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Libertarians in Boston protest 'selective slavery': A student movement for the '80s?

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# NEW CAMPUS CHEER —'LEAVE US ALONE'

In Boston, 500 protesters sang "Blowin' in the Wind." In Madison, Wis., May Day ralliers cheered the burning of a draft card. In San Francisco, pamphleteers denounced "the quagmire of foreign military intervention." The scenes looked like something out of the '60s, but the hottest new political movement on campus—the Students for a Libertarian Society—comes from the opposite end of the political spectrum. The SLS's rallying cry is its opposition to nearly all forms of government intrusion in personal and economic life, including the draft. "We

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are the movement of the '80s," predicts Tom Palmer, SLS's 22-year-old chairman.

The SLS has parlayed an unusual blend of New Left and old right into more than 150 chapters in colleges from Berkeley to Brown and in dozens of Middle American high schools. Informally affiliated with the national Libertarian political party, SLS condemns affirmative action, capital punishment and propping up regimes like the Shah's in Iran. It favors eliminating laws governing marijuana or sexual habits.

**DRAFT:** The SLS's best recruiting weapon has been its opposition to the campaign to reinstate the draft. Early in May, the group attracted thousands to 60 rallies across the country against "selective slavery." Since announcing its anti-draft stand, SLS has added nearly 100 new chapters.

Despite its momentum, SLS remains small, with about 3,000 members. Some authorities don't expect it to grow much. "It attracts people who think of themselves as super types who are being pushed around by the state," says political scientist Andrew Hacker of Queens College in New York. But the SLS appeals to students' sense of power-lessness, explains Princeton political scientist Sheldon Wolin. "Students want to be left alone because they have lost genuine excitement about being able to do anything," Wolin says. But whether the SLS can convert wish into a mass student movement for the '80s remains to be seen.

## **Myhre Declares For County Executive**

Calling for the resignation of John V. N. Klein, and pledging "to help the overtaxes, overregulated, overburdened taxpayers of Suffolk County," Bob Myhre announced his candidacy, May 12th, for the office of Suffolk County Executive.

A graduate of Sachem High School, where he now teaches History, he received his B.A. in History and Government at the University of Arizona, and his M.A. in History at Stonybrook. For the last seven years, he has been a North Fork resident of Aquebogue. He is married and the father of two girls, ages 8 and 4.

Myhre is running on the "Libertarian Republican" Party.

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## THE STREETS WERE PAVED WITH GOLD

A magazine and newspaper columnist named Ken Auletta has just published a book about the fiscal crisis of New York City's government. The title he chose: The Streets Were Paved With Gold.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Auletta has written frequently on City Hall's financial woes over the past four years. Although he is no libertarian, he says many things in this important work that should warm the cockles of many a laissez faire heart.

A maverick liberal, Auletta refers to New York City as "Liberalism's Vietnam," and chronicles its fiscal decline with a mastery of facts and figures that will delight anyone looking to get the goods on local politicians.

Here are a few samples:

1. Between 1961 and 1976 the share of total city expenditures allocated to police, fire, sanitation and education decreased from 46% to 30% of the whole.

- 2. During this same period, the share of city funds given to welfare, hospitals and higher education increased from 22% to 37% of the whole.
- 3. Again, during the same period, the price tag for city employees' retirement benefits (completely apart from salary) rose from \$260 million to \$1.48 billion.
- 4. As of 1977, the city's total unfunded pension liability exceeded \$8 billion. (That means that the taxpayers owe future pensioners \$8 billion not now included in the city budget. This year's budget exceeds \$12 billion.)
- 5. Howard Johnson's has 22 different flavors of ice cream and New York Ci has 22 differ-

## by Tom Avery

ent taxes, including an income tax, sales tax, auto use tax, commuter tax, cigarette tax, vault tax and stock transfer taxes.

6. In 1971, the corporate income tax in the Big Apple rose from 5.5 to 6.7%. In 1975 it rose again to 10.05%. Between 1966 and 1971 the city lost 44,500 factory jobs. A recent survey estimated that if the 10.05% tax remains the city will lose another 149,000 manufacturing jobs by 1981.

There are also some interesting comments quoted by the author:

Victor Gotbaum, regional head of AFSCME (govt. employees union) commenting on the power of the municipal unions in bargaining with the mayor: "We have the ability, in a sense, to elect our own boss."

Joseph Trerotola, president of the local Teamsters Union: "The tax collector, rather than the employer, at least in New York-is the worker's major adversary."

