campaign news

TONIE NATHAN VISITS NINE STATES ON FOUR-WEEK TOUR

The American people were given a large dose of libertarian ideas in October, thanks to the tireless efforts of John Hospers and Tonie Nathan. Tonie spent virtually the entire month "on the road," campaigning in nine states across the country, while Dr. Hospers has been flying up and down the West Coast, speaking to various groups and giving interviews to radio and TV stations, and numerous newspaper reporters.

Tonie left Oregon on October 3rd, and flew to Dallas, where the Texas LP arranged several speeches and interviews. Then, on to Houston, where she spent five days at the national convention of Theta Sigma Phi, the association of women in journalism, talking about libertarianism to women in media from all over the country. While in Houston, she also held two press conferences, and was interviewed at length on several radio programs.

Next, to Philadelphia, where LP Chairman Bill Cohen had set up a dizzying schedule of appearances; media coverage in Philadelphia was excellent. Then to Massachusetts and New Hampshire, where she spoke at several colleges, including Harvard and MIT.

On to New York, where she met with the leaders of the booming NY Party, and again received good media exposure. Following that, two days in Michigan, speaking to student audiences. And then two days in Albuquerque, where she again received good media coverage.

Next stop, Colorado Springs, where she spoke at the Colo. LP state convention. Her talk was given prominent coverage on both Colorado Springs and Denver television, and made the front page of the Colorado Springs Sun (the LeFevre-influenced Gazette ignored her).

And finally, to Seattle, where she spent the week of October 22-29 campaigning long and hard. Washington, along with Colorado, is one of the states where the H-N ticket will definitely be on the ballot.

Meanwhile, Dr. Hospers has spent every available spare moment speaking in cities up and down the length of California -- Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, and others -- and talking to media reporters; literally dozens of stories have appeared in California papers, and he has been on radio and TV many times. As a result of this exposure, and the highly efficient work of California LP leaders Alan Coon, Ed Crane and Bill Susel, the CLP now has several hundred members, and over 1,000 voters registered as Libertarians.

John was also interviewed by AP correspondent Steve Lawrence, and the resulting story (several hundred words, and quite objective) was carried by over 200 papers across the country. He was also mentioned briefly in a story on minority parties which appeared in Newsweek. In fact, the only sour note for the month was the fact that the LP was deliberately excluded from an ABC-TV program on minority parties ("Issues & Answers," October 8). This was done deliberately, as ABC had contacted us for information before the program was aired; the only parties included were far-left varieties (even the practically defunct Socialist Labor Party was included).

This double-dealing was brought to our attention by Illinois LP Chairman Alan Neumann, and many LP members have already protested to ABC and/or the FCC.

Dr. Hospers has also been to Phoenix, Arizona in recent weeks. As of press time, he is scheduled to join Tonie in Washington on the weekend of October 28-29, and to spend the weekend before Election Day in Colorado.

Both Dr. Hospers and Mrs. Nathan have stated that they have found libertarians around the country enthusiastic about the LP, and that the Party's efforts have been described by many as being responsible for the rejuvenation of the libertarian movement, which was perceived as stagnating until this summer.

NOTE: This issue of the Newsletter is only two pages long because the November issue will be a six-pager, containing full details on the various libertarian candidates' campaigns around the country. Copies of this issue can be purchased for only 5¢ apiece.
PROGRESS REPORT

Total LP membership (national and state) is now approximately 1,800, with an additional 1,200 supporters working for LP candidates. We now have members in all but three of the 50 states (ND, SD and WV), and have state chairmen in 30 states. Total funds received by the National Party and the Hospers-Nathan campaign fund have passed the $20,000 mark. Nearly 100,000 pieces of material, including 25,000 copies of the Temporary and Permanent Platforms, have been distributed by National HQ. At least as much, if not more, has been distributed by the various state parties.

The four state chairmen who have come in since last month are:

ARIZONA -- David Fowler, 2407 N. 16th Street, Phoenix 85006

HAWAII -- David A. Lizzio, 225 Lana #3A, Las Vegas 89109

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OHIO -- Kay G. Harroff, 696 Broadway, Bedford 44146

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SURVEY OF LIBERTARIANS

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