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NO ONE IS EXEMPT FROM TALKING NONSENSE: THE MISFORTUNE IS  
TO DO IT SOLEMNLY ... Michel Eyquem de Montaigne

In times of political unrest, when public disenchantment and suspicion of the political state is on the rise, there always seems to be a plethora of volunteers ready to fill the breach with plans for political reform and promises, promises, promises of how THEY can end corruption, tyranny, class privilege, hunger, unemployment, poor housing, inflation, provide help for the aged, medical aid for the sick, and lead us all into an age of perpetual peace and ever greater prosperity.

The sources of these would-be saviors differ: There is the young and eager bright-eyed politician, whose entire life up to the moment has been geared toward political activity rather than working for a living; the previously unsuccessful politician who (not in spite of but because of his lack of charisma) now appears as the least harmful alternative; the intellectual who finally finds an audience; the philosopher who now can claim to have been right all along (but nobody ever really understood him); and last but hardly least the businessman and good old John who lives next door. They are obviously untainted, and certainly sincere. But all these people, now as in the past, have one thing in common: While they agree that the state is oppressive, they ask that its POWER be placed in their capable, unsoiled hands.

Here is an example from the not-so-distant past of one such citizen. It is respectfully suggested that his words be considered seriously when listening to the noble encantations of political hopefuls, whatever their party: Democrat, Republican, Socialist, American, Labor, Libertarian, et al.

... Seymour Leon

"The state, with its monstrous terrific machine, gives us a feeling of suffocation. The state was endurable for the individual as long as it was content to be a soldier and policeman; today the state is everything -- banker, usurer, gambling den proprietor, ship owner, procurer, insurance agent, postman, railroader, entrepreneur, teacher, professor, tobacco merchant and countless

other things, in addition to its former functions of policeman, judge, jailer, and tax collector. The state, this Moloch of frightful countenance, receives everything, does everything, knows everything, ruins everything. Every state function is a misfortune, state ownership of shipping, state victualizing -- the litany could extend indefinitely....

"If men had but a faint idea of the abyss toward which they are moving the number of suicides would increase, for we are approaching complete destruction of personality. The state is that frightful machine which swallows living men and spews them out again as dead ciphers. Human life has now no secrets, no intimacy, neither material affairs nor spiritual; all corners are smelled into, all movements measured; everyone is locked into his cell and numbered, just as in prison."

... Benito Mussolini

Editor's note: The quotation from Mussolini appears in a recently discovered manuscript (as yet unpublished) by the late economist E. C. Riegel. We have been unable to locate the specific citation, but rely upon the accuracy and scholarship of Riegel. The manuscript was made available to us by Spencer Heath MacCallum, anthropologist and author of "The Art of Community."

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"You say the State must fall in order that property shall fall, for the State protects it. I say the State must fall in order that property may exist, for the State suppresses it."

... John Henry Mackay

### RAMPART HAS MOVED - DISCUSSION EVENINGS RESUME IN JULY

We've settled into new offices in Tustin - but our mailing address is the same (Box 11407, Santa Ana 92711). Our monthly discussion evenings will continue, on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, at the new location: 17332 Irvine Blvd., Tustin. Anyone interested in libertarian ideas is invited to join us; the conversations and the coffee are free. For driving directions, call (714) 832-6234.

Next sessions: July 9th • August 13th (8:00 p.m.)

### LEONS TO DISCUSS CHILD RAISING

Every Friday night, Rannette Daniels and Joel Bross offer "Psychology Seminars" in Los Angeles. At the June 28th session, Sy and Riqui Leon will offer some ideas from Rampart's "Raising Children for Fun and Profit" home study course. It's at 930 N. Croft, Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m. \$3.00 fee. For more info, phone Rannette at (213) 654-5857.

### LeFEVRE JOURNAL

Rampart founder and president emeritus Robert LeFevre publishes a newsletter approximately every quarter, to keep in touch with friends and former students, offering worthwhile thoughts and anecdotes in his own inimitable and poetic style. To wit: "If you are interested in receiving LeFevre's Journal as a gift, contact the publishing office, which is inhabited by little people inside a green post office box." Featured in the Summer issue: "The Illegality, Immorality, and Violence of All Political Action." Write: Box 2353, Orange, CA 92669.

### SPEAKING OF LIBERTY...

Rampart grads have been actively promoting libertarian thought -- in April, Chuck Estes presented some thoughts about leadership to the Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles and Bill Colson regaled the same group in May, about how to turn libertarian principles into practical activity. Walt Ryan spoke to San Diego's Exchange Club about the concept of non-voting (just before the primaries) and Sy Leon addressed the monthly Mensa meeting in Los Angeles. Thanks to Dick Radford's efforts (Rampart's top 1973 scholarship winner), Mensa has undertaken a national special interest group on libertarianism. (See item on page 2.)

### LEAGUE OF NON-VOTERS CAMPAIGNING FOR VOTERS' BOYCOTT

Continuing efforts to explain that all non-voters aren't apathetic, League founder Sy Leon has been appearing on radio and TV in Southern California. On ABC-TV's "A.M. Show," host Ralph Story told of a town in Italy where no one voted and no one took office; things went so well after that, the citizens decided they'd never vote again! The League has published several issue papers, plus a postcard you can use to notify politicians to stop calling themselves your representatives. For free samples, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Non-Voters, Box 1406, Santa Ana 92702

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The following remarks were just received from a young man upon completing Rampart's "Fundamentals of Liberty" home study course.

"This has been the most valuable piece of education I have ever received. With it I have built a basic foundation on which I can build a life

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that I will be happy to live. It has combined ideas and feelings into one broad base of potentials for personal action. It has been a summary and clarification to the question, 'What Is Life?', a question I have been asking consciously and subconsciously ever since I came out of the chute. The most fantastic thing is that such a piece of education can be so cheaply given and so enjoyable received."

... Mike Freitas, Westminster, California

For information on this and other Rampart programs, please write to us at Box 11407, Santa Ana, CA 92711.

#### PERSON TO PERSON DIRECTORY

"MOGUL SKI CLUB, Southern California, is looking for a libertarian secretary. Requisite job skills include typing, pleasant phone personality, self-confidence. Knowledge of skiing helpful, but not essential. Job begins September 1, 1974, for 6-7 mos. Write Box 1851, Newport Beach, CA 92663 or call (714) 645-3366 days; 642-5020 eves."

"We desire to share a great potential, no investment, free enterprise business with other libertarians. This is a business founded upon moral and ethical principles, and built through the effort of the individual." Contact Chuck and Mary Lou Wolter, 1553 Tamarack, Atwater, CA 95301, or phone (209) 358-6689.

"Scarlet Antelope" is a new effort being organized in the Seattle area for libertarians who want to meet and/or correspond with each other. D. E. Bear Sandahl would like to hear from Seattle area people who are interested. Write to Bear at 4738 16th Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA 98105 or phone him at 523-2852.

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