Mrs. Otto Fuerst, a wealthy New Yorker (one of many) who lives in a rent-controlled apartment and benefits from a system designed ostensibly to protect the poor: "I think a person of wealth should get anything they can get. I'm a parasite. I just spend money."

And my favorite dialogue:

Auletta: "How would you like to be remembered."

Alfred Eisenpreis (former Economic Development Administrator): "...remembered as something 'In Progress.'"

Auletta: "...on your tombstone...?"

Eisenpreis: "Why not?"

# Teacher Reaches For Klein's Job

#### **By Ellen Frisina**

A Sachem High School history teacher has put himself in a compromising position - the only announced Republican candidate for the County Executive race.

Bob Myhre, 32, an eight-year Sachem employee, said he is running for the highest county political office because "it is time to break away from politics as usual and try some unusual politics for a change." The teacher, an Aqueboque resident, is coming out strongly against the Southwest Sewer District "Sewergate" and calling for County Executive John Klein's resignation, a move he said "which should be inevitable."

"I feel, as many other taxpayers do, a certain powerlessness," he said, "and I want to be in the position to change that."

He is "re-entering" the political scene after an absence of ten years. He was Arizona state chairman of the Young Republicans in 1968, and worked for Senator Barry Goldwater's senatorial and presidential campaigns.

Mr. Myhre, draws his support from the Suffolk County Libertarian Organization, a six-year-old Riverhead-based association. A libertarian, he said, stresses "liberty clear across the board — economics as well as the civil liberties such as freedom of speech and freedom of the press." He said the philosophy differs from the "usual" definitions of conservatives or liberals. "Conservatives." he said. "favor economic freedom, but try to control what you can read or write." The Liberals, he said, "are for the civil liberties, but don't support economics." He is though, "running as a Republican with libertarian philosophies."

Calling "taxes, inflation and unemployment" the areas he will concentrate on most. Mr. Myhre is also in support of solar and wind energy and Proposition 13-like actions

As for his success as an unknown in a wide open political race. Mr. Myhre said, "I'm just a working man. I work two jobs. I have no connection to money or power, but I'm just fed up with the way things are. I hope independent Town leaders and independent Republicans will be interested in hearing what I have to say."

Mr. Myhre admits that "it would be an understatement to say I'm the underdog," but he chose to run for the County Executive position "because it was the race with the most mileage."

He is preparing his tax plan as well as position papers on alternative energy sources which will be available shortly. "My main focal point." he said, "will be cutting taxes, cutting spending and cutting the size of county government."

Saying he is "prepared to go the primary route if it comes to that." Mr. Myhre said he is a serious candidate who very much wants the party designation for the position.

A 1965 Sachem High School graduate, Mr. Myhre works as a mate on the Port Jefferson ferry summers, said his family history is in the sea. "My father was a tugboat captain, as was my grandfather." he said and traces the maritime roots back to the Norwegian Navy.

Why should anyone vote for Mr.

Myhre? "I have the youth and I'm offering the alternative to tax the way it is." he said. "It time for unusual politics."



**Bob Myhre** 

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## Taxpayers United for Myhre

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Dear libertarians:

There is only one big election in New York this year, Suffolk County

Executive. Suffolk Libertarian Bob Myhre is the challenger. Republican

John Klein is the target. Under his administration, the Suffolk taxpayer

has seen higher taxes, increasing government growth and the corruption

of the Southwest Sewer District.

Bob's efforts in the primary will give him the exposure he needs when he runs on the Libertarian line in November. The press and the voters will know where he stands on the issues. He has already been accepted as a legitimate candidate with press coverage and interviews by Republican leaders.

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# Libertarian Surge Worries The Republicans

The Republican Party of Alaska is worried about the Libertarian Par-

ty's surge of popularity in the state.
"We have a problem in Alaska
and that is the Libertarian Party," GOP national committeewoman Edith Holm told party leaders at a central committee meeting in An-

chorage Saturday.

Because of politically similar views, the Libertarian Party tends to draw more Republicans into its fold than Democrats.

State Rep. Dick Randolph of Fairbanks, the only Libertarian to

hold elected office on the state level in this country, is a former Republican.

Fairbanks is the Libertarian Pars major stronghold in Alaska.

The party fielded several candidates from there in 1978.

Although Randolph was the only successful candidate, the other Libertarians pulled votes from disgruntled Republicans.

Republican votes that went to Libertarians split the GOP vote, giving Democrats the advantage.

Ms. Holm said some of the can-

didates were endorsed by prominent Republicans who supported their philosophy but failed to see the Libertarian Party as a political entity opposed to the GOP.

