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### STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO MEET

#### OPINIONS/ISSUES SOLICITED

The next meeting of the LPVA Central Committee will be held in Williamsburg on Saturday, January 10th, 1981. The amount that will be accomplished at this meeting depends to a large degree on the amount of coordination that takes place in advance of the meeting. To this end, I will be meeting informally with Michel La Vean and Jerry Sklute in Richmond (1710 Wilmington Ave., 355-1923) on the 3rd and 4th of January. At this meeting topics to be considered at the upcoming Central Committee meeting will be discussed and formal motions will be drafted and typed, along with the agenda.

One issue which came up in the last meeting and which is likely to be brought up again this January is the question of a platform on issues of concern to Virginians (assuming national issues are handled by the National Convention). The questions are: Should the Central Committee establish such a platform at all? Should such a platform be presented to the April State Convention for adoption? Which issues should be addressed? Should mixed issues (like SALT, ERA, abortion, etc.) be addressed, even when different local Virginian Libertarian Candidates will be running on apparently opposite sides of such issues? Will such a platform handicap Libertarian candidates or will it better direct their efforts to the benefit of the Libertarian cause, or both?

My address is given below for anyone interested in putting their ideas on paper on this topic or on any other topic. Those letters reaching me before my trip to Richmond on the third will affect the motions drawn up at that meeting. You are

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### A TRIBUTE TO LPVA ACTIVISTS



#### Things to do today.

1. Call Board of Elections to find out what is necessary for the Libertarian Party to appear on the ballot in Virginia -- 10,000+ signatures!
2. Petition two hours in the morning.
3. Check Post Office box.
4. Write three letters.
5. Make bank deposit.
6. Read paper and write a response letter to the editor.
7. Call Virginia Beach & Roanoke to check on their meetings.

This is a partial list of things for *Jim Crowe* to do. His constant presence and involvement did lead to one thing -- accomplishment. He found out what was necessary in order for the LPVA to appear on the ballot and made certain that those requirements were met. He collected signatures for the ballot drive -- more than anyone else in the state -- and hounded enough to make the other libertarians produce the remainder needed to qualify the LPVA along with all of the other states.

He organized local meetings in Roanoke, Blacksburg, Va. Beach, Lynchburg and Charlottesville for the Clark Campaign. In between, Jim kept up correspondence as the Secretary/Treasurer, worked the State Fair booth, helped with Jim Turney's campaign, distributed Clark pamphlets door-to-door, wrote letters to the editor, helped with the literature to the schools and news-letter mailings, held meetings locally and state-wide, coordinated the Clark visit

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## FROM THE EDITOR:

Well, we are off and running. Please notice that this issue of LIBERTYVA is loaded with reports of activity all over the state. You can almost feel us growing.

Subscriptions to the newsletter are still dribbling in, but a substantial number of readers will not get this issue because they have not sent in a subscription. TANSTAFL. Please ask your friends if they got a copy, and if not, show them what they missed and tell them we miss their support. Copies will be sent to all new subscribers.

People in the 1st District who were X'd will still get this issue because it is their invitation to the 1st District Convention. However, a red X this time is final.

Many members have not signed new oaths. If we have a signature, your label has a blue M on it. If no blue M, please send us a signed coupon. Please join National while you are at it, so we can be fully represented at the convention.

The deadline for the next issue is January 10th - please try to send material earlier, so the newsletter can be mailed before the 20th.

Jerry Skute  
804/458-4279

### 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 \$3.50/100 FROM THE LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, 2390 WISCONSIN AVE., NW, SUITE 201, WASHINGTON, DC 20007.

JIM CROWE *continued*

to Richmond, was the Virginia Chair for the Clark campaign and then the coordinator for Virginia volunteers for Clark, and was a main source of information for what was taking place at National Headquarters and the various centers around the state and around the country. For the last few months, before he left for Saudi Arabia, Jim was the State Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Virginia.

As Libertarians, we all owe Jim a lot for his ceaseless efforts and devotion to Libertarian principles. Our best way to say "thanks" would be to continue to build on what he has helped us achieve in Virginia.

Jim Crowe's recipe for success is what all Libertarians need to follow if we want to succeed -- WORK: If you want something to be done, do it.

