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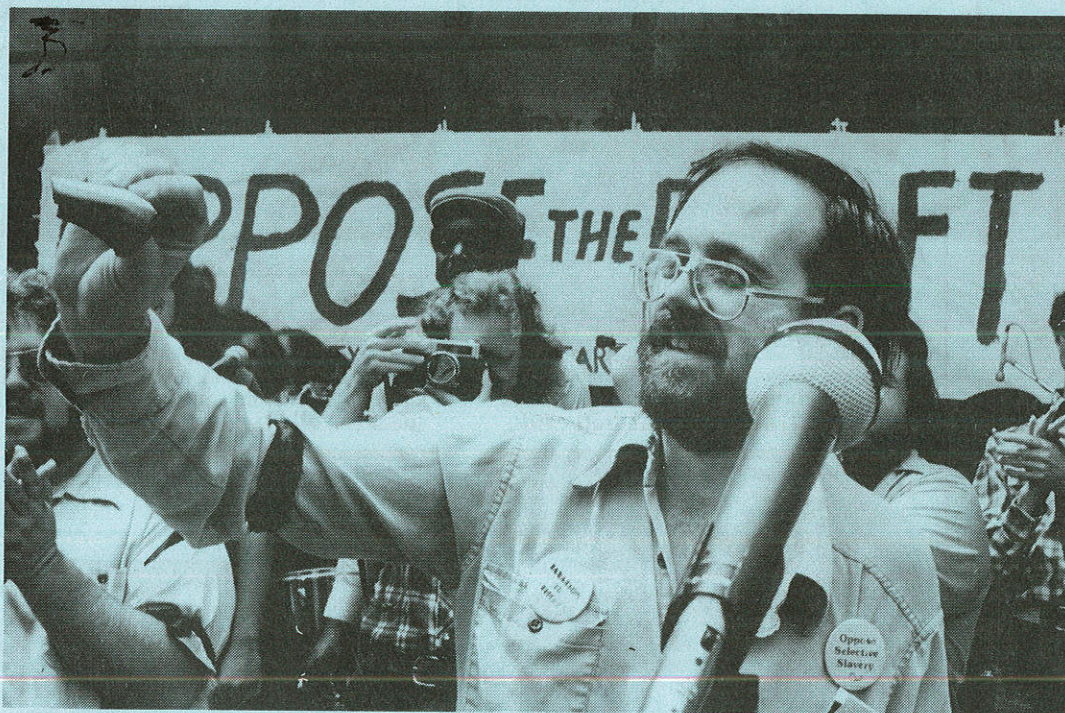
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Libertarian Activist Lawrence Samuels Burns Draft Card At Cal State Fullerton Rally

The press had a field day at the draft card burning demonstration. The Cal State Fullerton rally was covered by NBC, CBS, KNXT-Radio, KOCE-TV, the Los Angeles Times, The Register [front page] and 20 to 30 reporters.

Similar protests took place on around 100 other campuses across the nation. Newsweek magazine ran a story and photo of the East Coast rallies sponsored by a new, San Francisco based organization called Students for a Libertarian Society [SLS].

(Register Photo By CLAY MILLER)

Students Burn Draft Cards In Rally At CSF

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FULLERTON — The event was billed as an "old-fashioned draft card burning" rally, complete with rock band and pithy anti-war speeches.

But the subdued, two-hour gathering outside the College Commons building at Cal State Fullerton Tuesday was anything but reminiscent of the volatile 1960s.

About 100 to 150 students and faculty members were entertained by the Horizon Street Band, listened to half a dozen anti-draft speeches and a few took part in a draft card burning ritual.

Otherwise, the low-key rally paled in comparison with the "old-fashioned," frenzied and at times vio-

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lent anti-war demonstrations at the height of the Vietnam War a decade ago.

The Society for Libertarian Life, a nationwide organization which — according to a press release — is devoted to individual freedom and oppo-

sition to state power, sponsored about 100 such rallies in colleges and universities across the country Tuesday to protest the proposed reinstatement of the draft and draft registration.

A congressional subcommittee this week decided not to renew the draft, but suggested requiring registration for men who reach 18 after Dec. 31, 1980, in case selective service is revived for a war or other national emergencies.

Libertarians had planned protest rallies at CSF and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa. However, the latter event was overshadowed by Cinco de Mayo celebrations at Orange Coast.

A college spokeswoman said a lot of

students gathered for the Mexican festivity, but only a handful stayed when the Mariachi band turned over the microphone to two anti-draft speakers.

At CSF, libertarians distributed anti-war and anti-draft materials, about 100 fake draft cards and black arm bands.

Laurence Samuels, national chairman of the Society for Libertarian Life, said five or six persons were prepared to burn their draft cards. However, as a dozen or so persons crowded around a 40-gallon garbage can to set their beige, coupon-size cards ablaze, it was impossible to tell how many — if any — of the cards were authentic.