'They are not going away into the woodwork," she said. "They are dragging away the Republicans.

"Randolph is very vocal. And it's always the odd ball who gets all the (news) coverage

The Libertarian Party state convention is being held this weekend in Fairbanks.

Both of the party's candidates for president, Bill Hunscher of New Hampshire and Ed Clark of California, are there gunning for delegate votes to the national convention.

Hunscher, the candidate former Libertarian presidential candidate Roger L. MacBride has backed, considers Alaska a key Libertarian state. 30 %

dergo the screening procedure, he stops short of saying whether he would leave his supervisor's seat to seek the post.

If Smith decided to move from town to county, the reasons should be quite clear. He

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# Libertarian Says Others Are Socialists

Times Juneau Bureau

JUNEAU The Republican Party is losing members to the Libertarian Party because Republicans in office do not live up to their ideals, said Libertarian Rep. Dick Randolph of Fairbanks

Randolph responded Monday to comments GOP national committeewoman Edith Holm made to the Republican Central Committee in Anchorage Saturday

"The reason the Republican Party is having problems in maintaining a constituency has far more to do with their abrogation of the principles they profess than anything Randolph, a former Republican, said in a prepared statement.

Ms. Holm told Republicans Saturday that in Alaska, and especially Fairbanks, Libertarians are "drag-

ging away the Republicans."
"We have a problem in Alaska and that is the Libertarian Party, Ms. Holm said.

"We're not dragging off anybody. They are coming voluntarily, and so are Democrats, but that's not where our real strength lies," responded Randolph.

Claiming newfound support from eligible voters who usually do not participate at all in elections, Randolph added, "Roughly 65 percent of all Alaskans are turned off by the deceit and the inconsistencies and oppression of the traditional parties.

Randolph rejected the view that Republicans and Libertarians share similar philosophies and instead attempted to place Republicans and Democrats in the same stream of

"Republicans are nothing more than corporate socialists," Randolph said. "They chide the mother with dependent children for collecting a few hundred dollars worth of food stamps and rent subsidies and in the same breath solicit and accept millions in government subsidies and make-work contracts.

"Republicans and Democrats are both socialistic in nature and the only difference between them is who is going to get the biggest piece of the economic pie which they taxpayers have been forced to provide.

"In general, they both believe in government's right to control your life, liberty and property," Randolph

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most governmental officials, regardless of party affiliation, agreed, "there would be less reason to think about eliminating that egislators were as good as Denis Hurley,"

Some shock waves have been felt around Riverhead Supervisor Allen Smith is in-terested in being screened for the seat by the Democratic Party.

While Smith acknowledges he will unhe Riverhead area with a rumor that is time, Myhre said, "to break away from politics as usual and try some unusual politics for a change." decentralize county government and return power to the people where it belongs...slash county taxes, reduce government and its County and encourage local and individual natives to OPEC and Three Mile Island." It pending, support a break-away Peconic self-reliance and wind and solar alter-

door for many who had little interest in opposing Hurley in the November elections. Hurley's chances for reelection, most political observers agree, were excellent because of the fine job he did in his first Smith for Legislature?
The surprise announcement last week by Legislator Denis Hurley that he would not seek reelection has opened a new political politics for a change.

County Executive John V. N. Klein is growing, with Smithtown Supervisor Patrick Vecchio formally announcing this week in a four-page newsletter which claims a growing number of Democratic committeemen throughout the county favor Vecchio over County Legislator Martin up with a growing list of names being bantered about in various races. The list of potential Democratic candidates to oppose Feldman, who has actively been seeking the A local resident, Bob Myhre, who resides nomination for months.

The political season is beginning to warm

in Aquebogue with his wife and two daughters, has declared himself as a candidate to oppose Klein in his own party. Running as a "libertarian Republican", Myhre claims that Klein is no longer helectable", A graduate of Sachem High to School in Islip Town, where he now teaches

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NEWS-AEVIEW OF SUFFOLK

# Students Are Unexcited By Draft Registration Bill

#### By WOLFGANG SAXON

The possibility of military registration | "wouldn't do anything about it" if regisfor male 18-year-olds, raised by a House subcommittee last week, has met with muted responses on college campuses. So far, there has not been much reaction in the nation's high schools.

On the other hand, activists of the Vietnam era, when the same campuses were torn by antiwar protests, have begun to re-form their ranks, feeling that the proposed registration would be the first step toward bringing back the draft and future military entanglements by the United States overseas.

