



Nearly everyone is familiar with the fact that man is endowed with economic as well as biologic necessity. For human beings to survive on this earth, specific orderly processes must ensue so that each of us has enough to eat and wear, a place to live, and a number of comforts and satisfactions which make life worth living. Additionally, it is a fact that the genus homo comes in two genders, male and female, and for the species to endure, reproduction must and will occur. These are givens, inhering in the nature of man.

There is another human given about which far too little has been said and of which far too little is known. This is what could be called the necessity for human communication. Man, in his deepest and most meaningful self, is a communicator. He spends his life trying desperately, and often ineptly, to let others know of that distinct and unique creature which he is. There is probably no more profound and shocking concept than the one conveyed by the expression "I am," which indicates that a living being recognizes his own reality and announces his existence in time at some particular point in space.

For a great part of our lives, we talk and write and posture and gesture, and are attracted or repelled by others who do the same, in an effort to communicate. It is entirely possible that what we think of as man is nothing more than a "primal scream" in which man recognizes his own identity and strives to communicate that awesome fact to others who also have identity. Our economic preferences, like our genetic urges, may in the end be merely the means we have adopted to assist us in communicating the fact of our own individual existence. We are like tiny grace notes, echoing the vast reaches of the universe, shouting and rejoicing, and crying out in frustration and pain, as we try to let others know just how singular we really are.

There is, indeed, a necessity to communicate, and we accomplish it by word and deed, by expression and tonality, by choice and association. In fact, we cannot stop communicating. What we are communicates often even more effectively than what we say.

The individual who glimpses the philosophic meaning of human liberty is, in this sense, among the more fortunate. Communication is an act of freedom. Only the free can express their own individuality as they see it and recognize it in themselves.

Among the growing vanguard of those who call themselves libertarian, because they love and seek to expand the understanding of liberty, are

those who sometimes complain about the lack of steadfastness apparent in others. Many libertarians are attracted to the study of liberty because they hope to create a libertarian society, or they hope to reduce or eliminate governmental intervention in their lives. And they are disgruntled when some student of liberty, instead of becoming active in a "movement," separates from libertarian activists as such, and proceeds to mind his own business, solving his own problems but otherwise doing nothing to advance the "cause." Libertarian activists concentrate on spreading the ideas of liberty to others. Libertarian separatists concentrate on improving their own lives and making themselves harmless to others in their inter-relationships. It is often the claim of the former that the latter have abandoned the fight. 2.

But if we recognize the primacy of communication as a basic human drive, we can readily see that separatists are engaged in fighting for liberty quite as much as those who are more overt in their various strivings. For the whole task of spreading the doctrine of human liberty relates to communication. And a good example is often a better communication device than an ardent essay or a brilliant oration.

As libertarians, our task is always to learn and always to communicate what we have learned. And while some can become skillful and even professional communicators in various avenues, there will be many others, comprising the bedrock, the substrata of the libertarian movement, who will not communicate in those ways, but whose very lives become a message of transcendent potency.

I have a natural affinity for the professional communicator and must say that our "movement," if it can be so titled, could use thousands more and better professionals. But there are millions of non-professional communicators. And surely the task of advancing the cause of liberty begins by recognizing that unique individuality each of us possesses, and hence by granting each individual the right to communicate his own significance in his own way.

Everyone cannot write a book, deliver a lecture, or design a meaningful art form that communicates professionally. But everyone who lives is, to some degree, expressing freedom in some way. Perhaps we can begin to glimpse a universal human cohesiveness as we learn to listen to what so many lives are saying.

-- Robert LeFevre

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FOR THOSE WHO REFUSE TO BE SATISFIED WITH MENTAL MALNUTRITION

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An understanding of freedom can't be ladled out in carefully administered doses. Learning ... perceiving, selecting, assimilating, evaluating ... is an extremely personal experience. Only YOU can decide when, and where, and how. Rampart can be of help to those who are ready for it - those who seek a vantage point in comprehension so that they are prepared to live a life in freedom. And to help pave the way for a freedom-oriented future. For these, we offer our peak learning experience: the inimitable Comprehensive Course. Two sessions are scheduled in 1972:

June 25 - July 7 and August 20 - September 1

Write to Registrar, Rampart College for information. (Student scholarship application deadline: April 1, 1972.)

PSYCHOLOGISTS AND LIBERTARIANS DISCOVER COMMON INTERESTS

An emphasis on individuality and self-esteem, and a rejection of authoritarianism, provided common ground for psychologists and libertarians at the February 12-13 conference on "The Psychology of Freedom" sponsored by the California Libertarian Alliance at USC. Combining a study of human personality and motivation, and an examination of man's political and economic institutions, the purpose of the conference was "to explore the relationship between two schools of thought: the psychology of libertarianism and the psychological school of humanism" (as separate from determinist or behaviorist schools of psychology).

BODDICKER CHALLENGES POWER TO CONTROL DENTISTS' CHOICES

The National Committee for Freedom of Choice in Dentistry (4507 N. 36th St., Phoenix 85018) reports: "Our federal government and our 'own' American Dental Association are agreed dentistry is a 'utility' politicians should control! Dr. Vern Boddicker is challenging those who have unlimited funds from federal taxes and ADA dues. This committee supports him." Rampart grad ('66) Boddicker has practiced dentistry 25 years.

"A CONTINUING PROBLEM"

Santa Barbara (Calif.) News Press, Dec. 25, '71: Washington (UPI) - The U.S. Capitol building is infested with cockroaches. "We can't seem to get rid of them," said George Hays, an official in the Architect of the Capitol's office. It's not that Hays and his 18-man cleanup staff don't try. They even call in outside exterminators. "But we've got a breed of cockroach around here you wouldn't believe.... They are a continuing problem. We go after them on weekends. We spray everywhere.... If there's any way of getting rid of them permanently, I'd like to know."

