The Liberty Pledge Newsletter is a monthly publication for the participants in the National Libertarian Party Pledge program. Because of your contribution, we are able to carry on the daily activities of the Party, and we want you to know what we are doing. We also want the opportunity to thank you for your generosity and let you know about others who are helping the Party as volunteers and contributors. So, first, thank you!

ELECTION RESULTS -- The almost final, but still unofficial, election results show the Bergland/Lewis ticket in third place with 228,126 votes, nearly 40% of the 603,759 votes cast for independent and third party candidates in 1984. The campaign spent $576,212 for a cost per vote of $2.53.

The fourth and fifth place finishers each received substantial federal matching funds. The "independent" LaRouche received 78,773 votes and spent $5,888,695, including $494,145 in taxpayers' money, for a cost per vote of $74.75. Citizens Party candidate Johnson received 72,141 votes and spent $215,607, including $186,372 in taxpayers' money, for a cost per vote of $2.99. The federal matching funds were distributed during the primary period only because these candidates failed to qualify for General Election funds.

BALANCE OF POWER -- Congress was missing a representative from the 8th district of Indiana due to the impact of a Libertarian candidate, Mike Fallahay, whose 769 votes was far more than the 72 vote difference between the Democratic and Republican candidates. The House is expected to decide in favor of the Democratic incumbent.

LP NEWS -- The post election issue of LP News was postponed due to the slowness in the reporting of election results and a lack of funds. The party has been in a temporary financial bind which is now beginning to ease. LP News is now expected to go to press in late January.

1985 BUDGET -- The National Committee met in Salt Lake City in early December to formulate goals and develop a budget. The committee set an operating budget for 1985 of $470,500. Major goals include an aggressive ballot access program and development of a firm financial base.

DRAFT RESISTANCE -- Former Arkansas state chairman Paul Jacob is free on bond after his arrest on December 6, more than two years after he was indicted for failing to register for the draft. Jacob, who was described by Rolling Stone magazine as the first underground draft resister since Vietnam, travelled around the country for over 15 months speaking out against draft registration. He had been back at his home in North Little Rock for about a year before his arrest. Jacob is one of only 17 resisters who have been selected for prosecution by the Justice Department. His trial was set for mid-January, but he is seeking a continuance until after the Supreme Court rules on a similar case.

STAFF CHANGES -- Margaret Werry, Bergland campaign liaison and project director, left the national office staff to become acting State Director of the Texas LP. Computer operations manager Susan Van Dyke resigned to join a libertarian-owned computer firm.

Joining the headquarters staff are Tom Radloff, computer operations, and David Kelley, staff assistant.
Recount gives loser 1-vote win in Calaveras supervisor race
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SAN ANDREAS — A recount has reversed the outcome of a Calaveras County Board of Supervisors race, but neither of the contestants is willing to claim victory or concede defeat.

County Clerk Nadine Jackson blamed a malfunction in the vote counting machinery for the inaccurate early vote. The counties will have to be recounted, she said, but other races do not appear to be close enough to have their outcomes changed by the recount.

In left doubt, however, is a race for the District 4 supervisor position.

The initial vote tally on the night of the Nov. 6 election showed Republican Mark Tryon with 4,188 votes, to Democrat Carol Jackson’s 4,177. But in a recount ordered by County Clerk Jackson, an additional 245 votes turned up, and Tryon emerged with a plurality of 20, 1,009 votes.

Jackson said she ordered the recount “just on a woman’s intuition. It was close, but there was something else about it, so I just checked it out.” She said the recount revealed that the machine that counts the votes from the ballot cards somehow missed the votes, even though it tallied the same number of ballots correctly.

The machine that surprised the election machines was sending new equipment so that all of the county’s ballots can be run through anew, Jackson said. The second ballot count should be complete and ready to be certified, perhaps by Monday.

Other county races were decided by larger margins and do not appear to be subject to change in the recount, Jackson said.

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