Dear Supporters of Liberty,

This has been a great month for the LP. Here at HQ the excitement started last Monday when Russell Means, long time Indians' rights advocate, came by the National Office to turn in his membership application, which I happily accepted (see photo, page 4).

Mr. Means was on the road promoting his recently announced candidacy for the LP presidential nomination.

I also had the privilege this week to shake hands with Ron Paul at a local press conference, just days after he made his long awaited announcement.

Both men were on hand last week for the California state convention which, from all reports, was a phenomenal success.

Also in California for the convention was Andre Marrou, who announced his intention to campaign for the vice-presidential nomination.

Media coverage has been good, and appears to be getting better. Requests for information on the LP are increasing, and many old-time activists are calling in to find out how to get re-activated. We're also getting more calls from reporters than we've had since the November elections.

All in all, these trends appear very favorable.

Here at the office it's been a hectic month, not only because of the above mentioned exciting events, but also due to some unexpected equipment failures.

First the bad news: Due to a power surge, the DG (main frame computer) was damaged and is down.

Now the good news: We now have a new Macintosh Plus computer on site, that, along with some software and peripherals, is taking on the workload of the DG.

For more details, see my Director's Column in the next LP NEWS. For now, take a look at the software and equipment we purchased (ads inside) and you'll see why the staff is so excited about these new tools and their potential applications.

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Ron Paul seeks to be Libertarian Party presidential nominee

By JOHN TOTH
Houston Chronicle
Tuesday, February 17, 1987

Former Republican Congressman Ron Paul declared his candidacy Monday for the Libertarian Party's 1988 presidential nomination.

He said before making the announcement that Libertarian Party leaders told him there likely would be minimal or no opposition to his nomination.

Paul, who abandoned the Republican Party earlier this year, said he switched because GOP leaders were not practicing what they preached.

"The Republican Party said a lot of things I said, but it never followed through," Paul said. "I gave my strong support to the conservative side, and things got worse."

Paul, 51, said Libertarian Party leaders began to urge him as early as 1980 to seek the party presidential nomination. He made his announcement during a luncheon speech in San Francisco where he was attending the party's state convention.

Paul served eight years in the House of Representatives before launching an unsuccessful campaign for the U.S. Senate in 1984. Since then, he has returned his practice of obstetrics and gynecology in Lake Jackson in Brazoria County.

Paul said his congressional tenure stands as an example that politicians do not have to be errant boys to get re-elected, although his goals of cutting federal spending and returning the economy to the gold standard were met with resistance.

Paul said his opponents' charges that he wanted to "take a chain saw to the federal budget" were accurate.

"Big government is running away with our freedom and our money, and the Republicans are just as much to blame as the Democrats," he said.

Paul said he will conduct a national campaign against federal spending, big bank privilege, the Federal Reserve and deficit spending.

Also targeted, he said, are "a run amok IRS and a tax system that rightly outrages Americans, the attack on our personal liberty and financial privacy, and foreign policy that drains our wallets, enriches our enemies, shreds the Constitution and kills our children."

Paul, who admits third-party candidates are generally ignored, said he intends to conduct a grassroots, hard-hitting and well-financed campaign to counteract the major parties' amply-greased machines.

"Americans will face Bush or Kemp, Hart or Cuomo, or some other big-government types," Paul said in his campaign announcement. "I intend to make sure the people have a choice for freedom."

Russell Means Joins LP!

Below, a letter from Libertarians "down under."

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The Archives Project, P.O. Box 570, Parkes, N.S.W. 2870, Australia.


Libertarian Party, 301 West 21st St., Houston, TX 77006.

Attn: Coordinator,

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your recent mailing regarding the Libertarian Party. We found it of exceptional interest.

The Archives Project is a Libertarian information service aimed at encouraging a Libertarian view of life to be expressed clearly in the Australian press, we reach a large audience and have successfully operated for some two years now.

At present we are preparing a comprehensive directory of Libertarian resources to be released in April, it will include over 1,500 entries, advertising, reviews and articles. It is being published in printed and microfiche forms and will be widely advertised on publication.

We expect an excellent reaction to release of this directory as we have prepared wide advertising to reach a large audience, we have already arranged large sales of copies of the directory to libraries etc. throughout Australia.

We would very much like to see your newspaper, LP News reach a large audience in Australia and hence would like to propose a possible exchange between us.

We would be willing to offer you a full page of advertising space in our directory (29.5cm by 21cm), distribute any number of flyers you can supply to our mailing list and review your paper in the review section of our directory.

In exchange, you could assist us with a complimentary subscription to LP News and any back issues you could make available.

This would assist us greatly while also offering you the medium to reach a large audience "down under" with details of your publication(s).

We find your Party very much in agreement with our ideals and certainly wish to assist your work in any way possible.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Russell Means Joins LP!

Proposed gun law draws fire

By KIMBERLY B. MARGOLIS
State News Staff Writer

A proposed ordinance stiffing handgun ownership in East Lansing drew harsh criticism from the city council Tuesday evening from residents who blasted it as "harassment," "unconstitutional" and "impossible to enforce."

Between 300 and 400 people flocked to the meeting at the East Lansing Public Library, 600 Albert Road. The crowd, most of whom were in attendance to voice opposition to the proposal, spilled out from the conference room into the lobby and library itself.

"It is a poor law, which will be very difficult, if not impossible to enforce," said Stephen Nueri, a former East Lansing police chief. He said it is wasteful of police personnel and would hurt law-abiding citizens and not help curb crime.

Mayor John Czarnecki has maintained the city has not had any past problems with handgun ownership and the ordinance is just a step to "reduce any potential problems in the future."