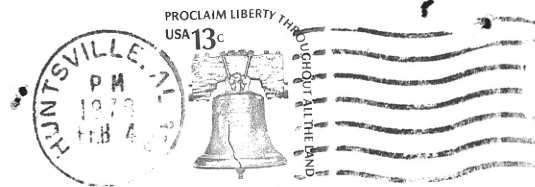


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CHARTER

Our Alabama Libertarian Party has now been legally chartered. Formerly it was loosely organized. Presently it is a going political institution. Thanks to all who cooperated in this effort.

1978 & OUR BALLOT STATUS

This is a crucial year for us if we are to maintain our ballot position. We MUST run candidates, for at least Federal offices. We urge that even if you feel that you can't afford an active campaign that you allow your name to be placed on our ballot line. There is no filing fee required. A fee is required only in a primary election. PLEASE - let's hear from you.

WET-DRY ISSUE

We can expect to witness much activity, in numerous counties, around the state, on the wet-dry issue, during 1978. Active citizens in Lawrence County are presently circulating a petition, calling for a referendum. Our party members and activists could advance the libertarian cause and enhance our party's name by helping in matters pertaining to this issue. Let's have your comments. Write to us.

PURE WATER

According to news reports, the EPA is asking for the government to supervise the public water systems in the nation. Pure water is necessary, says the EPA. Agreed. However, no mention is made of intentions to discontinue the fluoridation process in which sodium fluoride, a deadly poison, is used. Don't confuse sodium fluoride with calcium fluoride, which is sometimes found in a natural state in water. We contend that anything beyond the chlorination process, to kill bacteria, and other harmful matter, amounts to forced medication, and is a violation of a person's natural rights.

FADING DOLLAR

Anyone who is interested in the deteriorating dollar, and who isn't, will be interested to learn, that at long last, the laws of nature are beginning to reveal the true facts of this latter-day continental. A recently passed Senate Bill pushed by Sen. Jesse Helms, of North Carolina, now legally allows for contracts to be written, calling for an exchange of money, based on the price of gold, and/or foreign currency. This protects the contractors from inevitable inflation, and will probably have the effect of forcing the issuance of new money, to be exchanged at a possible rate of one new dollar, for ten old ones.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Georgia Libertarian Party will host a conference in conjunction with the LP National Committee Meeting, Jan. 20-22, 1978, to be held at the Capitol Airport Inn, 1220 Virginia Ave., Atlanta, Ga. Libertarians and those interested in the party are invited to attend. \$15.00 will cover the registration and banquet fees. Make checks payable to Ga. Libertarian Party, and mail to P. O. Box 49192, Atlanta, Ga. 30359

HELP WANTED

Robert Clarkson, activist in the South Carolina Libertarian Party, and brother of Jim Clarkson, the Georgia Party Chairman, has had serious trouble with the IRS. Bob, an income tax preparer, honestly erred on a return, but instead of treating this matter in the normal way, with an interest penalty, the IRS had him thrown in jail and gave him the works.

The fact that Bob is a Libertarian activist probably was the reason which prompted this action. He needed to be taught a lesson.

Bob is presently out on bail, and to raise money for his defense he is selling T shirts, bearing the Libertarian Party name, with a porcupine emblem. Prices are - all sizes - all colors \$2.50, plus \$1.50 postage. Total \$4.00

The T shirts are of good material and it will be worth your while to order one. Send your orders and checks to South Carolina Libertarian Party, P.O. Box 96 Sumter, South Carolina, 29150

NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome three new members to our fold. All are from Tuscaloosa. They are Hunter Morris, William D. Moody, and Claud Clark, 3rd. We're told that they are live wires and should prove to be valuable assets to our organization.

LIBER SIGN

What do you think of our party symbol, which is generally regarded as being the national party symbol, excluding the outline of the State of Alabama? We refer to the arrow slanted upward.

Some Libertarians, around the nation, have started a drive to have the porcupine emblem replace the present one.

