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Ron Paul Hits Hard at Drug War

By Ron Paul

Today in Washington and on the campaign trail, Republicans and Democrats, conservatives and liberals, are calling for drastic action on drugs.

The Reagan administration has made these substances a special issue, of course. From Nancy Reagan and her "Just Say No" to Ed Meese and his anti-"money-laundering," officials have engineered mammoth increases in government spending for anti-drug efforts, and for spying on American citizens.

and localities, enabling the IRS, FBI, and other agencies to construct dossiers on every innocent American.

to defend. The politicians claim it has nothing to do with taxing and controlling us.

In this, as in virtually everything else, the politicians are lying. In fact, I believe that the drug hysteria was whipped up to strengthen big government's hold over us, and to distract Americans from the crimes of Washington, and the addiction to big government that is endemic there.

There Is Another Way

Instead of spending tax money and assaulting civil liberties in the name of fighting drugs—usually couched in childish military metaphors—we should consider a policy based

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The Assault on Our Privacy

Our financial privacy has been attacked with restrictions on the use of honestly earned cash, and bank surveillance that has sought to make every teller a monetary cop.

In the Washington, DC, of 1988, anyone exercising the basic human right to privacy is branded a possible criminal. This kind of 1984-think, more appropriate to Soviet Russia than the USA, has grown alarmingly since Reagan came into office.

As human beings, we have the right to keep our personal and family finances—and other intimate matters—secret from nosy relatives. Yet the politicians, who are dangerous as well as nosy, claim the right to strip us bare. This dreadful development is foreign to our Constitution and everything America was established

In the name of fighting drugs, the central government has modernized its vast computer network and linked it with data files in states

A Race That Covers All the Bases

By Don Ernsberger

The results of careful planning are beginning to pay off in my race for the 8th District seat to the US Congress in Pennsylvania.

required date has paid off in credibility, publicity, and campaign growth. By the middle of June, I had received 78 newspaper stories on my campaign, raised over \$10,000, and am now mentioned in more than half of the regular news articles about the district race.

was to use the petition-gathering period to my advantage as a publicity tool. I arranged to have my volunteers visit a different area of the district each Saturday and contacted each local newspaper or radio to arrange a pre-story and a post-story. When it was all over, we achieved 11 post-stories and six pre-stories for a total of 17 newspaper stories and four radio stories. In the midst of the petition effort, the conservative Republican who had been a former congressman, but who was opposed by the party machinery, lost a court fight over his

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I was the first certified candidate for the US House in my district, having turned in my petitions *before* the primary where my Republican and Democratic opponents were selected. In fact, I am the first certified candidate in the entire state.

In the March/April LP NEWS, I outlined the strategic plans that I made last fall and showed how I have completed Phase One (Jan.-Feb.) far ahead of my set goals. Phase Two of my campaign, which lasted from March through May 1, has been an even greater success. My plan during Phase Two

My decision to turn in *twice* the number of required signature names far in advance of the

Key Area Campaign

By John Vernon

Los Angeles is the second largest city in America and the most important media center in the world. It is also the residence of more active Libertarians than any city on the planet, in a total area population of more than 10,000,000. There may be no other area in America that is more important to Libertarian Party political strategy than Los Angeles County.

Republican President tries at every turn to involve America in foreign conflicts, and only the reluctance of the American people to sacrifice their sons subdues him. The two old parties have joined together in violating the civil liberties of Americans so ruthlessly in the name of a war on drugs that there has recently been serious public discussion in virtually all publications of the wisdom of drug legalization. They are talking our issues!

Coverage of Libertarian Party campaigns and campaigners, which begins on our front page, continues inside on pages 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

On page 12 is a list of Libertarian Party newsletters.

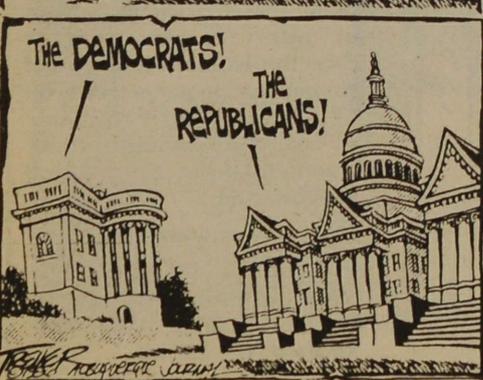
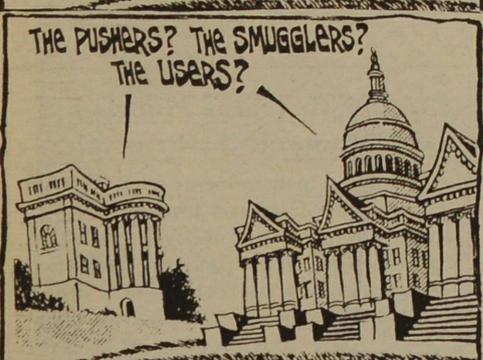
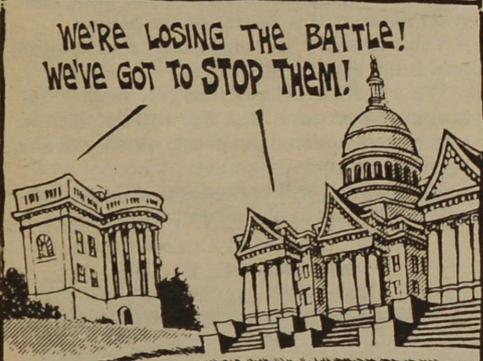
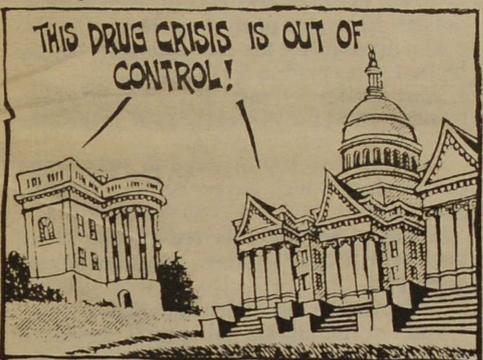
The latest directory of state Libertarian Party chairs and NatCom representatives is on page 15.

I believe the Libertarian Party is at a crossroads. The last two elections, the Libertarian Party experienced serious decline, both in its visibility and in its vote totals.

On our side, we have the best prepared presidential candidate we've ever had. We are also blessed with an excellent and committed vice-presidential candidate who has actually held office as a Libertarian. Plainly, we have more "legitimate" qualifications than we've ever had before.

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In 1988 we have a golden opportunity. Eight years of Demopublicans have yielded staggering deficits which show little sign of abating under the whoring of the two old parties. A



An Apology for Inappropriate Report

By Karl Hess

I want to apologize for what I now feel to have been an inappropriate and counter-productive use of the Libertarian Party NEWS to air an internal dispute of the party's National Committee. I'm referring to the Report from the Chair in the last issue.

It involved a dispute which could have been and should have been settled within the National Committee. Reaction to the matter has convinced me that most members of the party are entirely too busy with

their crucial work at the state and local levels to want to be distracted by National Committee arguments.

I should have but did not argue forcefully against the Chair Report, assuming it to be a matter of privilege. In subsequent discussions, however, the Chair, Jim Turney, has agreed that the matter would have been better handled outside of the paper—and, in the future, such matters will be dealt with differently.

In keeping with this spirit, Clifford Thies, who had prepared a rebuttal of the Chair

Report for publication in the NEWS, has agreed to let the matter drop and to circulate his rebuttal only to those persons directly interested in it.

All state chairs, or anyone else, if they request it and pay a nominal fee, can receive minutes of the National Committee meetings. Just a handful have so far asked for copies of the minutes. Certainly the state chairs are able to judge which matters substantially concern their membership. The state chairs and any members are also free directly to question any National Com-

mittee member for more details or other explanations. The addresses of National Committee members are printed regularly in the NEWS.

Members of the National Committee, in turn, are free to air their differences among themselves and to elaborate on them in direct correspondence or meetings with other committee members. They can even advertise in the NEWS.

Therefore, and again with my apologies, I hope that the matter can end here and now and that we can, as people interested in liberty, get on with the job of promoting it.

Green Libertarians

By Charles Allen Dews

You know, we Greens are your cousins—country cousins maybe, kissin' cousins, no doubt; and we're happy to be a part of the family of people who love liberty.

We started the Green Party in Texas in 1984. Apparently I got the idea first. I was still an innocent in 1984. A naif. Start a new political party in Texas! Now I know just what a bizarre idea that was. You Libertarians already knew. I wish I'd had the benefit of your experience back then.

Now, four years later, Lone Star Green Party has grown from an idea in my mind, shared by my friends, into a political force to be reckoned with on a national, and that means the Texian nation, level. We now have Green groups in Dallas/Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, Galveston, San Marcos, Bryan-College Station, and several groups here in Austin including one on the UT campus and the Green Sprouts—a group for Green kids. We are affiliated with the Green Committees of Correspondence which link us with Greens around the North American continent and around the world. Our affiliation should not be taken to mean that there is a Green hierarchy. All local groups are autonomous and independent. We hope it stays that way.

Austin Greens have managed to elect one of our own to the Austin City Council. In fact, we have contributed to Austin having a distinctly greenish City Council. And it's getting greener every election. Needless to say, we take credit for it. The local political analysts I've talked with say the Green vote in Austin may number as high as 30,000.

Our movement is based upon what we call 10 key Green values. They are: ecological wisdom, grassroots democracy, personal and social responsibility, nonviolence, decentralization, community-based economics, post-patriarchal values, respect for diversity, global responsibility, and future focus or sustainability.

There are lots of flies in our sweet ointment, of course, lots of loose ends, lots of inconsistencies. We think that is human and we celebrate our diversity instead of insisting that everyone toe a party line. There is no party line. We Greens are conservative progressives, revolutionary evolutionaries, spiritual secular humanists, and radical middle-of-the-roads. Some of us will compromise with you and some won't. Some vote and some don't. Greens like to say they are neither left nor right, they are ahead. Most Greens are aware that the left/right dichotomy is just a matter of two competing oligarchies. It doesn't matter too much which one you choose. The real dichotomy is between statists and grassroots democrats. What holds us together is our love of liberty and our love for the planet.

In Austin we Greens and Libertarians and Green Libertarians are saying much to each other. There is a healthy dialogue going on all the time. We have much to share. Greens are Libertarians with heart. Libertarians are Greens with smarts. Head and heart! What else can we hope for?

Dews, a Green Party activist, made the presentation from which this article is excerpted at the annual convention of the Texas LP.

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Big Water Winning

By Gerald M. King

"I told them that I found \$56 million laying on the ground in the desert," explained Big Water, Utah, Mayor Alex Joseph concerning the recent enthusiastic endorsement by Utah Governor Norman Bangerter of the town's proposal for the privatization of federal lands within its borders. Incorporated in 1984, Big Water is Utah's newest town and the first town in the nation to have a Libertarian town council and mayor. Big Water sits above the towering sandstone cliffs which line the shore of 186-mile-long Lake Powell on the northern side of the Utah-Arizona state line. It is an island of privately owned land in the vast undeveloped federal tracts of southern Utah and northern Arizona. Eighty-three percent of Big Water's six square miles is owned by the Bureau of Land Management. However, an innovative three-way trade involving the state, the town, and the federal government is in the making which will not only increase the town's development potential several times over, but is providing a model for the privatization of federal land to towns and states throughout the West. Alex Joseph estimates the total value of the Big Water privatization plan to all involved parties to be \$56 million.

Because the federal government took title to over two-thirds of all the land in Utah at the time of statehood, it set aside four state-owned sections in every township for the purpose of public school finance. "This has resulted in a checkerboard pattern of land ownership," claims town attorney Elizabeth Joseph, wife of Big Water Mayor Alex Joseph. "Utah has the right to choose the parcels of federal land it wants to take in trade," and Elizabeth describes such state-federal land swaps as "routine." What is not routine about the Big Water land trade is that after Utah trades part of its land holdings elsewhere for the federal government's land in Big Water, the state will then sell the land to the town, which will in turn sell most of it to private buyers. The town would set aside 100 acres for the Kane County school district, which could also sell its land to private buyers. Additional land would be retained for parks. The state's proceeds from the sale would go to the public schools, which are in a serious financial crisis. Utah has the highest percentage of its population enrolled in public schools of any state in the nation and has the third lowest per capita income in the nation. The federal government has a choice of which state land it will take in trade from the state. This allows it to consolidate ownership in

areas by eliminating landlocked pockets of state land. "This plan has been 100 percent endorsed by Governor Norman Bangerter, the county school board, and the local BLM," says Elizabeth.

Apparently taking his cues from the Big Water privatization plan, Governor Bangerter has subsequently presented a massive land swap proposal in which the state would trade school sections for 44,000 acres of federal land along the western shore of Lake Powell, currently in the Glenn Canyon National Recreation Area, and then sell much of the land into private ownership. Elizabeth Joseph says that the local Park Service bureaucrats who administer the area have been "screaming like banshees," but that Secretary of the Interior Donald Hodell has endorsed the idea.

However, the state's large privatization proposal faces stiff environmental and legal obstacles that the Big Water plan is not faced with. Big Water will have a two-mile-long common boundary with the land in the state's Lake Powell proposal. Elizabeth points out that annexation of that land by the town could be a next step. Also, Big Water—which abolished its property tax in 1986 in favor of water use fees—has the only water system presently capable of providing the most essential of all commodities in the desert to the newly privatized lands.

According to Alex Joseph, Big Water has experienced an increase in property values from \$271,000 when he was elected mayor to over \$4 million today. "Big Water has the highest economic development rate of any community in Utah, including Salt Lake City," says Alex concerning recent figures cited by the state's economic development agency. Elizabeth says that Big Water economic development is "going gangbusters" with the opening of new commercial establishments. Big Water is situated in an area between the Grand Canyon on the south and Bryce Canyon National Park on the north, and between Zion Canyon National Park to the west and Lake Powell on the Colorado River to the east. This has made the town an ideal location for sunbelt recreation and retirement development. The town's population is up 42 percent since incorporation and, with 400 residents, Alex says, "Big Water may turn out to be a city. It only takes 800 residents in Utah to apply for a city charter."

Residents seem pleased with Big Water's Libertarian prosperity. Libertarian candidates swept the elections for the three town council seats in November. Elizabeth Joseph calls the election a "landslide of immense proportion," and a "hell of an endorsement" for the Libertarian effort. James Alexander defeated his Democratic opponent, receiving 79 percent of the vote, and Charles Maness was reelected, defeating his Republican opponent by earning 72 percent of the vote. Emily Beers ran unopposed and earned 82 percent of the vote to retain her council seat. Dr. Frank Flom, a Libertarian council member, retired from his seat. Alex Joseph is up for re-election as mayor in 1989.

