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## Libertarian Party Spokesman Declares Tax Cut Inadequate

By LAURA CORBIN  
Staff Writer

President Reagan's tax cut program is "far too little, far too late," a spokesman for the Libertarian Party said Tuesday.

Steve Kreisman, head coordinator for the speaker's bureau of the S.C. Libertarian Party, after telling the Spartanburg Rotary Club at the YMCA of the party's economic proposals, discussed Reagan's package and his presidency. The tax cut plan is "merely a slow-down of the budget increase, while ours is an actual budget cut. The Reagan plan is a small step in the right direction, but it's totally inadequate. Ours has gone much further."

Kreisman, a resident physician at Spartanburg General Hospital, had outlined the party's proposals, illustrating with a slide presentation. "Libertarians believe there is a solution (to inflation and economic problems.)" He listed three major moves: balancing the budget, eliminating the Federal Reserve Board and restoring the gold standard.

"There's no reason for 14 men to hold the fate of 200 million people in their hands," Kreisman said of the Federal Reserve Board, adding that the Libertarian Party sees the board as fostering the special interest of banking. "a government-created monopoly."

Kreisman said the latest economic problem is enormous government spending.



KREISMAN

"We propose cutting \$200 billion in 1982, and continuing the cutting program in subsequent years. This is not a reduction of budget increases, but a reduction in the budget."

Major cuts would come in the military, the Department of Energy, the Department of Education and for special interest groups.

Kreisman said the Department of Energy's duties could be performed through private enterprise "if it's allowed to work." He said government subsidies, control and interference must be abolished.

The Department of Education should be abolished completely, Kreisman said, in favor of education policy being made on the local level. Funding for special interest groups should be eliminated, he added.

"The military is our largest budget item," Kreisman said. "Libertarians believe in a strong military, but in redirecting it in defense of the United States, not in defense of other nations," he said, adding that in following the tradition of our forefathers, the United States should not intervene in the lives of people abroad.

Kreisman said that in redirecting the military objective, substantial tax reductions can be realized. He also suggests using a "well equipped volunteer military," saying that a military draft would require citizens to surrender their liberties and their civil rights to the government so that they are subordinate to the government rather than the government being subordinate to them.

He said Libertarians do not advocate an isolationist stance by the United States, "not by any means. We should have a strong relationship with all nations abroad, but based on peace and free trade. Coun-

tries which are commercially dependent upon each other should be able to solve their problems peacefully."

A return to the principles of our forefathers is a basic ideal of the Libertarian Party, Kreisman pointed out. "We hold liberties, especially individual liberties, as our highest ideal. An individual should be allowed to use his own best judgment as a provider and a problem-solver. He has a right to live as he chooses with no interference from the government. The government is to protect, not to abridge. This is not a new concept. Our founding fathers included these principles in the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights." The Libertarian Party wants to "reverse the trend and restore the traditional values of individual liberties with the least government control."

Kreisman said these cuts would help toward making budget cuts of \$200 billion and "allow a substantial tax cut and balancing of the budget needed to fight inflation. There are lots of reasons to do this," he said. "The Libertarian Party believes that the tax burden is a violation of the liberties of the people and their rights to keep their money and to spend it as they see fit."

Growth in the federal government has led to this country's most pressing problem, inflation, Kreisman said, calling it "the hidden tax. Inflation has increased rapidly as the size of government has increased. Libertarians believe that the main cause of inflation is the federal government, and only the federal government can stop it."

The Libertarians' tax cut program would cut federal income tax by 50 percent for everyone and raise the taxable limit to \$7,500, so that people making that amount or below would pay no taxes.

Calling it the "domestic program that threatens most of us," Kreisman said the Social Security program is going broke and should be modified and eventually eliminated. "The reason it's going broke is that it's a pay-as-you-go method. Your money is not invested, but is paid out almost immediately to people who are eligible. Our benefits will be paid by taxing the next generation, but the system offers no guarantees and can be changed when the government wants, as evidenced by recent action."

Kreisman said people should be allowed to invest in private insurance and retire-

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## 1982 CONVENTION PROCEDURE

## PART 1

BY JOHN HARLLEE, SEC.SCLP

The South Carolina election laws were adopted bodily from the by-laws of the Democratic Party sometime in the 19th century, and contain a number of interesting anachronisms. One reason that the SCLP has so few by-laws is that the election laws leave very little leeway for innovation. (Our by-laws, in case you're interested, are confined largely to defining the duties of the various officers, but the election laws specify the name, number and titles of most of the officers.)