Our own feeling in this matter is that the present liber sign should remain, however, in all fairness, we feel it our duty to pass along this information for all to decide. Let's have your preference.

INQUIRY

Our former national chairman, Edward H. Crane, 3rd, is still very much in the libertarian movement. Presently, Ed. is devoting his talents to the new dynamic magazine Inquiry, which is certain to advance libertarian ideals. Ed. is the publisher.

REGIONAL SETUP

Alabama, formerly in Region 6, of the national party divisions, is now in Region 8, which includes the states of Louisiana, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, and South Carolina. James U. Blanchard 3rd, 1524 Hillary St., New Orleans, La. is the Regional Representative.

FORT KNOX GOLD

Is there really any gold in Fort Knox? Edward Durell, P. O. Box 586, Milton Valley Farm, Berryville, Virginia, says NO. He outlines his reasons in a booklet, which is available for the asking. Simply enclose a legal size envelope, bearing 24¢ postage, self addressed. Oops, Mr. Durell's zip is 22611

1978 PLATFORM

The 1978 Libertarian platform is now in printed form. Available from Libertarian Party, 1516 P St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20005

FARMERS' STRIKE

strike by the nation's farmers should serve as a reminder that government control of the economy always leads to a sorry ending. A free enterprise system would allow for an honest return for hard work in the fields and we hope that this will result from the present uproar.

All business withers under government control but the agriculture business has been the hardest hit. The following figures, from the First National Bank of N. Y. reveal that for 1975 the farm business net profit trailed all others;

All Wholesale Corp. earned	29.3%
All Retail Corp. earned	21.5%
All Mfg. Corp. earned	18.8%
All Food Processors earned	24.6%
All Food Chains earned	12.6%
Agriculture earned	4.7%

When we consider that agriculture is the nation's largest employer and that between 14 and 17 million people work in some phase of agriculture, from growing food and fiber to processing and distributing (20% of private employment jobs) it become easy to understand the importance of a profitable return to the farmer. If he quits, we all suffer. Just why the government chooses to ignore this fact is anyone's guess.

One division of the farm industry hasn't suffered however. We are referring to the peanut farmers who are guaranteed 140% of parity. It's possible that these boys have some pull, in high places, in Washington.

An organization, called American Agriculture, of Springfield, Colorado, tells us - "We do not want government subsidies. At this time we are actually subsidizing this nation and the world with cheap food and fiber. For each unit of agriculture products produced, the American farmer and rancher must put part of his equity with it when it is sold and consumed. It would be the same as a laboring person receiving no payment for his work each week and instead, having to pay \$100.00 from his own pocket for the privilege of having that job - - - - when we speak of parity, we are not speaking of a guaranteed income. All parity insures is a fair price. In order to achieve an income, we still have to produce. The risks of droughts, floods, hail, pests, and management still make production a very risky undertaking. - - - - the current action is not an appeal for price supports, the creation of a false economy for agriculture, or for government subsidies. It is rather, a rejection of the current farm program."

The Alabama Libertarian Party echos these sentiments and opinions. We regret the present plight of the farmers and hope that out of the turmoil a free farm system will emerge which will be the forerunner of a free economy for all of the nation.

Senator Dole, of Kansas, has issued a call to all of the other 99 Senators, to meet with him, and representatives of the American Agriculture organization, in Kansas City on January 16th, to discuss the strike. The fact that such a call was made is quite an achievement for the farmers. It suggests strength.

That's all for now folks. Happy New Year to all.

SUPPORT YOUR PARTY'S NEWSLETTER

Libertarianism's Most Controversial Book??