The Libertarian political movement in Big Water is having such an impact that now major political candidates in the state are seeking Libertarian support. Bangerter, a Republican, recently insisted that Republican organizers invite Alex Joseph and Elizabeth Joseph to an exclusive, high-level party function featuring the governor. Also, former Utah Democratic Representative Gunn McKay, who is trying to reclaim his seat from Republican Congressman James Hanson, recently asked for a meeting with Alex Joseph to ascertain the Libertarian political leanings in the race which has no Libertarian candidate. McKay lost in his first attempt to recapture the seat by only 1.5 percent of the vote and polls show the current race to be just as close. The Libertarians of Kane County have become the electoral "balance in power" in southwestern Utah and savvy politicians of both older

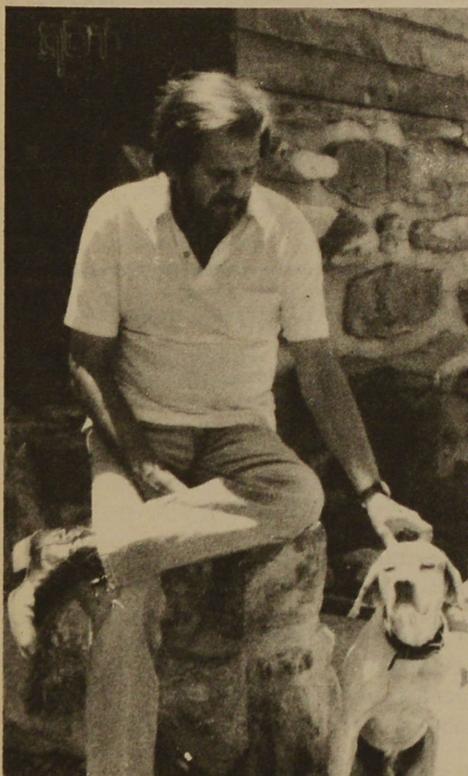
parties realize that they can no longer afford to ignore them.

Alex Joseph is now campaigning for election to the Kane County Commission as a Libertarian in a three-way race. He received 20 percent of the vote in his last bid for a commission seat. But there is also talk of the creation of "Dry Powder County" out of the eastern half of Kane County. Alex says that there is "hardly any chance that we won't try to establish a new county" if the "status quo" which has traditionally run the county from a power base in the small Mormon town of Kanab does not open up eastern Kane County for development. Alex points out that there are less than 2,000 voters spread out over the county's 3,900 square miles. He claims, "There is a lot of dissatisfaction with the powers that be. It is just a matter of time, and not much time, certainly before the turn of the century, when the population changes caused by development will shift the power base away from Kanab."

The *Big Water Times*, the town's twice monthly newspaper edited by Elizabeth Joseph, recently celebrated its 100th issue anniversary. The *Times*, which features biting and humorous Libertarian editorials, "has become a real force in Kane County" claims Elizabeth Joseph after one investigative piece resulted in the removal of the county sheriff-elect from eligibility to serve when the paper broke the story of his committing a rape. The *Times* also broke the story of the attempt by Kane County attorney Jim Scarth to cover up his involvement in an auto accident while he was driving under the influence of alcohol and his subsequent leaving the scene of the accident. Scarth has subsequently made threats against the *Times* and officers involved in his arrest, according to Elizabeth.

How does Alex Joseph size up Big Water as its fourth birthday comes around? As he sees it, "The investment is paying off."

King is a free lance journalist based in New Mexico.



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Spotted by **The Liberator**, publication of Advocates for Self-Government: a Rand Corporation program to simulate international crisis negotiations that was rejected by the Pentagon and sent back for revision. Problem was that the program often concluded that escalation to war would be irrational. Solution, to make the Pentagon happy, was to program it to declare war more often. And they call it the "defense" department!

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Just when you think that America's bureaucracy is world class, along comes a challenger. As reported in **FREE Perspectives**, newsletter of the outstanding free market environmental group, Foundation for Research on Economics and the Environment, Peru is in hot contention for the red tape title. In Lima it takes four full-time people, including a lawyer, 289 days to complete forms required for starting a simple clothing manufacturing concern. A comparable chore, in New York City, takes four hours of work by one person.

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Volume 7, No. 2, of the **Libertarian Familist** is an outstanding assembly of articles on libertarian education, leading off with a great quotation from the author Joel Spring: "One result of nationalism and the development of representative government was the politicization of childhood. Children were viewed as future citizens who had to be molded in the interests of the nation." In the same issue is a shrewd analysis, by Jane A. Williams, of why private schools may do no better than government ones in providing a libertarian education, and a revealing article by Rick Lenning which, among other things, exposes the authoritarian nature of the highly touted Japanese school system.

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Alaska's Libertarian Party has incorporated to help protect officers and members from lawsuits that could result from activist enterprises.

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Libertarian Party of **California** newsletter has a good citizen response to a newly-established government hotline on which people are asked to snitch on anyone working in the underground economy: "Does your neighbor babysit without reporting her earnings? Does he repair cars in his garage without state permission and without paying the assorted fees and taxes for the 'privilege of working'? Did you overhear someone say that undocumented aliens they hired were their hardest workers? Turn 'em in. Call the Rat Line. Of course the danger exists that some irresponsible citizens might call this number and give bogus information, thus reducing its effectiveness. If you know anyone who does this, turn 'em in. The number to call is (800) 822-4556."

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Alan Bock, writing in **The Pragmatist**, with a razor-sharp personalization of an antidote to the current hysteria about America's unfavorable balance of trade: "What today's mercantilists ignore is that trade does not occur between nations but between individuals (including businesses). When individuals voluntarily agree to trade, they all expect to benefit, or they wouldn't trade. If all parties benefit, how can an unfavorable balance result?...I have a severe 'deficit' with various grocers. I'm always buying things from them, and so far as I know none of them has ever bought a single thing from me."

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Who's the youngest libertarian you know? A nomination might go to **Reuben Timineri**, age 12, who wrote this for a San Francisco school class: "People can show courage in many ways. One way would be to stand up to authority when you know it's wrong. Courage can also be used when someone stands up in front of a lot of people to talk. Most people think of courage as doing things like saving someone or something. But that's not all that courage is...one of the hardest ways to show courage is to face things."

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The **New York Tribune** quoted **Russell Means** as favoring a "flea market system, unfettered by such rudenesses as taxes." In the same article, Means said he would like to see a

"family-based America"—"a kind of primitive anarchy in which families would be the highest form of government," according to the *Tribune*.

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In a release from the Ludwig von Mises Institute, **Llewellyn H. Rockwell, Jr.**, neatly cancels postal service claims of efficiency: "Typical of government, as the service declines, the price of stamps keeps going up, from 22 cents to 25 cents most recently. That makes a total increase of 675 percent since 1958, more than twice as fast as the general price level, which has gone up 300 percent (thanks to another government monopoly, the Federal Reserve). In addition, the Post Office gets billions a year in direct subsidies. Where does all this money go? Mostly to the bureaucrats themselves. The postal system spends 84 percent of its budget on its 746,000 employees, 100,000 of them added during the austere years of the Reagan administration. The average postal employee—who is an unskilled worker by private sector standards—earns \$30,000 a year in wages and perks. And a [Government Accounting Office] study found that this same average worker takes 50 days of paid leave a year..."

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Reason Foundation reports that around the world last year, "government assets and enterprises valued at over \$92 billion were sold to the private sector...five times more than in all previous years combined."

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Do government regulations assure safety? No, says an essay from Canada's fine, free market **Fraser Institute**. In it, Michael Walker says "...in North America since 1930 the rate of accidental death has declined dramatically. Work accident deaths at 4.9 per hundred thousand were a third of the level of the Thirties; so were home accident deaths. Motor vehicle deaths were less than a fifth of their earlier level. That this dramatic improvement in safety levels has occurred in the most competitive economic environment on earth [might puzzle some. But] safety is expensive. In a country with a low standard of living... people take more risks because of the cost of eliminating them...The reason the North American environment is safer is because with a higher standard of living we can afford more safety...Since competition leads to affluence and affluence leads to risk reduction...it seems necessary to conclude that the key to the reduction of accidental deaths is to ensure a vibrant and competitive market economy."

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Chicago-based **Heartland Institute** has carried the flag for free market solutions to educational problems in a unique coalition of political and philosophical viewpoints brought together in a book entitled "We Can Rescue Our Children: The Solution for Chicago's Public School Crisis." Two of the solutions that everyone seemed to agree on: tuition tax rebates, and a virtual elimination of central administration.

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Latest rollcall of support for the proposal of libertarians **Frances Kendall and Leon Louw** to decentralize South Africa into Swiss-style cantons which would assure space for free marketers as well as socialists: President P.W. Botha, Mrs. Winnie Mandela, white separatist leader Hendrick Voerwoerd, Jr., United Democratic Front President Archie Gumede, and Zulu Chief M.G. Buthelezi—and, hold your hats, official spokesmen for the Soviet Union, quoted in a *Los Angeles Times* dispatch as suggesting that South Africa adopt a "federal system made up of autonomous components..." (And how about trying it in Russia, as well?)

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Libertarians can get a sample copy of a newsletter dealing exclusively with non-violent resistance to aggression by writing to "**Civilian-Based Defense Association**" P.O. Box 31616, Omaha, NE 68131.

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Plans continue for an ambitious legal defense fund "dedicated to fighting for libertarian ideals via the United States legal system." Named **Eternal Vigilance**, with libertarian Bruce Driggers as executive director, the project is asking for \$100 charter members, other donations, or active participation by libertarian lawyers, paralegals, and law students. For information write to Eternal Vigilance, 3805 Houma Blvd., #A-224, Metairie, LA 70006.

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Dick Whitelock, in the **Michigan Libertarian**, outlines an outstanding way to make people more tax conscious: Ask them to fill out an itemized breakdown of all, not just the familiar, taxes they pay annually. His list includes federal income, state income, Social Security, property, city income, sales tax on personal items, sales tax on major items, auto registration fees, driver license, pet licenses, court fines and fees such as parking tickets, building and zoning permits, highway use tax for trucks, interstate permit fees, hunting license, fishing license, sports equipment taxes, watercraft registration tax, inheritance tax, restaurant meals tax, telephone tax, boxing and wrestling tax, horse race betting taxes, city utility taxes, hotel-motel tax, self-employment tax, railroad retirement tax, business license fees, insurance premium tax, cigarette tax, beer tax, on and off premises liquor taxes, gasoline or fuel tax.

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Israeli military officials have ruled that a home garden on the West Bank must be closed down because it represents a Palestinian attempt at self-sufficiency and thus poses a potential threat to Israeli authority.

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"Anti-government" campaign rhetoric is

sometimes oddly confusing. Statements are often not thought out fully and tend to contradict in the same sentence. For example, decide which of the following statements, as cited in the **Oregon Libertarian** newsletter, is "anti-government":

—The government's war on drugs is silly, but I approve of government land-use planning.

—I want the government to kill criminals, forbid abortions, bash communists wherever they are, abolish certain drugs, reduce or eliminate welfare spending, permit prayer in taxpayer-supported schools, and get out of my face!

—I want the government to stop supporting nuclear power, reduce or eliminate military spending, protect trees and spotted owls, feed the hungry, house the homeless, educate the young, abolish poverty, and get out of my face!

—I want to drive my high-tech car out of my all-natural materials house into the virgin wilderness where miners and loggers are not allowed.

—I want to have a high minimum wage and full employment, enforced by government edict, but I despise bureaucrats and oppose higher taxes.

★★★★★

As reported by the editor of California's *Westside Libertarian*, **Chris Hofland**, the headline of a local lifestyles journal read, "Residents Asked to Report Scavengers." The word "scavengers" conjures up images of circling condors or buzzards, not bag ladies or aluminum-seekers rummaging through your garbage. Yet the article referred to the latter. Apparently, valuable recyclables have been carted away from the curbs before governmental "sanitation-engineers" had a chance to pick them up. "Once the trash is placed on the curb, it 'belongs' to the City's Bureau of Sanitation...We want to stress that it is illegal for anyone to pick up someone else's trash," said Councilman Marvin Braude. Also included in the article were instructions on how to report these no-gooders to the law.

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Liberty Rock is Solid Gold on NC Campus

By Bill Greene

Two of the biggest problems we Libertarians seem to have are (1) letting people know what in the world libertarianism and the Libertarian Party are, and (2) raising enough money to be able to do so. I'm not sure what it's like in the rest of the country, but here in North Carolina hardly anyone even knows that the LP exists, much less understands its underlying philosophy. It's a major obstacle, but one that our

campus group at UNC-Greensboro has set out to overcome, and we've hit upon some interesting (and successful) ways to do it.

There is, of course, the usual method of setting up information booths in the Student Center, consisting of issue pamphlets and a petition sign-up table (we're still having trouble getting on the ballot here and need help). This has worked fairly well in letting people know that our fledgling organization *does* exist, and many people pick up the literature.

We've also begun a biweekly informal discussion group immediately following our club meeting. Each time we cover a different topic,

and invite people we think would be really interested in that topic (of course, each such meeting is open to anyone). For example, when the topic was libertarianism vs. socialism, we invited members of the local Socialist Workers Party to join us in the discussion. It's very stimulating to go head-to-head intellectually with such people, and a lot of folks come away with a more favorable inclination toward libertarianism.

Another project we're involved in is a weekly article in the campus newspaper, in which the editorial staff poses an issue or policy question, which is answered by the University Demo-

crats, the College Republicans, and our group, the University Libertarians. Along the same lines, one of the paper's reporters, who does a biweekly opinion column, has joined the UL and is writing on libertarian subjects.

However, our most successful event by far was a fundraiser called "LIBERTY ROCK." We asked several of the local progressive new music bands if they would be interested in performing at what we touted as "a concert for civil liberties and individual rights." A couple of them declined (although they have since regretted doing so), but five bands agreed to

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A Common Sense Local Checklist

By Walt Karwicki II

1. Never throw away any libertarian mailings. Use them to put up on bulletin boards or hand them on to influential people. High school teachers, for instance, are often looking for discussion materials. Give the material to anybody who might be interested. But don't throw it away!

2. Libertarian newsletters should run sample letters to inspire LPers to write their local papers.

3. LP papers could run self-contained pages suitable for photocopying and hanging up.

4. Collect names of liberty-leaning organizations and monitor them to find out when LPers can work with them on local issues.

5. Be sure that local LP communications people know about all the directories where addresses of newspapers and groups can be found. Check with a local librarian.

6. Make contact with as many university newspapers as possible. Send material to them. Check the papers for names of students stating libertarian positions of any sort. Contact them.

7. Send material to college philosophy and political science departments. Try to get the names of all the professors and send material directly to them.

8. LP representatives should attend state legislature committee hearings. There's usually a place to leave materials for the legislators. It also is a chance to talk to any witness or legislator who leans toward a libertarian position.

9. Testify at state capitol hearings.

10. Anyone can call a meeting. Just find a restaurant with an available room and notify the papers.

11. You can get local voter registrations from the courthouse. That's one way to find people who register as libertarians or just to find politically active prospects for mailings.

12. Check letters-to-the-editor carefully, and send libertarian materials to anyone who writes anything close to a libertarian position.

13. Copy material from libertarian journals and send it to people with special interests—banking articles to your local bankers, taxi articles to cab companies, and so forth.

14. Donate libertarian books to your local library, and put the address of the local LP on some *inside* pages.

15. Scour second-hand shops for libertarian books to lend and to give away.

16. If a local libertarian lives along a parade route or a heavy traffic route, consider hanging up a libertarian banner from time to time.

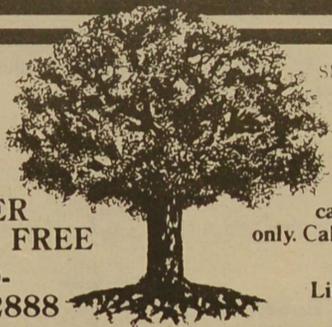
17. Local TV ads often are cheap. Check it out.