Precinct meetings must be held the first half of February. There are something like 1600 precincts in the state, so in no way can we, or the Republicans, hold meetings in every precinct. In fact, the Democrats don't always manage to meet in every precinct, and there are provisions about what to do about a primary if the precinct meeting isn't held at the proper time. The precinct meeting must be held in a public place - it absolutely cannot be held in someone's home - and announced in advance, by publication. What we did in 1980 was to hold all precinct meetings at high noon at the front door of the Court House in each county. To organize a county, you must organize at least one precinct. You must also file with the clerk of court a statement that the precinct meeting was held at the given time and place - I will send out form letters - and give the name and address of the precinct officers. (Incidentally, a person who

is not present at the meeting may be elected as an officer; the precinct officers have no further duties since we do not hold primaries.) Also, send me a copy of the form letter. Precinct meetings are quite informal in all parties, and should take no more than 10 minutes to hold, which is a good thing as it is likely to be quite cold outside - in 1980 we hit the biggest snow of the year.

The county convention is made up of delegates elected at the precinct meeting; it must be held the first half of March. Again in 1980 we scheduled all meetings at the front door of the Court House at noon on the first Saturday in March. The procedure is the same: you elect county officers (chairman, secretary, and state executive committee representative), delegates to the state convention (electing all other LP members in the county as alternates), and file the same sort of paperwork with the clerk of court with a copy to me. The county convention also nominates candidates for public office in the county, except for the legislature. Do not adjourn the county convention; recess it on the call of the chair, so that you may add additional nominees later if an interesting opportunity arises. The duty of the county chairman are essentially to call meetings; of the secretary to file the report and the nomination papers with the county clerk of court, and the state executive committee representative to attend the state meetings. The same person may hold more than one of these offices, however it looks better to have 3 different persons if possible.

In 1980 we were able to get 11 counties organized on paper; we should be able to more than double this in 1982. Twenty-four counties would give us more than half the counties in the state. There are some counties

in which we know of no active Libertarians; but in 1978 the Republicans were not able to organize every county for their "primary", and in some counties were not able to staff every precinct. The only requirements are that you must be a member of the SCLP, which means that you must be a registered voter in the respective county, and that you must not participate in the primaries or other organization of the Democrats or Republicans. If you are willing to take charge of organizing your county, please let me know, and I will see that you get the necessary paperwork to fill out. The paperwork takes about 5 minutes, but must be done promptly; candidates can be put off the ballot if they, or the secretary, do not file the proper papers on time.

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# NEWS SECTION

## VIDEO TAPES AVAILABLE

The South Carolina Libertarian Party now has several Libertarian films on video tape, including the new LP film shown at the LP National Convention in Denver in August. If you would like to see these, and can arrange for others to see them also, call or write state chairman Tom Waldenfels. The tapes are available in VHS and BETA formats, as well as 3/4 inch U-Matic format.

## UPSTATE LIBERTARIANS SCHEDULE PUBLIC MEETING IN SPARTANBURG

South Carolina Libertarians in the Greenville and Spartanburg areas have scheduled a public meeting in Spartanburg for all persons interested in the Libertarian Party. The meeting is scheduled for October 21 at 7:30 pm in room 217 of the Media Building at the University of South Carolina, Spartanburg Campus.

SCLP State Chairman Tom Waldenfels said the program will include several films, including the new film produced by the national party, and "We Won't Get Fooled Again", a Bi-Centennial film by Don Ernsberger of the Society for Individual Liberty.

Because of the many new friends we will meet at the Spartanburg County Fair the week before, we expect a large turnout.

Several speakers will also be on the program, which will be open to the general public, including Waldenfels, who received 7,000 votes in his 1980 bid for U.S. Congress..

Anyone interested in finding out more about libertarianism or the Libertarian Party should plan to attend.

## ALICIA CLARK ELECTED TO LP NATIONAL CHAIR

The 10th Annual Convention of the Libertarian Party was held in Denver, Colorado, August 26-30.

Heading up the South Carolina delegation were State Chairman Tom Waldenfels and Vice-Chair Lee Bowie.

Alicia Clark, wife of 1980 LP presidential candidate Ed Clark, was elected National Chair of the LP. Mrs. Clark ran on a platform of grass roots organization and a steady reliance on state and local LP leaders. Alicia was chosen over John Mason of Colorado, and Kent Guida of Maryland. All three candidates spoke at the South Carolina State Convention last July.

Sheldon Richman was elected vice-chair. Sheldon chaired the National Platform Committee this year, and is a veteran Libertarian thinker and writer.

National Committee regions were re-districted. South Carolina is now in a new, smaller region along with North Carolina and Virginia.

## SAVE \$50 TO \$100 ON YOUR FEDERAL TAXES THIS YEAR !!!

Now that we have your attention, read on. For a \$100 donation to the South Carolina Libertarian Party in 1981 you will receive a \$50 tax credit from Uncle Sam on this years taxes. Married couples get twice the break. Don't miss out on this deal just because it's not an election year. (You can still donate next year, too.) We can really use it. Our phone bill alone runs over \$500 a year (business rates). Use the handy coupon below. And thanks.

