating "a campaign of terror" to drive out old tenants.

When the police arrived, the Latora's allegedly held a knife to the throat of a young lawyer who represented one of their tenants. Threatening to cut out the lawyer's heart, the Latora's were enraged to discover a transmitter on the attorney. The Latora's were charged with attempted murder, assault, reckless endangerment and illegal possession of a dangerous weapon.

Three deaths of elderly tenants in Latora's apartment building are investigated, along with charges by tenants of harassment and physical assaults.

A CASE IN POINT

What makes this case interesting is that, like most New York landlords, the Latora's were losing money on their rent-controlled

apartment, but they decided to act violently to frighten the older tenants out.

According to the rent-control law, rents may increase if the incumbent tenant moves, otherwise rents remain the same. The Latora case is a perfect example of a distortion of justice and a perversion of the marketplace. The Latora's continued to lose money on their property because of governmental controls, and saw only one way to compensate; and that was to violate the rights of another. Perhaps the Latora's thought it was a fair exchange since they were violated with extortion by city rent-control laws. An injustice was committed against the Latora's, and their livelihood was threatened. But they acted like a trapped rat.

Hopefully, some will see what happened here because people all too often react to coercion with coercion. I wonder what the reader would do in the Latora's case. Would it be to attack a rent-control officer, petition the Mayor, run for political office, change the law or escape. The reader might stand up and defend his rights and property, but I would probably choose to escape. That's right. Hands over head in the appropriate position when being robbed, especially by New York City Hall officials.

Yes, a sizable financial loss will probably be incurred, but it is, of course, not fair to hurt someone else because the bully down in city hall is a tyrant. But city hall tyrants are only part of it. It is the environment in which such controls could be passed and obeyed which is most worrisome. As Latoras' reactions become more typical of the population, and as government continues to grow despite Reagan's budget cuts, people will understand less what has caused the situation. They will be looking for revenge and blame it on anybody except government.

Look what happens in other areas of strong control. Look what happens when government outlaws a drug, people go wild with reaction; they kill or rob other people because the black market price is very high. Or look at the gang violence or vandalism that surrounds state-run schools where students are compelled to attend. It is only natural that people react violently to others when they feel trapped. And this is the true harm of government coercion. No one knows its extent. There are no government reports to show figures of people assaulted or murdered because of reaction or frustration to legislative laws. Innocent people are victimized, violators are jailed, but the real criminal, the real organized crime behind the frustration and situation that cause the crime remains free and untainted.

This is the real distortion. As people are victimized, forced into injustice, failure and economic ruin, and as they strike back at fellow man, the government smiles like a Cheshire Cat and watches the show from their high-rise fortresses. To government, it is all part of rulership, part of governing, the very reason it can show why it is needed to halt the chaos it usually starts or has encouraged by a thousand fold.

As controls and coercion increase in America, so will more cases like the Latora's. It is a trend that has been around as long as there has been rulers and people willing to be ruled.

Formation of New Common Law Township

Anthony Hargis and others are working to form a Common Law Township under the name of "The Free Market Defense League", which would give authority to establish a township with a court that would have full authority to hold trials and render judgements. Plans have been written for this township and several meetings have occurred to implement the program.

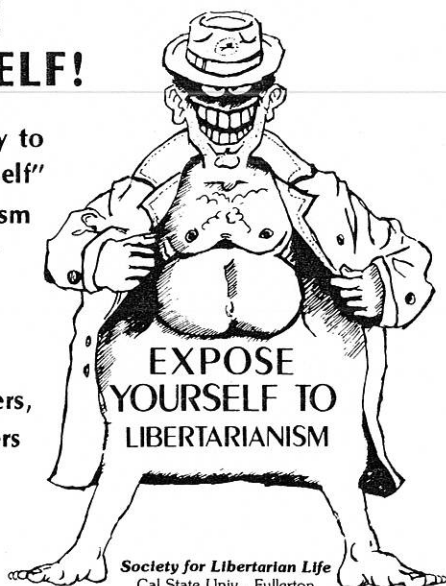
For many years, libertarians have looked for a method to form a community free of government control. This program may lead to that objective. For more information, write to Free Market Defense League, 1515 W. MacArthur, unit 19, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

