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FRANK TALK

By
Frank Monachelli



As our State Convention approaches it seems a fitting time to review the last two years. The ALP has come a long way, baby--thanks to the efforts of many wonderful people. Our membership has tripled, the mailing list is approaching 1,000, and numerous activities are taking place across Alabama. With your help, our growth will become exponential.

We are beginning to make a real difference, because our message makes sense--if people get a chance to consider it. The basic concepts are not complicated: Big government's taking over half of our production is the problem. More government is not the solution. Reducing the strangle hold on our wallets and interference with our personal lives will lead to a more abundant, harmonious, and just society. There is constructive debate within the libertarian movement on how much government can or should be reduced. We can disagree on some specifics. The key point however is more basic. The LP is the only political party that believes massive government is anathema to a free society--no matter what mix of the welfare/warfare state is touted.

Some people I guess are content with today's status quo. Bureaucracy, taxes, regulations, the myriad problems in our society--the belief seems to be: No problem here. Others sincerely believe Nirvana will be reached if only government can somehow control more of our lives.

Neither group minds spending millions of your tax dollars to support the other political parties and their candidates' point of view. The media falls right into step with virtual monopoly coverage of those two choices and their insignificant variations. (Maybe they have a: Well since we were paying for it already... attitude).

Advocates of limited government must therefore pay twice. Like it or not, your taxes automatically support the demopublican big bigger or biggest choices. If you want to see the laissez faire alternative presented, it takes your conscious action and your voluntary contributions. Memberships and your donations are our sole support. With your help we can continue to present the Freedom Philosophy to a growing number of Alabamians. We have included a business reply envelope in this issue. Use it to pre-register for the convention, join, renew your membership, or send in a contribution. Combining the uses is heartily encouraged. Lets make 1988 our greatest year ever.

WELCOME

TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

CHARLES HAINES
and
HENRY HASKELL
of Birmingham

JACK CADEAUX
of Northport



THE STATE STOPS HERE

By
John Sebastian
Signatory of the
North American Covenant

News from the frozen north.

Despite the appearance of glaciers in North Alabama (any snow over 4 inches is a glacier), we still managed to host two very interesting speakers at the Huntsville Supper Club.

In November, Larry Becraft, a nationally known tax lawyer whose office is here in Huntsville, came and spoke with us on a new technique he is using to defend his clients from the government.

His point is that the Constitution lists those enumerated powers given congress. At the end of that list (Article I Sec. 8) is a paragraph describing in what places the federal government has jurisdiction. As Mr. Becraft points out there are not very many places where the fed has jurisdiction. In fact, a state must cede power to any federal installation that is located in that state.

My own reading seems to bear this out, seemingly, the Constitution would nullify most of what the feds have been doing for the last seventy or so years--whenever they left the District of Columbia or their various installations in the several states. Including the income tax.

Now my opinion does not seem to carry much weight in the citadels of power, nor even the opinion of such a respected barrister as Mr. Becraft. What is interesting, though, is that Mr. Becraft has found about a hundred or so court cases in which the principle of limited federal jurisdiction was upheld. Additionally the fed's own lawyers have produced a document supporting this principle in order to avoid providing utilities for federal installations for which the states have not ceded jurisdiction.

Could Constitutional government be returned to us, because the feds were too cheap to provide toilets?

Mr. Becraft made another interesting statement. He said that he didn't see a whole lot of difference between the average Republican and Libertarians. If that's true, they sure must be upset with the people they've elected.

TOM POSEY PREDICTS HIS OWN INDICTMENT

January saw Tom Posey founder of the CMA (Civilian Military Assistance) address our small band. Mr. Posey believes that he and other members of his group will soon face charges of violating the Neutrality Act.

We have many differences, Mr. Posey and I, but the Neutrality Act seems to be about as unlibertarian as you can get. Americans should be free to support foreign insurgents as their consciences direct them. It is only our government that forces people to support insurgencies and foreign governments that so many find morally repulsive.

Things got passionate as Mr. Posey's talk progressed. Many in attendance were outraged at our government's attempts to put the CMA out of business. After all, weren't the feds doing the same thing? Tom asserted, as any Libertarian would tell you, those guys don't like competition.

And, boy, what competition! The CMA has shipped tons of non-lethal material to the Contras for a fraction of what it costs the feds to do so.

A stack of Neil Smith's New Covenants were given to Mr. Posey to take to the Contras. Libertarian International was gracious enough to supply us with the translated copies, and I want to thank them and the CMA. LIBERTARIANISM AND LATIN MACHISMO, what a thought.

EXTRA

From now on, how about referring to pennies as zinkys? It is more accurate and it calls attention to the debasement of our money.