Mary Godsey

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STEW - I WROTE "PLEASE COME"  
TO EVERYONE ON YOUR  
LIST. ✓

## DISTRICT NEWS

### FIRST DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Libertarian Party, 1st Congressional District, will hold its convention on January 10, 1981 at the Howard Johnson's in Williamsburg. You are invited to attend and contribute your ideas on where and how we should be going for the next two years. The primary items of business will be to elect a chairman and to set up local and county organizations. Nominations and volunteers will be accepted at the meeting. The meeting will be followed by a showing of the film; "The Incredible Bread Machine" and then by a meeting of the LPVA State Central Committee. You are invited to participate in both.

HoJo's has provided us with the meeting room free so we are encouraging everyone to stay afterward for food and/or drink. If you would like to remain for some socializing with other Libertarians, plan accordingly. The schedule for Saturday is:  
12:30-1:15 First District Meeting/Election  
1:15 -2:00 Film - "The Incredible Bread Machine"

2:00 - ? State Central Committee Meeting  
Followed by social gathering and dinner.

Directions to the meeting place at 1800 Richmond Road (phone 229-7492):

From Richmond: I 64 East; First Williamsburg exit; Follow 'via route 60' signs 13 miles to restaurant on your right.

From Norfolk: I 64 West; Camp Perry Exit; Follow 'to Williamsburg' signs to Route 132; Turn right onto Route 132; Turn right onto Route 60 (Richmond Road) West; restaurant on left.

If you need more information, please contact:  
Ray Johnson 804 877-2922 or  
Stew Engel 703 663-2279  
Stew Engel

OUR PLAN TO PUBLISH COMPLETE ELECTION RESULTS IN THIS ISSUE TURNED OUT TO BE IMPRACTICAL: THE OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS FOR VIRGINIA TOTAL 31 PAGES--THIS COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED IN THE NEWSLETTER.

DATA BY CITY, COUNTY AND DISTRICT IS AVAILABLE AND WILL BE SENT TO ANYONE WHO REQUESTS SPECIFIC INFORMATION. PRECINCT DATA IS AVAILABLE FROM YOUR LOCAL ELECTION BOARD. SEND REQUESTS TO LPVA, P O BOX 1449, HOPEWELL, VA. 23860. Jerry Sklute

### SECOND DISTRICT NEWS

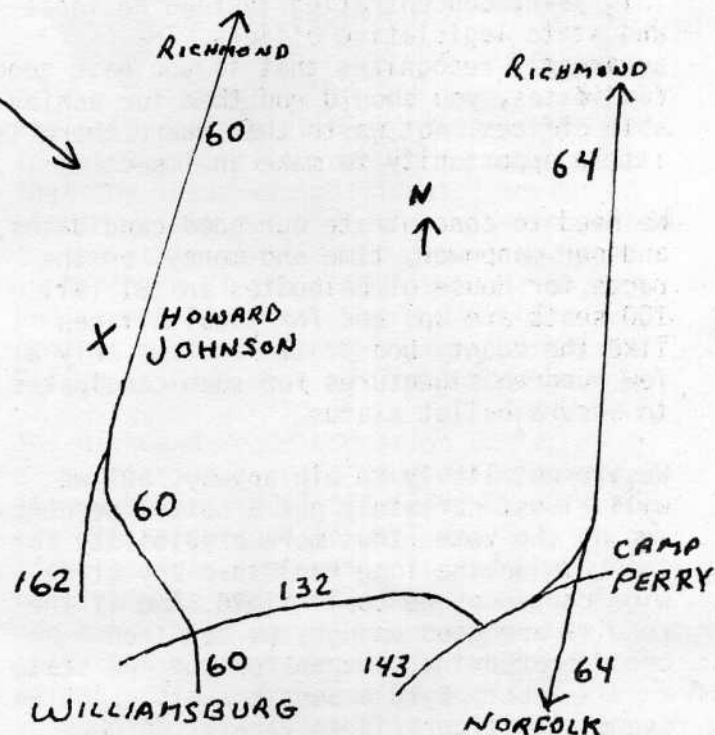
After taking a few weeks off to wind down after the elections, Second District Libertarians regrouped at the Henry Thrasher residence on November 23th to discuss election results and future plans of the local organization.

The Tidewater group is proud to have waged the most successful federal campaign (percentage-wise) of any Libertarian Party candidate! Candidate Ken Morrison expressed hope that his campaign would help pave the way for future victories. Ken, and Campaign Chairman Henry Thrasher deserve special thanks for lending their time and energy to the cause.

