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CONVENTION 86

The 1986 Alabama Libertarian Party Convention will feature Dr. Max Hocutt, Jack Aikin, and Scott Placek. The convention is scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m., Saturday June 21st. The convention will be held at the Best Western-Birmingham Inn.

Dr. Max Hocutt is the chairman of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Alabama. Dr. Hocutt is the author of many books, most recently, *First Philosophy*, and is a contributor to *Reason* magazine. He will speak on the subject of Philosophy and Education.

Jack Aikin, the newly elected chairman of the Georgia Libertarian Party will discuss the recent activities of the Georgia L.P., including the new ballot access bill recently passed in Georgia. Jack was the driving force behind this effort and will explain how it can be done in Alabama.

Scott Placek, of Auburn, will speak to us about his campaign for Auburn city council. Scott, a student at Auburn University, is bidding to become the first libertarian elected to public office in Alabama. He will provide us with a report on his campaign strategy and its progress.

The convention will be held at the Best Western-Birmingham Inn. It is located south of I-20, and just west of I-65. The phone number of the Best Western is 328-8560. The price of the convention is just \$10 and includes a copy of Murray N. Rothbard: *A Scholar In Defense of Freedom*, this new monograph contains a bibliographic essay on Rothbard by David Gordon, and a list of just about everything ever published by Rothbard, who is the intellectual leader of the modern libertarian movement. This new publication of the Mises Institute (in honor of Murray's 60th birthday) is a \$5.00 value and is an important addition to any library.

TAX PROTEST

Alabama libertarians held a Tax Protest Day rally, April 15th at the Birmingham Post Office. The event, to protest the Income Tax featured local libertarians carrying signs and distributing literature to people paying their taxes. The events was witnessed by hundreds of taxpayers and the media.

FRITZ BLITZ

Marshall Fritz, the chairman of the "Advocates For Self Government" has just finished a whirlwind tour of the south that centered on the state of Alabama. Marshall's goal is to "find" new libertarians through his hardhitting presentation of "An Introduction To Libertarianism".

The southern tour began with a stop in Atlanta, Georgia. On the 20th of April he presented a seminar to about 20 local libertarians called "How To Become A Blackbelt Libertarian". The purpose of the seminar is to teach the fine art of ideological self defense. On the 22nd he presented "An Introduction to Libertarianism" to a record crowd of 61 at Dekalb Community College.

Marshall arrived in Auburn, Alabama at 10:00 a.m., April 23rd just in time to do an hour long radio interview that was broadcast to the greater Birmingham area. Marshall spoke to two groups of 40 Auburn University students later that day on the subject of "The Ethics of Taxation". That night he gave his "Intro" talk to a group of 45 students and faculty members. The A.U. Students of Objectivism cosponsored Marshall's visit to Auburn.

The 24th found Marshall in Birmingham. His final Alabama engagement was his "Intro" presentation at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. This event was cosponsored by the Department of Political Science at U.A.B. A great crowd of 57 were present. The next day, Marshall flew out of Birmingham for a three city tour in Florida.

TIBOR MACHAN COMING TO AUBURN

Tibor Machan, a leading libertarian philosopher, will be a member of the Auburn University Department of Philosophy, starting in the fall of 1986.

Machan is best known to libertarians for his articles and contributions as senior editor of Reason magazine. He has also published scholarly books and articles on everything from human rights to economic regulation.

He will join a small but distinguished department at Auburn. Delos B. McKown is a leading scholar in Secular Humanism. Robert Andelson is an expert on Henry George, an early libertarian philosopher who was responsible for the "Single Tax" movement.

The addition of Machan to Auburn's faculty places Alabama near the top in the study of the philosophy of liberty.

PLACEK RUNNING FOR AUBURN CITY COUNCIL

Scott Placek of Auburn has announced his intentions to seek a seat on the Auburn City Council.

Scott is running a campaign of reducing taxes and government spending, privatizing city services, and improving education by allowing parents to make more decisions concerning the education of their children.

He will face two opponents in the July 8th election. Scott is bidding to become the first libertarian elected to public office in Alabama. You can contact Scott at 317 S. College St., Auburn 36830 or call at 205-821-0813.

TAX FREEDOM DAY

A Tax Freedom Day celebration-dinner was held at the home of Frank and Desta Monachelli. The May 17th event saw several libertarians celebrating freedom of taxation for 1986!

Tax Freedom Day is the day of the year that the average American worker begins to "earn" take-home pay. In other words, the average American must work from Jan. 1st to May 17th just to pay taxes. This means that we must work 3 hours out of every 8 hours just to pay taxes. In 1930, Tax Freedom Day was on February 17th and you only had to work 17 minutes out of an 8 hour shift to pay your federal taxes!

A spokesman for the group indicated that it was a great evening of good food and good fun. He also indicated that the group hoped to hold future such celebrations earlier in the year.

"THE NATIONAL DEBT"

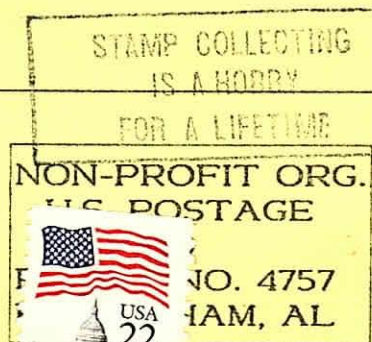
Thomas Jefferson, writing in 1813 on why the new government of a nation may have the moral authority to repudiate a burdensome public debt (Wall Street Journal 6/4) :

A new majority have come into place, in their own right, and not under the rights, the conditions, or laws of their predecessors. Are they bound to acknowledge the debt, to consider the preceding generation as having had a right to eat up the whole soil of their country, in the course of a life, to alienate it from them, (for it would be an alienation to the creditors) and would they think themselves either legally or morally bound to give up their country and emigrate to another for subsistence? Everyone will say no; that the soil is the gift of God to the living, as much as it had been to the deceased generation; and that the laws of nature impose no obligation on them to pay this debt.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE 21	" STATE CONVENTION "
JULY 4	LIBERTY PICNIC
JULY ?	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20	HARVEST DANCE
NOVEMBER	CASINO NIGHT
DECEMBER 20	SEASONAL CELEBRATION

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