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VOLUNTARISM VS. COERCION: THE LIBERTARIAN DISTINCTION

Libertarian philosophy seems to be attracting wide interest and support in recent months. Some encouraging signs are the growing number of magazine and newspaper articles publicizing its exponents, the issuance from major publishers of several books by libertarian writers, and the increasing amount of "new" people who write to Rampart seeking information about our ideas. And when attention is turned toward libertarian thought, its advocates need to have a clear idea of the salient issues; of the principles upon which their philosophy is based, and which are so appropriate to solving individual and social problems.

Often we are asked for the "libertarian" answer or view toward an issue, as if there were a "Party Line"; a single response which all libertarians would make to a given question. But the character of libertarian thought precludes such a narrow approach. The main distinction we apply, whether to individual actions or social systems, is whether they are voluntary or coercive in nature. Once it is established that libertarian answers are always voluntary in approach, the direction becomes clear. A variety of viewpoints and solutions can be expressed.

Within the framework of libertarian philosophy, there is room for limited government advocates, anarcho-capitalists, atheists, Christians, activists, pacifists, etc.; as long as it is acknowledged that their "answers" cannot be forcibly applied and only voluntary means are consistent with the fundamental characteristic of libertarianism. LIVE AND LET LIVE -- with the emphasis on LET LIVE.

Because in present society our greatest problem is that so many people want to tell others how to live. And if telling doesn't work, they want to pass laws to make sure we live their way -- for our own good! The libertarian, on the other hand, holds that "the good" lies in recognizing that people must make their own decisions, right or wrong, since that is what human life is all about. To choose, and to be responsible for the consequences, is to be human.

If ever we're to attain a condition of freedom, it won't be because we've converted the people of the world to our beliefs, but because we've learned to accept disagreements and differing "life styles" without having to condemn our opponents, question their motives, and adhere to a single stance. It will be achieved only by recognizing the validity of a philosophy which allows each individual to choose his own way.

-- Riqui Leon

## LIBERTARIANISM AND JUSTICE - Conference in Holland, Michigan

Equitarian Associates will present John Hospers, Tibor Machan, Eric Mack, Douglas Rasmussen, Douglas DenUyl, Joel Myklebust, Roger Bissell, and Bruce DenUyl on March 28-30, in Holland, Michigan. Write for regstn. mtlis.: Douglas DenUyl - 3049 W. Sunnyside - Chicago, IL 60625.

## "GETTING IT TOGETHER"

Chapman College (Orange, Calif.) will offer a six-week course on personal freedom from late March thru April, conducted and designed by Steve Tatum, who has developed his own approach to "motivational counseling." Classes will be held twice a week in Tatum's home (Corona del Mar, CA). Fees: \$45 for 2 units of credit, \$35 non-credit. Write or phone Steve Tatum, Box 242, Corona del Mar, CA 92625. (714) 644-4874.

## PERSON TO PERSON DIRECTORY

"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." For further information: Chuck and Mary Lou Wolter - 1553 Tamarack - Atwater, CA 95301. (209) 358-6689.

Women - career planning workshop, five consecutive Monday evenings, from April 1st, 7 to 10 p.m. Enrollment ltd. to 25; fee \$35. Contact: Teddy Llovet, 8860 Lazana Ct., Fountain Valley, CA 92708. (714) 842-7941.

"Libertarian secretary wanted - Orion Transport service for handicapped is nearing reality - double norm salary for all work done for a time without pay until business founded. Mobile, age 20-25 pref. Reply to: Dennis Wade, 2616 W. Orangethorpe, Space 20, Fullerton, CA 92633."

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"Interested in discussing Objectivism: Ilmar Roosmagi, 10-53 47th Rd., Long Island City, NY 11101. (212) 937-0590."

## CONFERENCE TO ORGANIZE FIRST CONTINENTAL ANARCHIST CONGRESS

Several anarchist groups and individuals in New York City are issuing a call for anarchists of the North American continent to meet at Hunter College in NYC on April 19-21, to participate in a conference to organize a first continental anarchist congress. For more info: write Hunter Libertarian Alliance, 49 E. 65th, New York, NY 10021.

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"The biggest criminals in any nation are those who make and administer its laws. The activities of the legislators, administrators, and agents of the State are indistinguishable from those of a professional criminal class."

... Albert Jay Nock

BOOKS FOR LIBERTARIANS

The April newsletter of "BFL" (a mail order book and record service) will feature pro and con reviews by Murray Rothbard and Riqui Leon (respectively) of two anti-feminist books. For a free copy of the April issue, write to: R. A. Childs, editor, BFL, 422 First St. S.E., Washington, DC 20003.

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... Henry David Thoreau

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Next sessions: March 19 • April 16 • May 21 • June 18 (8:00 p.m.)

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SY LEON AND LEAGUE OF NON-VOTERS IN THE MEDIA

The New York Times radio station (WQXR) broadcast a 4-minute editorial on Feb. 1st by Sy Leon, speaking in behalf of the League of Non-Voters. An excerpt: "Imagine how joyful we could be if no one -- Not Rocky, nor Ronnie; Not Scoop, nor The Raider; Not Teddy, not Wally; Nyet Donner und Blitzen -- were elected to the White House in 1976." And Nicholas von Hoffman, in his nationally syndicated column, quoted Sy: "Voting is like going thru one of two doors. Whichever one you take, you wind up in the same room." The von Hoffman column appeared during February.

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