

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HUNTER COLLEGE LIBERTARIAN ALLIANCE: Presenting Nathaniel Branden's recorded Seminar series. Tuesdays, 6:30 PM, Room 406 at Hunter (Park and 68th St. Admission is free.

## FROM THE CLUBS

Three FLP clubs have been formed and 11 others are forming.

THE RATIONAL LIBERTARIAN CLUB: (Brooklyn) Contact Ray Goldfield at 889-0780, ext 304 (days) or Gloria Johnson at 499-4904 (evening).

DAFNY LIBERTARIAN CLUB (Develop Alternatives for New York): Contact Marc Fitzgerald at 835-5614.

THE AGORA LIBERTARIAN CLUB (TALC): Contact Jerry Klasman at 687-1070 (day) or 889-2513 (evening).

For information on the other 11 clubs contact Linda or Jerry Klasman.

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## JULY 4

### NEWS CONF SUCCESS

The FLP chose July 4, 1972 as a symbolic day on which to reveal its existence and introduce its candidates and officers to the media. At the news conference held at the Williams Club were representatives of The New York Times, Associated Press, WOR-TV and WKCR-FM.

Ed Clark hosted the conference. His opening remarks on who and what the FLP is was broadcast in its entirety by WKCR-FM that evening.

After short statements by our candidates, Gary Greenberg, Walter Block and Guy Riggs, Dr. Murray Rothbard gave a superb analysis of contemporary social ills, laying the blame on government, where it clearly belongs.

Following the addresses, the floor was thrown open to questions from the media. During the question period, Dr. John Hospers, the national party's candidate for president, was interviewed via long distance telephone.

The conference ended with a guerrilla theater presentation written and produced by John Pachak which was taped and run on WOR-TV that evening.

## LEADERSHIP CHANGE

### KLASMAN REPLACES CLARK

### OTHERS ELECTED

Various changes in leadership took place at the last general meeting of the FLP on Sunday, July 16.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the FLP, Ed Clark resigned his position as State Chairperson, due to transfer by his company on September 1st. Vice Chairperson, Jerry Klasman, was elected by the committee to fill Mr. Clark's unexpired term of office. Howard Rich was then elected to fill the seat of Vice Chairperson vacated by Jerry Klasman.

Michael P. Higgins was elected by the membership to the post of Secretary. This a mammoth job which Mike has cheerfully accepted.

Andrea Millen, who has already performed the tasks of three people for the FLP, was elected Committee-person-at-Large.

Also elected Committee-person-at-Large, Samuel E. Konkin, III, publisher of New Libertarian Notes, a radical anarchist publication.

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## GUEST FORUM

### AGAINST THE VOLUNTEER MILITARY

BY WALTER BLOCK

Many libertarians have been misled into supporting the volunteer military proposal. The argument typically goes something like this: the draft is a clear violation of the principle that each man is a complete self owner; that to take away the free use of a man's life for two years is to nationalize his most important piece of private property--his own person.

The argument continues: the lottery merely bases the slavery inherent in a draft system on mathematical chance instead of on the chance of getting a deferment and is therefore equally servile. Universal service merely seeks to hide the slavery inherent in the draft system under the cloak of egalitarianism--slavery for all.

The volunteer military idea is seemingly strengthened by analogy to the free market: coercive systems are always inefficient and this applies to coercive systems of acquiring military personnel. A market wage for soldiers will attract the most highly motivated soldiers, the soldiers most likely to re-enlist. Below market-wage soldiers will be poorly motivated, inefficient and will not re-enlist in high percentages--necessitating high training costs due to the high turnover in personnel.

In order to see why the above argument is fallacious, mischievous, and anti-libertarian, let us consider the following: A concentration camp

is set up whose purpose it is to torture innocent victims. Those unfortunates are dragged in kicking and screaming, are then subdued, tortured, maimed and finally killed. There is only one fact disturbing this otherwise idyllic picture--the concentration camp torturers are not hired at the going market rate as "free enterprise" demands; rather, they are, horrors! draftees. A group of "libertarians" is worried about the poor motivation and inefficiency of the torturers who were drafted against their will and "who just cannot seem to put their hearts into it." In addition, the sad fact is that the re-enlistment rate is low--necessitating high training costs due to the high turnover in personnel.

What does this "libertarian" group then recommend? It recommends that future torturers be hired at market wage rates--a "volunteer tortuary" as it were.

It is not hard for the true libertarian to see the error in volunteer military sentiment when viewed through this analogy. The point is that we must first determine whether the proposed job of the hirelings is consistent with libertarian principles. If it is, only then do we look into the method of hiring which must, of course, be voluntary.

If we mistakenly support voluntary methods of hiring people before we consider precisely what they are being hired to do, we may well become unwitting supporters of the efficient violation of liberties.

In the present political context the consistent libertarian must oppose the draft, but he must

also oppose all imperialistic armies, be they drafted or hired.

What the proponents of the volunteer military forget is that there is a fifth alternative to manning imperialistic armies by the draft, lottery, universal service, or the volunteer military--opposition to imperialism under any guise even under the guise of the free market.

Is the libertarian, then, a pacifist, opposed to all armies? Far from it. The libertarian supports defensive armies whose soldiers are hired voluntarily. But this is not enough! Such armies must be paid for only by people who desire defense services and who voluntarily pay for them. Such armies would be more efficient than many presently known, but this efficiency the libertarian could wholeheartedly applaud since it would be used to protect, not violate, liberties. Moreover, such armies would be fully just since they would also be supported without violating liberties.

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## FROM THE CHAIR

Before getting to the real subject, here's the latest word from Albany. The Election & Law Bureau of the State Department insists that there is no new 1972 law and they'll certify that the '71 law is the law. However, Tom Foley learned that a new law was passed in April and that one can discover it in the "code room" where the state statutes are kept. Sadly, the legislature didn't provide money to print it up until Sept. 1, so the State Department "doesn't know about it."

About the campaign I bring good news and some plain truth. The good news is that street petitioning is a turn-on. None of us expected that walking up to people cold could be anything but tough and discouraging. Not so! Friendliness and good humor have been returned in kind and we get signatures.

As for plain truth, we now know exactly what it will take to get the job done. It is clear, based on about 100 man-hours of petitioning, that a random group of members will get an average of 8 signatures per hour. That means that from 7/31 to 8/27 (4 weeks), we need 550 hours or 140 per week to succeed.

Thus far, about 10 people have carried the load, some working as many as 15 hours the first week. They can't possibly keep that up. To succeed we need at least 12 more members to commit to 8 hours per week so that all 22 need work only 2½ hours per night, 2 nights a week, plus 3 hours on Saturday. That would give the campaign the needed 550 hours plus a cushion of 150 more.

There are 130 of us in the FLP. We need less than two dozen to get the job done. That job is not only to get 2 candidates on the ballot but to build a reservoir of experience to lead future efforts. If 130 Libertarians can't produce 22 people willing to work 8 hours a week for four weeks, I don't know why we have 130 Libertarians.

Call Howard or Ellen Rich, 299-0686 or 299-0700 and make this investment. This test is for all of us, not just ten.

Yours in liberty,  
Jerry Klasman