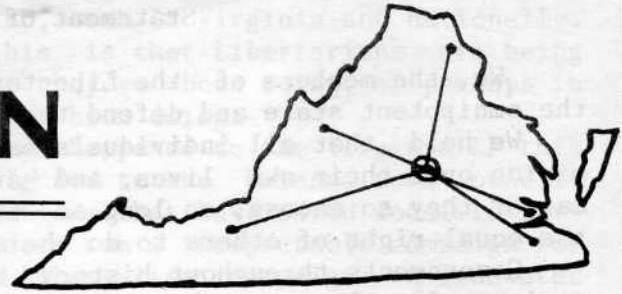


VIRGINIA LIBERTARIAN

JANUARY 1985



WARNING!

We haven't done our job yet, fellow Libertarians. Criminal behavior will continue in the dens of evil and mischief that many would call the Legislature, beginning once again on January 9, 1985. However, 1984 has come and gone; Orwell's nightmare world has not completely taken hold, and even more encouraging, WE are still here! If that mere fact isn't cause for celebration, I don't know what is.

We need commitment from you now. We are presently running short on the money that brings you this newsletter. I know that many of you paid good money awhile back to receive a year's issues and were rewarded by irregular bulletins with no news in them, but things are different now and we would like to see our readers bending their backs to the effort by sending the treasury of the LPVA a contribution of \$10 or whatever they can afford to keep this newsletter going. As it stands now, we have money for only two more issues. So get out that checkbook and fill out the form on page 9 before you forget, and mail it to us **today**.

Are you willing to tell your kids that some ancient revolutionaries were willing to risk their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor, while two hundred years later you let their efforts go to waste because you were too lazy to pledge even a small percentage of your comfortable fortunes to maintain their accomplishment?

--- editor

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Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

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

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the state has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor without their consent.

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

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

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I know that many of you are looking back at 1984 and thinking of what a lousy year it was for the LP, both in Virginia and nationally. I think the silver lining in this is that Libertarians are being forced to take a hard look at what they've been doing, or perhaps in many more cases, at what they've not been doing.

Actually, some good things have happened to the Virginia LP this year. In May, Phil Friday was elected to the Urbanna town council, where he has instigated several actions that have saved local taxpayers thousands of dollars. Al Anders ran a respectable campaign for Norfolk City Council, the first Libertarian campaign in Tidewater since 1980. Henry Thrasher showed true grit in working down to the wire in trying to salvage the Bergland ballot drive. More recently, Marc Montoni has revived the newsletter and has produced an ever-improving publication on a regular schedule. An outstanding libertarian student group has developed at UVa. We have been active in the courts, initiating litigation against two sections of the ballot-access laws, which are now on appeal in the federal courts; preparations are being made to file suit contesting the Presidential write-in ban and other ballot access restrictions. We had a record year for fundraising for the Party at large, and the mailing list is now being properly maintained.

Looking ahead, preparations have begun for the LPVA State Convention during the weekend of March 23-24. We appear to have four candidates for House of Delegates, and we are working to recruit many more for legislative and local offices. We will continue to be busy in the courts with our lawsuits. Other priorities include making improvements in the membership program, media relations, and continued upgrading of the newsletter and expansion of its circulation.

The key to our future success will be in the missionary work of each of you. Whether you run for office, write letters to editors and politicians, speak to groups, or converse with friends or associates, you will be spreading the idea of individual liberty and its benefits to all. We can appeal to the emotions as we speak of the ethics of liberty, its compassionate nature, and its ability to maximize the opportunity of the individual to improve his/her lot in life in all respects. We can appeal to logic in pointing out the true nature of economic and political problems, show how the government causes directly or aggravates these problems and creates new ones, and present practical libertarian solutions. There is nothing more powerful than an idea whose time has come, so let's make sure everyone knows about them!

Enjoy the Holidays, reflect a little on the blessings of liberty, and make it part of your New Year's resolutions to come out firing in 1985. Do your part to restore freedom in our time!

--- Jim Elwood

The TIDEWATER PAGE

By Al Anders, Virginia Libertarian's Tidewater Correspondent.

Henry Thrasher, Bob Swann and myself all got letters-to-the-editor published in November.

Henry's letter was in before the election and ripped the ballot access laws and the State Board of Elections for not allowing write in votes for the Presidency.

Bob and I both wrote concerning the proposed rate increase for the local cable franchise. Many letters were written opposing the rate increase; ours were the only ones opposing Cox Cable's monopoly franchise altogether!

Tidewater also has two announced candidates for the House of Delegates for the 85 election. Al Anders (that's me) [who?-Ed.] will be running in Norfolk and Mike Ridgeway is making plans to run in Chesapeake. Mike's is tentative and a formal announcement is still pending.

Despite whatever the outcome of the lawsuit on ballot access requirements, the Virginia LP should still run a full slate of candidates from Governor on down. Too many LP candidates spend considerable sums of money and manpower on getting ballot status and still pull only 1% or less of the vote, not to mention the fact that they get listed as independents and not Libertarians. If the goal is to get media coverage, educate the public and give Libertarians someone to vote for, this can all be more effectively done with write-in candidates for the time being.

With write-in candidates running for Governor, Lt. Governor, and Atty. General, only one of the three need travel at a time, visiting media in different cities. Ballot access laws will automatically become highlighted as an issue because of our campaign. The bulk of the campaigns can be several mass mailings throughout the state at different times, targeting different groups on issues of their concern, and most importantly using funds otherwise wasted on petitioning drives.

For this task I would like to propose Roger MacBride for Governor, Jim Turney for Lieutenant Governor, and Richard Gardiner for Attorney General.

---Al Anders

[In reference to your proposal, Al, I think it bears mentioning that one of the people you mentioned is already planning a SERIOUS campaign for House of Delegates, another has decided the LP is not worth the effort and has refused to help, and the third is presently doing much needed work for the LP of VA pursuing lawsuits on Ballot laws. