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### CONVENTION A SUCCESS !!!

From the socializing friday evening, to the business meeting Sunday morning, there was a spirit of good friendship at the 1981 Virginia LP Convention. It was a rewarding experience for the approximately 100 persons came to the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond. The presentations on Saturday, July 11, provided information and inspiration.

The speakers ranged from relatively new acquaintances to LP circles-Byron Farwell and Vernon Brown-to old-timers such as Karl Hess and Bruce Evoy. The current leadership of the LP was there-David Bergland and Ed Clark. All three candidates for the LP national chair-Alicia Clark, Kent Guida, and John Mason- were present, as were the two vice-chair candidates, Craig Franklin and Dallas Cooley. And we also had two of the most popular LP convention speakers-Chris Hocker and Peter Breggin. By any standard it was a great collection of libertarians to share their ideas and time with us.

The convention had a good age and geographical balance, but as usual, there was a very poor racial ratio, a problem addressed by Vernon Brown, a black businessman from California, who spoke at the luncheon. Tolerance of ideas, methods, and personalities was the theme of David Bergland's talk. Bergland is the current LP national chair.

Ed Clark was the guest of honor and speaker at our Saturday banquet. He gave an evaluation of the 1980 campaign and how it will affect the future of the LP. Craig Franklin and Alicia Clark both sang songs at the banquet, and Chris Hocker was master of ceremonies.

The future of the Virginia LP in the 1981 elections was discussed during the Va. Politics workshop moderated by Dr. Dallas

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### SCC MEETINGS HELD

The State Central Committee met in Lynchburg on May 9th. Michael LaVean was removed as chair of the fundraising committee. In addition, the first LPVA county organization was formed in Arlington; it has endorsed Rod McFadden to represent the Libertarian Party as a candidate for the House of Delegates from Arlington. Several committees were also formed, including the Platform Committee, the Auditing Committee, the Research and Planning Committee, and the 1981 State Fair Committee.

A brief meeting of the S.C.C. also took place immediately following the close of the 1981 LPVA Convention. At that meeting, Scott Bowden was made the interim chair of the tenth district, replacing Julie Floyd, who, with Scott Royce, has resigned from that district.

The next scheduled meeting of the State Central Committee is set for Aug. 1 in Williamsburg. All members are welcome.

#### PLEASE NOTE!!

The ex-fundraising chair has refused to submit a report of his activities to the State Central Committee. Anyone who has made a contribution to him is requested to contact the treasurer.

Force is no remedy.

-John Bright

### FROM THE EDITOR:

With Jerry Sklute running for the House of Delegates, I have the honor of taking over the newsletter until the election. This is all very new to me, so any help would be greatly appreciated. This newsletter especially needs new writers. If you have written something you think would be good for the newsletter, don't hesitate to send it in!

In doing this newsletter, I suspect I will enjoy the challenge, so I would like to thank Jerry Sklute for dumping it on me-but not without first showing me the "ropes". And to Jim Turney I would like to thank, for the use of his typewriter, and for having the patience to put up with me learning how to use it!

Jane Rosecrans

### A SPECIAL THANKS

To Violet Cooley, for Donating a beautiful multi-colored afghan to be raffled at the Denver Convention to help raise funds for the LPVA.

## Libertarianism

LIBERTARIANISM IS NOTHING MORE NOR LESS THAN THE POLITICS OF LIBERTY. WHILE OTHER PARTIES AND GROUPS SEEK TO USE THE TOOLS OF POLITICS TO GIVE SOME GROUPS POWER OVER OTHERS, TO ENRICH SOME AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS, OR TO IMPOSE SOME SET OF VALUES ON THOSE WHO DISAGREE WITH THOSE VALUES, LIBERTARIANS SEEK NOTHING MORE THAN LIBERTY.

LIBERTARIANS PROPOSE TO END THE CORRUPTION AND BRIBERY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BY ABOLISHING THEIR POWER TO DISPENSE SPECIAL PRIVILEGES.

LIBERTARIANS SEEK THE END OF CONFISCATORY TAXES - AND ALL TAXES ARE CONFISCATORY - AND REGULATIONS ON PRODUCTION AND EXCHANGES OF ALL TYPES. WE SEEK THE ELIMINATION OF ALL RESTRICTIONS ON FREEDOM OF EMPLOYMENT.