The Tidewater group has developed plans to hold monthly dinner meetings, the first of which was held on December 10th at the Thalhimer's at Military Circle in Norfolk. Plans are being made to line up speakers for future dinners. Anyone interested in attending these meetings can get details from Henry Thrasher.

John Alluisi  
Virginia Beach

### MAP TO WILLIAMSBURG MEETINGS



## NO STATEWIDE CANDIDATES

One of the most important issues at the upcoming convention of the LPV A will be whether or not we intend to nominate candidates for statewide office in 1981. We believe that running candidates for statewide offices would be a mistake. Here are just a few reasons:

In order to get our candidates on the ballot, we would have to go through another 1980 style petition drive, with over 10,000 valid signatures per candidate required. As those persons who suffered through the '80 drive know, separate signature sheets are required for each city or county, for each candidate. It's hard enough to convince the average person to sign one petition, much less three. The result, as several downstate activists testified at the last State Central Committee meeting, would be an early burnout of many persons needed for the fall campaigns.

Successful third parties are generally built from the bottom up, as one constructs a house, not from the top down. The Alaska LP -- one of the few to show any real results -- operates on this principle. The ALP did not contest the House or Senate race this year, concentrating instead on local and state legislative offices. The ALP apparently recognizes that if you have good candidates, you should run them for achievable offices, not waste them where there is little opportunity to make an impact.

We need to concentrate our good candidates, and our manpower, time and money, on the races for House of Delegates in '81 (all 100 seats are up) and for local offices like the county board. It requires only a few hundred signatures for such candidates to secure ballot status.

We are not likely to win anyway, but we will almost certainly get a better percentage of the vote (thus more credibility for the LPVA in the long run) than any statewide contender we could field. And if the results are good enough, we can then consider running someone for one '82 state race -- Harry Byrd's Senate seat, which he seems almost certain to vacate.

Julie Floyd     Scott Royce  
Arlington

## LIBERTARIAN LIMERICK

The election this year would be close;  
At least, so the polls like to boast.  
So they pulled Ronald's lever,  
Shouting, "Jimmy? No, never!"  
And Reagan got votes coast to coast.

"Vote for Jimmy? I'd rather be dead!"  
The though swam in everyone's head.  
They thought they chose best,  
But they settled for less,  
When they didn't vote Clark's way instead.

The lesson is perfectly clear:  
Vote out of trust, not through fear!  
The L. P. V. A.  
Can show you the way,  
Just follow us next voting year!  
Sabrina Sklute  
Chester

## LIBERTARIAN CHRISTMAS

The holiday season is upon us, and we in the Libertarian Party of Virginia are asking you for consideration: No, not for us; but for the National Party. While we talk of Joy, Gifts and Holiday Cheer, the staff at the National Headquarters are going without even their paychecks. In the true spirit of Christmas, these committed men and women are giving their time because they love Liberty. This is the true spirit of Christmas, personal sacrifice to benefit the ones you love.

I'm not asking you to inconvenience yourself. I'm not asking you to make a donation (although I am sure it would be appreciated). I am asking you to share the feeling of closeness that we all feel this time of year, by joining the National Party. The fee is only ten dollars. Not only will you be helping the Libertarian Party, but you'll be giving yourself a subscription to the LP NEWS. You'll get the National mailings and be kept abreast of everything happening in our expanding movement.

Yes, you'll get a lot, and if enough of you help financially, maybe the staff of the National Party will have a paycheck this Christmas, but most of all, you'll be showing them that they are not alone, and that their commitment to liberty is deeply appreciated.

Please join me by joining today.

Michel La Vean  
Richmond

use coupon on page 11



## BEST LETTER TO THE EDITOR

You and your columnists constantly are alarming us about the Soviet Union outspending the United States militarily. Yet according to an article by Barry Posen and Steven Van Evera printed in the Wall Street Journal (February 2) the Warsaw Pact nations are not outspending the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the U.S. is outspending the rest of NATO. And a quarter of the Soviet Union's military effort is directed toward China.

If an unfavorable military balance exists, it is certainly not due to lack of spending by the U.S. More spending by the U.S. alone will cause our goods to become even more competitive with those of nations whose defense we supply gratis.

Oil blackmail? No matter who controls the world's energy, it will still be sold and/or consumed. We have no God-given mandate to allocate it by force.