LESSER OF TWO EVILS

Latest bumpersticker from the League of Non-Voters (Box 1406, Santa Ana, CA 92702) is colored bright red and reads: "The Lesser of Two Evils... Is Evil" (25 cents). Comments league founder Sy Leon: "Changing political brands is no solution to the infestation of power politics. Getting rid of the infestation permanently calls for withdrawal of sanction by the victims." (The League of Non-Voters is an independent organization, in no way affiliated with Rampart College. Any correspondence, orders, or remittances should be sent directly to the League.)

RAMPART RESIDENCY STUDY PROGRAM

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Individuals interested in a residency study program at Rampart College may now use the combined facilities of the "Fundamentals of Liberty" (home-study course), the Rampart College research library, and private consultation with Robert LeFevre and other staff members. Fee for the residency study program is \$275. The individual provides independently for his own upkeep.

EDUCATION, FREE AND COMPULSORY

The Center for Independent Education, Box 2256, Wichita, Kansas 67201 has announced publication of Education, Free and Compulsory by Murray N. Rothbard. The noted economist and historian (author of Man, Economy and State and America's Great Depression) divides his consideration of compulsory education into three parts: (1) the individual's education; (2) compulsory education in Europe; (3) compulsory education in the U.S. A paperback edition, 1-4 copies \$1.00 each, discount with volume purchases.

DELAYED RELEASE

The new paperback edition of Rose Wilder Lane's Discovery of Freedom is now scheduled for February release, according to the publisher, Arno Press. Rampart College Book Service will ship orders immediately upon receipt of books from the New York firm (\$1.95 + 25¢ postage and handling, California residents add 5% sales tax).

PERSON TO PERSON DIRECTORY (open for your personal listing when space permits)

Sterling Sharrar, Box 1234, Tustin, CA 92680, writes: "Anyone interested in developing an economic foundation for a free state and suggestions for accomplishing same, please contact."

Mrs. Doris P. Wilson, The New Pictorialists, 72 Yawpo Ave., Oakland, N.J. 07436: "Please include my name and address in directory."

Bob Haley, Box 2326 Ga. Univ. Sta., Athens, Georgia 30601, SIL representative, seeks communication with southeastern libertarians, et al.

Gene Chapman, Box 12575, St. Louis, Missouri 63141, wants to hear from persons interested in tea bag revolt in '72. The Nathan Hale Society plans to sell tea bags to anyone who wants "to protest nefarious activities of government." Write for sample newspaper, The Auditor.

J. R. Roaf, Box 93, Days Creek, Oregon 97429, would be glad to hear from libertarians, "particularly on application of MacCallum's Art of Community to a way of life - here and now."

"AMERICA'S SAFEST TOWNS"

Safe Places, a new guidebook disclosing 50 communities "where the living is good and folks rarely lock their doors," is coming off the press this month. Authors David and Holly Franke (he's senior editor, Arlington House, and grad of first Rampart Comprehensive Course, '57) traveled more than 20,000 miles for nearly half a year, "to discover towns in the U.S. with little crime, low taxes, clean air, clean streets, clean people, honest, hard-working neighbors, natural beauty, good schools, good jobs... you'll find them in the only guide to the good America." Over 400 maps, photos, and charts, 938 pages, \$13.95 - order from Safe Places, Inc., 81 Centre Ave., New Rochelle, New York 10801.

JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL, by Richard Bach;
photographs by Russell Munson, 1971, The
Macmillan Co., New York \$4.95 (hardcover)
- reviewed by Riqui Leon

"Richard Bach with this book
does two things.
He gives me Flight.
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—Ray Bradbury

"The gull sees farthest who flies highest."



Jonathan Livingston Seagull's story will bring
joy and a sense of individual worth to all who
love freedom.

Jonathan Livingston Seagull a story

Unsatisfied to fly just to fulfill his survival
needs, Jonathan loves flight for its own sake.
He takes great risks, working to the limit of
his capacity to discover and practice the prin-
ciples of flying.

But the Gull Family accuses him of violating its dignity and tradition,
telling him that "life is the unknown and the unknowable, except that we
are put into this world to eat, to stay alive as long as possible."

Charged with irresponsibility, Jonathan retorts, "Who is more responsible
than a gull who finds and follows a meaning, a higher purpose for life?
For a thousand years we have scrabbled after fish heads, but now we have
a reason to live - to learn, to discover, to be free!"

Jonathan is banished from the flock. But he goes on, extends his own
limits, and becomes a wise and great bird.

Teaching flight to a new group of gulls, Jonathan explains "that it is
right for a gull to fly, that freedom is the very nature of his being,
that whatever stands against that freedom must be set aside, be it
ritual or superstition or limitation in any form."

"'Set aside,' came a voice from the multitude, 'even if it be the Law of
the Flock?'"

"'The only true law is that which leads to freedom,' Jonathan said.
'There is no other.'"

He explains that gulls who fly high and see far simply 'have begun to
understand what they really are and to practice it."

It's a little book (well under an hour in reading time), filled with pro-
vocative and exhilarating thoughts. The photographs heighten the sense
of flight and freedom. For anyone who can read, J. L. Seagull is an un-
forgettable experience.

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ling fee (California residents add 25 cents sales tax).

GOVERNMENT TO BUY CORN

"Government To Buy Corn on Market To Up Price" - headline Dec. 4, 1971. Agriculture Secretary Butz "announced Friday the government would soon start buying corn on the open market.... The purchase operation will firm up farm prices and will provide reserve stocks to meet domestic requirements during periods of short supply," a Department of Agriculture statement said.

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