LET THE LIGHT OF FREEDOM SHINE ON CHINA!

Demonstrations across the country in support of the Chinese students have generated opportunities for Libertarians to proclaim liberty.

- Bob Waldrop of UT, while visiting OK, was well received as he addressed a crowd of students. Literature was taken with great enthusiasm and he was bombarded with inquiries.

- In Philadelphia, Don Ernsberger lead demonstrators with his guitar, spreading the message of freedom with a selection of folk songs.

- Nat'l office staffers Richard Perry and Me Me King joined hundreds of Chinese sympathizers in front of the Chinese Embassy in D.C. Perry saturated the crowd with literature and King was featured in a live interview by National Public Radio.

- A number of Libertarian groups in CA have shown their support in the Chinese fight for freedom.

You too can show your support by submitting letters to the editors, contacting your local TV and radio stations, align with others who are demonstrating for democracy.

COMING: A FLASH FROM THE PAST

A special to Liberty Pledge News begins next month, an archival clipping will be featured...you've come a long way LP!

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

We have been hearing from folks all over the country, states are reporting full delegations will be attending the National Convention in Philadelphia.

Featured speakers Charles Murray, Walter Williams, Nobel Peace Prize nominees Leon Louw and Frances Kendall will address convention goers.

C-Span has committed to cover our convention live and will rebroadcast keynote speakers and panels for those unable to attend. (Get your VCRs ready!)

There is still plenty of time to register for this exciting convention---don't miss it!

LP TASK FORCE

With the "nuts and bolts" falling in place at the National Office, the LNC is shifting its emphasis to set up task forces to deal with issues of liberty. Aligning with groups that share our views on personal or economic freedoms, taking part in community activities, and focusing on current issues are just the first steps. This is truly an exciting time for the LP, with situations like the one in China, being "out front" in the public is very positive. As other situations arise the LP will be ready with statements of position and the media as well as the public will be very aware of our presence.

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Bill for New Election Petitions Should Be Vetoed, Author Says

By A.L. May
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After minor political parties and civil libertarians threatened to protest a new method of collecting signatures for election petitions, the legislator who wrote the bill asked Gov. Joe Frank Harris on Wednesday for a veto.

"It's technically flawed," said Rep. Bob Holmes (D-Atlanta), chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee and chief sponsor of the bill, passed recently by the Legislature.

After talking to lawyers in the state attorney general's office and aides to Mr. Harris, Mr. Holmes said they agreed there was "no way to salvage the measure" except to have the Legislature readdress it next year. The delay could make it difficult to apply a new system for petitions to the 1990 elections.

The legislation would convert election petitions in Georgia, which are now collected on long forms, to a system of individual cards signed by voters. Election officials want to make the verifying easier by requiring petitioners to present signatures on individual cards, in alphabetical order and grouped by county. County voter rolls, against which the signatures are checked, are in alphabetical order.

The change has been sought by state election officials who said they spent almost $70,000 last year verifying the signatures filed by the New Alliance and Libertarian parties, which ultimately won spots on the Georgia ballot.

Mr. Harris, who earlier said he was undecided on the measure, normally vetoes bills if his authors request it.

Under Georgia law, an independent candidate or a political party that has not received certain levels of voter support in the past must petition for a place on the statewide ballot by presenting the signatures of at least 1 percent of the state's registered voters. To stay on the ballot, the party must receive votes from 1 percent of the registered voters. Last year, the Libertarians achieved that level and will be on the 1990 ballot. "The idea was never to increase the hardship for them to get on the ballot," said state Election Director H. Jeff Lanier, who noted that the state lowered its petition requirements several years ago after the Libertarians filed a lawsuit.

With the support of the ACLU, representatives of the New Alliance and Libertarian parties have protested the bill in part because it requires minor parties to meet extra requirements without the notary requirement was an accident of legal drafting.

Laughlin McDonald, director of the Southern regional office of the ACLU, said the proposed card system would still be objectionable even without the notary requirement if it forces minor parties to meet extra requirements without the state showing there was a "compelling interest" other than ease of counting.