Definition of Depression: when the Democrats and Republicans have stolen everything there is to steal.

Kevin Rowlee, the New York tax protester, has been convicted and is awaiting sentence.

Frank Camper, former operator of the "Mercenary School" outside of B-ham, is being kept in solitary confinement in a cell with broken windows at Leavenworth. As you might imagine his health has been impaired. There have already been two attempts on his life. Maybe they're

trying to freeze him to death?

As you may remember, Mr. Camper's problems began when his operation received national attention when his school was instrumental in uncovering a Sikh plot to assassinate India's Prime Minister Gandhi.

I don't know Mr. Camper, but it is my information that, off and on, he has performed discreet services for the U.S. government in Central America. Just how they get anyone to work for them is a mystery to me when the beast one serves, is so ready to devour its own.

KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY.

EXCELLENCE

by Francis Monachelli

There it stood,
The best sand castle I had ever built.
It consisted of four stories and four
towers
It had a drawbridge made of driftwood and
Twenty triangular flags made of paper
A moat, filled with water surrounded my
castle.

There I stood,
Five years old and filled with pride.
Looking down at my creation like a proud
artist.
In the background thunderous waves pounded
the beach.

And even in my monment of glory, I knew my
creation would soon be gone.

No one would know where my castle once
stood.
Just as I don't know where the many other
castles
Built on the beach once stood.

But I will never forget my castle
Or that beach with its thunderous waves.



ALPA UPDATE

by
Desta Monachelli

The 1988 Resolutions for the Alabama Libertarian Party were drawn at the December Supper Club. They are as follows:

1. Say "no" to a bureaucrat often and/or whenever we get the chance.
2. Exercise my right to assemble at protected parks.
3. Expand membership (without being over-bearing in the attempt).
4. Write Book: "How to Take Over Haiti on \$5 a Day".
5. Become and stay an ALP member.
6. Make all bureaucrats of the older party unhappy by not voting for them.
7. Continue to collect fissionable materials.
8. Organize a strong Libertarian movement in the concentration camps.
9. I resolve to make it one more year without breaking down and getting either a drivers' license or a state i.d.
10. Have a statue of Richard Arrington erected in Woodrow Wilson Park; so the pigeons can do to him what he has been doing to the taxpayers of Birmingham.
11. Hire a moving van to help President Ron Paul move into the White House.
12. Take ALL the flags down in Montgomery then raise the DON'T TREAD ON ME flag.

Congratulations, ALP! These resolutions are keepers!

ALP AWARDS NIGHT

by Steve Smith

POLITICIANS GET COAL IN STOCKING; MAYOR GRATEFUL

They never learn, do they? Local politicians seemed to go out of their way in 1987 to get on Santa's naughty list in time to receive a Libertarian coal-in-the-stocking award.

The awards were announced at the annual Christmas party hosted by the Alabama Libertarian Party Auxiliary. A certificate of deprecation, plus an actual stocking filled with coal, was later mailed to each of the deserving recipients.

The winners:

William Bell, Birmingham City Council. Lemon Award as conflict of interest co-champion for 1987. "What's good for his concessions is good for Birmingham?"

Jeff Germany, Birmingham City Council. Lemon Award. Conflict of interest co-champion with William Bell. See above.

David Orange, Jefferson County Commission. Can of Worms Award for pushing through a county income tax. "Damn the public, new tax ahead".

John Katopodis, Jefferson County Commission. Foot in Mouth Award for his general words and actions in 1987. "Next year both feet?"

Linda Coleman, Birmingham City Council. Worst Joke Award for describing the city's Southside land grab as a "win-win solution".

David Herring, Birmingham City Council. Certified Idiot Award for the Horace Parker appointment, in which he said Parker's former impeachment "is not a stumbling block".

Richard Arrington, Birmingham Mayor. Dead Carp Award for establishing a new political low by spending tax dollars to lobby voters for more taxes.

The mayor was the only one of the lucky recipients who thanked us this year. His letter to Frank Monachelli said:

Thank you for the dubious distinction of being the recipient of the Libertarian Party's "Dead Carp Award". Let's keep plugging for what we believe. Somehow it all comes together to make us a stronger city.

For being such a nice guy, we've sent him a copy of The State Against Blacks by Walter Williams. It would be nice to have the mayor plugging for the right beliefs: Maybe the Williams book will do it.

The ALP also recognized the conscientious on Awards Night. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to twenty Libertarians and friends who made significant contributions to Freedom's cause in 1987. The Champion of Liberty Award, the ALP's highest honor, was presented to John Sebastian of Huntsville for his dedication to our cause.