The solution? Equitable, economical, non-hysterical collective security, keeping in mind that the Soviet Union cannot get to North America and would not want to come if it could, and that our allies are lying down on us.

*Horace D. McCowan Jr.*

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Monday, January 5th, 1981, is a BLACK MONDAY for all people who love liberty. Our government is once more asserting its raw power and showing everyone that we are all owned by the state.

On that day, continual "registration" begins again, and all American boys will have to register within one month of their eighteenth birthday under penalty of fines or jail.

President-elect Reagan has spoken against registration and the draft many times in the past, but he has not said what he will do when he officially becomes President. Many of the representatives which we elected to preserve our liberty are clamoring for him to continue registration. You may be able to sway him by writing a letter. Send them to: Ronald Reagan, c/o Transition Team, 1726 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20270.

The only real solution to this atrocity is to get the American people to understand that the issue is individual liberty; either we own our bodies or else we belong to the state. Anti-draft groups are active in Northern Virginia (NVAIS-Scott Royce) and around Richmond, where CARD plans a protest march in front of the Main Post Office at High Noon on Black Monday.

The Richmond Peace Education Center is also offering a draft counseling service (Steve Hodges (804) 358-1958) where young men are encouraged to call to learn what (few) options are available and what the requirements and penalties are, so they can make their decision knowledgeably. This counselling service is free and does not advocate any course of action -- the young high school students will have to make their first big decision all alone.

*Jerry Sklute*

## LIBERTARIAN VOTERS, WHERE ARE YOU?

Over 20,000 people in Virginia voted for a Libertarian candidate in this year's election. Although some of the voters are undoubtedly hard-core libertarians, most of them probably are potential libertarians who are sympathetic to the Libertarian position on certain issues. We need to know who these people are so that we can get them involved in the libertarian movement. In order to reach these people, the Libertarian Activist Network, P.O.Box 25188, Richmond, Va. 23260, has printed mini-posters designed to help us find out who our friends are. These posters are meant to be placed in any public location; colleges, laundromats, libraries, etc., wherever people gather. All responses will be turned over to the LPVA Membership Chair for follow-up. While we plan to cover Richmond, people in other areas who like this idea can get these mini-posters for a nominal cost by responding to the ad below. *Ron Courtney*

### 20,000 Virginians Voted Libertarian Nov. 4th. Liberty VA. reaches 1300 of them.

Who are the others? Find out!

The Libertarian Activist Network wants to help find these people and tell them - they're not alone.

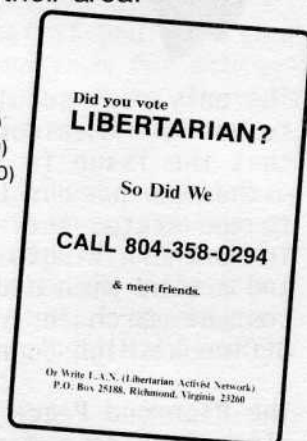
Anyone circulating these 8½" x 5½" posters will receive from L.A.N. the names & addresses of interested Libertarians in their area.

Call us today.

Yes! Send me ☐ 100 posters (\$3.75)  
☐ 500 posters (\$11.50)  
☐ 1000 posters (\$15.00)

Send to:  
L.A.N.  
P.O. Box 25188  
Richmond, Va. 23260

or call:  
(804) 358-0294



name \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

phone \_\_\_\_\_

**20,000 Libertarians out there agree with us.  
Let's find them.**

## 10TH DISTRICT MEETING REPORT

Tenth District Libertarians met in Convention on December 6, 1980 to choose officers and adopt a set of bylaws. Elected without opposition to the District Chair was Julie Floyd, who ran on a platform stressing the need to organize local party units. Kathleen Taylor of McLean was chosen as District Secretary. Bylaws passed after debate lasting less than an hour. Also adopted was a resolution which commended the efforts of Ed Clark, David Koch, media director of the 1980 campaign Ed Crane, and the national headquarters staff for their "tireless efforts" to spread the Libertarian message this year.

Floyd, who served as Volunteers Coordinator of the Arlington Clark campaign, has also been active in the women's and anti-draft movements. Taylor worked as a paid staffer at Clark National Headquarters.

Convention keynote speaker Alan Crawford, author of Thunder on the Right, praised Libertarians as a "refreshing new group in an otherwise dreary political scene", and gave his insights into future Reagan policy and the position of the LP in national politics. Announcements were heard from spokesmen from NVAIS (anti-draft) and for a seminar on the subject of how to avoid paying taxes legally. Jim Hainer then addressed the meeting on the topic of inflation.

