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A.L.P. Denounces State Ballot Requirements !

State chairman Bob Chapuis has announced that "no Alabama Libertarian Party candidates will file on the new April 4th deadline" for the 1986 elections. The Alabama Libertarian Party has denounced the new filing deadline for the 1986 elections as "unfair treatment of third parties which deprives our supporters of the right to vote for candidates of their choice". Chapuis notes that "it appears the two major parties are restricting ballot access in order to eliminate competition from minor parties". The burdensome requirements of 12,000 signatures for third parties ballot access combined with the last minute change in the deadline from July to April 4th has effectively prohibited the Alabama Libertarian Party from running a slate of candidates.

The A.L.P. is now considering measures to protest this unfair treatment. These measures, which will be decided on at the state convention in June include a lawsuit and the launching of a write-in campaign.

The A.L.P. has participated in all major elections since its was established. It has managed to comply with ballot access laws that have continue to become more burdensome as time goes on. Despite these challenges the A.L.P. has continued to grow as an alternative to the major parties. When ballot requirements failed to keep us off the ballot they simply moved up the filing deadline.

The ALP Executive Committee has placed top priority on changing ballot access laws. Our lobbying effort for H.R. 2320 will ease requirements to access the federal ballot. Efforts have also started to change state ballot laws.

Several other important topics were dealt with at the february meeting of the Executive Committee including Tax Protest Day, the State Convention, and proposals for streamlining party procedures.

Tax Protest Day activities are being organized by Tim Gatewood. Plans include a protest in front of the Birmingham Post Office and a state-wide letter-to-the-editor campaign.

The 1986 state convention will be held during june in Birmingham. A speakers committee is already arranging several national and regional libertarian speakers.

**** J.C.L.P. Dissolved ****

The Jefferson County Libertarian Party was officially dissolved at its annual convention, January 15th. The local organization has served its purpose of promoting activity in the Birmingham area. The move was made to streamline procedure and avoid duplication of effort. All activities will now be directed by the Downtown Libertarian Club or Excutive Committee of the A.L.P.

TAX PROTEST DAY--APRIL 15th

An organizational meeting for Tax Protest Day will be held April 6th, at Tim Gatewood's residence: 2940 10th Ave. South #5 @ 3:00 p.m.

MARSHALL FRITZ

"INTRODUCTION TO LIBERTARIANISM"

Auburn April 23rd
(contact Mark Thornton 821-1404)

Birmingham April 24th
(contact Steve Smith 595-9251)

Marshall Fritz, president of The Advocates for Self-Government, explains libertarianism in a reasonable, down-to-earth way which is spirited, yet not embarrassing. Call now for tickets and bring your non-libertarian friends!

DOWNTOWN LIBERTARIAN CLUB

The Downtown Libertarian Club of Birmingham meets every third wednesday for dinner, program and discussion. Dinner begins at 6:30 at Shoney's on the corner of 18th St. South and 4th Ave. South. For more information, contact Steve Smith, 213 Stacy Circle, Birmingham, AL 35213.

"LETTERS OF LIBERTY CONTEST" has received an additional prize for the best letter-to-the editor recieved prior to the state convention.

FROM THE NOTEBOOK

YOUNG LIBERTARIAN is in business. Contact Libertarian Student Network @ P.O. Box 64, Trenton, Mich. 48183

F.T.C. chairman Philpott questions "troubling" taxicab regulations in Birmingham Post Herald 3/4/86

Another Ron Paul in Congress? Yes! Dale Bell, former Ron Paul staffer is campaigning in South Dakota and is leading in the polls! (P.O. Box 1986*Spearfish, S.D. 57783)

Two new CO-SPONSORS gained for H.R. 2320. This is an important step, the first (and second) non-Black Caucus co-sponsors!

The Georgia State Senate has passed a new ballot access law which was initiated by the G.L.P. Good Luck, Georgia getting it through the House!

Perry Willis, new national director of the Libertarian Party was interviewed in a full page story in the Houston Post(3/9). Willis explained libertarianism and attacked "government schools" in a convincing way.

Former speechwriter for Barry Goldwater, and longtime libertarian "outsider", Karl Hess is the new editor of the Libertarian Party NEWS

I.R.S. commandant Roscoe Egger is retiring this year. His bumbling inefficiency will be missed, and, yes, unfortunately he will be replaced.

National Chairman, Jim Turney has agreed in principle to come to Alabama this summer or fall, hopefully for the state convention!

Book Review: Beyond Liberal and Conservative: Reassessing the Political Spectrum by William Maddox and Stuart Lilie

Libertarians have had little use for "political science" and the old liberal/conservative spectrum of politics. Maddox and Lilie have expanded the political debate to include both libertarians and populists (socialists). They breakdown the old liberal/conservative spectrum by simply asking what does it measure. They build their new spectrum by measuring both economic and personal freedom.

EXPANSION OF PERSONAL FREEDOM	FOR	LIBERAL	LIBERTARIAN
	AGAINST	POPULIST	CONSERVATIVE
		FOR	AGAINST
GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS			

Next, Maddox and Lilie look at public opinion surveys from 1952-1980. The libertarian positions on specific issues are dominant or show rapidly growing support over time. The surveys indicate that small L libertarians have grown to almost 25% of the voting population and yet most don't know they are libertarian.

Maddox and Lilie show that libertarians are the fastest growing segment of voters, they have the largest participation rate in politics (voting) and form the dominant group in the Republican party and among independent voters, but have as yet failed to attract nonwhites.

You will find this and a great deal more about libertarians, how they voted, "libertarians" in Congress, and future prospects. The book is not time consuming and contains many summary charts and graphs which will not intimidate the casual reader. Liberty loving Americans will enjoy this interesting and encouraging new look at the American electorate. It is available from the Cato Institute for \$8.95 (224 Second Street, SE Washington, D.C. 20003)

"HOW TO BECOME A BLACK BELT LIBERTARIAN"

by Marshall Fritz



M. Fritz

Are you a 98 pound weakling when it comes to debating or discussing libertarian ideas with nonlibertarians? If so, this seminar will be well worth the \$40.00 price. Price includes a quality brunch and workbook.

WHEN: April 20th

WHERE: Radison Inn, Atlanta

For more information call Carol Ann Rand
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