



# OHIO LIBERTARIAN

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## "OHIO LIBERTARIAN OF THE YEAR" AWARD

At the 1978 convention of the Libertarian Party of Ohio, an award will be presented to the LPO member in each county, region, and in the state, who has done the most to further the activities of the LPO during the year. This plan, recently adopted by the LPO Executive Committee, will award points to all members for various activities. A complete list of rules and point awards is given on Page 3.

The awards will be given to those members who accumulate the most points during the year beginning April 16, 1977. Anyone wishing to participate should send news of all activities in which he participates to Bob Lehman.

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## LPO ESTABLISHES FILM AND TAPE LIBRARY

At the last ExeCom meeting it was decided to establish a film and audio-tape lending library for use by LPO members. The first proposed film acquisition is "THE INCREDIBLE BREAD MACHINE TV SPECIAL" (55 min., 16mm, color) @ \$400.00. ExeCom voted to furnish \$100 toward its purchase, with the remainder to be financed through individual contributions. \$61.50 has already been raised in this manner. The expanded version of IBM includes:

Former Treasury Secretary William Simon introducing and commenting on the IBM book and film  
"The Incredible Bread Machine Film" shown in its entirety  
Dr. Milton Friedman (1976 Nobel Prize winner) and Dr. Walter Heller being interviewed by Dr. Benjamin Rogge. (Heller is an economic advisor to The Smiler; Dr. Rogge is with FEE.)

This film is perhaps the most effective educational tool yet developed for promoting free market economics and is suitable for showing at all sorts of meetings and events. We hope to acquire it in time for a screening at the state convention in June, so contributions in any amount are actively encouraged. They should be sent to LPO treasurer Everett DeJager, 8622 Plainfield Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45236.

The tape library will consist of audio-tapes of interest to libertarians donated by LPO members. The librarian will furnish all donors with receipts

for their tapes, so that they can be recalled at any time. Contributions by Jim Higgins and Bob Lehman have already gotten this program off to an excellent start.

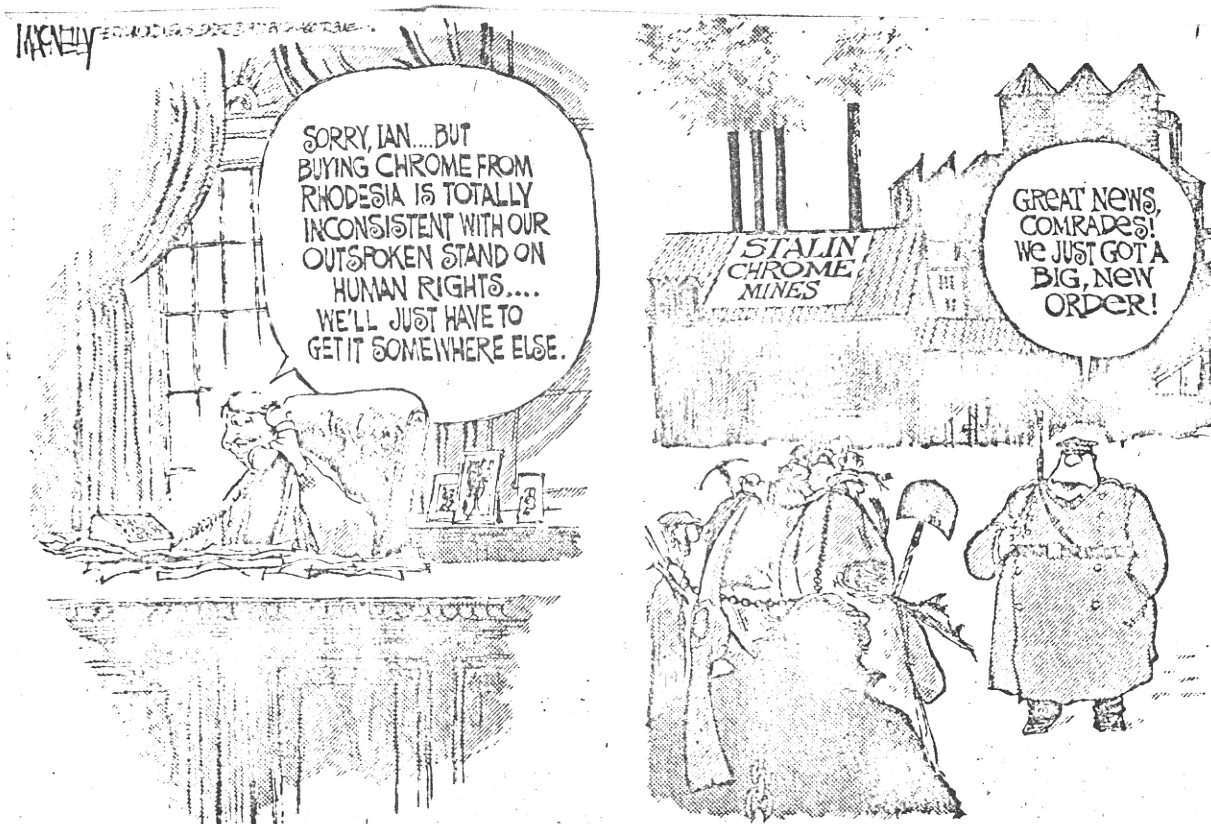
In order to assure prompt return of tapes to the library, a deposit of \$5.00 per tape must be submitted with all loan requests. The deposit, less mailing costs, will be refunded upon receipt of returned tapes by the librarian. Tapes and loan requests may be sent to the librarian at this address:

Robert L. DeBrosse  
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The following tapes are currently available:

Basic Principles of Objectivism, Self-Esteem  
" " " " Benevolent Sense of Life  
Branden, The Nature of Reason and Emotion (2 tapes)  
" Victimless Crimes  
" Love and Romantic Relationships  
" The Nature of Intelligence  
Edward H. Crane, Libertarian Party Principles  
Hospers, the Libertarian Temperament  
Vivien Kellems on Taxation 1/18/72  
MacBride Press Conference 11/25/75  
MacBride Talks to Conservatives  
MacBride on Wm. F. Buckley's Firing Line  
Rothbard Testimonial Dinner (2 tapes)  
R. A. Childs vs. Jeffrey St. John (Anarchism vs. Limited Gov't.)

Bob will appreciate any ideas or suggestions with regard to procedure.



"LIBERTARIAN OF THE YEAR" POINT SYSTEM

Points will be awarded for the following activities:

Points

- 5 Bring in new member
- 5 Letter to the editor
- 5 Radio appearance
- 10 Television appearance
- 5 Speech to outside group
- 5 Article in publication other than Ohio Libertarian
- 5 Organize demonstration
- 1 Participate in demonstration
- 50 Candidate for public office
- 5 News coverage - newspaper
- 5 News coverage - radio
- 10 News coverage - television
- 1 Member of outside group
- 5 Officer of outside group
- 5 Complete and return LPO Members Resources Survey
- 1 Petition signatures, LPO endorsed drive (per 10 signatures)
- 1 Contributions (per \$2)
- 1 Fundraising event (per \$5 raised)
- 1 Man literature table (per 2 hour shift)
- 50 Organize YLA chapter
- 10 Officer of YLA chapter
- 25 National LP execom member
- 15 LPO execom member
- 10 Regional officer, not LPO execom member
- 10 County chairman, not LPO execom member
- 5 County officer, other than chairman, not LPO execom member
- 5 Attend LPO convention
- 2 Attend regional meeting
- 1 Attend county meeting
- 5- LPO execom member missing execom meeting
- 2- Regional officer or county chairman missing regional meeting
- 1- County officer missing county meeting

Qualifications

- A. No more than 50 points per month, or 200 points total, may be awarded in one category to one member.
- B. Party and YLA officers at any level must hold the office for at least five months to be awarded points for that office.
- C. To be eligible for points, TV and radio appearances, letters to the editor, articles, speeches and news coverage must include the word "libertarian."
- D. Multiple broadcasts of a radio or TV appearance or of news coverage, on the same station, do not earn extra points.
- E. All LPO members are eligible to participate in the contest, with the exception of the contest chairman, Bob Lehman.

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To all those who submitted opinion articles for this newsletter: thanks. We couldn't use them all in this issue, but look for them in the future.

The usual discussions of nuclear energy focus on the safety (or lack thereof) of nuclear power plants. At last there is a book which, in its author's words, "...never tries to make the point that nuclear power is safe; the point it makes is that it is far safer than any other form of large-scale energy conversion yet invented."

The Health Hazards of NOT Going Nuclear Prof. Petr Beckmann

\$5.95 softbound, \$10.95 hardbound. Postpaid from Golem Press, Box 1342, Boulder, Colorado 80302. 190 pages.