18. Give subscriptions to libertarian publications to your local library and to school and college libraries.

19. Check the Yellow Pages for companies named after Ayn Rand characters or books. Silly? Not at all. I found Galt Controls and Rearden Metals, both million-dollar companies, in my home town. I check the phone books wherever I go.

Karwicki is active in both the Libertarian Party and the Ayn Rand Society in York, PA.

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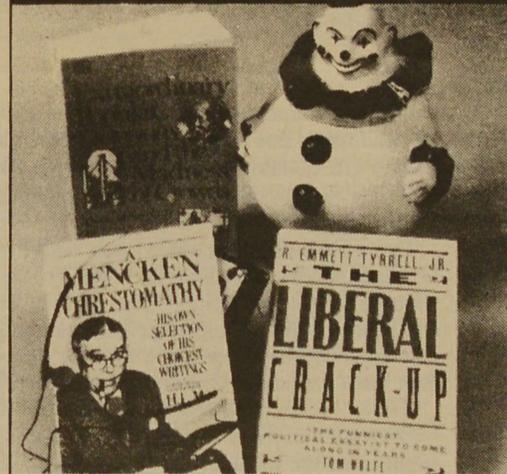
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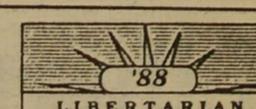
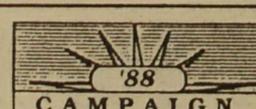
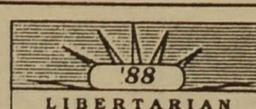
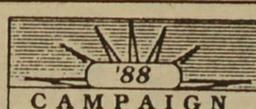
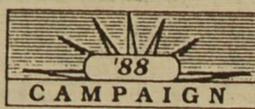
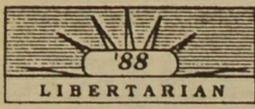
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The District of Columbia Libertarian Party, after a number of years of inactivity, is coming back strong with lots of attention-grabbing news. About three months ago, DC Chair **Scott Kohlhaas** was elected to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. Several high-profile LP candidates have also entered the city council race. **Dennis Sobin**, publisher of the uncensored monthly publication, *Free Spirit*, **Prissy Williams-Godfrey**, president of the DC chapter of the sexual rights group COYOTE, and **Tobie Whitted**, a former DC public school teacher, are all running on the Libertarian ticket.

★★★★★

The Arizona LP has another member holding public office. **Jethro Banks** was appointed to the Phoenix Surface Transportation Advisory Committee by the city mayor. Banks said he will try to bring libertarian solutions to local problems.

★★★★★

Libertarians **Helen Heyden** and **Gerry Walsh** led the campaign against a library tax in their hometown of Roselle, IL. The referendum, which would have raised the tax rate 15 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, was handily defeated by a vote of 2,343 to 1,166. Walsh said one of the major strategies was to emphasize "user fees" instead of taxes.

★★★★★

Eric Blandenburg, a 29 year old computer consultant from Westland, MI, has announced his candidacy for US Congress. He was an elected Republican precinct delegate before joining the LP. Blandenburg said he was running to "challenge the corrupt Washington establishment which taxes working people to reward special interest groups, big corporations, and foreign dictators."

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In a letter to the editor of the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, **Richard G. Martin** of Irvine wrote: "If Americans want more government, higher taxes, larger bureaucracies and fewer personal freedoms, they need only support any one of the 'Republicanats' now running. They may endorse any of those candidates, from either party; they are, unfortunately, interchangeable...The Libertarian Party has American solutions to America's problems."

★★★★★

Ron Paul was quoted in the *San Antonio Express & News* as saying Ronald Reagan acted like "a bully boy in Central America" when he sent troops into Honduras.

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Dick Jacobs, during his announcement for candidacy for US Senate from Michigan, was quoted in the *Detroit Free Press* as saying "I want each of you here to know—and you can quote me on this—that I could not live with myself if I didn't try and stop those damn fools in Washington who are driving my granddaughter and future generations of Americans into bankruptcy."

★★★★★

The **Alabama LP** has announced its candidates for '88. With Paul and Marrou already on the ballot, the state party has fielded a complete slate of congressional candidates—**Ken Ament, Brook King, Jerome Shockley, John E. Sebastian, John Palmer, Bill Wingo, and Alan Barksdale**. It is interesting to note that the Republicans do not have as many congressional candidates in Alabama as the LP does. Some two-way races between Libertarians and Democrats offer great possibilities.

Steve Smith is running for Secretary of State in the only other state-wide race. Jefferson County Libertarians are fielding a large slate for county races, and the LP will also have candidates running in Shelby, Lee, Marshall, and Blount Counties.

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In Ohio, **Russell Rosen** announced his plans to run for the state legislature. Rosen is the Ohio state coordinator for Ron Paul.

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Jack Dean, the LP's candidate for US Senate in California, is helping Libertarians in his native state of Massachusetts gain ballot access. Dean sent news releases to several "hometown newspapers" announcing his California nomination, but the main thrust of the release was the restrictive ballot laws of Massachusetts. In his release, Dean said, "I think it's ironic that Massachusetts—the 'Cradle of Liberty'—has de facto outlawed political alternatives to the status quo...Sam Adams and John Hancock would be ashamed."

★★★★★

The **Illinois LP** will be running **Katherine M. Kelley, Anne McCracken, and Stephen P. Nelson** for positions as University of Illinois Trustees, the only state-wide offices to be contested this year. In addition, 24 other party members are seeking to become presidential electors.

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At the last minute, Steve Givot convinced **Gerry Walsh** to run for state representative. Walsh is a former Roselle (IL) Village Board member and currently an LP NatCom member.

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Robert Plaag will be the leading candidate of the Washington State Libertarians this fall. Plaag is running against a Democrat who supports a state income tax. At least seven other candidates will be running for positions as State Representatives, State Senator, and a County Council seat.

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At latest count, the **California LP** is fielding 74 candidates this fall. Included in the 74 are one for US Senate, 31 for US Congress, nine for State Senate, and 33 for State Assembly.

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Dana Rohrabacher, once again active as a libertarian, now in the Reagan White House, is running for a congressional seat in California and stressing the war on drugs in his campaign. For a real libertarian view of that same war, see Ron Paul's article on the subject in this issue.

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One of the most moving expressions of support for the presidential candidacy of Ron Paul is the hard work being done on the campaign's behalf in Florida by **Bob Lehman**. Fourteen months ago, doctors told Bob he had less than a year to live because of a brain cancer. Undeterred, he works every day for the campaign and plans to live to vote for Ron in November.

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Eric Garris, one of the founders of the Libertarian Republican Organizing Committee (which urges LP members to quit and become Republicans), wasn't above asking for Libertarian Party support in his unsuccessful primary race for a Republican congressional nomination in California.

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Our hard-working VP candidate **Andre Marrou** has taken to calling the two old party candidates "George Mush" and "Michael Dotaxes."

★★★★★

Business is booming in Oregon! **Martin Buchanan** of Hillsboro reports that more and more requests are coming in for libertarian speakers in the Portland area. Among Buchanan's own activities in the past month were: speaking to high school classes, appearing on KKEY radio and putting on a monthly cable television show. He is also planning on running for State Representative in a district with only one major party candidate on the ballot.

★★★★★

Kenneth Bisson of Indiana will be running for state House of Representatives this fall. He

is stressing his support of private education, free market protection from pollution and robbery, and living a self-governed life. His campaign chairperson is Ellen Sanborn.

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June 7 was a sweet victory for libertarian **Tom Tyron**, who was reelected Chairman of the Board of Supervisors in Calaveras County, California. Four years ago, he squeezed into office by only one vote. This year he won by a majority of 213. Last time, some people who claimed they didn't realize what he stood for tried an unsuccessful recall. This time no one could say they had the wool pulled over their eyes. *The Calaveras Enterprise* stated: "He goes out on a limb to make his views clear—you may not agree, but you certainly have to respect a politician who so honestly makes his stand." Adding to the victory was the fact that Tyron defeated his opponent, Dotty Scheller, despite her last-minute below-the-belt tactics. She ran the following quote, supposedly from Tyron, during the week before elections: "If you are asking if I represent you, the answer is no. I represent my philosophy. I do not and will not represent you." It turned out that Scheller had picked these lines out of a letter to the editor of a local paper, to make it look like they paraphrased Tyron's overall attitude. He actually said this to a small group who wanted him to make landscaping the responsibility of a government committee, not that of the property owner. Nice try, Dotty.

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Also in Calaveras, libertarians had 56.6 percent voter turnout in the primary elections. Thirty of the 53 local registered voters came to vote, urged on by **Tom Tyron**. Democrats had 64.1 percent (4,884 out of 7,616 registered voters) and Republicans scored 63.1 percent (4,539 out of 7,191) according to *The Calaveras Enterprise*.

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The **Jim Hedbor** for Congress campaign recently told New Hampshire's *Libertarian Lines* that they have raised \$15,000 in campaign contributions from nearly 300 people. Hedbor is running in Vermont, where he plans to visit 64 towns for one-on-one campaigning in July. Chances are good for victory as Hedbor explains: "If we can win a seat in Congress anywhere in 1988, it can be done in Vermont."

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Among the more than 74 candidates running in California, **John Vernon** is going great guns in his campaign for Congressional District 23. At a June supper club meeting he laid out his active plans, including a radio spot that aired on July 3rd. Vernon has been the chair of LP Region 61 for the past two years.

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The **Libertarian Party of California** voted to have its 1989 state convention outside the state. It hopes to convene with Nevada and Arizona LPs, and other western states are invited to join.

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New Options, the leading "new age" publication, describes the Libertarian Party platform as "62 carefully-crafted planks, sometimes brilliant, always provocative." Also praised is the preamble. In an accompanying interview with Acting National Director **Kirk McKee**, the publication is impressed by the democratic process leading to adoption of the platform as contrasted to platforms crafted by "recognized experts." *New Options* was particularly impressed with the platform positions on victimless crimes, American Indian rights, and children's rights.

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Fred Ebner, Austin, TX, received nearly

10 percent of the vote in his three-way race for City Council. Ebner had posted a performance bond promising not to vote for any tax increases. Ebner's campaign attracted a great deal of media attention, and he obviously gathered much support from "non-libertarians." Ebner's efforts have identified a large number of libertarian sympathizers in the Austin area, and his campaign tactics are catching on across the country (see below).

★★★★★

Taking a page from Fred Ebner's campaign, the **Utah LP** had come up with a variation of his performance bond. According to Bob Waldrop, Utah Chair, "we couldn't find a bonding company willing to sell us a 'performance bond' for politicians (you should have heard some of the laughs when I explained what we wanted...I suspect that for most bonding companies 'political performance bond' is an oxymoron). Since most of our candidates are middle class, we decided to go this low tech, down and dirty technique. Donate a dollar and if the candidate votes for a tax increase, he owes the voter 100 times the donation—and backs the contract with all of his real and personal property." The state party has printed up a sample "Political Performance Guarantee."

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Minnesota Libertarians are getting behind **Arlen Overvig** in his campaign for the US Senate seat currently being held by Dave Durenberger. Overvig's campaign will be managed by Ed Mudge.

★★★★★

Arizona residents will have the opportunity to vote for several Libertarians in the fall. **Larry Clever**, state chair, is running for US Congress, and several other LP members are seeking state and local offices.

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Jeff Kelly of the Colorado LP has announced his candidacy for US Congress in the 4th District. **David Aitken**, of Denver, is seeking a State Representative seat.

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After a front-page story and picture on **Ron Paul's** Libertarian Party campaign for president, America's largest newspaper, *USA Today*, has said that it will continue to cover the Libertarian campaign on a regular basis. Smaller papers, such as *The New York Times* and *Washington Post*, please take note.

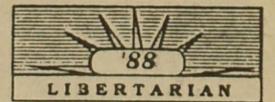
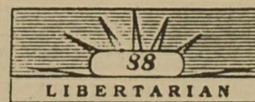
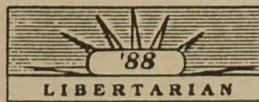
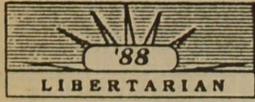
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According to *The Texas Libertarian*, San Antonio resident **Bill Grisham** has begun his campaign for state House of Representatives (District 122). Bill has already chosen Don Rex as his campaign manager, and many other eager workers are helping with the race. First attracted to the Libertarian Party by the party's stand on the drug issue, Bill came to understand the LP position on economics through his work as a CPA. Now he wants to expose the counter-productivity of the tax laws in Texas. The main theme of his campaign is, "Just say no to the current tax-and-spend mentality plaguing our state."

★★★★★

South Carolina has a strong slate of candidates this year. **John B. Heaton** of Aiken, serving his second term as state chairperson, is running for Congress in the 3rd District. Having doubled its membership in the past year, the Aiken County party is the most active in the state. Heaton explained his goals for this and upcoming elections in *The South Carolina Libertarian*: "Right now, we're more concerned with building a real alternative political party and building from the grass-roots level an organization that will support our candidates once they get into office. After all, getting into office is only half the game, then one needs to

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Ballot Access Petitioning at Critical Point

By Paul Jacob

Circle the wagons! Batten down the hatches! Sound the alarm! We have entered the "fourth quarter" of ballot access.

July is the *crucial month* of this campaign. Florida and Oklahoma, two very difficult states requiring a gross collection of more than 130,000 signatures, are on target to finish by their July 15 deadline. But in both places we need a strong "push" from volunteers to make completion certain.

In double-checking the requirements with the Secretary of State in Indiana on June 7, we found out that a bill passed in March changed the deadline to July 15—which meant 16 fewer days of petitioning than was previously allowed. Indiana got off to a late start but is working hard under the coordination of Al Anders. Unfortunately, a July 15 deadline cannot be met. We must take legal action to extend the deadline or lose Indiana. Even if we are successful in getting the deadline changed, Indiana is a very tough state—costly in terms of petitioners and money.

West Virginia comprises another very difficult state. The requirement, 12,000 gross signatures, is not terribly high. But West Virginia is a very rural state with extreme petitioning restrictions (we're fighting this in court). Petitioning companies charge well in excess of \$1.00 per signature.

Nine other states have qualification dates of August 1 or August 2. Among these are Massachusetts, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Georgia, and Colorado. These five states alone require a total of 180,000 signatures! We must collect 50,000 signatures every seven days!!!

Close to 50 full-time paid workers are in the field, but we need more. Call us if you can work in your state full-time, travel to work in other

states, or know someone who can.

Volunteers are sorely needed. Groups of two or three volunteers can collect hundreds of

signatures each weekend. A volunteer effort in every town where we're petitioning can mean 10,000 or 20,000 more signatures nationwide. Volunteers will literally make the difference in at least three states and maybe in many more.

Call me (Paul Jacob) today at 703-497-0485 if you can help. You can also reach the Ron Paul campaign at 713-333-1988 or call the LP headquarters toll-free at 800-682-1776. Get involved! Act now!

We qualified in Maine in early June—a tough little state where we turned in 5,600 signatures to more than 80 town clerks. By the time this goes to press, Colorado, the birthplace of the LP, will be on the ballot, along with Kansas, New Hampshire, and Tennessee. Rhode Island's petition drive will be completed by July 18 and Washington state will go through its convention process required for ballot status on July 23.