Although no theme had been planned, the de facto theme emerged each time a speaker addressed the topic of what challenge lay before the Libertarian Party: Get the message out! This last election has taught the nation a new term, "Libertarian". The next task is to teach the meaning, to publicize libertarian solutions versus libertarian positions.

Twenty LPVA members were present and voting, plus a handful of non-libertarians. A good time was had by all and all will be looking forward to the next such meeting in '81.

*Compiled from reports by  
Scott Bowden and Scott Royce*



# Find Your Political Position

*Check whether or not you agree with each statement.*

*Then see the libertarian answers on the back.*

CIVIL LIBERTIES	Yes	No	ECONOMIC FREEDOM	Yes	No
1. I oppose the draft in both wartime and peacetime.	---	---	1. Government subsidies to business, labor, education, agriculture, the sciences, the arts, or any other special interests should be abolished.	---	---
2. The government should have the power to prohibit pornography in books and films.	---	---	2. Land use should be planned and controlled by the government.	---	---
3. The right to immigrate into the U.S. should be restricted to protect American jobs.	---	---	3. Wage, price, and rent controls are sometimes necessary.	---	---
4. Children should be required by law to attend school.	---	---	4. I think the government is the major cause of inflation.	---	---
5. Government wire-tapping, "no-knock" laws, and government's power to examine bank account records should be eliminated.	---	---	5. Laws which create monopolies (such as the Post Office, utility companies, and taxi franchises) should be eliminated.	---	---
6. Homosexual activities between consenting adults should be no concern of the law.	---	---	6. To solve the energy crisis, the government should control production and allocation of oil and natural gas.	---	---
7. I approve of safety laws such as those requiring the use of seat belts and motorcycle helmets.	---	---	7. People should be permitted to decide for themselves if they want to be a part of the Social Security program.	---	---
8. There should be laws prohibiting ownership of guns, or at least requiring their registration.	---	---	8. Government should have the responsibility to provide medical care for everyone.	---	---
9. People should be permitted to decide for themselves if they want to use drugs like saccharin, laetrile, and marijuana.	---	---	9. I favor a reduction of all taxes and a substantial reduction in government spending.	---	---
10. Nude sunbathing should be prohibited on all public beaches, even isolated areas.	---	---	10. I think the minimum wage law is a good thing.	---	---

# LIBERTARIAN ANSWERS

On  
Civil Liberties

1. yes
2. no
3. no
4. no
5. yes
6. yes
7. no
8. no
9. yes
10. no

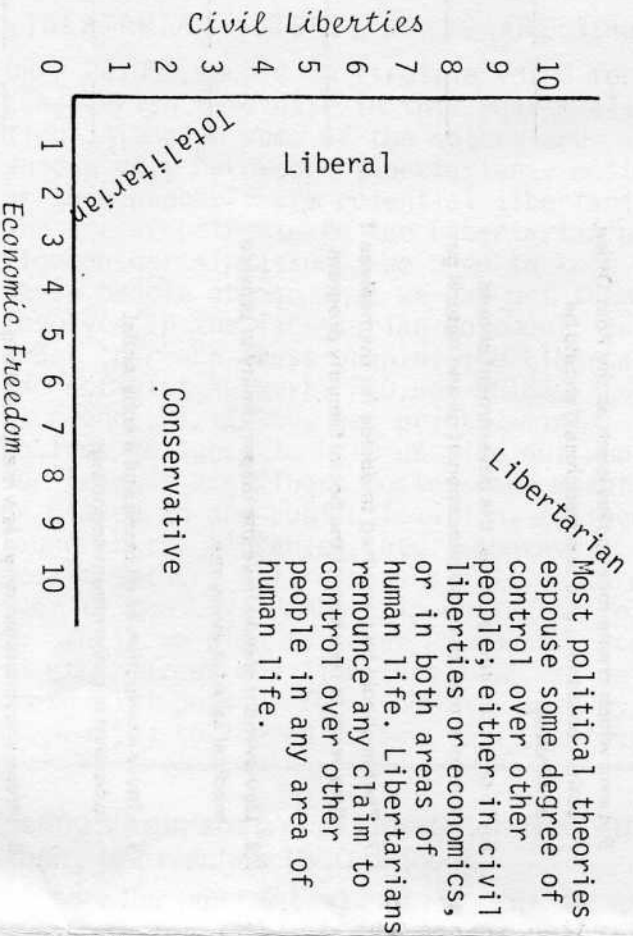
How many of your  
answers match  
these?