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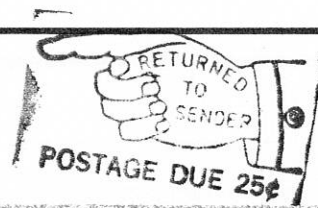


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LR's Believe It Or Not

MILWAUKEE—The law's on the books. And the "criminals" turned themselves in. But the district attorney isn't sure what to do with them.

As part of a protest against Wisconsin's fornication law, about 20 Lawrence University students gave their names to police, admitting they had violated the statute.

"I thought the law was ludicrous," said Bernard Haen, the 22-year-old leader of the student protest. "The state has no way of enforcing it."

The statements, signed by the students June 6, were turned over to the Outagamie County district attorney, who has been pondering how to handle the lawbreakers.

"The problem is, there's no established policy," explained Michael Gage, the district attorney. "I don't think there's a district attorney's office in the state with a policy on prosecuting fornication cases."

The law, which is similar to statutes in many other states, says anyone having sexual intercourse with a person other than his or her spouse is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. It carries a maximum penalty of nine months in jail, or a \$10,000 fine, or both. (Associated Press, June 25, 1981)

SACRAMENTO—State prison officials at Chino paid \$4.90 a pound for nearly a ton of T-bone steaks to serve to the approximately 3,000 inmates on Mother's Day last month, according to documents filed with the state Controller's Office.

The price is about \$2 a pound higher than that charged to shoppers at local supermarkets. The total cost of the purchase was nearly \$10,000.

The Register, Charley Roberts, June 16, 1981.

NEW YORK—Jerry Rubin, the onetime radical street-fighting man who copped all the predictable media attention a while back when he joined a Wall Street brokerage house as a securities salesman and self-proclaimed born-again capitalist, has resigned and will open a shop of his own. Rubin will offer full-service counsel on the likes of tax shelters, real estate, venture capital and so on. "I'm into total money management," he said.

The Register, Aug. 5, 1981

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 15 (Thur.)--Rick Johns of the American Economic Council at the O.C. Libertarian Supper Club, 7:00 pm., \$13 for dinner/speech at Revere House, Tustin; res. Jack (714) 975-0905.

Nov. 5, 6 & 7 (Thur.- Sat.)--Three-nights of lectures by Robert LeFevre. Starts at 7:30 pm., (714) 979-5737 (see front page story).

Nov. 12 (Thur.)--Wendy McElroy at the O.C. Supper Club at the Revere House, Tustin, 7:00 pm., \$13 for dinner/speech, res. Jack (714) 975-0905.

Nov. 15 (Sun.)--Jim Gallagher, *Money: Past, Present and Future-Protecting Your Assets*. Dinner/speech will be held at Sir George's (400 S. Euclid); dinner starts at \$6:30 pm., program at 7:45 pm. Call Howard for res. at (714) 535-5798. (See front page story).

Dec. 10 (Thur.)--John Pugsley, author of "Common Sense Economics," at O.C. Supper Club at Revere House, Tustin, 7:00 pm., \$13 each, res. Jack (714) 975-0905.

Dec. 13 (Sun.)--"Karl Hess: Toward Liberty" film, dinner 6:30 pm. at Sir George's in Anaheim (see front page); price \$7.75. Panel after film, panel entitled, "Maximizing Your Personal Liberty."

Jan. 21 (Thur.)--Fred Schnaubelt, San Diego City Councilman, at O.C. Supper Club, Revere House, Tustin; 7:00 pm., \$13 each, res. Jack (975-0905).

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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