Everyone—and I mean *everyone*—asks me in how many states will we be on the ballot. I don't know that. I'm working as hard as I can but the number of state ballots we get on is up to all of us. Our combined efforts will decide the outcome.

We aren't going to be able to qualify in North Carolina. And more tough decisions will have to be made very quickly and decisively concerning whether to continue in certain states or to start others. We don't want to do one single state less than we're capable of, but we also want to avoid the pitfall of losing three or four states by trying for one too many.

We need your help collecting signatures *and* supporting the Ballot Access Committee financially. How many Americans will have the opportunity to vote Libertarian? It's up to you.

Ballot Status as of June 10

| Deadline | State | Goal | Signatures Obtained |
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| 7/15 | Florida | 80,000 | 40,000 |
| 7/15 | Oklahoma | 53,000 | 30,000 |
| 7/15 | Indiana | 45,000 | 2,500 |
| 7/18 | Rhode Island | 1,500 | -0- (begins 7/6) |
| 8/1 | West Virginia | 12,000 | -0- |
| 8/1 | Pennsylvania | 35,000 | 8,000 |
| 8/1 | Missouri | 35,000 | 9,500 |
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| 8/2 | Kansas | 3,750 | 2,750 |
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| 8/10 | New Hampshire | 5,000 | 2,500 |
| 8/12 | Connecticut | 22,000 | 4,000 |
| 8/16 | Washington, D.C. | 4,200 | -0- (begins 7/16) |
| 8/20 | Delaware | 150* | 131 |
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| 8/25 | Ohio | 8,500 | 1,000 |
| 8/26 | Virginia | 20,000 | 4,500 |
| 8/27 | Oregon | 68,000 | 40,000 |
| 8/30 | Kentucky | 7,500 | 1,750 |
| 8/30 | Idaho | 12,000 | 1,750 |
| 8/30 | Nebraska | 3,750 | 500 |
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| 9/13 | Minnesota | 3,000 | -0- (begins 7/1) |

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Vernon

So, the ball is in our court. The problem, as I see it, is that we've had 16 years to make ourselves heard, and, as Pablo Campos of Proposition 13 fame recently told a Libertarian group in Los Angeles, we haven't made very good use of our opportunities—those real victories that should have allowed us to forge ahead. With the preponderance of intellectuals among us (those David Bergland identifies as "greens") we thought the world should have been won over by the brilliance of our reasoning. No so.

We find now that the press virtually ignores us. They do not attend our press conferences when we have bold statements to make. They do not want to interview a valid candidate for President of the United States, even though he bears the qualification of eight years as a member of congress. I believe we're going to have to blow our own horn. No more political welfare for the Libertarian Party. We're going to have to pay for our own publicity. And,

we're going to have to do that hard practical work that Republicans and Democrats do to get elected—the kind of stuff, like knocking on doors and smiling and actually asking for money, that so many libertarians find so disagreeable. We're going to have to do the same things, only, coming from behind, we're going to have to do more of them.

I recently accepted the position of Los Angeles County coordinator for the Ron Paul for President campaign. I did so, not because I think I've got 48 hours a day to divide up between Ron Paul and my own active campaign for congress, but because I truly believe there is no other place in America more crucial to the success of the Libertarian Party in this election year. In 1988 the principle vehicle of visibility for the Libertarian Party is a forceful presidential campaign, and it is extremely important that this campaign be seen and heard in this most important of media cities. What is seen here is seen in all of America.

In addition to the presidential campaign, I am committed to conducting a vigorous and serious campaign for congress—I mean this when I say it—a campaign to *win*. I know that

Andre Marrou has said we should ignore such offices and concentrate on legislative seats. However, in California, a congressional seat is not that much larger than an assembly seat. Congressional elections are also governed by laws limiting the amounts which may be contributed—limitations which do not apply to assembly races in California. It is not uncommon for assembly candidates to out-spend candidates for congress. In fact the warchests of certain members of the California Assembly are notorious. While as Libertarians we may scoff at such restrictions on political activity, we should nevertheless take the advantage which such restrictions may give us. And if we run into an incumbent, such as my Democratic opponent Anthony Beilensen, who refuses to take PAC money, all the better—the odds become a little more even.

As I have said, a vigorous presidential campaign is crucial. But without vigorous local campaigns, I believe we go nowhere. Let me describe what I will attempt to do. My plan is to combine radio advertising with spots on cable television and to back all this up with an intense canvassing effort.

"Vernon for Congress" began radio spots on April 15 with a series of 24 announcements which asked taxpayers, "Haven't you had enough?" In conjunction with this, I coordinated demonstrations at four Los Angeles County post offices where Libertarians gave out approximately 20,000 pieces of campaign literature from Ron Paul for President, Vernon for Congress, and a slate sheet of Los Angeles County Libertarian Party candidates. This effort produced a number of telephone inquiries. Vernon for Congress will run another series of radio spots during the July 4th weekend with the theme "What happened to the American Dream?" While some may feel that these efforts are too early, I feel that early visibility is especially important for Libertarian candidates. It should be remembered that the 1984 presidential campaign did not begin advertising until the last month of the election.

In the areas which I canvassed two weeks before the election, not one person had heard of David Bergland. In 1988 we must avoid repeating that mistake.

On cable television it is possible to buy one-minute spots for \$50. The beauty of these is that they can be tailor-made for the audience. What better audience to whom to present our views on civil liberties than the viewers of MTV? On the other hand, our positions on economic issues should be especially palatable to those who watch Financial News Network. In my congressional district, it is possible to cover the entire district with two cable stations. On the other hand, broadcast television for my campaign would be a waster, since there are 15 congressional districts within Los Angeles County. But in my opinion broadcast television is a must in Los Angeles for our presidential effort. One station has a potential 10,000,000 viewers.

I believe the canvassing effort is especially important. I have made a commitment to personally knock on at least 15,000 doors. I have asked Los Angeles Libertarians to make a commitment to knock on doors for two hours each week. Twenty-one weeks and 42 hours of such effort would mean that one Libertarian could contact a thousand or more homes simply by setting aside the two hours between 10 am and noon each Saturday morning. A friendly smile, an attractive piece of campaign literature, and a request to consider voting for Libertarian candidates can do wonders for our image, not to mention the confidence and health of the volunteer performing the effort.

This may well be the most important year in the history of the Libertarian Party, and we can make it happen with concentrated advertising in Los Angeles and hard work and dedication from Libertarians all over the country. IF NOT NOW, WHEN? IF NOT HERE, WHERE? IF NOT YOU...THEN WHO?

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Campaign Digest

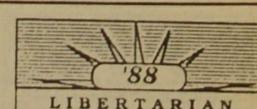
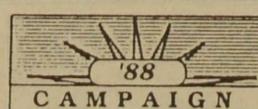
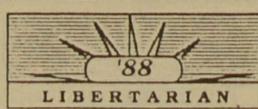
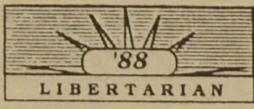
stay in office and then bring other libertarians on board." Also running for office in South Carolina are: **Geb Sommer** of Lexington, for US Congress from the 2nd District; **William Griffin** of South Congree for state House District 88; and **Mark Johnson** of Peak for House District 71.

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Voters said in a recent survey that the second most desirable attribute in a president is compassion, a trait that libertarians are often accused of lacking. When *Libertarian Lines*, the newsletter of the New Hampshire state party, interviewed Ron Paul, they asked him how he convinced the American public that he is compassionate. Dr. Paul replied: "I have

said sincerely many times that one of the major reasons I've become a libertarian is on the compassion issue. That doesn't mean that every libertarian is a selfless giver, but it happens that the libertarian philosophy is by its very nature a compassionate philosophy because it is a philosophy that will provide the greatest amount of production and the fairest distribution of wealth. And anybody who is concerned about poor people, and people not having jobs, and not having homes, they have to look at the libertarian philosophy to find out why the free market and a sound money philosophy provides this great amount of wealth."

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Prohibition Should Have Taught Unforgettable Lesson

on the American tradition of freedom. And I know the people are ready.

I'm traveling full-time now, all over the country, and wherever I go, I get the message loud and clear: Americans want a change in federal drug policy. They may wonder about the proper course. But I am convinced that here, as in all other areas of public policy, the just and efficacious solution is liberty.

Drugs: Legal and Illegal

Alcohol is a very dangerous drug. It kills 100,000 Americans every year. But it is no business of government to outlaw liquor. In a free society, adults have the right to do whatever they wish, so long as they do not aggress or commit fraud against others.

Tobacco is an even more dangerous drug. It kills 350,000 Americans a year in long, lingering, painful deaths. As a physician, I urge people not to smoke. But I would not be justified in calling in the police. Adults have the right to smoke, even though it harms them.

From the decades-long government propaganda barrage about illegal drugs, we could be excused for thinking that illegal drugs must be even more dangerous than alcohol and tobacco.

In fact, 3,600 people die each year from drug abuse. That's less than four percent of those doomed by alcohol, about one percent of those killed by tobacco. Yet we are taxed—and are supposed to undergo extensive other restrictions on our liberty—to support a multi-billion dollar War on Drugs, which, like all the other wars since the Revolution, benefits only the government and its allied special interests at the people's expense.

Not satisfied with the present level of violence, politicians are now advocating strip-searching every American returning from a foreign country, jailing people caught using marijuana in their own homes, turning the army into a national police force, giving Customs agents the power and weapons to shoot down suspected aircraft, and transforming America into a police state—all because not enough Americans will Just Say No.

Politicians want to mandate random urine drug tests for all employees—public and private—in "sensitive" jobs. Leaving aside the problem of defective laboratories and tests, the high number of "false positives," and the

humiliation of having to urinate in front of a bureaucrat, what about the concepts of due process or innocent until proven guilty? One of the great American legal traditions, coming to us from the common law, is probable cause. Because of the experiences our ancestors had with the British oppressors, it is not constitutional to search someone without probable cause of criminal activity. And this is a very intimate search indeed.

If this sort of search is justified, why not enter homes at random to look for illegal substances (or unreported cash)? Not even the Soviets do that, yet American politicians advocate something similar with our bodies. The Reagans, emulating Stalin, have even praised the chilling example of a child informing on his parents, and urged others to follow his example.

The 1980s war on drugs has increased the US prison population by 60 percent, while street crime has zoomed. Seventy percent of the people arrested for serious crimes are drug users. And all the evidence shows that they commit these crimes to support a habit made extremely expensive by government prohibition. Urban street crime, which terrorizes millions of Americans, is largely the creation of the US drug laws. That alone is reason enough for legalization.

Drug Prohibition in American History

All the drugs now illegal in the United States were freely available before the passage of the Harrison Act in 1914. Until that year, patent medicines usually contained laudanum—a form of opium, which is why—at least temporarily—they were indeed "good for all ailments of man or beast."

First the feds—with the help of organized medicine—restricted narcotic drugs to prescription only. Thus, physicians were still able to treat addicts. Then the feds made that illegal, drastically raising the cost of drugs, with the results we all know.

Yet about the same percentage of the population abused these substances in 1888 as in 1988. In other words, some people will abuse drugs, just as some people will abuse alcohol, no matter whether they are legal or illegal. All the government can do by outlawing these items is vastly increase their cost, and vastly decrease our liberties. But this is no bad thing

to the government. Government officials—from Washington grandees to the county sheriff—get rich off bribes and corruption, as during Prohibition, and the innocent pay through zooming crime and lessened freedom.

That does not mean, obviously, that illegal drug use is a good thing. As a physician, a father, and a grandfather, I despise it. My wife, Carol, and I have worked for years with a volunteer organization in our home town that fights teen drug and alcohol use. But we do it through moral and medical persuasion. Government force can't solve problems like this; it can only make them worse and spread the burden to many innocent Americans.

The federal government began the modern war on drugs as part of its efforts to destroy the 1960s anti-war movement, since so many of its people used marijuana, often as an anti-Establishment statement. For the feds, this was a way to jail domestic enemies for a non-political crime.

At the urging of the Nixon administration, which spied on and tax-audited so many Americans for opposing it, Congress greatly escalated the drug war in 1969. (Given all the evidence that the CIA has been involved in drug running since the 1950s, as pointed out by Jonathan Kwitny of the *Wall Street Journal* and others, they might not have liked the competition either!) Today, the feds spend almost \$4 billion a year through the Customs Service, the Coast Guard, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the FBI, and the IRS. State, county, and local law enforcement adds billions more.

Despite all this firepower, today one in five Americans from the ages of 20-40 use illegal drugs regularly. Millions over 40 join them, and last year 824,000 Americans were arrested for it, including Elvy Musikka of Hollywood, Florida. This elderly widow was thrown into jail for possession of four marijuana plants, even though her doctor has said that without marijuana, glaucoma will destroy her eyesight. All over America, the prison population has increased 60 percent in the last five years, largely due to drug laws.

In spite of the immense sums of money spent on the crusade, drug use has not decreased. Heroin use has stayed level, while cocaine consumption has vastly increased, with about

five million people regularly using it.

During the 1930s and 1940s, Harry Anslinger, the head of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, whipped up the first drug fervor. Today the demon is "crack." To Anslinger, marijuana created "drug fiends," and as a result government violated civil liberties on a wide scale and imposed Draconian prison sentences for the possession of small amounts.

The result was not, of course, the elimination of marijuana use, just as the earlier Prohibition failed to stop Americans from drinking alcohol.

That "noble experiment" attempted by constitutional amendment and rigorous regulation to ban the sale of alcoholic beverages. The "temperance" movement called alcohol the main cause of violent crime and broken families, and called for rooting it out.

The result of the war on drugs of the 1920s was disaster. Gangs of bootleggers replaced ordinary businessmen as sellers of the now forbidden substance. Notorious criminals such as Al Capone achieved their status through their control of the illegal trade in drink, just as criminals today derive much of their revenue from the market for illegal narcotics. Of course, drinking among the public did not disappear, though adulterated and poisoned alcohol led to many deaths.

However unsuccessful they were at stopping drinking, government agents did succeed in suppressing civil liberties. We owe wiretapping to the Prohibition Era, and warrantless searches of private homes were common. Some federal agents, not content with what they viewed as an overly slow judicial process, destroyed supposed contraband on their own authority. And as happens today, government raids on bootleggers often resulted in shoot-outs with the innocent caught in the crossfire. A government policy calling for total victory, at whatever cost, over something many people wanted, meant inevitable death and destruction.

Unseen Effects of Government Intervention

Today and then, one of the unexpected results of outlawing desired substances is to increase their potency.

A uniform tax on gasoline of so many cents per gallon promotes the production of higher octane gas, which sells for more and gives the

Gulf Violence Is Another Wasteful 'War'

By Ron Paul

The Iran-Iraq war is a tragedy that the US has made worse. We should obey the Constitution, stick to our traditional foreign policy, and get out.

Instead, we help Iraq, which started the war by trying to conquer part of Iran. And at the same time we surreptitiously help Iran as well!

Then an Iraqi plane attacks one of our ships, killing 37 men and maiming many others. [Written prior to the US shooting down of an Iranian airliner.] So we threaten Iran, and seek to put the tankers of oil-rich Kuwait under the protection of the US flag, because the Iranians might assault them.