IN ECONOMICS, LIBERTARIANS ADVOCATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PURELY FREE MARKET, THAT IS, A MARKET UNHAMPERED BY GOVERNMENT INTRUSIONS. WE ADVOCATE THE FREE, VOLUNTARY EXCHANGE OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

IN CIVIL LIBERTIES, LIBERTARIANS BELIEVE INDIVIDUALS MUST RESPECT THE RIGHT OF OTHERS TO LIVE DIFFERENT LIVES, TO READ AND ENJOY DIFFERENT COMMODITIES, TO SHAPE THEIR RELATIONSHIPS, SEXUAL AND OTHER, TO LIVE THEIR LIVES IN THEIR OWN WAY, AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE AND RISK, NEVER FORCING OTHERS TO PAY FOR THEIR MISTAKES.

IN FOREIGN POLICY, WE ARE NON-INTERVENTIONISTS. WE ADVOCATE THE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, BELIEVING THAT AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES HAVE NO BUSINESS OUTSIDE OF AMERICAN BORDERS. WE ABSOLUTELY OPPOSE CONSCRIPTION AS BEING A FORM OF SLAVERY - IN PEACE OR WAR.

WHEN THE AMERICAN COLONISTS HEROICALLY RISKED THEIR LIVES, THEIR PROPERTY AND THEIR SACRED HONOR TO REBEL AGAINST THE TYRANNY OF BRITAIN, THEY SET AN EXAMPLE FOR US ALL. AMERICANS TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO KNEW THAT ETERNAL VIGILANCE WAS THE PRICE OF LIBERTY, AND WERE PREPARED TO PAY THAT PRICE, WHETHER WE ARE WILLING TO PAY THAT PRICE TODAY IS A QUESTION WHICH MUST BE ANSWERED INDIVIDUALLY, BY EACH OF US. BUT WE OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY HAVE MADE OUR CHOICE. MOVED BY A PASSION FOR JUSTICE, BY COMPASSION FOR THOSE OPPRESSED BY STATE POWER AND PRIVILEGE, WE HAVE RAISED THE BANNER OF LIBERTY.

ADAPTED FROM LIBERTARIANISM, LIBERTARIAN PARTY POSITION PAPER #1, AVAILABLE AT \$1.50/100 FROM THE LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, 2300 WISCONSIN AVE., NW, SUITE 201, WASHINGTON, DC 20007.

### THIRD DISTRICT NEWS

Third District Libertarians have been meeting twice a month at 824 W. Broad St., where Jim Turney's audio business is located. The objective has been educational as well as political. During the summer months, we have been showing Milton Friedman's "Free to Choose" series. The fourth film will be shown on August 5, and the fifth on August 19.

We have two candidates running for the House of Delegates from the Third District: Jerry Sklute in Chesterfield and Will Friesmuth in Richmond. Bob Roberts, along with Jerry, may also declare for one of the three seats in Chesterfield. Any advice on running and organizing campaigns would be helpful. Contact Jim Turney at 788-7008 or Carolyn Paulette at 232-6644 or one of the candidates.

Carolyn Paulette

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Cooley. Will Friesmuth, Jerry Sklute, and Bob Roberts-all candidates for the General Assembly-talked about their campaigns and Jim Hainer made a presentation on the issue of state-created monopolies.

Byron Farwell, the mayor of Hillsboro, Va., made several points we should keep in mind during the 1981 campaigns. He, probably better than anyone else in the state, knows how badly the state and federal bureaucracies can foul things up. Mr. Farwell fought the State Water Control Board and is now challenging the census count. Byron Farwell's wit and his wife were a delight to have at our convention.

The man who may be the foremost advocate in America for community-level organizing is Karl Hess, the man most responsible for popularizing the term "libertarian". He proved himself once again to be one of the giants of our movement. One measure of his impact is the fact that his life story has been made into a movie-Towards Liberty-which won an oscar at this past Academy Awards presentation. The man and the movie climaxed a day full of motivating and inspiring moments.

Dr. Peter Breggin was, for many, the motivator at the convention. He moves libertarians to use their principles as guides to their daily lives as well as in the political sphere. His new book, The Psychology of Freedom, was a big seller at the convention.

The inspirational highlight was, no doubt, the reenactment of Patrick Henry's "Liberty or Death" speech at its original location, St. John's Church. The performance was carried out by Bruce Evoy, who has been doing this performance before libertarian audiences all over America. Bruce is from Canada and helped form the Canadian LP. In this country, he was at the original organizing meeting of the LP in Denver in 1971, and he has been active in the NY and Michigan LP's. It is also fitting that he will attend the National Convention in Denver as a delegate from Virginia, since he is best known for his portrayal of Patrick Henry.