GEORGE BUSH  
SPEAKS OUT  
ON NUCLEAR  
POWER  
from the Texas  
LP Newspaper



**FREE TEXAS:** The federal government midwived the nuclear industry thirty years ago and has nurtured it since. Recently, some people have called for the repeal of the Price-Anderson Act. What do you think about that?

**BUSH:** Tell me what it does.

**FREE TEXAS:** The Price-Anderson Act limits liability in the event of a nuclear accident.

**BUSH:** Limits it to who?

**FREE TEXAS:** Limits the amount of damages a company might be liable for, with the taxpayers picking up the rest of it.

**BUSH:** Well, why should it be limited. I mean, I don't understand. I just don't know anything about the Price-Anderson Act . . . Price-Anderson? You mean, you mean it's in effect now?

**FREE TEXAS:** Yes.

**BUSH:** I have no position on the Price-Anderson Act.



### Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual; namely, (1) the right to life - accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action - accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property - accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders, and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

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If you are a candidate, there are papers that have to be filed with the state ethics committee, including one that must be filed immediately when you are nominated, or before.

The State Convention is held in Columbia (by law, and that means within the city limits) during the first 15 days of April in even years. The Convention goes through electing temporary and permanent convention officers (which goes back to the days before loudspeakers and amplifiers) elects state chairman and vice-chairman, and nominates candidates for the legislature, statewide offices, and Congress. It also adopts a platform. For the last few years we have simply re-adopted the 1977 platform without changes, but if anyone wants to work on a revision the time to start thinking about it is now.

There is also a resolutions committee which offers resolutions concerning matters of current interest (this is largely for publicity) a rules committee which deals with the agenda of the convention business meeting, a credentials committee which checks to see how many counties are represented and by whom, and a planning committee which arranges the meeting place, meals and guest speaker. The last three make very brief reports.

CONTINUED NEXT MONTH.



Students for a Libertarian Society

(National) Office: 2262 H St. NW Washington DC 20007 (202) 965-6997

The University of South Carolina chapter of the Students for a Libertarian Society meets the first Friday of each month at 7:30 pm. For details call Steve Vandervelde at 777-1951 or 254-8771, or write USC SLS, Box 80068, Columbia, S.C. 29208.

SLS is an association of students dedicated to the promotion of a free society at schools and universities.

Through education and action, SLS seeks a new American radicalism in pursuit of the rights to life, liberty, and justly acquired property. SLS sees coercive government as the main threat to those rights.

ANYONE LIVE IN CHARLESTON ???

We have quite a few people in Charleston on our mailing list. If you would like to get a libertarian study group, or Regional SCLP meeting started in the Low Country, write or call state chairman Tom Waldenfels. (See page 2 for address & phone#)

Taxpayers hold out \$11 billion

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Pity poor Uncle Sam. Not only will he soon be a trillion dollars in debt but he also has a lot of deadbeat nephews and nieces who owe him nearly \$11 billion.

And of that, nearly \$4 billion has been labeled "not collectible" by

the Internal Revenue Service, according to figures released Sunday by Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal, D-N.Y.

The figures show that as of June 30, 1981, more than 5 million taxpayers were delinquent to the tune of \$10.9 billion.

Of the total, more than \$4.4 billion was due on accounts the IRS still considers "active." Accounts considered not collectible or not worth the cost of trying to collect, numbered almost 3 million and totaled \$3.9 billion.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

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ment programs, if they want to, adding that investment would create more jobs and stimulate research and development that would benefit society. He suggested that citizens entitled now to Social Security benefits continue to collect those benefits until they die, that middle-aged citizens be entitled to the benefits for which they have already paid but be allowed to start investing in private insurance, and that new would-be participants be allowed instead to use the private sector.

"People used to look on America with hope, as the land of liberty and the land of opportunity," Kreisman concluded. "Big government is destroying this dream. The traditions of our founding fathers will restore the American dream for the world."

next month...

The conclusion of John Harllee's article on the Convention process.

Ron Holland writes about hopes for a Libertarian governor, in America's most socialist state.

Dr. David Morris writes about children's rights.

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COMING EVENTS

- October 12-17 Spartanburg County Fair booth, Spartanburg
- October 16-24 South Carolina State Fair booth, Columbia
- October 21 Upstate SCLP Public Meeting, USCS Media Bldg. Spartanburg, 7:30 pm (see story this issue)
- October 25 Midlands SCLP Regional Meeting, Griffs on Devine, Columbia, 2 pm, call 254-VOTE for details.
- November 6 University of South Carolina chapter meeting, Students for a Libertarian Society, 7 pm Call Steve Vandervelde for more info., see story this issue for phone numbers.
- November 7 Pee Dee Area SCLP Regional meeting, Florence call SCLP Sec. John Harllee for details
- November 29 SCLP STATE MEETING, Griffs on Devine, Columbia see November issue for details

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