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SURROGATES

by Linda Harbac



In a rare period of sanity our Congress passed no laws dealing with surrogate parents. All good things come to an end, however, and this is no exception. Congress has begun hearings on the subject, and we can be sure that we will soon have laws galore on the extremely personal decisions involved in having children this way.

What the lawmakers are getting themselves worked up about is a man and a woman who are not married to each other agreeing to have a child (usually by artificial insemination--nobody's business) with the understanding that the father will have custody of the child along with his wife. The usual reason for this is that the father and his wife cannot have a child of their own and prefer to have one this way.

So what's the problem? First of all, money changes hands. The father pays the mother of his child to carry the baby plus medical expenses. If they were married to each other and made the same arrangement, it would be okay, but since they aren't there is no way this is going to remain a private deal.

Another issue is the belief, even by some of the surrogate mothers, that this somehow falls under the heading of "selling" children. How can you buy what is already yours? These are the children's fathers. They could be sued for child support if they did not take the children. They could seek custody if no money at all changed hands.

We do not need Congress deciding what the legal ways of having children are for us.

Dear Libby



Dear Libby,

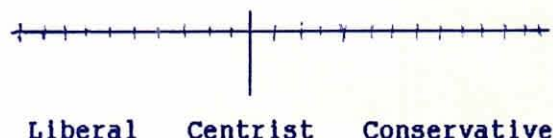
I have a dinner riding on the answer to this question; so please answer soon: Do you think the conservatives are as bad as the liberals, or are the liberals as bad as the conservatives?

Hungry to Know

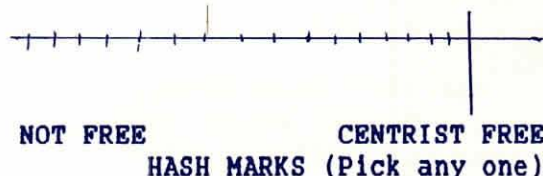
Dear Hun: If I understand you correctly, you are asking do I "lean" to the right or to the left. Who can answer that these days with the stereotypes so mixed up! We have Mr. Conservative Reagan with the biggest deficits in history. And Mr. Liberal Kennedy shutting down newspapers. Which way are they "leaning"? Over the great authoritarian sewer! The old political spectrum is cracking and both sides are falling in.

In fact, Libby has worked out her own political spectrum. (She does not like to be "boxed in" by hash marks.) Here is the comparison:

POLITICAL SPECTRUM (OLD)



POLITICAL SPECTRUM (LIBBY)



The only question required of Libby's spectrum is: Do you want to be free or not free? As I see it, Freedom is an absolute. COERCION IS A VICE. Therefore I cannot agree with either the liberal or conservative mixed bags, both of which have been seduced by power. You'll have to go Dutch Treat.

Problems? Write Dear Libby, c/o Alabama Liberty. For a personal response, enclose \$100.00 in gold.



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by Desta Monachelli

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Ego driving!
Producers dragging mortals into light
Defeating mediocrity with
Genius forging right.

Earthly living
With a vision grown in Freedom's mind
One of fair exchange of values--
Leaving slavery behind.

Pulsing. Thriving.
Ones who know the meaning of self-power.
Progeny, She nurtured you.
Is it not time to flower?

Dedicated to the memory of Ayn Rand
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Is the pen mightier than the establishment? By election day in November we can all help make the answer a resounding YES! Each month the Paul Campaign is targeting an "Action Item". Supporters, dubbed Eagle Pens, then send as many letters as they friends and relatives can. Will it work? It's already working. One of the first targets was William Buckley's "Firing Line". The Eagle Pens cranked up and Ron was interviewed. Buckley said it was the most letters he'd ever received requesting a guest. The PBS TV program will be shown in most of the nation the weekend of February 26. Unfortunately, Alabama PBS could not tell us when, (or if), the interview will air here. Mr. Bonner state PBS program director, (1-800-239-5233), told us late March was possible. Phone calls expressing interest may help.

This months Action Item is The Phil Donahue Show. 30 Rockefeller Plaza, Room 827, NYC, NY 10112. If we all invest a few stamps we can help to get the Libertarian message to millions. Once you get the ink flowing keep it up. Let's bombard local newspapers with letters to the editor that let readers know about the Libertarian alternative. Remember, even letters that are not published help the cause by showing the editors there is widespread interest in the LP.

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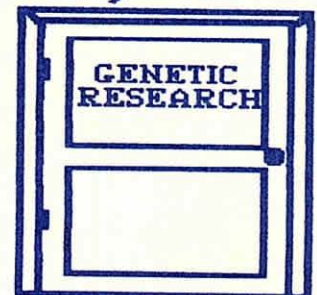
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We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Government throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual; namely, (1) the right to life — accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and press — accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property — accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free individuals, and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

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