A very important session was held on Sunday morning, the candidates for the national chair and vice chair making presentations-the only time they will have appeared together before the national convention. Indeed, Virginia delegates should be among the best informed at the convention.

The highlight of the business session Sunday afternoon was the election of new state officers. Jerry Sklute was elected to succeed Scott Bowden as State Chair. Stew Engel was elected Vice Chair, Bernard Baker was elected Secretary, and Sally Godsey was elected Treasurer. Most of the state constitutional amendments posted in the last newsletter were passed-some with changes.

Indicative of the excitement generated at the convention was the size of the slate of delegates to the national LP convention in Denver (Aug. 26-30). Before the convention, many people were concerned that we would not have the sixteen people we needed for delegates. On Sunday, 22 people were nominated, sixteen being selected as delegates, the other six being named as alternates.

All those who attended our convention this year were not only informed but motivated as well, to work harder, together, to build an influential and successful Libertarian Party in Virginia. Our 1981 convention was a success!

## ZIP+4™

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- a) Your mail will be even slower
- b) Postage rate increases will be even larger.

## calendar

August 1: State Central Comm. meeting in Williamsburg, 1:00 pm at the Sheraton Patriot Inn.

August 5: 3rd District meeting at 824 W. Broad St., "Free to Choose", 4th.

August 12: 2nd Dist. meeting, Tidewater.

August 14-16: S.L.S. National Convention

August 19: 3rd Dist. meeting, Free to choose

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Bounty Hunters

**\$ 5,000 REWARD !!**

Income

Contributions.....	\$2917.97
Newsletter Subscriptions.....	\$462.00
National LP Dues.....	\$204.00
Emerling Workshop Project.....	\$721.00
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$4304.97</u>

Expenses

Newsletter Total.....	\$1765.37
Supplies.....	\$17.16
Printing.....	\$1248.96
Postage.....	\$496.25
Refund.....	\$3.00
Dues to National LP.....	\$204.00
State Fair Booth Project.....	\$539.75
Emerling Workshop Project.....	\$710.00
Secretary/Treasurer Total.....	\$560.67
Postage.....	\$241.94
Stationary.....	\$57.51
Response Post Cards.....	\$38.53
Fundraising Letter.....	\$33.02
Postal Permits, Rental.....	\$113.00
Mailing List Labels.....	\$36.50
Supplies.....	\$27.03
Bank Charges.....	\$9.36
Media Project.....	\$73.83
Clark Campaign Total.....	\$355.77
Petition-Printing.....	\$151.22
Hotel.....	\$162.55
Postage.....	\$42.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$4205.61</u>

Reconciliation

Balance in Bank	
(December 31, 1979)	\$63.26
(plus income)	\$4304.97
	<u>\$4368.23</u>
(less expenses)	<u>-\$4205.61</u>
	<u>\$162.62</u>
(less post office acct.	
6/21/81)	<u>-\$32.43</u>
Bank Balance 6/21/81	<u>\$130.19</u>

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POLITICAL ACTION COURSE OFFERED

A new Action Course in Practical  
Politics will possibly be offered either  
in the Fall or Winter to Libertarians inter-  
ested in familiarizing themselves with the  
basics of practical politics. The course  
consists of a set of pamphlets designed to  
be used as guides for informal discussions  
on political experience and ways to become  
more successful. The course has been in use  
since the 1960's and has recently been re-  
vised. Groups using the course have had  
excellent results. If interested, please  
write the editor of the newsletter.



## FROM THE CHAIR

1980 was the year that the Libertarian Party really emerged in every state in America, thanks to Ed Clark.

1981 will be the year that Virginia can continue the momentum and in fact become the leader in elected Libertarians. Only two states are electing state legislatures this year. Libertarian candidates who threaten the Republicrats with 10-20% of the vote will make national news on election day, and will let all America know that we have not stopped. 10-20% should be easy because Virginians are fed up with taxes and regulations. All we have to do is get our message across-Reagan's ballyhooed "tax cut" will save the average taxpayer \$2.50/wk!

The Virginia legislature refused to cut taxes and, in fact, spent the surplus!

The Virginia House of Delegates introduced more than 950 new bills in less than three months! It's time for a change!

10-20% of the vote ought to be really easy, and the climate is right for us to really expect to win at least one seat; if we get our message to the people!