Most of Iraq's oil goes by pipeline to Turkey. Most of Iran's is shipped by tanker. Who would have the greatest incentive to harm shipping? In fact, almost 80 percent of the attacks on Gulf shipping have come from Iraq, not Iran.

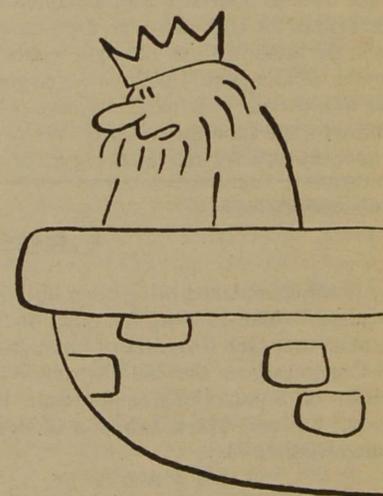
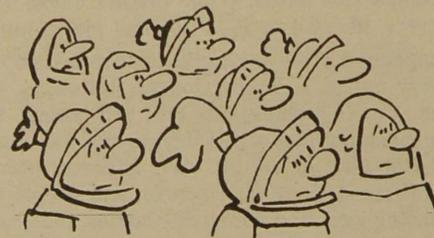
I am sick of US lives and taxes being expended unconstitutionally on a foreign war. I am sick of foreign policy that serves well-connected big business at our country's expense. If

the fatcats of Chevron (Standard Oil of California), whose oil fills those Kuwaiti tankers, want to protect them, they should pay for it. Not 18-year-old American sailors who will never see their 19th birthdays. Less than six percent of US oil comes from the Persian Gulf.

Both Iran and Iraq have thug governments. But we and the Soviets are supporting Iraq, the aggressor in the war. Why? By what possible justification? Neither Iran nor Iraq deserves one cent of our taxpayers' money, let alone one life.

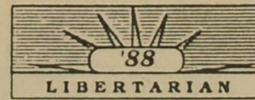
Bring the boys home! From the Persian Gulf, from Europe, from Asia. A proper policy that defends the US, and doesn't meddle in 140 countries of the world, is our only security. And it is the only moral and constitutional policy for this great nation.

A non-interventionist foreign policy was prescribed by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and the other Founding Fathers, and its implementation is even more urgent today. At the very least, if we do send any more men into the Persian Gulf war, let's make sure that the officials of the Reagan Administration and the Members of Congress are in the vanguard. Not high school kids.



Baloo

"It's not a crusade, boys -- I just want to maintain a presence in the Middle East."



consumer better performance. A uniform "tax" of the danger of going to jail imposed on making and selling alcohol during Prohibition stimulated the production of such items as White Mule whiskey, with "twice the kick," as well as of often dangerous substitutes such as synthetic gin made of wood or denatured alcohol. It also favored the production of whiskey itself over beer and wine. During Prohibition, distilled spirits accounted for more than 80 percent of total underground sales. Before and after the criminalization of drinking, the figure was 50 percent.

In the legal drug market, the trend is towards lower potency, as with low-tar, filtered cigarettes, decaffeinated coffee, and "lite" beer and wine.

But with illegal drugs, as with alcohol during Prohibition, the reverse is true. Stronger cocaine, heroin, and marijuana have led to more deaths, as have the adulterated products which kill most of the people listed as dying from drug overdoses.

Designer Drugs

But what if the feds could seal the borders tight, and prevent the domestic cultivation of all illegal plants? We would see a massive increase in an already visible trend: "Designer Drugs."

These chemically engineered artificial substances are up to 6,000 times as strong as morphine, and their toxic effects are bizarre and unpredictable. They are far more dangerous than heroin or cocaine, yet the government is in effect stimulating their production by focusing on their competition.

Unlike natural narcotics, a few pounds of designer drugs could supply the entire US market for a year. And they can be manufactured by the same clandestine chemists who now extract morphine from opium and convert the morphine to heroin.

What If We Tried Legalization?

When the American people got fed up with their rights being trampled, they organized and supported candidates who pledged to erase the Prohibition Amendment from the Constitution. When they succeeded, most states legalized the distribution and sale of liquor, and the criminal gangs dominating the trade went out of business. The repeal of a bad law accomplished what the indiscriminate use of force and tax money could never do: the end of criminal trade in liquor. It would be no different for drugs.

If the use and sale of drugs were not illegal, the power of crime syndicates now controlling these substances would disappear. These organizations derive their power and influence only from the fact that their business is illegal.

Though the benefits in the destruction of criminal organizations more than justify an end to government intrusion in this area, a policy of decriminalization would have many other good results. For one thing, the users of drugs who now commit violent crimes to pay for their "fix" would have much less incentive to do so. Prices of drugs, now subject to open competition, would drop sharply. Since narcotics are "downers," addicts would have no incentive to act any different from "Bowery" alcoholics. Instead of ravaging criminals, they would become street people.

Even addicts would be better off. The major cause of death is not from drugs' narcotic properties. It is from poisoned drugs and adulteration. It is impossible for the user to know how much he is taking. Illegality causes these problems—the drug user can hardly ask his pusher for lab tests.

A legal market would be an entirely different affair. Just as a customer in a liquor store need not wonder if his whiskey contains poison, or what the percentage of pure alcohol is, the consumers of drugs would no longer face a danger that is 100 percent "Made in Washington."

Also, the use of contaminated needles by narcotics users has been a key factor in the

spread of AIDS. Through the availability of sterile needles in a free and open market, decriminalization would help control the spread of this disease.

But if we legalized the trade in narcotics, wouldn't we have many more drug addicts than today? Wouldn't a lower price increase demand?

Leaving aside the "forbidden fruit" phenomenon—the fact that many people find something more desirable precisely because it is illegal—the law of demand does not tell us how much consumption will increase with lowered prices. In fact, the data show that consumption of drugs remains fairly constant under widely varying conditions.

Just as the sharply higher "price" of the escalated war on drugs has not lowered drug use during the 1980s, legalization would not increase it. Just as the availability of alcohol does not make everyone a drunkard, so the absence of criminal sanctions would not convert everyone into a drug user.

Another important point: Not all consumers of either alcohol or drugs use them at problem levels. Most people who use liquor are not alcoholics, and many users of drugs try them only occasionally. Most drug users are not "addicts" dependent on their daily dose.

What About Children?

Would decriminalization place drugs in the hands of children? No, in fact outlawing them has done it. Because of the severe penalties inflicted on adult drug suppliers in the 1970s, criminal syndicates now use juvenile distributors. Youngsters, even if prosecuted, are tried in special courts which cannot impose severe penalties. Thanks to the government, pushers now have every incentive to involve children in their business. Just as a free society properly has laws against selling liquor to minors, we would bar the sale of drugs to them.

Law Officials Advocate Legalization (in Private)

A few years ago, a friend was a consultant to a gubernatorial campaign. To aid the candidate in formulating his anti-crime policies, my friend assembled a group of top DAs. All were glad to help, but they also unanimously agreed—off the record, of course—that nothing significant could be done about crime "until drugs are legalized."

They will never be legalized, said one famous prosecutor, because too many government officials make too much money off the drug trade: from the feds to the county sheriff: "billions of dollars." These men were also furious because of spending priorities. Every dollar spent pursuing drug dealers and users who didn't aggress against the innocent was a dollar less available for going after criminals.

Narco-Terrorism

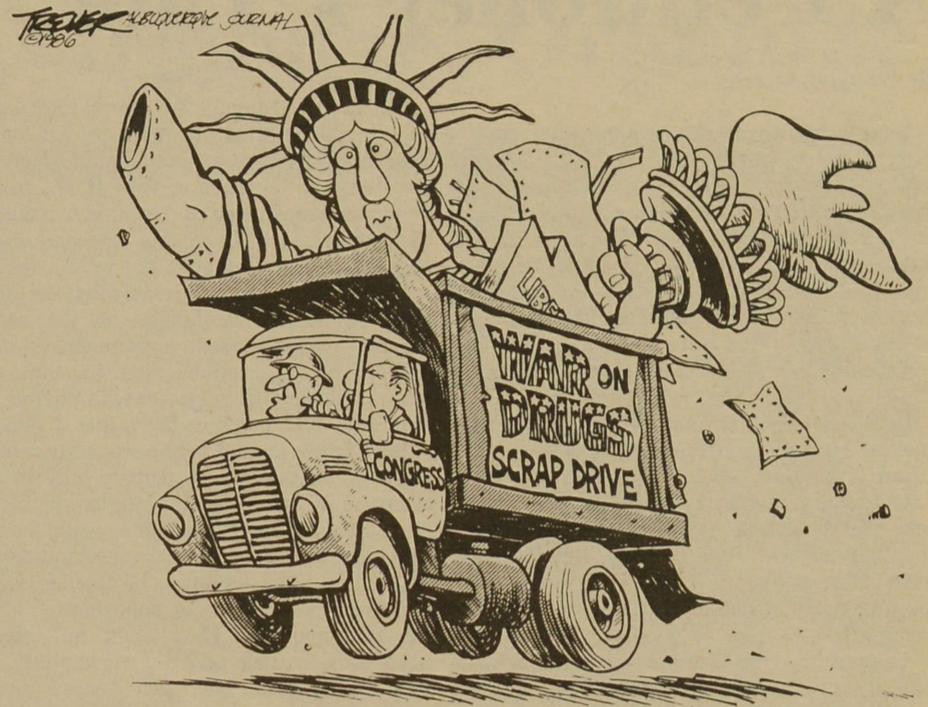
Bok Kwan Kim, a 49-year-old electrical assembly worker, lived peacefully in a tiny apartment with his wife, three daughters, and 78-year-old mother-in-law in Newark, California.

Then late on the night of May 12th, nine narcotics police broke down his front door, handcuffed him and beat him until he was unconscious, handcuffed his wife and shoved her to the floor as their daughters screamed, and ransacked the apartment. Not one piece of furniture was left unbroken; every pillow or piece of upholstery was torn and emptied of its stuffing. All their dishes and porcelain were shattered. Only a picture of Jesus on the wall was left in one piece.

Why? The narcotics police had gotten a false tip from an informer that Kim had a stock of amphetamines. Why the beating? The police said Kim had "resisted" the destruction of his home and few possessions.

Kim is still in the hospital, and his daughters have nightmares every night. The head of the narcotics squad apologized, but noted that "this is war."

Yes, but war on whom? We now have



Republicans and Democrats passing laws—over the Pentagon's wise opposition—to turn the military into narco-police, with arrest powers over civilians. And if anyone's rights are violated? The military narcotics police are to be immune from suit.

Under the government's so-called Zero Tolerance program, boats and cars were confiscated right and left. Recently a \$3 million yacht was commandeered by the Coast Guard because a few shreds of marijuana were found in a wastebasket. The Coast Guard had boarded the vessel despite there being no probable cause of crime. The owner was not on board, and his employees were transporting the ship. Who did the marijuana belong to? It didn't matter. What's next? A house confiscated because someone finds pot in the garbage can? (Now that the Supreme Court says police can search your garbage without a warrant.)

Mises on Drug Prohibition

Ludwig von Mises, the outstanding economist and champion of liberty of our time, as usual summed it all up in *Human Action*: "Opium and morphine are certainly dan-

gerous, habit-forming drugs. But once the principle is admitted that it is the duty of government to protect the individual against his own foolishness, no serious objections can be advanced against further encroachments. A good case can be made out in favor of the prohibition of alcohol and nicotine. And why limit the government's benevolent providence to the protection of the individual's body only? Is not the harm a man can inflict on his mind and soul even more dangerous than bodily evils? Why not prevent him from reading bad books and seeing bad plays, from looking at bad paintings and statues, and from hearing bad music? The mischief done by bad ideologies, surely, is much more pernicious, both for the individual and for the whole society, than that done by narcotic drugs...

"[N]o paternal government, whether ancient or modern, ever shrank from regimenting its subjects' minds, beliefs, and opinions. If one abolishes man's freedom to determine his own consumption, one takes all freedoms away." Ron Paul, MD, is the Libertarian Party's 1988 candidate for President of the United States.

Senate Race Rolls On

By Dick Jacobs

On March 30th of this year, I announced my candidacy, for the US Senate seat currently held by (D) Don Riegle. The press coverage I received, and continue to receive, is far in excess of my expectations. Every major paper across the state gave me coverage; some of the papers even gave front page coverage. The *Detroit Free Press*, which hardly covered my campaign when I ran for governor in 1982, had a very fair article, including direct quotations, and a photograph, on the same page as articles on Jessie Jackson and George Bush. There was also radio and television coverage, even though the state budget director decided to hold a press conference at the very same time that I was holding mine.

Less than three weeks later, I received an invitation to debate Senator Riegle and the winner of the Republican primary, at the prestigious Detroit Economic Club next October 17th. More recently, after having issued four very professional news releases on the

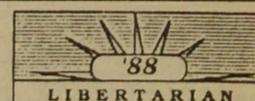
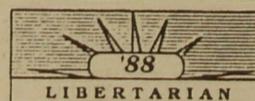
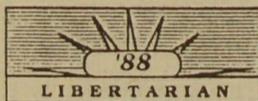
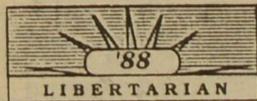
issues, I have been informed that a local television station in Saginaw has even given my news release excellent coverage during their news hour, when I was not even in the area.

I'm encouraged, you bet, not just by the media coverage but more importantly by the people I have talked with during my campaigning across Michigan. They are looking for a new direction and they like our message.

I attribute this change in reception to the broken promises of Ronald Reagan and both major parties. Just as important, I attribute it to the hard work being performed by my campaign workers who know how to get the job done and who also believe that a victory in November, while not highly probable, is very possible. The key will be continued support from other Libertarians, all over the country.

My campaign may be reached at 616-399-3430, 1016 Forest Hills Dr., Holland, MI 49424.

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A Petitioner's Tale

By Douglas Merritt

I have just finished an interesting, challenging, but difficult experience. I had pledged to gather 100 signatures on petitions to get Ron Paul, the Libertarian candidate for President, on the 1988 Kansas ballot in November. Over the state we must get 2,500 registered voters to sign. I have fulfilled my pledge and so have most of the other Libertarians in the state. We have succeeded. You will have an extra choice when voting in November because of our efforts.

For the most part the petition drive was fun. I am not a good salesman, even a bit timid. I asked only those persons whom I thought would sign and avoided those I thought would not. Still I was occasionally rebuffed. Not counting those who were not registered, there were several reasons for refusal. Several said that they never signed petitions of any kind. I can understand that. They have adopted a position somewhere between full participation and not voting at all. It is their choice and I have no argument with it. There were also some who did not want to get on yet another mailing list. That I thought was a good excuse. I also want off most mailing lists. I had two refusals because of the fact that they were employed in a public position where no solicitation was allowed. I was wrong in asking at that time and place. All of these reasons for not signing a political petition were valid and understandable; I had no problem with them. I went on my way and got my quota, and our man will be on the ballot in November, so no harm.

What did cause me concern were three people who stated that they did not want Ron Paul or anyone else except their man and their

party on the Kansas ballot.