SUPPORTERS

"Looking through *Defending the Un-defendable* made me feel that I was once more exposed to the shock therapy by which, more than 50 years ago, the late Ludwig von Mises converted me to a consistent free market position. Even now I am occasionally at first incredulous and feel that "this is going too far," but usually find in the end that Block is right. Some may find it too strong a medicine, but it will still do them good even if they hate it. A real understanding of economics demands that one disabuses oneself of many dear prejudices and illusions. Popular fallacies in economics frequently express themselves in unfounded prejudices against other occupations, and in showing the falsity of these stereotypes Block is doing a real service, although he will not make himself more popular with the majority." **FRIEDRICH A. VON HAYEK**

"Judging from the outraged responses in many libertarian quarters, many of 'our people' are not ready for this exciting and shocking adventure. Since libertarians are, or are supposed to be, on the forefront of thought, since their whole lives have been an intellectual adventure in many ways, the hostility becomes even more mysterious." **MURRAY N. ROTHBARD**

"There are things that I strongly agree with and things that I strongly disagree with, but the book throughout is amusingly and sharply reasoned, courageous and always provocative." **HENRY HAZLITT**

"Many years ago Hazlitt's little masterpiece, *Economics in One Lesson*, demonstrated how, in order to measure the consequences of economic activities, one must look beyond their immediately obvious effects to their secondary effects. Here Professor Block sets out highly specific, and sometimes shocking examples of Hazlitt's thesis. By concentrating on the positive economic contributions of extreme cases, he forces the reader's consideration and greater appreciation of these principles." **ROBERT D. KEPHART**

"It is a magnificent book, a trailblazer. I would call it 'Drano for Clogged Minds,' except that Drano is neither amusing nor stimulating, and this book is both. I suggest buying two copies: one for yourself and one for the person you want most to catch up with you." **ROGER LEA MacBRIDE**

"... More than almost any current book, *DTU* will wake the reader from his dogmatic slumbers. It is eminently readable, challenging, and provocative." **JOHN HOSPERS**

"Startling and illuminating! Block's lucid defenses often convince; sometimes they lead us to sharpen our attack. In either case, the reader cannot fail to be instructed and challenged by this mind-stretching, provocative, and occasionally infuriating book." **ROBERT NOZICK**

"What the critics have missed is that as a book of *libertarianism*, not *Objectivism*, not *Christianity*, *DTU* used the most effective method for illustrating and teaching moral principles. Shock your friends and educate them." **DON ERNSBERGER, S.I.L.**

"This witty and wonderful book is a veritable manual of the 'joy of freedom.' If we were only half as interested in liberty as in lust, we would not have half the problems we have." **DR. THOMAS S. SZASZ**

"The most entertaining and one of the most instructive economics books I've read. Block's unique style helps you see what's going on around you quickly and clearly. The book is terrific. Taking the most extreme examples possible and clarifying them will do more to bend the reader's economic thinking than a slow steady course in good economics." **HARRY BROWNE**

"We can congratulate Dr. Block for some iconoclastic and courageous interpretations." **ALBERT ELLIS**
psychologist

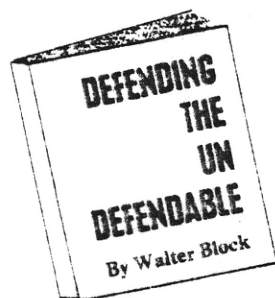
"After reading Block's book, we recognize the pimp as an honest broker and the uncorrupted cop as the Nuremberg defendant who always followed orders. We are reminded that strip-mining of coal allows miners to escape black-lung disease and cave-ins... Block gives the reader succinct yet penetrating criticisms of the Federal Reserve System, and the Keynesian paradox of savings. His chapter on charity is the best modern defense of social Darwinism that I have ever read." **WILLIAMSON EVERS**

"It is a brilliant, relentlessly argued book, pushing the libertarian case to its extreme limits... takes seriously Ayn Rand's dictum that one should be willing to defend the *least attractive* instance of a principle, and has done precisely that." **ROY CHILDS**
Editor, Libertarian Review

"Shatters, one by one, each of our liberal stereotypes. It's a pleasure to read and a treasure trove of ammunition for the defender of the free market." **TOM G. PALMER, The New Guard**

"Toleration of unpopular religious and cultural groups has always been one of the chief tenets of classical liberalism... Block carries this libertarian principle to its logical and radical conclusion: toleration of *all* non-aggressive pursuits." **LAWRENCE WHITE**
Harvard Political Review

