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In the Rampart newsletter for May of this year, we reproduced a letter which was individually typed, personally signed by Robert LeFevre, president of Rampart College, and sent to all 533 elected Congressmen in the federal legislature. The letter suggested that each recipient resign for reasons set forth.

We have received responses from 39 of the 533 thus addressed, approximately 7 per cent. The replies came from 21 states, about evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats, six from Senators and thirty-three from Congressmen. We would like to share some of the gems that came into our office over the signatures of some of the nation's top law-makers.

"I found myself intrigued, if not fully convinced, by your interesting 'agency' analysis of elected officials. Then I came to your last paragraph and my self-interest intruded into my efforts to intellectually consider your views. Consequently, I reject them. Thanks, anyway."

"Carrying your irrational theory one step further, we all should resign from the human race due to the conflict which exists within us between the id and the ego."

"Principles of law, of course, do not always apply in a system of representative government based on 'majority rule.'Perhaps if you could spell out your suggestions for a viable alternative to the present system of government in this country, I could respond more effectively."

"I keep a file of letters from nuts and weirdos. I appreciate your contribution to it. It is really frightening to realize the type people who can become presidents of colleges. In closing, I can only say I wonder if the parents of students attending Rampart know about you."

"I thank you for your letter with its excellent discussion of the concept of a representative's responsibilities to his constituency and the problem of moral and intellectual honesty....I can assure you that I am a candidate for reelection to the Congress this year."

"All I can say concerning your letter is that with your logic, thank goodness you are not in Congress."

"I completely reject the theory that I am merely an agent."

"While I understand the comparison you are drawing, I believe a clear distinction exists between the concept of agency, which is a business law concept, and the legislative representation for which our Constitution provides.... Since an agent cannot act on behalf of conflicting interests, it would be impossible to have any form of representative government based on such a concept."

"Let us say that we grant your reasoning. What would you propose as a system of government which did not contain these, or other more grievous faults?"

"The proof of its effectiveness (representative democracy) is in the standard of living enjoyed by its citizenry."

"As a former attorney and judge, I understand your distinction regarding agency. However, the representative nature of the Congress is a Constitutionally established function and has the full force of law. Members of Congress do indeed represent those who elect them although they indeed do not represent necessarily the views or wishes of all those who elect them."

"I also dispute your contention that I only represent myself in the Congress since I am not the direct known agent of any individual. Frankly this is absurd. It is impossible to represent all the people of my district all the time. Nevertheless, I must constantly bear in mind the collective interests of all the people whenever I make a Congressional decision. If I were to forget those interests, my constituents would soon forget me."

"I thought you might like to know that some darn fool is writing letter and signing your name."

"The problem you are really talking about is not the honesty of the representative system, but the fairness of making laws at all. It is the age-old discussion that philosophers have been arguing about for centuries.... In order for civilization to exist, it is necessary that people give up some of their freedoms."

ROSE WILDER LANE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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Rampart College . 1972 Comprehensive Course

The trustees and the judges of the Rampart College scholarship competition take pleasure in announcing the 15 winners of the Rose Wilder Lane scholarship awards..

FIRST PLACE: Frederic Reynolds
Pompano Beach, Florida
Cardinal Gibbons High School

SECOND PLACE: Victor E. Chesky, III
Halstead, Kansas
Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas

THIRD PLACE: Cynthia L. Wolter
Atwater, California
Atwater High School

FOURTH PLACE: Gay Jennings
Denton, Texas
North Texas State University

FIFTH PLACE: David A. Hendersen
Salem, Oregon
Willamette University

Karen C. Summerhays
San Mateo, California
Notre Dame High School

William B. Conerly
Sarasota, Florida
New College

David Dial
Upland, California
Univ. of California at Los Angeles

Jeff Smith
Seattle, Washington
University of Washington

John Briscoe
Long Beach, California
California State College

Dave Roberts
Metairie, Louisiana
Louisiana State University

Janet E. Smith
Pontiac, Michigan
Lawrence Institute of Technology

Carol Freeman
Boca Raton, Florida
Florida Atlantic University

Gary Sheridan
Culver City, California
West Los Angeles College

Gloria Yvonne Campos
Harlingen, Texas
Harlingen High School

Each winner has been awarded a full-tuition scholarship (including meals and lodging) to the 1972 Comprehensive Course scheduled August 20 - September 1 at Carmel Valley, California.



RAMPART COLLEGE SEMINARS

One day
(approx. 8
class hours)

- \$50 per person, including tuition and books. Fee does not include lodging, meals, or transportation. No scholarships available.

