

QUOTATIONS FROM CHAIRMAN ED

1. LP #3? - The results from about ten states (including New York and Illinois) are not yet in so we still do not have final results. It would appear that our total will be in the 150,000 to 175,000 range. Lester Maddox polled 168,000 so we're hoping to top that total. If we do we'll have a news conference here in Washington, D.C. to point out that the national media afforded Lester about 10 times the coverage they gave us. Our total obviously would have been much higher had we gotten any serious national coverage. The main depressant on the over-all total for all minor parties was the much publicized closeness of the presidential election. People felt their vote might make the difference (as if there was any difference between Ford and Carter--I don't recall which one of them finally won) so they were disinclined to vote for minor party candidates. This is born out by the following results from California where we heroically came in third place, ahead of two "ballot status" parties. Note how much better the Senate candidates from those two parties did relative to their presidential candidates:

	PRESIDENT	
	Vote	%
Ford (R)	3,836,335	49.7
Carter (D)	3,708,650	48.0
MacBride (Ind.)	55,582	0.7
Maddox (AIP)	50,559	0.7
Wright (PF)	41,616	0.5
Gamejo (Ind.) SWP	17,083	0.2
Hall (Ind.) Com	12,791	0.2
	U.S. Senate	
Hayakawa (R)	3,700,386	50.1
Turney (D)	3,473,433	47.0
Wald (PF)	103,201	1.4
McCoy (AIP)	81,916	1.1
Musa (Ind.) SWP	31,403	0.4

In Alaska our vote total (they're still counting) is approaching 7000 which is equal to about 6% of the presidential vote. If that percentage holds we will have received the highest statewide percentage in the presidential race of any minor candidate, including Gene McCarthy. Congratulations to Dick Randolph and company! Congrats are also in order for the Arizona LP for gaining permanent ballot status--one less petition drive next time around.

[The preceding was excerpted from a letter from Ed Crane, LP National Chairperson. Thought you'd find it interesting. The Editor]

Politics is the conduct of public affairs for private advantage.

—Ambrose Bierce



END THE POSTAL MONOPOLY!

Princes and democratic majorities are drunk with power. They must reluctantly admit that they are subject to the laws of nature. But they reject the very notion of economic law. Are they not the supreme legislators?... In fact, economic history is a long record of government policies that failed because they were designed with a bold disregard for the laws of economics.

—Ludwig von Mises

If you are a fairly typical libertarian, you are probably inundated by appeals for money every time you take a look at the day's mail. If you actually give money to some of these groups, you are very likely sometimes in a quandary as to whom your hard-earned dollars should go. Permit me to make a recommendation: Bob Black.

Bob Black is a small business person from Pittsburg, Kansas who decided to single-handedly effect a de facto elimination of the U.S. Postal Service's first class mail monopoly in and around Pittsburg, Kansas. How a de facto elimination of said monopoly differs from a de jure victory, because the Feds brought in their big guns in the form of the UNITED STATES District Court for the District of Kansas in United States of America vs. Robert Eugene Black and Alternate Systems, Inc. He was charged, tried, and convicted of violating 39 U.S.C.A. 601-606—the notorious "Private Express Statutes". Justice was swiftly administered. Black was fined \$500 (the maximum) and was sentenced to six months (the maximum). Fortunately, the sentence was suspended.

Well, Bob Black isn't going to take it sitting still. He plans to take this all the way to the Supreme Court. That takes a certain amount of money, of course. Please send what you can spare to:

Robert Black
112 West Sixth
Pittsburg, KS 66762

I can't even tell you if it's a tax-deductible, but Bob Black needs (and deserves) all the help he can get.

—Bill Lewis



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The following is a capsule summary of recent activities of Alan Book's lobbying effort, LIBERTARIAN ADVOCATE.

H.R. 13737-S.2849-A GENUINE LIBERTARIAN VICTORY—This bill would have brought the publishers of Investment Newsletters under the control of the Security and Exchange Commission. Tom Phillips (Retirement Letter), Bob Keppel (Inflation Survival Newsletter) and Rich Suter of Chicago banded together to form the COMMITTEE TO PROTECT THE SMALL INVESTOR, which augmented LIBERTARIAN ADVOCATE in its lobbying efforts.

S.1 DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE — Good news! But Alan Book says, "There is little doubt that proponents of criminal code revision will be back next year, with a new version of S.1 with a few of the more objectionable provisions eliminated."

REA ABOLITION URGED — The authorizing legislation behind the Federal Energy Administration was to expire in June, and LIBERTARIAN ADVOCATE, with the help of the American Conservative Union, tried to persuade Congress to permit the REA to die. While Congress did enact legislation to continue the REA, they extended it only 18 months instead of 3 years, giving us a crack at it again just that much sooner.

ZERO-BASE BUDGETING — is a term you'll be hearing more of in the future. Basically, it would require government agencies to justify their entire budget each fiscal year, rather than using their old budget as a starting point to ask for a budget increase. Libertarians aren't the only ones who think this is a good idea, so it may get somewhere sooner than a lot of other things we'd like to see.

LIBERTARIAN ADVOCATE urges you to write Brook Adams, who chairs the House Budget Committee (Washington, DC 20515) and Sen. Edmund Muskie, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee (Washington, DC 20510) to let them know that any zero-base budgeting law should stipulate that independent evaluations by at least two non-governmental organizations would be a good idea.

**SEE
 "THE INCREDIBLE
 BREAD MACHINE"
 ON TV**

World Research, Inc., creators of the Incredible Bread Machine film, have produced a one-hour version especially for television. It has an introduction by William Simon (for those of you among the blissfully ignorant); capitalist Ben Rogge interviews Walter Heller, his former mentor; Milton Friedman expounds the virtues of the free market. All of this is in addition to what appears in the original movie.

I would normally hesitate to recommend a film I have not yet seen (in its entirety) myself, but based on my impressions of the original, I will enthusiastically do so. Besides, what's likely to be on another TV channel at the same time?

Here is a list of TV stations in Pennsylvania which have expressed interest:

City	Station	Status	Date & Time
Altoona	WTAD	Addition	-----
Erie	WQIN	will show	to be scheduled
Hershey	WITF	Addition	-----
Pittsburgh	WVIC	will show	to be scheduled
Pittston	WVIA	Addition	-----
University Park	WPSX	Addition	-----

Your choice is this; if you wish to become a philosopher, you cannot be one of the mob. —Epictetus