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CLARK PARTICIPATES IN A NATIONAL ANTI-DRAFT WEEK

Libertarian Presidential Candidate Ed Clark helped to kick off a National week of protest to end registration and the draft with a news conference and a speech before students at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Clark told the reporters and students "Revival of registration and the draft is a desperate act by an administration fearful that it will be rejected by the electorate" and called upon all Americans to oppose it. Clark cited evidence that many thousands of young Americans had boycoted registration making it "completely unenforceable". He urged the abolition of the Selective Service System and called on President Carter to dismantle draft registration "if only on the grounds that it has been a total failure". He also called upon his other opponents, Ronald Reagan and John Anderson to support his call for complete amnesty for those young men who failed to register this summer. Estimates from an investigation conducted by the Boston Globe put that figure as high as 25%, or up to a million. The maximum penalty for failure to register is five years in jail or a \$10,000 fine.