The best way to get our message across is to have lots of candidates running-at the moment we have 3-5 Libertarians who have announced or are about to announce their candidacy for the House of Delegates. We

should have at least 20-30 candidates and 50-70 is not unreasonable.

Please take some time and seriously consider standing up and becoming a candidate-it's actually fun!

If you can't run, encourage your libertarian friends to run and promise your assistance and support-and then do it! There is still lots of time and you only need 250 signatures by September 8.

Opportunity is knocking- answer it and legalize freedom-get the government off our back and out of our pocket.

Jerry Sklute

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cannot be stopped? Haven't you been forced to cut down on things which are nice to have, or even necessities? Isn't it about time the politicians made some sacrifices? Why should the average taxpayer be the only one to sacrifice?

\*If the business sector is hurt by regulations, why did the airline and trucking companies object to deregulation?

\*Why has the average cost of air travel gone down since the regulations have been reduced-don't regulations ensure lower consumer prices?

\*If a regulation or special license stops a middle-income person from starting his/her own business, who is helped?

\*Who is helped if an individual cannot start his own taxi business with one car?

\*Why should a small businessman have to pay \$500,000 in legal fees in order to expand his trucking business?

\*Why shouldn't anyone be allowed to sell whatever they want-if people don't buy it they will go out of business soon enough without govt. preventing them from trying. Who is helped by these restrictions?

\*Why can't you buy whatever you want with the money you earned?

\*Do you really own your life and property?

-Jerry Sklute

DON'T FORGET THE  
NAT. LP CONV.  
AUG. 26-30

The purpose of the Libertarian Party of Virginia is to legalize freedom by political action because we believe that no person, group of people or government has the right to initiate force against any other person, group or government; with "force" meaning fraud, extortion, stealing, threats against life or property as well as physical aggression.

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# COMMON SENSE, II

A LIBERTARIAN SCRIPT

by Jerry Sklute

Many Virginians are upset with the amount of taxes we pay. Most of them feel some kind of unfairness—they work hard and do not seem to be getting ahead. Many of these people also feel that they should pay their taxes and become uneasy if they take some action to reduce their tax.

This is a good time to explain that every person owns their body and has the right to keep the property they earn with honest effort. They should not feel guilty about being upset with the high taxes which are taken from them. Instead, they should be indignant! How many people would voluntarily give away so much money? Especially when the hidden taxes are added to the obvious taxes—the corporation taxes, the cost of licenses and regulations, the costs of tariffs and import restrictions, and the biggest tax of all—inflation.

How many people feel that they are getting their money's worth for all these taxes? If an individual forced them to give up as much as one dollar, they would call it theft. Why should an individual called a "tax collector" be allowed to forcibly take so much more? Do hundreds of tax collectors make it right? Especially when we are forced to pay their salaries?

At the moment, most people think that Reagan is going to give them a big tax cut. They do not realize that all of the tax cuts and deregulations will be a small drop in the bucket. Reagan has already increased the cost of cars by restricting Japanese imports. He is already planning to increase inflation for the next few years, with federal deficits.

Unfortunately, most people feel that Reagan is helping them. At this point they will not listen to anything negative about him. Since we must get people to listen to us and

to understand, we must be careful to present our criticisms so they are not interpreted as attacks on Reagan or his supporters. A possible libertarian script would be to ask questions:

\*If there are less Japanese cars available, what will happen to their price?

\*If the price of Japanese cars goes up, what will happen to the price of American cars?

\*If the price of American cars goes up, how many will be sold?

\*If cars cost more and there are less sold, who is helped by restricting Japanese imports?

\$Is there a connection between deficit spending and inflation?

\$If there is no connection, why are lots of politicians talking about balancing the budget and eliminating deficits?

\$If deficits cause inflation, why are huge deficits being planned for the next few years?

\$Why are deficits continuing when the tax rate keeps increasing?

¢Why is tax money spent on the study of insects or the lifestyles of primitive tribes?

¢Why can the FTC pay all expenses for witnesses who favor what the FTC wants to do?

¢Why do government bureaucracies get bigger and bigger?

¢Who controls government grants?

¢Why is tax money given to foreign govts.?

¢Why does this waste of our money continue if politicians are concerned about deficits (inflation) and high taxes?

¢Do you really believe that this waste

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Liberty for the few  
is not liberty. Liberty  
for me and slavery for  
you means slavery for  
both.

—Samuel M. Jones

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