1. yes
2. no
3. no
4. yes
5. yes
6. no
7. yes
8. no
9. yes
10. no

On  
Economic Freedom

Totals

Find your present position on the political chart by counting to the right using your Economic Freedom score, then counting up using your Civil Liberties score. The point at which the two lines meet shows the degree of totalitarian, conservative, liberal or libertarian philosophy you have evolved to at present.



ARE YOU ONLY A GEOGRAPHIC AMERICAN? OR ARE YOU AN AMERICAN IN PRINCIPLE?

Are you a spiritual inheritor of the purpose of our founding fathers?

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it and to institute a new government."

(Paragraph 2, Declaration of Independence, 1776)

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves, and our posterity do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

(Preamble of U. S. Constitution)

How should the 20 questions be answered, based upon a principle of non-interference with force, or threat of force, in dealing with other people's life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness (property)?

HOW FAR UP THE SCALE OF TOTAL FREEDOM DO YOU DARE TO GO? GO BACK TO THE 20 QUESTIONS AND ANSWER THEM AGAIN APPLYING THE ABOVE PRINCIPLE.

NOW WHERE ARE YOU ON THE POLITICAL SCALE?

How would it affect individual life, liberty and happiness, if every American stood where you were on your first score? And on your last score...?



## NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

There was a meeting of the National Committee on the 5th and 6th of December in New Orleans. The Clark Campaign was discussed and the unanimous decision was that there was not enough time to consider all of the implications, so it was decided to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Eric O'Keefe of Michigan became the new National Director of the Libertarian Party. Eric made his reputation by being the State Chair of Michigan, a Regional Representative and the Ballot Drive Coordinator for the Clark Campaign.

Kent Guida, formerly State Chair of Maryland, has become the new National Membership Director.

The Computer Oversight Committee reported that our current computer took us through the campaign, thanks to Dallas Cooley, but we are victims of our own success! The computer can no longer hold all of the names acquired throughout the campaign. Craig Franklin (North Carolina), the Committee Chairman, is currently raising money to buy a new computer. Anyone interested in investing in third party computer leasing agreements is urged to call Craig at 919 544-3427. Craig is often quoted as saying, "HELP THE PARTY AT A PROFIT."

New York was awarded the 1984 presidential nominating convention and the National Committee expressed the desire that it be held during the primary season in the spring of 1984. *Michel La Vean*

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE *continued*

also welcome to submit your ideas to your District Chair and to your LPVA newsletter editor, or bring/call at Michel LaVean's house, where we will be meeting.

A message to the fifteen members of the State Central Committee: If you are unable to attend the Williamsburg meeting, please proxy your vote, so we can get a good cross section of members voting, as at the Charlottesville meeting. Proxies can be hand delivered to the meeting by the person to whom you have proxied your vote.

*Scott Bowden*

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McLean, Va. 22102

## FORTRESS AMERICA *continued*

people of Afghanistan, who have held the Russian army off for months? Would the communists attempt a military takeover? Not likely. Another big lie, accepted as truth by almost everybody.

Why does our government continually scare us with this threat? Why do the statist and the media continually support these lies? Some of course, are just parroting what they have been hearing for 35 years, without thinking about it. But our leaders, especially our military and foreign policy leaders, must know that this threat does not exist. What do they gain by having us believe? They gain POWER: Power to spend money on cost-plus contracts given to people who support the politicians. Power to control those same people. Power to tax us more and more. Power to blackmail our "allies", or to bribe them to support us, which doesn't always work. Power to enact emergency measures over our lives and property. Power to enslave us with the draft. Power to manipulate the economy, which got us into World War II, and may get us into World War III. Power to threaten anyone who would oppose them, including all the media, which once stood guard against the government, but now is in cahoots, partly out of fear, and partly because they get power from this support.

Some people will try to ignore these arguments by saying that they are "simplistic", or "too black and white", that the issue is "more complex". This is another technique for countering facts with emotion, somehow equating "simplicity" with "stupidity". If the facts are true and the logic makes sense, the conclusion must be correct. After all,  $1 + 1 = 2$  is very simple, but it is correct!