Two day
(approx. 16
class hours)

- \$100 per person, including tuition and books. Fee does not include lodging, meals, or transportation.

Student scholarships available to qualified applicants, providing for tuition and one night's lodging. Does not include books, meals, or transportation. A \$10 registration fee is required from each scholarship recipient.

Five day
(approx. 40
class hours)

- \$250 per person, including tuition and books. Fee does not include lodging, meals, or transportation.

Student scholarships available to qualified applicants, providing for tuition and four nights' lodging. Does not include books, meals, or transportation. A \$30 registration fee is required from each scholarship recipient.

Twelve day
(approx. 66
class hours)

- Comprehensive Course held at Carmel Valley, California once every summer. \$575 per person, including tuition, lodging, two meals daily (lunch and dinner), coffee breaks, and books. Fee for husband and wife is \$1,000.

Full-tuition scholarships are awarded annually to students who score highest in a competitive examination.

All seminars are subject to minimum enrollment requirements.

Special tuition-discount rates are available to groups or persons wishing to organize special seminars.

For reservations and scheduling information, contact Seymour Leon, executive director, Rampart College.

(Fees are subject to change.)

WHAT NOW?

The most often repeated question we are currently being asked in response to our printed commentaries (this newsletter and our pamphlet releases) is: If politics isn't the answer, what can we do, NOW? We know what the alternative to encroaching statism is, but how do we get from here to there? How can we insure a climate of freedom, for ourselves and our loved ones, for our fellow man, even as the state promises protection it can't deliver and creates chaos under politically administered control? Loving liberty doesn't seem to be enough.

Stripped of all but essentials, doesn't it boil down to kill, cut out, or communicate?

The first alternative is unthinkable to any civilized man for whom the word freedom has meaning. Leaving the country is an undesirable and unrealistic alternative for many. The third alternative is achievable, and is the means in harmony with the desired goal.

There are many ways to communicate. The man who consciously holds freedom high on his scale of values, will inevitably reflect that quality in his daily interactions with others.

The man who understands discoverable principles relating to human action has learned to forego the energy-consuming weeping and wailing of the man still transfixed with righteous indignation and endless recitation of incursions upon human liberty. Instead of rushing forward in a vain attempt to tinker with the screen where he sees violence in every form, he takes care to adjust his own projector so that its focus is clear and true.

The ultimate weapon in the war for men's minds is the power of the communicated superior idea. Libertarian ideas are demonstrably superior, morally and practically. Love nourishes, but enlightenment liberates.

Once the principles of libertarianism are understood, the adaptations, the practical applications, can burst forth in presently unpredictable profusion. Such was the case with the great Renaissance, when human beings emerged from the Dark Ages. Enlightenment spread by means of a more accurate understanding of man's nature, and the nature of the universe in which he lives.

In its own way, Rampart College serves to help individuals prepare themselves to be the new Renaissance Man. It helps to communicate discoverable principles, knowing full well that the catalyst of the enlightened mind will project freedom on the screen of man's future.

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

Bill Conerly, 1053 E. Huffman Rd., Apt. E, Birmingham, Alabama 35215 (phone 205: 853-3100), scholarship winner, needs ride to Comprehensive Course August 20 - September 1, at Carmel Valley, CA, share driving and gas, leave from anywhere in South.

Nielson Wright, New Right Coalition, 330 Dartmouth St., Boston, Mass., seeks new contacts, offers sample literature packet, has "pioneered art of libertarian poster making, is very proud of issue papers and stickers."

Glen G. Cooper, Box 552, Pomona, CA 91769, wants to exchange ideas with libertarians who are interested in operating educational booths to promote capitalism.

Matt J. Lapitsky, 1299 Leigh Ave., #15, San Jose, CA 95126 (phone 408: 294-1925), is interested in getting in touch with other libertarians in the area.

David J. Theroux, 958 The Alameda, Berkeley, CA 94707, "is extremely interested in contacting other libertarians in the general U.C. Berkeley area interested in forming an activist organization."

Margaret Kimmel, Route 1 Target Range, Missoula, Montana 59801, is interested in "an enterprising teacher to start a private school in this area - hopefully with libertarian philosophy."

Andrew Melechinsky, 29 Fairfield Rd., Enfield, Conn. 06082, wants to hear from libertarians who can furnish him with documented cases in which they or other libertarians have made a successful stand against local, state, and/or federal governmental tyranny, using the provisions of the "defense agency/arbitration agency contract known as the Constitution of the United States."

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