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Perhaps more than any other era, the 1970's may be called the decade of disillusionment. The libertarian rejoices as he sheds his illusions and thus sees truth more clearly. Each new discovery is a personal victory, not always easily won.

Most of us dislike intensely the process of disillusionment. We resist any idea or body of thought which appears contrary to our cherished concepts. We cling to the bars of our mental cages even as we experience the ferment of increasing frustration. As our view of what "ought to be" fails to synchronize with the apparent reality, we tend to seek scapegoats or quick solutions, or to abandon what we have believed to be principles - anything but the task of cranking open the shutters of the mind and re-examining concepts which may be clouding our perspective.

Perhaps what requires the most careful consideration is the attribute of choice, that trait of man which has both plagued him and fulfilled him in his personal and special development.

The demise of our most persistent and pernicious myths cannot as yet be heralded throughout the land but, here and there, individuals are questioning the validity of man's requirement for authoritarian, coercive structures.

Here is a letter received from a college student (also employed in the market place) expressing her disillusionment and quest for greater understanding.

"...I obey the laws, pay my taxes, and vote, and I had, up until a few years ago, believed that the laws were right, that my tax money would be used effectively and efficiently for the benefit of everyone, and that the men I had voted for would initiate reforms which would make for a more reasonable and humane society. But I've seen and heard of so many incidents that ran contrary to my beliefs, that I no longer have faith in the system as it now exists... It is destroying people's sense of initiative, of values, of effectiveness and integrity. The average person no longer feels he has a real choice, an influence over even his day-to-day activities, let alone national policies....An individual is no longer a free agent in control of his life, but a victim controlled by a too powerful government.

"I am one of those average persons, one of those 'victims.' But, I realize that I am not just a victim of the present system. I am

also a victim of my own linear thinking process which has been drummed into my head by our inadequate educational system. In spite of the reading and thinking I've done about how the system and society could be changed to allow reasoning, humane attitudes to develop and flourish, I cannot break out of my old thinking patterns enough to reach any adequate conclusions. So I continue to perpetuate this system through default and as a result feel continually more frustrated and powerless."

This person is well on the road to elucidating the problem: the self-imposed block to creative comprehension. She not only recognizes the menace of entrenched coercion, but she is becoming aware that she has locked herself into inadequate thinking patterns which cause her to believe she is no longer a free agent in control of her life.

-- Ruth Dazey

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### ROSE WILDER LANE SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Full-tuition scholarships will be awarded to the winners of the Rose Wilder Lane Scholarship competition again this year. Each winner will receive a full scholarship to the 1973 Comprehensive Course presented by Robert LeFevre August 19-26. The scholarship includes tuition, books, food, and lodging amounting to \$575. Note: All winners must provide their own transportation. Eligible to compete: any student, sixteen years of age or over, who is enrolled in high school or college. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 1973. Winners will be announced May 15, 1973. If you would like to compete for this highly coveted award, write to Registrar, Rampart College, 104 West Fourth Street, Santa Ana, California 92701, for an application.

The number of scholarships awarded will be determined by the amount of money contributed for this purpose. To compete, you must complete a competitive examination and mail it in prior to the deadline date.

Gifts to the Rose Wilder Lane Scholarship Fund go directly into the development of fine young persons so they can be far more effective and dedicated supporters of freedom and thus more capable of self-reliant judgment. Each winner will EARN, through mental excellence, the \$575 award. Such gifts to Rampart are deductible for income tax purposes.

### ROSE LANE'S EXECUTOR UPSETS VIRGINIA ELECTORAL COLLEGE

A UPI story datelined December 19 reports "a lifelong Virginia Republican defied the voters of his state Monday and cast his Electoral College ballot for John Hospers.... Attorney Roger L. MacBride of Charlottesville said he could not vote for Nixon because the President had moved the national government toward 'ever greater control over the lives of us all.'"

### PERSON-TO-PERSON DIRECTORY

William P. Jones, Box 972, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37130, asks to be listed in the person-to-person directory.

Wells Perkins, 861 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076, would like to meet libertarians near Plainfield, NJ, or in Manhattan, NYC (phone: 201: 889-2058 or 212: 957-6001).

Prof. Thomas Johnson, Box 3646, Fredericksburg, VA 22401, seeks persons interested in legal action (based on 13th Amendment) to stop government from forcing citizens to pay for the support of others. He's recruiting for NEWO (National End To Welfare Organization).

Steve M. Hegedus, 4577 E. Berwald Road, So. Euclid, Ohio 44121, would like to hear from persons interested in Technocracy.

### REMINDER - February 17-18 CONFERENCE - CALIFORNIA LIBERTARIAN ALLIANCE

Theme: victimless crimes. Speakers include: Dr. Thomas Szasz (Myth of Mental Illness); Robert LeFevre; Nathaniel Branden (Breaking Free); John Hospers (Libertarianism). Rap sessions with speakers. Want to set up your own workshop? Let sponsors know. Advance tickets: \$4 for students, \$6 non-students - CLA, 3710½ S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90007.

The November newsletter asked readers to respond to nine questions. Of the two-thirds who said they voted in the '72 elections, more than half (57%) would have voted "None of the above is acceptable" if the ballot had contained such an option. Of those who didn't vote, 90% refused to participate because it was "contrary to their principles." Of the 4% responding, 79% felt that the political structure of this country is in unsafe hands; 66% felt it would have been in less safe hands if the losing candidate had won. And 89% were of the view that government is doing things it should not be doing; almost half of those (40%) thought the private sector could do a better job of whatever "necessary" functions the government now performs.

"GUILTY" VERDICT

Ten persons attempting to challenge the legality of the IRS were found guilty by a federal grand jury in San Diego December 21 of "assaulting federal officers and conspiring" to recapture a warehouse seized by the government to pay for an income-tax bill. Scheduled for sentencing in March, each could receive a 15-year prison term.

YOU-ALL COME

Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles now meets at Taix Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd., 7:15 p.m., supper (by reservation, 213: 397-4848; 390-4449) \$4.75; program only 8:15 p.m., 50 cents, Feb. 7, March 6.

HAVING A B.A.L.L.

The (San Francisco) Bay Area Libertarian League is seeking meeting places (20-40 people, homes or apartments), especially in Stanford or Santa Clara areas; programs being launched: discussion groups, pamphleteering, postering, responses to media editorials, etc. On January 20 a social (\$1.00 admission) honoring participants in a symposium on the origins and development of property rights will be held at 31 Norwood Place, Kensington (Riemann residence). Theme of B.A.L.L.: "Libertarianism is an idea whose time has come."



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