On Sunday, May 29, Memorial Day weekend, we had an art fair in Atchison. The newspaper had printed an account that I had written about my participation in WW II, the sort of thing you usually find in the Sunday paper on Memorial Day. One woman who had read it was lavish in her remarks but when asked to sign a petition refused and stated that she didn't want any more candidates on the ballot. Another woman present, a prominent political figure, said she wouldn't sign for the same reason. Here were two people who had thought it normal and commendable that I and 15 million others should fight a war so that those two could thereafter participate fully in free elections in America and vote for the candidates of their choice but who would in turn refuse me my right to vote for the candidate of my choice. The hallmark of fascism is the "suppression of political opposition," which was their purpose. They would not tolerate opposition to their political viewpoints. The only saving grace was their honesty in admitting the truly perverse nature of their refusal.

I sat for awhile after that encounter watching the happy crowd. It was a glorious day and I was content. I had questioned the people and the response had been strongly positive in favor of democracy. The Republic is in good hands. Most of the signers had stated that they thought it good to have more choices in an election. A good number announced their intention to not vote for my man but were willing for him to have equal opportunity. A small few even said they would vote for Ron Paul. As described above I had heard only a faint echo of "Ein Volk, Ein Reich, und Ein Fuhrer."

Merritt is state chair of the Kansas LP.

Press Still Smears LP With LaRouche

The incredible, and incredibly stupid, identification of libertarians with the Democrat Lyndon LaRouche, continues to plague the Libertarian Party.

Latest incident was an op-ed piece in the otherwise very sympathetic (to libertarians) *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. In it, a person identified as a former history teacher, one Frederick R. Dixon, capped off a long attack against Austrian economics, the free market, and laissez faire capitalism with a reference to "Lyndon LaRouche's looney libertarians," implying that they favor laissez faire capitalism. The truth, apparently of little interest to the ignorant Dixon, is that LaRouche favors many state socialist policies, and has denounced libertarians—for which libertarians are eternally grateful since there are few creatures on the face of the earth, excepting perhaps the slime mold, with whom they have less in common than with Democrat LaRouche.

After a strong protest by LP NEWS editor Karl Hess, the *Plain Dealer* quickly ran a prominently-placed correction.

Meantime, any suggestions as to how to handle this most odious sort of misinformation will be welcome.

On another front, some LP members have received a mailing from the National Socialist Vanguard with its somewhat revealing swastika logotype. It has been impossible to determine the source of the mailing list used to contact LP members. On this matter too, suggestions would be welcome as to how to assure that libertarians are not tarred by mailing-list-guilt-by-association.

And, for any idiots who do not yet understand that libertarians OPPOSE ALL ORGANIZATIONS THAT ADVOCATE OR PRACTICE POLITICAL COERCION THROUGH THE INITIATION OF FORCE (Nazis and other socialists, communists, Democrats, Republicans, LaRouchies, theocrats, monarchists, etc.), let us repeat that WE OPPOSE ALL ORGANIZATIONS THAT ADVOCATE OR PRACTICE POLITICAL COERCION THROUGH THE INITIATION OF FORCE.—KH.

Rx

Dr. Ron Paul

Freedom in large doses
for the prevention of tyranny.

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Ernsberger Campaign Is Carefully Crafted, Widely Covered

petitions and was taken off the primary ballot. The result was that a number of free-enterprise Republicans in the district now face a choice of a liberal Democrat, a liberal Republican, and a Libertarian.

Not only have I made political history in my district by gathering the greatest number of petition signatures, raising the most money, and receiving the most publicity of any third party in the district EVER, I have also made history on primary election day as well. Even though as an independent I was already on the ballot and was not on the primary machines, my organization used the primary day as a test run for November. On election day we had Ernsberger to Congress posters at 64 election places and campaign workers handing out my literature to voters as they left the polls. On the following day, I ran a half-page ad in the daily newspapers welcoming the winning Republican and the winning Democrat into the race against me and presenting the Libertarian case. The ad cost me \$1900 but helped raise over \$2500. I was mentioned in every news story on the primary results and in several editorials:

Courier Times Editorial: "And if the voters have trouble telling their [the GOP and Dem nominees] positions apart at times, there will be Libertarian Donald Ernsberger adding a different perspective."

The Free Press: "On that day, Democrats and Republicans will go to the polls to select opposition candidates to Ernsberger in November."

News Herald: "Kostmayer and Howard will be joined in the 8th District race by Don Ernsberger...a skilled debater who expects to win over some liberal Democrats and some conservative Republicans."

Courier Times: "Expected to be a factor in the race is the entry by Libertarian candidate Donald Ernsberger."

My two opponents in the race are a liberal incumbent, Peter Kostmayer, who has been the congressman for the past three terms (Americans for Democratic Action rating: 95 percent). The Republican is a moderate liberal, Ed Howard, who was a state senator for 16 years, is 61 years old, and has yet to take any positions on national issues such as the trade bill, tax policy or budget cuts.

The campaign now enters Phase Three as I focus on the creation of press statements on national issues as they appear. My first two releases on the trade bill and on the federal prohibition of "dial-a-porn" generated five newspaper stories. My "open letter" on the day after the primary, which presented Libertarian views on issues and attacked my opponents, created a number of new volunteers, contributions, and an attack on me by the Republican candidate.

In late May, I moved on the "war on drugs" issue with letters to the editor and a column on the topic. My campaign organization is now setting up a regular "letter to the editor" system and community leafleting. Andre Marrou's visit in early June provided an opportunity for a campaign dinner and press stories. Another part of Phase Three that will run through Labor Day will be a series of town meetings that I will hold, each on a specific topic with an expert speaker, and with an Ernsberger to Congress white paper.

The first major issue of these town meetings will be the "war on drugs." With the emergence of national discussion of the decriminalization issue finding its way to the front

covers of *Time* and *Newsweek* Magazines, and in the op-ed sections of newspapers, the largest daily in my district came out with an editorial supporting the libertarian position. On June 7th the newspaper printed on its editorial page a column by me (1200 words) outlining the case of legalization of drugs. These developments will further legitimize my position in the dialogue. Other issues will include social security, balancing the budget, the US as world policeman, and privacy rights.

This summer I will begin to visit all of the small businesses in the district with a special brochure designed to present the libertarian view on entrepreneurial freedom and economic liberty. Each day during July and August I will travel to another community to walk in and talk to the owners/operators of small businesses, shops, and agencies. I will also be designing radio ads which appeal to young people who have not voted in the past, to acquaint them with my voter registration theme: "This year there is a real choice...give voting ONE MORE TRY!"

These ads will appear on local rock and roll radio stations and will draw upon my background as a guitar player, as an activist in youth issues, and as an educator who works with high school seniors.

One of the keys to success thus far has been the use by my campaign staff of individual members who focus on a specific task and carry out the work involved without drawing from my time as candidate. At present, I have staff members who take care of scheduling, publicity, press releases, letters to the editor, and literature creation with only minimum involvement by me. This permit me to focus on fundraising and media contacts.

One of the most encouraging signs thus far

since the primary has been a series of meetings I have had with local Republican and Democratic activists who, for various reasons, would like to see a strong showing by an independent candidate in this election. I have now gotten promises of poll workers, funding, and October endorsements from a number of these individuals. The other encouraging sign is that I have the image, in the minds of the political reporters in the district, of a candidate who deals with the issues, who footnotes his well-researched press issue statements, and who is going to give the two-party system a run for its money this fall...and with the help of Libertarians all over the country we will make this congressional race the most significant in the history of the party.

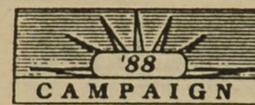
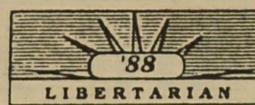
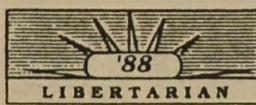
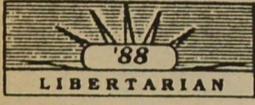
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Marrou Says Organize, Organize, Organize

By Andre Marrou

It has been said that the Libertarian Party is its own worst enemy—that we not only shoot ourselves in the foot but actually take aim at the big toe. To some extent this is true. Consider, for example, all the self-appointed (and sometimes self-aggrandizing) “purity police” who deem themselves the true arbiters of Libertarian thought. Consider the interminable debates on minor platform issues. Not only are planks minutely dissected, but so are tiny splinters. Consider the often-chaotic NatCom meetings which increasingly frustrate go-ahead doers while placating strident egoistic philosophers. Consider offshoot groups (such as LROC and the Voluntaryists) which actively oppose Libertarian electoral success.

Given these problems, is there any hope of achieving a Libertarian society? Yes, there is—in fact, significant hope. In my opinion, the USA will elect a Libertarian President/Vice-President and a substantial portion of Congress within 20 or 30 years (i.e., one generation) *despite* the LP’s best (unwitting, inadvertent) efforts to prevent it. That is, the message of “maximal individual liberty, minimal governmental power” is too strong, too beautiful, too *American* for the LP or anybody else to thwart or waylay.

Now the good news: If we get smart and do what’s necessary to get ourselves elected to state legislatures and thus build the Party, then we can assure that a Libertarian Administration will be elected within 10 years. (“Do

what’s necessary” excludes lying, cheating, and stealing.)

How can we achieve this? Well, I’m glad you asked. Actually, “how to do it” is the easy part—that’s fairly straightforward, if our candidates will listen and then *act*, instead of debating the matter incessantly.

To win, we must beat ‘em at their own game (and recognize that it *is* their political game, for the time being). This is easier than it sounds. No mysticism or magic is necessary. We must organize better than they do at all electoral levels: national, state, district, county, and local. We must raise and spend more money (than they do) in election campaigns. We must produce and air more and better television commercials. We must field more and better (i.e., serious, electable) candidates.

As stated above, this is fairly easy, because the average Libertarian is considerably smarter than the average Republican, who in turn is a little smarter than the average Democrat. This can, however, be a disadvantage—we all realize that Libertarians tend to debate issues instead of acting on them.

Which media should we use—TV, radio, newspapers, billboards, yard signs, brochures, or what? Take this into account: The average Libertarian is an intellectual who reads a lot. Remember the books-for-sale tables at LP state conventions? Most Libertarians watch television very little. In fact, some LP’ers brag that they don’t even own a TV set. On the other hand, the average voter is a non-intellectual who reads a little—maybe the front, sports,

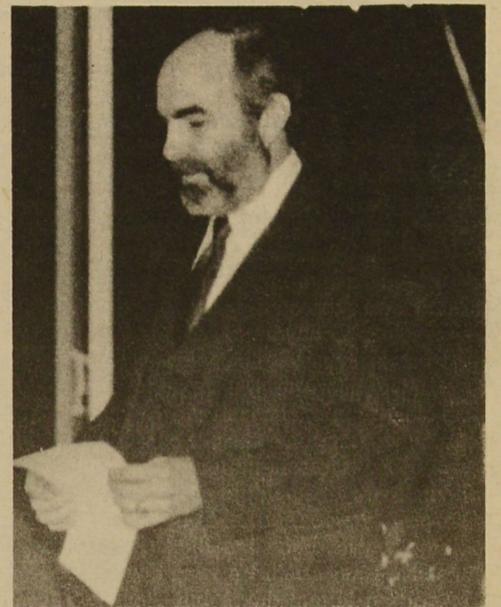
and comic pages in the local newspaper—and watches television an average of 6½ hours *per day*.

We *must* win elections. We must do what is necessary to get Libertarians into office. The best educational tool is an elected officeholder; the second best is a candidate. There is no magic way to “educate” the public so that suddenly one morning a Libertarian society will appear overnight. “Liberty is gained by inches,” as Thomas Jefferson said.

We must acquire elective power so as to control government and its bureaucrats—as opposed to controlling individual persons, which Democrats and Republicans do.

To build your state and local LP, just go out and *do* it. Project a growth curve in members and money, then achieve that projection. Have regular meetings. Schedule interesting speakers. Discuss “how to win elections,” not “how many Libertarians can dance on the head of a tax collector.” Recruit electable candidates who are committed to winning. Produce good TV commercials and put them on the air. Hire a state executive director, paid out of funds that he/she raises. Raise funds via public spaghetti dinners, bingo parties, chili cookoffs, raffles of cars/airplanes/TV sets, monthly pledge programs, etc., etc. Pursue all legitimate fundraising opportunities. Every time you meet, pass the hat.

Achieving individual liberty is requiring more time, effort, and money than anybody anticipated. But consider that the D’s and R’s have been steadily building the huge govern-



Andre Marrou

mental edifice for at least 75 years, since they enacted the income tax and the Federal Reserve System in 1913.

When your interest starts waning, when you begin to wonder if the struggle for liberty is worth it, just remember the last sentence of the Declaration of Independence: “...we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.”

They succeeded. So can we.

Greening

Rhetorically, both the Libertarian and Green Parties reject the left-right political scale. Yet the Libertarian Party seems strongly conservative and the Greens have a socialistic bent.

I reject socialism as anathema to freedom, but I think that the Green focus on nonviolence, ecology, and personal and social responsibility is important. I believe that voluntarism is the best organizing principle, but I also feel that voluntarists should seek to foster strong ethical principles.

Gary W. Swing
Washington, DC

One for the List

Thank you for the listing in the recent party newsletter of real, living Libertarians actually elected and active in government positions in 1988. I am another one. I was appointed to a seat on the Wilmot Village Council in 1986. I was elected by the people to that council seat in November of 1987. This is my first elected office. It is not a big political spot—but I am doing what I can where I am. And I am learning all the time. So one more name for the list!

James A. Mathatas
Wilmot, OH

Candidate Call

In the next issue of Libertarian Party NEWS the editors hope to run as complete a list as possible of all persons running for office as Libertarians. We ask that all state party members responsible for compiling candidate lists share them with the NEWS. **Our deadline for the listing is September 1.**

Letters

Lewis and Liberty

Jim Lewis, in struggling for his freedom, is struggling for the freedom of us all.

When we hear of a protestor being jailed by government forces in the USSR most of us assume the morality of his action. When reports come back about the struggle in Afghanistan or the Philippines we know which side is right.

Many of us choose not to go help the Mujahadeen fight the Soviet invaders but we give them moral and sometimes material support. Most of us are concerned about abolishing the South African Socialism for blacks called Apartheid. These injustices are the injustices of governments. Most of us don’t go there to protest, but our moral support is something we all can afford to give and it is a valuable weapon that will eventually make this world a better place.

Do you feel that a protestor should be jailed for refusing to cooperate in the confiscation of his property? Should he be required to follow myriad rules, carry a government ID number, request government authorization for most occupations? Should people who decide to be employers be forced to pay government a percentage and to inform the government authorities as to the color and origin of the people they employ?

Jim Lewis fights these injustices. He is fighting the Leviathan in DC. Jim is a political prisoner, incarcerated for refusing to support the immorality he protests.

Those of us not yet taxed enough to fight them head-on can still lend our moral support to Jim by writing to him at A-2, #09357-014, Box 1000, Montgomery, PA, 17752.

Michael North
Saugerties, NY

Deadheads

I’ve been talking a lot about libertarian principles with other Deadheads and finding many of them very sympathetic to the party’s goals. This isn’t very surprising given the government’s constant attempts to stop us from “vending without a license,” using drugs, camping on “public property,” etc. I would like to know if anyone has any ideas for how to reach a larger number of [admirers of the Grateful Dead] (a group of 500,000, according to the band) than I can talk to in my spare time. People involved in petition drives might try working a show.