A "Fortress America" where we defend only our shores, where we do not meddle in the affairs of other countries, where we do not give away billions of tax dollars, and where there is minimum risk of any confrontation with communists is just what the average American wants. We must teach them that this will only happen with a Libertarian Foreign Policy. Every time someone uses the term "Fortress America" we must challenge the concept, and show people that it is just not true. Once they understand that, they will understand that their real enemy is the present government, which they elected.

## LIBERTARIAN MAGAZINE PROJECT

One of the main problems confronting Libertarians is the lack of familiarity with our ideas in the mainstream of American culture. Conservative, liberal, democrat and republican, all are familiar terms that most people have heard all their lives and are comfortable with. Since many people are threatened by new ideas, we need to make libertarian ideas pop up so frequently in the culture that the average person no longer feels threatened by them. One of the ways to do this is to make libertarian publications as visible as possible

In Richmond, one of the projects some of us are working on is to get libertarian magazines in public or semi-public places such as doctor's offices, libraries, etc. The people who publish Libertarian Review are sending us sixty copies of recent back issues at no charge except postage and we have agreed to place the magazines in public locations where they will be available for people to browse through. Since most Doctor's offices have magazines dating back at least a year, it's likely that a copy of a libertarian magazine left there will stay for a good while and many people will casually pick it up and read an article or two.

We're also trying to get the Richmond Public Library to subscribe to a libertarian publication, but with no success so far, even though we have offered to give them a gift subscription (to the Libertarian Review). Although they gave us several bureaucratic reasons for refusing our offer, it is believed that they were afraid of controversial ideas on their magazine rack, and that the very title, Libertarian Review, made them nervous. It would perhaps be better to use Inquiry or Reason to present to a library since these do not appear to be so specifically "libertarian" as the Review.

One important fact that we have learned in this project is that you will not get non-libertarians (such as head librarians) to cooperate with you if you appear to threaten either their values or their territory, so choose your publications carefully. The simplest way to get a radical idea accepted is to give it a familiar, non-threatening appearance. This way you won't have to spend a lot of valuable time overcoming someone's initial fear of something new and unknown.

Ron Courtney  
Richmond

## WE HAVE NOT YET BEGUN TO FIGHT

It was 1780 and the British under Lord Cornwallis had overrun the state of South Carolina. Across the border, in the village of Charlotte, a tired governor, John Rutledge, began the weary task of setting up a government in exile. It was to Charlott that the "rebels" retreated, still reeling from the battering that they had taken in their struggle against tyranny.

There were no recriminations or finger pointing, Charleston was occupied by foreign troops and there was work to be done. General Rutledge called together three militia officers, Francis Marion, Andrew Pickens and Thomas Sumter.

"Some of our people", the governor said, "may agree with the British that South Carolina is prostrate. But I'm encouraged. Not one of the dozens of officers who have come here in the past few days has even thought about surrendering. Neither have I, although there is little that I can do at the present. I must rely on you."

"For the present I can give you only my prayers. I have no funds. Your men will have to serve under you in good faith and wait until we regain control of our state before we can pay their wages. I am writting to General Washington and the Continental Congress, but I expect little help from either. They're having their own problems."

By 1782, the "Swamp Fox" and "Light Horse Harry" Lee had made life so unpleasant for their oppressors, that Cornwallis abandoned South Carolina and began the retreat north that became known as the Yorktown Campaign. The United States won its independence because patriots refused to be beaten.

It is now 1980. Two hundred years later we find ourselves in Governor Rutledge's shoes. We have made progress, although not as much as some would have liked. We cannot allow ourselves to become weak. We cannot tolerate anything that would prevent us from preparing for our own Yorktown Campaign in '82.

We cannot afford to adopt any posture other than one of readiness. One in which we demonstrate that we are not defeated, that we will not go away, that we will restore the American Tradition: Liberty!

Michel La Veau  
Vice Chairman



## A. P. E. S. LIBRARY

The A.P.E.S. Library, a collection of libertarian, political and economic literature, will celebrate its opening on January 6th with a pot-luck dinner at 7:30 p.m., 2125 Grove Avenue, Richmond.

Recent contributions of books, magazines, tapes and money have expanded the library from its original 165 to over 300 volumes which represent virtually every major libertarian and free market scholar, including Rothbard, Hayek, von Mises, David Friedman and many others. More contributions are welcome.