"A remarkable book. I found myself agreeing with Block for most of the time, and his argument is often ingenious. Spend a pleasant evening reading aloud some of his chapters (they are all quite short)." **HENRY MEULEN, The Individualist**



DETRACTORS

"There can be no question of my writing a testimonial on behalf of this book." **NATHANIEL BRANDEN**

"*Defending the Un-defendable*—A doomed attempt, one would say. Like thinking the unthinkable, uttering the unutterable, or calculating the incalculable. As the philosopher remarked, whereof one cannot speak, thereabout one had better keep quiet. This assemblage of defences cannot (can it?) be facetious since it is ushered in by the author's pious reference to a 'passion for justice'..."

"Rather non-persuasive are the cases made out for the Dishonest Cop, the Speculator in food, the Non-Contributor to Charity, the Stripminer, the Drug Pusher, the Denier of Academic Freedom, and the Person who yells 'fire' in a crowded theatre. A passion for justice ought to inspire one to greater efforts." **D.J. ENRIGHT**
London Times Literary Supplement

"... A positive menace to the libertarian movement. His smart-alecky, sensationalist style, the silly and false social and psychological assumptions he uses to back up some otherwise (mostly) valid political and economic points, the frivolous and insensitive attitudes he displays toward serious human problems all serve to confuse and distract from the valid points. Most people will be difficult to convince on rational political grounds without obscuring the issue with other half-baked, offensive, and unnecessary arguments. The book will be offensive to people not just because they disagree with the political arguments but because his general attitude will be interpreted as callous, asinine, and an affront to human dignity. It will surely reinforce the worst stereotypes people have about capitalists." **SHARON PRESLEY**
Laissez Faire Books

"... The wrong book at the wrong time... An absolutely mad way of introducing someone to libertarianism... I am convinced that it is probably a short run strategic disaster. One needs not only a steel will based on solid libertarian premises to accept Professor Block's message, but one needs a cast iron stomach as well. Those whom he defends are often, if not usually, the dregs of society; we could even say the very scum of the earth." **WALTER GRINDER**
Libertarian Review

"*DTU* is a work of unrealized potential. The editing is sloppy. And the quality of the writing varies from chapter to chapter. Many good arguments, and indeed the book itself, founder over a simple misconception: Block is misusing the word *hero*... He is not consistently attentive to detail, nor is he very ambitious in enriching his rich thesis with examples and anecdotes. If he had attended better to the art of writing and spared us the silly insistence of making all of society's rogues into heroes, then his very important thesis might well have become a very important book." **JAMES D. DAVIDSON**
Libertarian Review

"Not only does he *defend* prostitutes, pimps, counterfeiters, ticket scalpers, slumlords, blackmailers, liabelors, stripminers, letterers, and scabs (among others), he actually has the temerity to call them *heroes*! Block even has the gall to challenge the most enduring shibboleth of higher education, academic freedom." **DAN C. HELDMAN, Universitas**

"The polarization of opinions on Block's book should not be surprising. It is a reflection of the book's schizophrenic nature—a bizarre combination of both excellent and horrible elements. Apparently the endorsers chose to consider only the Dr. Jekyll side of *DTU* and either ignored or failed to take seriously Mr. Hyde." **SHARON PRESLEY, Reason**

"Political and economic defense of the voluntary activities of society's 'scapegoats'—pimps, slumlords, moneylenders, etc. Done in a sensationalistic style, much of the reasoning is questionable and unnecessarily offensive. Not a good introduction to libertarianism." **LAISSEZ FAIRE BOOKS CATALOGUE**

"Block defends some of the silliest ideas in support of an essentially good cause... He raises some stimulating issues, even if in an intellectually inadequate fashion... A foolish consistency may be the 'hobgoblin of little minds,' as Emerson said, but serious inconsistency (as in this book) is the downfall of many theories about morality and law." **TIBOR MACHAN**
World Research Ink

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