Special Elections Draw Media Attention

How can we spread the word about Libertarianism? How can we get the media to cover Libertarian candidates during elections? These questions can best be answered over the next few months as several Congressmen will be resigning. Special elections will be held and this gives the Libertarian Party an excellent opportunity to run viable candidates, challenging the Demopubilicans by keeping the issues of their race before the people.

Craig McCune of Wyoming did extraordinarily well in the media, receiving endorsements from two of Wyoming's largest papers. The media attention McCune received resulted in a vote total of 5,921.

As in any election, more and more inquirers about the LP, your state and national memberships grow, the Party becomes increasingly credible and ultimately the media seeks you out!

"Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations - entangling alliances with none." - Thomas Jefferson

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'The RICO (federal Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act) allows the government to seize Michael Milken's assets even before a conviction, if any. We think that is unconstitutional, and also a conflict of interest as the government will be a direct beneficiary of the confiscation.'

John Vernon,
Chairman of the Libertarian Party of California, Van Nuys
New bill should settle minority parties suit

A lawyer for the state said Friday a bill awaiting the governor's signature will settle the current dispute about ballot access for minority parties in Nevada.

The bill followed a legal challenge by the Libertarian Party last November, which contended the limitation of one candidate per party to run in a runoff if no candidates filed from the opposing party.

Nevada recognized two major political parties — Democrats and Republicans. The Libertarians won an injunction last November after two Democrats were tabbed to challenge one Libertarian in three separate races.

Deputy Attorney General Melanie Foster told U.S. District Judge Lloyd D. George that the law passed Monday "solves the problem that put us in court.

Lind and Walton denied they were interfering with Romer's own constitutional rights to take a public stand on an issue.

"We don't know how much citizens' rights are worth, but there has been a serious infringement," Walton said. "We think this amount is something that will get their attention. We think there should be severe penalties imposed for this type of harassment."
TORCH CLUB members will be our guests of honor at a private luncheon held Friday, September 1, during the next National Convention in Philadelphia over the Labor Day weekend. Come and talk with former national candidates, Party officers and other special Libertarian dignitaries, in an informal social setting. You will also receive a beautiful Libertarian Party lapel pin. Torch Club members are also invited to attend the President's Club event.

PRESIDENT'S CLUB members are invited to a private cocktail party to be held the evening of the Convention banquet, Saturday, September 2nd. This event will be attended by many of our former Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates. It will be a chance for President's Club guests of honor to enjoy conversation and anecdotes about past campaigns, the candidates' current activities and future plans. In addition, President's Club members will receive a Libertarian Party lapel pin as a token of our thanks.

VICE PRESIDENT'S CLUB members will also receive their lapel pin as a symbol of our appreciation for those significant contributors to the Libertarian Party. Wear your pin with pride. In addition, you will receive a handsome tote bag with a Libertarian Party design on the side. Perfect for carrying all your National Convention papers.

☐ YES! I WANT TO HELP SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE TORCH CLUB. TORCH CLUB members are those who contribute $1,000 or more in a calendar year or make a year long monthly pledge of $100 per month. ENCLOSED IS MY $1,000 CONTRIBUTION*.
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☐ I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB by contributing $600 - $900 in a calendar year or pledging $50 - $99 per month for one year.
☐ ENCLOSED IS MY CONTRIBUTION OF: ☐ $600 ☐ $750 ☐ $750 ☐ OTHER______________.
☐ I prefer to join the PRESIDENT'S CLUB by making a year long monthly pledge of: ☐ $50 ☐ $75 ☐ $75 ☐ OTHER______________. My first pledge payment is enclosed.

☐ I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S CLUB for those who contribute $300 - $599 in a calendar year or pledge $25 - $49 a year.
☐ ENCLOSED IS MY CONTRIBUTION OF: ☐ $300 ☐ $500 ☐ $500 ☐ OTHER______________.
☐ I prefer to join the VICE PRESIDENT'S CLUB by making a monthly pledge of: ☐ $25 ☐ $35 ☐ $35 ☐ OTHER______________. My first month's pledge is enclosed.

☐ I prefer to enclose a contribution of $______________ at this time.
*Contributions to political parties are not tax deductible and are limited by federal election law to $20,000 per year.
‡All who make a monthly pledge will receive LIBERTY PLEDGE NEWS.

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