Stefan Fuegi
Hamden, CT

Bumper Crop

A surprisingly simple and inexpensive outreach project is placing a libertarian bumpersticker on your car. I recently placed a “Ron Paul Libertarian for President” bumpersticker on my car and was amazed at the results.

Inquiries began almost immediately. People have approached me at the grocery store, gas station, and even at an intersection asking who’s Ron Paul and where exactly does the Libertarian Party stand. I keep several copies of Ron Paul’s brochure and an LP NEWS Outreach Edition under the seat to pass out. I also mention that if they have any further questions our number is in the phone book.

I’ve averaged about one inquiry a week, not to mention the uncounted numbers who just see the bumpersticker. Also, I have the sticker on the back window where it can more easily be seen and won’t damage any paint.

Peter G. Schmerl
Tucson, AZ

Electoral College

After the 1984 elections there was debate over the Electoral College and how it is used to choose our presidents. One Sunday morning in January 1985 there was one such debate on television with columnist George Will and two critics of the Electoral College. George Will clearly praised the Electoral College for preserving the two-party system and for keeping third-party candidates from threatening a two-party election for president.

I was angered to hear this from a network commentator and syndicated columnist. George did a good job representing the authoritarian state. The critics were saying the popular vote should decide all presidential elections, not electors from the Electoral College. I agree. Before a Libertarian becomes president, we may have to fight the Electoral College.

Charles Zatavekas
Bensalem, PA

LP 1040s

Can you imagine the amount of federal income taxes all libertarians have paid? It is a staggering number. We all believe that it was taken wrongfully. An overwhelming majority certainly believes that it is rightfully still our property. And every last one of us believes that we should be able to do what we want with our property!

The answer is clear. Let’s research those old 1040s, and send Ron Paul an accounting of how much we have “on deposit” in Washington. Then let each of us tell him how much of that we are “giving” to him.

Let’s face it, the only way any of our past dollars could possibly be put to good use is to employ them to throw out the Democrats and Republicans. The only way to do that is with massive funding. So let each of us use our past taxes to fund many future Libertarian candidates.

It’s the most sensible thing to do.

Steven I. Givot
Barrington Hills, IL

Newsletters Are Key Libertarian Links

State and local libertarian newsletters are a communications life-line for all of us. Following is a list of those newsletters regularly received by the Libertarian Party NEWS. If there are some we should be getting, but aren't, please let us know. If there are errors in the listing, let us know.

For local information, up-to-date and on-the-scene, there is no substitute for these newsletters. They should be supported fully. And we should all keep in touch as closely as possible.

Abolitionist (Contra Costa)

1746 Lexington Av., #4
El Cerrito, CA 94530

Alabama Liberty

P.O. Box 11514
Birmingham, AL 35202

Arizona Libertarian

P.O. Box 501
Phoenix, AZ 85001

California Libertarian News

2156 The Alameda, #B
San Jose, CA 95126

Cincinnati Libertarians

8622 Plainfield Lane
Cincinnati, OH 45236

CLiPboard (Colorado LP)

720 E. 18th Av., #309
Denver, CO 80203

Connecticut Libertarian

22 Willow Ct.
Ridgefield, CT 06877

Cosmic Wink (Utah LP)

P.O. Box 6175
Salt Lake City, UT 84106

DuPage Libertarian

1287 Spring Valley Dr.
Carol Stream, IL 60187

Florida Libertarian

P.O. Box 1034
Winter Park, FL 32790

Free Kansan

408 N. Mission
Wichita, KS 67206

Free Marin

Box 367
Kentfield, CA 94914

Free New Mexico

10717 Lowe, NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111

Free State Libertarian Newsletter

4323 Rosedale Av.
Bethesda, MD 20814

Georgia Libertarian

1655 Peachtree NE, #1011
Atlanta, GA 30306

Golden Gate Libertarian

1800 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

Illinois Libertarian

1111 Church St., #405
Evanston, IL 60201

Jefferson County (AL) Common Sense

P.O. Box 11514
Birmingham, AL 35202

Lane County LP Bulletin

P.O. Box 10152
Eugene, OR 97440

Liberator

5533 E. Swift
Fresno, CA 93727

Libertarian Lines

P.O. Box 315
Wolfeboro, NH 03894

Libertarian Penn

Box 41827
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Liberty Forum

P.O. Box 5705
Fullerton, CA 92635

Libertyvine '88 (Oklahoma LP)

3791 E. 39th Pl. So.
Tulsa, OK 74135

LP of Nebraska Newsletter

P.O. Box 80901
Lincoln, NE 68501

LPL News

c/o Clement 2331½ Port St.
New Orleans, LA 70117

Massachusetts Liberty

P.O. Box 2610
Boston, MA 02208

Metro Detroit Libertarian

322 Millington Blvd.
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48012

Michigan Libertarian

322 Millington Blvd.
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48012

Minnesota Libertarian

P.O. Box 774
Minneapolis, MN 55458

NJ Libertarian

P.O. Box 448
Morganville, NJ 07751

Northwest Libertarian (Washington LP)

P.O. Box 23108
Seattle, WA 98102

Ohio Libertarian

P.O. Box 115
Blacklick, OH 43004

Oklahoma Caucus

P.O. Box 6438
Norman, OK 73070

Oregon Libertarian

P.O. Box 1250
McMinnville, OR 97128

Porcupine (Nevada LP)

4535 W. Sahara, #105-7H
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Project 2100 (Utah LP)

P.O. Box 6025
Salt Lake City, UT 84106

Rochester Libertarian

P.O. Box 10224
Rochester, NY 14610

Sandhills Libertarian Gazette

P.O. Box 2297
West Columbia, SC 29171

Santa Clara Libertarian

2156 The Alameda #B
San Jose, CA 95126

Sawtooth Libertarian (Idaho LP)

533 E. Curling Dr.
Boise, ID 83702

Show Me Freedom (Missouri LP)

3910 Nara Dr.
Florissant, MO 63033

Shreveport Libertarian

447 Merrick St.
Shreveport, LA 71104

Sound of FIFE

1200 Hamilton Av.
Palo Alto, CA 94301

South Carolina Libertarian

P.O. Box 50643
Columbia, SC 29250

Corrections

The contact address for Jim Hedbor's outstanding race for Congress in Vermont was omitted from our last issue. The address is: Hedbor for Congress, P.O. Box 188, South Hero, VT 05486.

Incorrect addresses were given for several groups in the last issue's list of free market research organizations. The correct addresses are:

Cato Institute, 224 Second St., SE, Washington, DC 20003.

Pacific Institute, 1201 Western Av., Seattle, WA 98101.

Independent Institute, 350 Sansome St., 10th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94104.

(Thanks to Lyn Sapowsky-Smith of the Libertarian Party of California headquarters staff for spotting the errors.)

Southern Libertarian Messenger

Rt. 10, Box 52A
Florence, SC 29501

Texas Libertarian

8480 Fredericksburg, Rd., #102
San Antonio, TX 78229

Trout in the Milk

P.O. Box 3108
W. Lafayette, IN 47906

Two Tuesdays

5841 Western Av.
Buena Park, CA 90621

Ventura-Santa Barbara LP Newsletter

587F N. Ventura Park Rd., #339
Newbury Park, CA 91320

Virginia Liberty

P.O. Box 28263
Richmond, VA 23228

Westside Libertarian

2739 Westgate Av.
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Western New York LP News

P.O. Box 337
Buffalo, NY 14222

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Liberty Rock

participate. After securing a room in the Student Center, filling out all the necessary paperwork, and advertising around campus and in the areas frequented by the "alternative" crowd, we rented a public address system and had the show, charging two dollars at the door.

It was a smashing success. Between 125 and 150 people attended (which was capacity crowd); each one of them, as they entered, (1) had the opportunity to register to vote, since we invited the Board of Elections to set up a table there, (2) was handed two pamphlets, one on libertarianism, the other on the Libertarian Party, (3) was asked to sign the ballot access petition (the registration table was a big help here, since many people had never registered to vote), and (4) was free to peruse our

literature table and take whatever interested them.

The end result of all this was the establishment of our name in the minds of people who are very liberty-minded. They all had a fun time, we all had a fun time, and our organization grossed over two hundred dollars. We intend to put on a "LIBERTY ROCK II" within a couple of months, but this time, perhaps, have it at a local club where we can have more bands, each band can have more time to play, and people can eat and drink.

Getting the word out doesn't have to be a tedious task; we're finding out just how fun it really can be!

Bill Greene is president of the University Libertarians-UNCG, in Greensboro, NC.

FIFE Meets, Sets Goals

By Toni L. Black

Thirty libertarians, armed with suggestions from many others, met in Dallas this spring to draft basic documents to define FIFE (Freedom is for Everyone) and to initiate some of the task forces that will give FIFE substance.

Cynthia Nolen, FIFE organizer, said that the group has proven that "freedom simplifies one's life," in reaching a consensus on a statement of principles, a mission statement, and an organizational plan, all of which fit on one letter-size sheet of paper. The statement of principles says simply: "We believe that

- people should be free to govern their own lives and property and to choose any peaceful and honest way of life, while accepting full responsibility for the consequences of their choices;
- no individual, group, institution, or government has the right to initiate the use of force; and
- freedom, based on individual responsibility and mutual respect, fosters the best forms of society."

The group agreed that the mission of FIFE is to develop a broad-based network of freedom activists, united by the statement of principles. The network has five purposes:

- improving communication and cooperation among libertarians, potential libertarians, and allies;
- building coalitions and learning from others' experience with freedom;
- putting out the liberty message as simply and clearly as possible;
- offering practical solutions to real problems and demonstration projects based on libertarian principles; and
- engaging in political action.

The organizational plan recognizes task forces as the basic operation unit of the network. They may be local or regional, or oriented around an issue or a task, but not based on geographic territories. The task forces are independent and self-funding, with people signing up for and supporting what they feel is important. "Priorities will be set naturally, via the marketplace approach," the plan says.

While FIFE began as a caucus of the LP at

the Seattle National Convention, it no longer sees itself as being within the Libertarian Party, but reaching beyond it.

Russell Means, whose campaign for the LP presidential nomination spawned FIFE, told the convocation, "We have to invest now for freedom in the future," as he called for funding a national, or "first," office for FIFE as a high priority. A working group met and is investigating locations and staffing.

At least one task force, on the newsletter, had begun functioning right after FIFE's founding. Two issues of the "Sound of FIFE" had been distributed before the Dallas confab, and a third was about ready. At Dallas, the newsletter task force decided to move the effort from California to Texas and to have a "quick and dirty" monthly edition, focused on task force activities, in addition to the more substantial, magazine-type quarterly issues.

The free bank task force announced that a tentative site for a free market bank had been located and negotiations begun. Larry Dodge called the bank "a multi-faceted blockbuster of a demonstration project" for libertarian principles. He pointed out that, by offering investors and depositors privacy, it had very wide appeal. Members of the task force are conferring with legal advisors in addition to finalizing an Indian reservation location.

The cable TV task force plans an interview format program originating in Dallas. It will be modeled upon "Live and Let Live," a libertarian show now being produced in Austin. Tapes could be made available for local access channels elsewhere.

Other task forces which met and/or reported at the Dallas get-together are fundraising, political action (including a continuing presence in the LP), initiatives, legal defense, comics and other literature development, free enterprise zones, seminars, and campus organizing—which has already established a chapter at Penn State.

Membership in FIFE is free, but there is a small fee for being on the mailing list. The "Sound of FIFE" is by subscription. For information contact Cynthia Nolen, P.O. Box 1748, Whitney, TX 76692-1748; 817-694-3991.

Star Game

Recruiting libertarian-minded celebrities is a good idea. Unfortunately, it may not be an easy task. This, of course, depends on the stature of the celebrity. The "star game" is a tricky business.

An up and rising actor/singer/dancer, although sympathetic to libertarian ideas, even one who is a registered libertarian, would be hesitant to publicize their politics. In fact, an actor's agent may advise against it. I think the idea is to be as innocuous as possible. At least until you have some power.

Danny Elfman, the founder of Oingo Boingo, appears to have some definite libertarian leanings and may be inclined to help the Libertarian Party. The Canadian group, Rush, has always been an admirer of Ayn Rand, and their work is blatantly Objectivist; but that in itself may keep them from becoming involved with the party. I'm a big admirer of U2, but they seem more libertarian in a spiritual and psychological sense, and less so politically. My guess is they wouldn't want to be associated with a political party.

Fred Schaefer
Los Angeles, CA

Bad Math

For several years now various party spokespeople have repeated the mathematically absurd claim that we are America's fastest growing party. Eric Rittberg's piece on LP officeholders was the latest occurrence to cross my desk.

In the instant of our formation and perhaps for a brief time thereafter we certainly were the fastest growing party. But practically any small party can make that claim. Consider a party which grows from one to 1001 members in a year, to yield an annual growth of 100,000 percent.

Compound this reality with our various slumps since our banner year of 1980, and I see no basis at all for this growth claim.

In the absence of any regular tabulation of other third-party memberships it may even be irresponsible to peg ourselves third largest.

Perhaps we could best serve ourselves and our cause by sticking to supportable facts, like vote tallies.

By the way, is any libertarian checking on how many public office holders are card-carrying socialists? I suspect the findings would be at once frightening and humiliating.

Jim McClarin
Meredith, NH

Boddie's Best

Anyone who claims there is a better fund-

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raiser than Dick Boddie in this movement is crazy. Last year's convention (same size crowd), had my excellent pitch to support our efforts. Net result: two \$20 contributions. Our record fundraiser in the state never topped \$200. This year Dick raised over \$2,000 in cash and \$1,000 in pledges. Plus the people were happy to give it.

Frank Monachelli
Birmingham, AL

Greening

Rhetorically, both the Libertarian and Green Parties reject the left-right political scale. Yet the Libertarian Party seems strongly conservative and the Greens have a socialistic bent.

I reject socialism as anathema to freedom, but I think that the Green focus on nonviolence, ecology, and personal and social responsibility is important. I believe that voluntarism is the best organizing principle, but I also feel that voluntarists should seek to foster strong ethical principles.

Gary W. Swing
Washington, DC

Red Menace

Someday the widely held belief that communism in general and the Soviets in particular pose some kind of threat to world freedom will be relegated to the same trash bin of history as a green cheese moon, a flat earth, and a geocentric universe. Every year during Reagan's reign, the Pentagon has published a "fall-off-the-edge" document titled "Soviet Military Power." Like Columbus proving a round earth, Tom Gervasi has explored and exploded the myths that the Soviets hold a dangerous military superiority over the United States and that the Warsaw Pact nations pose a credible conventional threat to the NATO alliance. His annotated and corrected version of "Soviet Military Power" contains a wealth of fascinating statistics, observations, and historical evidence.

The Soviets spend \$100 billion a year on defense, six percent of GNP. The United States spends \$300 billion, nine percent of twice as much GNP. Soviet defense spending has grown at two percent per year. American defense spending has increased 100 percent since 1979, over 10 percent per year. If the Soviets and communism can not be contained with 40 percent of the federal budget, perhaps we should find a peaceful method before we bankrupt ourselves, fulfilling Khrushchev's prediction of economic burial.

The Pentagon claims there are 5.8 million active Soviet troops. Only 3.7 million are active, the rest are reserve. In Pentagon lingo, active must mean living. Only 54 of the Soviet army divisions are fully manned and armed. Responding to a surprise attack, the NATO Alliance could field twice as many troops as the Warsaw Pact countries.