All area libertarians, active or non-active, are welcome to attend the dinner and become the library's first patrons.

Please bring a dish and something to drink. For more information, call 804 358-0294, evenings.

*Martha Hagood*

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# CALENDAR VA

## JANUARY

- 1 Start of a great year for Virginia Libertarians!
- 3,4 Agenda Meeting for State Central Committee. 1710 Wilmington Ave., Richmond 804/355-1923
- 5 Black Monday. Protest march at 12 noon in front of Main St. Post Office at 10th & Main in Richmond.
- 6 A.P.E.S. Library Dinner. 7:30 pm, 2125 Grove Ave, Richmond
- 8 3rd District Meeting at 4314 Forest Hill Ave. Richmond, 804/232-6644  
There will be a discussion of the draft.
- 10 1st District Convention at 12:30 pm  
Howard Johnson's at Williamsburg
- 10 State Central Committee Meeting at 2:00 pm following 1st District meeting. see page 3
- 14 2nd District Meeting. Contact Henry Thrasher 804/424-9857 for time and place.
- 19 Public Meeting on the Draft at 7:30 pm at the Friend's Meeting House, 4500 Kensington Ave, Richmond
- 22 3rd District Meeting at 4314 Forest Hill Ave, Richmond 804/232-6644

## FEBRUARY

- 5 3rd District Meeting. Contact Chuck Walton 804/353-3307 for time and place.
- 11 2nd District Meeting. Contact Henry Thrasher 804/424-9857 for time and place.
- 13-16 National AntiDraft Conference at Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. Contact Bruce Majors or Gillian Jewell at National HQ
- 19 3rd District Meeting. Contact Chuck Walton 804/353-3307 for time and place.

Increase attendance at your meetings by scheduling several meetings in advance and sending info to LIBERTYVA Editor.

# Common Sense, II

FORTRESS AMERICA

by Jerry Sklute

Some words or phrases have an emotional content independent of their actual meaning. Once this emotional content is accepted by people, the word or phrase becomes a "shorthand" to convey paragraphs of meaning which are very difficult to refute. Rather than attempt to debate the issue, in many cases it is more effective to use a synonym which does not contain the emotional content. Libertarians have switched from "isolationist" to "non-interventionist" for this reason, and have had some success, except that "non-interventionist" is neutral and does not have a positive emotional content to offset the negative content of "isolationist."

Other phrases with negative content used to disparage Libertarian Foreign Policy proposals are "Fortress America" and "Garrison State", now being used more and more. Rather than finding other neutral synonyms which concede the point and put us on the defensive, let's start a campaign to transform the negative connotation and show people that "Fortress America" is in their interest and is good for them!

One approach could be to explore the literal meaning of "Fortress America", which creates a vision of a huge wall on our shore, bristling with guns, keeping everyone else outside. There is no rational way anyone could use our foreign policy proposals to support this image. To the contrary, we want to tear the walls down! We want no limitations on immigration. We

want no tariffs restricting trade. We certainly do not want an 'iron curtain' keeping people in, nor repressive laws which make it difficult to travel or invest abroad. To disparage Libertarians with the literal meaning of "Fortress America" is the technique of the "big lie"--a falsehood so great that people cannot believe anyone would distort the truth so much, and so they accept it.

Another approach is to explore the current belief that withdrawal of American military forces from other countries would instantly result in communist takeovers, leaving us alone in the world. We are told that it would be much better to fight on foreign soil rather than in America. No one can argue with that idea, but what do our allies think? Do they want to sacrifice their homeland for us? Why should they? Geography does not allow them the option of fighting on foreign soil, so they do the next best thing; allow foreigners (Americans) to die on their soil! This also gives them lots of American equipment and money, and requires much less spending for defense out of their pocket. Less spending, less taxes, and German and Japanese businesses can compete very favorably for the American market, using our subsidies to milk us "rich" suckers.

If we withdrew, would these smart, vigorous and dynamic people roll over and surrender to communists? Wouldn't they fight even more effectively than the poor, backward

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*"What inducement has the farmer while following his plow, to lay aside his peaceful pursuit, and go to war with the farmer of another country? Or what inducement has the manufacturer? And are not the conquest and defeat each of the same price, and taxes the never failing consequences? war is the gambling table of governments, and citizens the dupes of the game."*

TOM PAINE

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