The bill, approved by a voice vote in the House Military Personnel Subcommittee last Monday, would require 18-year-old males to register for possible conscription in case of a national emergency. It is expected to become embroiled in a long Congressional debate on the related issues of the draft and the volunteer Army.

#### 27 Groups Form Alliance

Two weeks ago 27 organizations around the country formed a Committee Against Registration and the Draft to coordinate the opposition. The alliance includes such diverse groups as the American Civil Liberties Union, Americans for Demo-cratic Action, the American Friends Service Committee, the Catholic Peace Fellowship, the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, the Libertarian Party, SANE and the Office for Church in Society of the United Church of Christ.

Its director, 28-year-old Duane Shank, was convicted in 1971 of failing to register for the draft. He was sentenced to three years' probation and was active in the movement for amnesty for draft resist-

"Some of the groups are pacifists, and that's why they're against the draft," Mr. Shank said. "Some are libertarian, and they're opposed on the grounds of civil liberties. Some of them are veteran groups, and they're opposed because they know what the draft did to them 10, 15 years ago.

Thus far, interviews at colleges and high schools, indicated that students were preoccupied with more immediate concerns, such as examinations. Asked about the prospect of registration, they generally responded unfavorably, al-though there was some scattered sentiment that service for the country might be necessary

#### Says He Won't Fight

"I'm not interested in fighting or going to war for anything," said Roger Wills, a sophomore at Evander Childs High School in the Bronx. "If they start this up again, I'll register but I won't fight.'

Dennis Buzzelli, principal at Tall-madge High School in Tallmadge, Ohio, reported little reaction from students, save for some negative comments. A political science instructor at the school. Keith Crane, said that he had got the same response in class discussions, with indications that students probably them.

tration were reintroduced.

In Madison, Wis., some students said they might join protests against the registration bill on the University of Wisconsin

campus if anyone organized one.
"I was scared of Vietnam as a kid," said Darrell Smorek, a 17-year-old student at Madison West High School. "I wouldn't register. I don't want to die for my country. My mom said she'd give me \$800 to go to Canada."

#### Only 100 at Rally

In Madison, where thousands of youths turned out years ago to burn draft cards and resist conscription, an antidraft demonstration called by 15 local organizations drew only 100 people to the steps of the State Capitol on Tuesday. The 20member Madison chapter of the Liber-tarian Party sponsored the rally, and its tarian Party sponsored the rany, and its chairman, Frank Horn, reported that a dozen members had gathered more than 1,000 signatures on a petition against the pending bill

But a history professor at the University of Wisconsin, John M. Cooper, said, "If war is a possibility, then we must plan for it." He said he supported draft reforms to end student deferments and to include women in a national service.

A May Day rally at the University of California at Los Angeles attracted a quiet crowd of about 150 people who listened to David Harris speak on behalf of a group called Students for a Liberated Society. Mr. Harris, former head of the student body at Stanford University, served 20 months in prison for refusing induction in 1969.

### **Warns of Large Army**

He said that he never thought he would be speaking against the draft once again and asserted that without a large, standing Army the United States would not have become involved in Vietnam.

A member of the A.C.L.U. national board, Mary Saylin, told the same rally that her organization would lobby against the bill and, if it passed, fight it in the

The editor of The Daily Bruin, Joanne Eglash, predicted that passage of the bill would touch off student unrest, though not of the magnitude of anti-Vietnam manifestations.

While most student leaders spoke against registration, there was Jim Stanich, a 20-year-old U.C.L.A. mathematics major, who said: "I'm for it. The failure of the volunteer Army justifies it. I think students should be prepared to defend their country.

At Harvard University, the Libertarian Association seemed to be the only group to have taken a formal stand against a renewed draft. A rally staged by the Boston Alliance Against the Registration and Draft drew about 250 people May 1 in Boston's City Hall Plaza, but there were only a handful of Harvard students among 9:18AM, 12:18FM, 5:18FM, 8:18FM, 1:18 AM May 13, 1979, SROADCAST.

to help clean up our dirty WCBS commended the I-Love-A-Clean New York campaign individuals and businesses get editorial, trying to In a recent which is streets.

be really clean, Langbert says private enterprise cooperation are fine, but not Libertarian Party of the job now done by the municipal Sanitation Department the Free We heard from Mitchell Langbert, a member of He says voluntary help and 40 streets For the New York County. take over enough. should

the public sector, the public sanitation system, and the rigors of competition and the profit it is not good job because Ø does not do market

NYTIMES SUN NBC has quietly shelved plans to make Atlas Shrugged into an eight hour series for television. Sterling Silliphan t's screenplay is partially completed and has Ayn Rand's approval.