The USSR has sent its troops abroad five times to protect its interests. Since 1800, the United States has flexed its big stick 53 times.

Delivery of nuclear weapons is more important than numbers. The US will soon be able to deliver 16,477 nuclear weapons. The Soviets can deliver only 8,856. Soviet subs carry 2,672 nuclear warheads on liquid fueled missiles. American subs carry 6,464 on solid fueled missiles. The Warsaw Pact countries have 3,217 nuclear warheads, NATO has 8,584.

Considering the billion dollar defense contracts at stake, the habitual lying uncovered by the Iran/Contra investigation, and the unabashed venality of Reagan appointees, could it be that the Pentagon's exercise in quibbling, distortion, and lying is simply more of the same?

Nick Schroeder
Colorado Springs, CO

Conservative Members

When financial writer Don McAlvany was a guest on Cincinnati's WCKY "Mickelson in the Morning" radio talk show, I called in to ask him (a Pat Robertson fan) under what conditions he would support Libertarian Ron Paul for President. He said that Ron was a good friend of his and that he intended to work for Ron if Robertson's bid failed. Clearly, McAlvany is headed in the right direction. I suggest that the LP must begin now to develop a strategy for assimilating philosophically new member conservatives after the 1988 elections looking to 1992. We may be faced with an onslaught of new conservative members, and we must be ready for them.

Sally Anne Moore
Cincinnati, OH

Use Direct Mail

Andre Marrou's article on political strategies for the LP was quite good. But I disagree with one of his ideas.

Marrou says, "Emphasize television. Use at least 50 percent of your campaign funds on television commercials, no more than 25 per-

cent on radio, and no more than 25 percent combined for newspaper ads, bumperstickers, lapel buttons, yard signs, and other such things." In many races, Marrou is correct, but to ignore the use of direct mail is dangerous in many locales. Our more successful competitors, the Democrats and Republicans, often use direct mail as their main method of communicating with voters. Where you spend your money should depend on the district and the race.

Kelly L. Haughton
Tacoma, WA

Oliver Champlin

On June 12, Oliver Champlin, a dear friend and fellow Libertarian, died in his sleep. Ninety-five years of age, he may well have been the oldest "card-carrying" member of the LP.

Introduced to us about three years ago by Karl Hess, Oliver Champlin impressed those who knew him with his wry wit, his inquiring mind, and his dogged self-reliance. Born to a less hurried and less harried society, Oliver was a lifelong proponent of sound money and a persistent critic of government.

Oliver faced the vexations of age with dignity, never forsaking his long-suffering determination to secure a better and freer life for himself and others. He will be missed, but his example will remain to inspire those who would be true to themselves and the cause of liberty.

Chris and Steve Fielder
West Virginia

'Leave' LP

Miki and I have been aware of and involved in the Libertarian Party since 1980. We are pleased to see the growth in Libertarian awareness by the general public, but there are still many people who haven't the foggiest idea of what the movement is about. So, what does one do to promote Libertarianism within the constraints of a limited budget?

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Gerrymandering

After the next census, there will be a reapportionment of state and federal legislative districts that will gerrymander incumbents into safe seats for the balance of the century and beyond. Since legislators have taken over the executive functions since Watergate, this gives more power to the majority party than the presidency.

Libertarians should start now demanding that politically guided reapportionment be declared unconstitutional, and that all districts be as compact as possible. Allowing legislators to draw their district boundaries is akin to letting workers make out their own paychecks.

Since gerrymandering works against even the minority traditional party, this just might be one hell of an issue. If we wait until the deed is done, we can look forward to another 10 years in the wilderness.

Walter E. Wallis
Palo Alto, CA

LROC

The practice of Libertarian activity within Republican politics should be evaluated in context rather than dismissed on principle.

Strictest interpretation of libertarian principle contraindicates sanction of any political party. Many libertarians refrain from voting and even boycott the party for these reasons of conscience.

What if a local LP does not choose to participate in political organization very often? When I wanted to run a Libertarian candidate in a special election to congress and sponsor annual tax-day protests, I had to do it over the objection of local LP chairmanship.

The local Republican County Central Committee has a similar, public position of non-activism. The RCCC meetings never have a quorum because the actual activists meet elsewhere at precisely the same time.

These people (as though guided by an unseen hand) re-formed as the California Republican League and are now effectively competing with the status-quo party in the marketplace for volunteers and members. CRL literature manifests the slogan: "Fiscally conservative and socially tolerant."

Here in my city, Socialist-Democrats maraud unchecked by even token opposition from the Libertarian or Republican Party organs. Only CRL causes visibly oppose rent-control, Pat Robertson, taxes, the draft, and support a balanced budget, tax credit for private education, separation of church and state, privatization of AIDS research, the INF Treaty, and choice.

In the absence of an actively functioning local LP, or in the presence of one resentful of success, Libertarians must improve or lay

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fallow. We who compromise principle by working in Libertarian politics at all, dig our singular trenches as we each judge fit.

Those who still oppose the Libertarian Republican Organizing Committee on principle would be consistent to become Voluntaryists.

E.E. Kennedy
San Francisco, CA

Distasteful Army

I found the "Join the Army" (LP NEWS, March/April 1988) insert distasteful, and inappropriate for an LP publication. I'm guessing that Paul Jacob wasn't too crazy about it either. Using the military as a model or metaphor for other things is one of the medieval practices this party is trying to change.

Fred Cookinham
Brooklyn, NY

E-Mail

The use of electronic communication is becoming more and more necessary as the Libertarian Party grows in political influence. An electronic network would serve the same purpose in spreading "the word" today as the Committees of Correspondence did to unite the colonies prior to the American Revolution. In light of the raid on the San Francisco Headquarters, it would be wise to maintain our mailing lists in small local data bases. This is critical to maintaining the support of those who wish to keep their aid confidential.

William Cross
Oroville, CA

Personal Philosophy

An interesting exercise took place at one of the meetings of our philosophical discussion group. It was my turn to select the monthly topic for that meeting, so I had chosen: "State your personal philosophy of life in 50 words or less."

Being an avowed libertarian, I had kind of put myself on the spot to present something persuasive for the less-than-libertarian members of the group. As any writer knows, it is enormously more difficult to say something of this significance in 50 words than, say, 500. Economy of language is of the essence. Also, with semantics being such as it is, many people's conception of "individual rights" means the "right" to a free meal on the table or the "right" to a \$10 an hour job, or, on the other

hand, that no one has the right to espouse atheism or to grow a pot plant on their back porch. This, of course, merely typifies the two authoritarian, even though often opposing, mentalities prevalent in society today.

Anyway, after weeks of introspection, here is what I arrived at: "I believe the highest human virtue is honesty and the highest human condition is freedom. Honesty demands that one apply the same standards to oneself as to others. Freedom demands universal respect for the right of every individual. Therefore, I respect the individual rights of everyone, and hope for reciprocation."

Needless to say, elaboration upon this among non-libertarians can go on interminably. In retrospect, I don't think I would change a word of it.

Maurice Strand
Duluth, MN

Somewhat Miffed

The other morning, while I sat at the table reading the paper, I spotted an article on how our infallible representatives in Washington had ostensibly reached agreement on ways to reduce the budget deficit in hopes of shoring up the sagging economy. The largest part of their great plan consisted of a significant hike in the federal tax rates.

Upon reading this I thought, "This is great, we the obsequiously micturating minions (not even the treacherous Russians have urine testing) work at least half a year to pay the assorted local, state, and federal taxes that our hypocritical, pot smoking, father figures frivolously waste on foolish foreign and domestic policies while pursuing their secretaries and pages. Pretty near the whole rest of the working year is devoted to obtaining the payments, mostly interest, made to bankers for credit cards and loans. Suddenly the bankers, mutual funds, insurance companies, and other mega investors face the prospect of living their lives like the rest of us after having just lost over \$500 billion of investors'/depositors' money in the stock markets. Now, as the economy slowly sinks (at least 10,000 people laid off in one week in early November) in a sea of debts, our brilliant legislators, in hopes of staying afloat, grab at the insidious growth that led to the ships sinking, taxes, and more government regulation."

My morning coffee (how many of us can't say no to daily doses of this drug) began to gurgle in my upset stomach as my numbed brain realized it won't be long before the bankers, insurance companies, and politicians

own me and all my work for years to come. The way things are going they will probably own all the work and creativity of future generations. With this grim thought I said yes to another drug and ate two aspirin.

Jim Culberson
Melbourne, FL

LP Tax Refund

What if we were to accept matching funds solely for the purpose of returning such funds to taxpayers?

To accept stolen money from a thief (the government) solely for the purpose of restoring it to its rightful owner would seem a virtue by any standard. Further, failing to do so when we are given ample opportunity would seem to undermine the very credibility of our anti-redistributive arguments our forbearance of matching funds was intended to enhance. If a neighborhood thief (the government) offers us loot, and we know to whom that loot belongs, what kind of neighbors are we if we *do not* restore it to its rightful owner when we can do so with such ease?

Of course, from a practical point of view, were we to, say, randomly distribute \$100 checks to taxpayers, there would undoubtedly be costs as well as benefits. We would have dirtied our hands with stolen money in the view of some, and those who learned only that we had accepted funds but not that we had distributed them might be confused. But the main reason the matching funds debate endures is that without such funds we have been unable to make the very virtue of our forbearance heard. Imagine instead thousands of stunned taxpayers across the United States receiving unexpected refunds in the mail. The benefits in terms of media attention and good will are incalculable.

So far, our policy with respect to matching funds has been that of a virtuous but lonely political spinster. We are tempted, by the undeserved attention flaunted on popular but depraved whores around us, to compromise our principles, but we know that to do so would destroy the very value we wish to be appreciated. Instead, we wistfully endeavor, hoping one day to be noticed. Well, here's a way we can make ourselves noticed, without compromising our principles. It hardly needs to be said in *these* pages that returning funds to taxpayers whenever practical is the right thing to do. The only question is whether we dare to put teeth into the principles for which we have labored.

I only hope, if Ron Paul intends to accept such funds at all, that this is the sort of purpose he has in mind for them.

Jon Osborne
San Francisco, CA

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Libertarian International World Report

By Vincent H. Miller

As regards the rapid growth of libertarian ideas outside the United States and Canada over the past few years, one could say that the vigorous world movement as it exists today was really launched at the Libertarian International's First World Libertarian Conference in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1982.

At this event, libertarians from all over the world and particularly from northern Europe met for the first time. At this event they were inspired and motivated to seek activist strategies and to work together cooperatively.

As a direct result of this conference a chain of events ensued with publications and pamphlets being published in many languages. Libertarian thinktanks and organizations began to sprout like mushrooms. LI European coordinator Hubert Jongen now organizes several EuroRep summits a year. The ensuing conferences in Brussels, Belgium (1983), London, England (1984), Oslo, Norway (1985), Stockholm, Sweden (1986), and Kalterherberg, Germany (1987) brought more interaction and more activism, culminating of late with Alain Dumait, the vice mayor of Paris, coming on board and founding (with three other French libertarians) "Le Mouvement Libertarien" in October of 1987.

Throughout all of this LI has acted not as a central authority, but as a networking nerve center, providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and strategies for a number of often disparate groups. More accurately, LI is a network generator.

Of late, LI and associate organizations have embarked upon some rather successful real-world ventures. The work of Leon Louw and

Frances Kendall in changing the mindset of the people of South Africa has been nothing short of miraculous. Their book, *The Solution*, has created a strong grassroots movement and drawn support of major blocs from across the political spectrum. Even Prime Minister Botha is now pursuing measures outlined in the Louw/Kendall plan.

The Middle East

I have recently established friendly dialogue with the Palestinian Center for the Study of Non-Violence in East Jerusalem and am strongly urging the creation of a unique *Solution*-styled book covering the Middle East Crisis. A Middle East grassroots movement with the breadth of support enjoyed by the South African plan could be the answer for this troubled land. National LP Secretary (and LI Rep) Dean Ahmad has already made overtures to several Palestinian and Islamic groups on our behalf and we are still trying to find sympathetic Israelis to join in this effort.

Mubarak Awad: Most of you will by now be aware from international news coverage that Awad, the Ghandian, non-violent Palestinian, has just recently been deported by Prime Minister Shamir of Israel. Nafez Assaily of the East Jerusalem center, however, reports in recent correspondence that Awad's work will continue despite this setback. It is quite likely now that Awad will be free to attend and speak at the Swaziland LI conference in August. Awad, it should be noted, is *not* a libertarian as he does not condemn the violent acts of the PLO. However, it is our view that he and his organization are moving in the right direction and that dialogue with libertarians cannot help but produce good results.

Africa

LI has confirmed Mr. Innocent Eleazu as a representative. Eleazu is a valuable addition to LI as he has extensive contacts both in government and academia throughout black Af-

rica. An educationalist (as well as Austrian economist), he hopes to be able to spread libertarian ideas to his colleagues across the continent. Eleazu and G.A. Aliagha, vice president of the Nigeria Association of Economists, will attend the Swaziland conference this August.

Norway

Bjorn Kjolseth, LI Rep for Norway, reports that his computer bulletin board, BLACKBOARD, now has about 600 registered users—or about one person out of every thousand in Oslo! Not bad, considering the short time this BBS has been in service.

Kjolseth reports that the quasi-libertarian "Progress Party" has attracted enormous support with recent polls showing as high as 25 percent support in the Oslo area. However, on the negative side, he has expressed concern (as have many others) regarding this rapid growth. The party has gained much of its initial support by virtue of its radical libertarian protest profile and some members have expressed alarm over the number of compromises made by the party in the name of votes and political expediency. A warning to all of us wherever we may be that we must stick firmly to principle or face a loss of identity—and ultimately fail to achieve our goals.

Privatization Letter Revamped

The world's first newsletter on privatization has been revamped and relaunched as *Privatization Watch*. Formerly known as *Fiscal Watchdog*, and covering mostly state and local privatization, the revamped newsletter's coverage has been broadened to include national and international privatization developments.

"Privatization has become a major, worldwide phenomenon," said Robert Poole, president of the Reason Foundation, the think tank which publishes *Privatization Watch*. "We felt it was time to provide opinion-leaders and policymakers with a timely, comprehensive look at how assets, enterprises, and services are being shifted from government to the private sector all over the world."

The first issue of *Privatization Watch* includes a recap of 1987 privatization developments in Latin America, the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and even the communist world—including a private toll road project, begun last April, to link Hong Kong and Canton. Other articles report on the prospects for privatizing the U.S. Postal Service, new private transit in

Honolulu, trash collection privatization in Sacramento, and a profile of school-bus and mass transit provider Ryder System, Inc. The issue also includes *PW's* regular listing of new publications and conferences dealing with privatization.

The newsletter's predecessor, *Fiscal Watchdog*, began in 1976 with seed money from the National Taxpayers Union. It was published by the Local Government Center (LGC), a think tank formed to study contracting-out of municipal services and other cost-saving techniques which began receiving attention in the 1970s as the tax revolt developed. *Fiscal Watchdog's* reports helped to launch the municipal privatization movement in Britain in 1979, shortly before Margaret Thatcher's first election as prime minister.

LGC later became a division of the Reason Foundation, one of the think tanks most closely associated with privatization. The Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt public policy research institute based in Santa Monica, California. *Privatization Watch* is available by subscription at \$95 per year.



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