

## A Founder of the Libertarian Movement Is Going To Prison And Needs Your Help

My name is Donald Meinshausen and I want you to know that the war on some drugs has caught up with me. I need letters of support and correspondence while in prison. In Jerome Tuccille's book "It usually Begins with Ayn Rand" Jerry describes how he was on a panel at a Young Americans for Freedom conference, an organization formed by William F Buckley for young conservatives. This panel was on the conservative spectrum with Henry Paolucci a traditionalist, Frank S Meyer, who coined the term 'fusionist', Jerry, then an Objectivist, and Karl Hess, a libertarian. I suggested the format of this panel to the conferences organizer. At this conference the future organizers of the libertarian movement first met and vowed to continue to present libertarian ideas to YAF. Here I first met Karl and later with his son formed the anarchist caucus of YAF. I suggested and helped write a proposed resolution calling for YAF to support draft resistance. This was a very unpopular idea in YAF at the time (1969) for the war in Vietnam was going full blast and the campuses were in turmoil. At the convention, I persuaded Dave Schumacher, a Princeton student, to burn an Xerox copy of a draft card, given to me by Durk Pearson (now a famous research scientist) with a cigarette lighter given to me by Jarrett Wollstein who is also known for his libertarian writings. This draft card burning and its consequent melee angered the libertarians within YAF so much that they then soon split off and this is regarded as the birth of the modern day libertarian movement..

The reason that I did not burn the draft card is that I had already pissed off the conservative movement when I earlier that month had testified, supposedly as a friendly witness, at a House Internal Security Committee (formerly HUAC) hearing. I told the committee: In investigating the Students for a Democratic Society (The radical group of the day) I discovered a much more dangerous group that has destroyed more property and more lives than SDS ever could; this organization is the United States government. The hearing was terminated and I was mentioned on CBS news, the New York Times did a story as well as favorable stories in the underground media.

Why was I spy in SDS? Well, I started in the Goldwater movement at the age of 13 and later went to Ayn Rand lectures. I joined SDS to discover why the New Left was so popular. In establishing my credibility I became a chapter chair, helped lead a building takeover at a radical ethnically mixed college (our student body president was a black muslim draft resister) in Newark NJ. Mark Rudd, told me that I was building a model of working class organizing.

Since then I worked continuously for the libertarian movement. From 1973 till 1984 I worked on ballot access drives from coast to coast, being one of the better petitioners (about a 1000 a week). I have also organized and produced events with Karl Hess, Robert Anton Wilson, Carl Oglesby and Timothy Leary. In 1990, I put on "From Psychedelics to Cyberspace" an event that introduced Virtual Reality to NYC. This sold out event as well as over 50 media people including the 3 big networks and got me a front page write-up in the NY Times. I have also organized panels at the Socialist Scholars Conference as well as Libertarian Party, Green Party conventions. I do attend