Dr. Beckmann is a professor of electrical engineering at the University of Colorado. He was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Perhaps this is why his book is riddled with examples of government interference in the power industry and free-market arguments that advocate increased reliance upon nuclear power.

The book is intended for the layman but even a student of physics can learn much. From the Browns Ferry fire to breeder reactor waste disposal, it's all there. Nuclear power is even compared to the much-touted solar energy and found superior on all counts.

A recent Ford-Foundation report on nuclear safety has served to reinforce, for the most part, Dr. Beckmann's book which pre-dates the report by almost a year.

The last chapter should be of particular interest to Libertarians. It discusses, in very Libertarian terms, why nuclear power is the political and media issue that it is in this country. Must reading.

From the  
Cleveland  
Plain Dealer:

★★★ **'Dangerous precedent'** ★★★

The jailing of Larry Flynt on trumped-up charges of organized crime is not only unjust, it is obscene. Apparently it is a crime in Ohio to peacefully engage in free trade with others, even with their consent. If persons are employed, records kept, offices maintained in the commission of this "crime," that makes it an "organized crime."

Was any person who bought Hustler magazine defrauded? Was anyone forced against his will to view its pages? If so, let that person step forward and press charges against Larry Flynt. If not, then Larry Flynt has not violated anyone's rights and does not deserve to lose his right to liberty.

There are private, voluntary ac-

tions that people could take against Flynt, such as refusing to deal with anyone who sells or buys Hustler, thus curtailing demand and making it less profitable for Flynt to remain in the smut business. But for people to gang up and pass laws against a man simply because they don't like his product sets a dangerous precedent in this country. Once we accept the premise that society (through its agent, the state) may initiate the use of force against peaceful citizens in order to accomplish some "worthy" goal, then we're not very far from the total extermination of individual rights, such as we've seen in Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Tax Protest Day will be celebrated in Northeast Ohio and in Cincinnati on Saturday, April 9. The Cincinnati protest will meet at Fountain Square at noon, then will proceed to the Federal Building. Bring your own sign; handouts will be provided.

The Northeast Ohio schedule is as follows:

10:30 - 11:30 Picket Federal Bldg., E. 9th & Lakeside  
11:30 - 12:30 Lunch and Caravan to Akron  
12:30 - 1:00 Picket Federal Bldg. in Akron  
1:00 - 1:30 Caravan to Canton  
1:30 - 2:00 Picket Federal Bldg. in Canton  
2:00 - 3:30 Caravan to Cleveland

Pre-Protest Poster Parties will be held in Cleveland at 1111 Jackie Lane, Mayfield Hts. (442-6696), and at 1501 Westwood, Lakewood (228-7279).

The LPO State Convention will be held in Dayton June 18-19. National LP Director Bob Meier has already been scheduled to speak; other celebrities will be signed up soon. Watch for complete details in the next Newsletter.

The National Convention will be held July 14 through July 17 at the Sheraton Palace Hotel in San Francisco. The keynote address will be by Roger MacBride at 11:00 a.m. on the 13th.

All LPO members can attend; if you wish to be a delegate, contact Bob Lehman or your regional chairman.

And speaking of conventions, the Kentucky LP is holding theirs Saturday, April 16, at the Hospitality Inn in Lexington (2143 N. Broadway, at I-75 and I-64). Fran Youngstein, former FLP candidate for mayor of New York City, will speak at the banquet at 7:00 p.m. Registration for the banquet is \$13.00 \$15.00 at the door. Contact Bobbi Jahn at 606-341-4754 for details.

### LPO OPPOSES FLYNT CONVICTION

At its most recent meeting February 20, the LPO Executive Committee adopted a resolution condemning the persecution of publisher Larry Flynt:

Resolved, that the conviction of Larry Flynt on charges of publishing pornography is a gross perversion of justice; that this action is inconsistent with freedom of the press and of individual choice; and that this conviction should be immediately reversed and further prosecution of pornography should be halted immediately.

See Bob Lehman's letter, reprinted in this issue, for a libertarian view of this repression.

The Execom also adopted resolutions opposing government intervention in energy, endorsing the repeal of helmet laws, and supporting the School Home Rule Amendment. The petition drive is now under way to get this amendment on the ballot in November. Copies of the petition are enclosed with this Newsletter (while they last). You are urged to take this petition to FTA's, school board meetings, and to neighbors.

Deadline for next issue: April 30

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