The series is schedueled to be completed in the fall of 1980.

NBC's excuse for cancellation was that the thousand-plus pages of Atlas Shrugged do not provide enough dramatic content for eight hours of television. As anyone who has ever read the book knows, the more plausible problem would be condensing the story line, not expanding it, to fill eight hours.

Televising Atlas Shrugged would be a tremendous impetus in spreading the ideal of a free society---particularly if it is shown just before we

run our third presidential candidate.

The only way to make NBC reconsider is to demonstrate the book's widespread popularity with a massive letter-writing campaign. We must get as
many people as possible to write directly to the head of NBC: Fred Silverman
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Further info may be obtained by calling or writing the Committee to Save Atlas Shrugged, Richard Saum, Chairman, 87 Mallard Ave, Golletta, Calif. 93017 Telephone: 805-967-9446

# THANK YOU, NATIONAL REVIEW, THANK YOU! -Gary Greenberg

National Review, the fountainhead of conservative truth, periodically performs a useful function. Every once in a while a strong pro-freedom movement develops and National Review publishes a major article alerting the faithful to the lurking danger. An example springing to mind is the infamous Whittaker Chambers review of Atlas Shrugged, forever protecting conservatives against Objectivist heresies. The great advantage of all this is that pro-freedom advocates are no longer contaminated by association with "RightGeist". Now, finally, NR has perceived the rising threat of "Libertarianism", devoting its June cover to drawing attention to the interior editorial blasts. Ernest "Hang 'em High" van den Haag led the attack. " A major part of Conservative doctrine is not to settle things by sweeping principles, but rather to look at one thing at a time and experiment with alternative solutions. Libertarians, in contrast, have principles for everything." Van den Haag is well chosen to lead the attack on principles. He has already written about his opposition to the principles of Natural Rights. Herewith, a couple of horrors that conservatives can expect from a libertarian society: "No central monetary authority would control the quantity of money and credit creation. .. Society is denied the ability to impose or even to publicly cultivate social norms and bonds... Libertarians oppose all taxes and all public services (not always the services, but always their public, legal and tax-paid character)."

Van den Haag, apparently recognizing the difficulty of attacking "reason" as a guidepost, sets up numerous straw man arguments in his piece. Space does not permit any detatiled consideration here, but we can't leave without quoting van den Haag's warning to any errant conservative who thinks that libertarianism is an offshoot of conservatism: "There are unbridgeable chasms on moral, political and social issues. Libertarian and conservative beliefs are mutually exclusive on essential matters... It is inconsistent with the anti-Utopian conservative view of life and society." Those who thought that van den Haag might seek the LP presidential nomination can breathe a well deserved sigh of relief.

EDITOR'S NOTES: I met a Mr. Myklebust, a libertarian from Norway, at the Laissez-Faire Bookstore today. How are things up there? "Very bad. You are lucky to have Carter here!"

What can I say?

Latest FLP membership figure, as of June 5: 144. We were just under 300 by the end of last year, so we are about keeping pace. I have a couple of non-member friends in mind to bug until they join. How about you?

Speaking of recruitment, Wilbur Wong is heading a committee on same. A contribution of \$100 a month has come to us for this purpose. Volunteers are needed for this committee, and can contact Wilbur at the office.

Members Sidney Royce Spearman and Len Rubin are seeking the advice of libertarian lawyers on a possible court challenge to MYC's tax assessment, on NYS constitutional grounds. Contact the office or Len Rubin, 4 Bedford St., NYC 10014.

We just got William Burt's "Local Problems: Libertarian Solutions" booklet from National. This is available from National, 1516 P St. NW, Washington, PC, 20005, or from Laissez Faire Books, 206 Mercer St., NYC 10012. It looks really good, and you should consider getting a copy and showing it to friends, neighbors, local gov't types, Chambers of Commerce, etc. We will be sending it to some people we have in mind.

Within about a month and a half, Mitch Langbert's Editorial Reply committee has scored three times: ONe with Mitch on the air, one with Mitch's voice on a taped phone interview, and one in which 9-yr old P.J. White, of Nassau, argued against the requirement of working papers for kids. This one was read over the air by a reporter, but it did mention the Libertarian Party. (P.J.'s piece was reportedly ghosted by his kindly Uncle Gary)

Come to the office on Tuesday nights! More and more people are doing this now, but there is always room for one more. 6:30 is a good time to arrive. We should do another street protest soon, so come and bring your imagination!

-F. C.

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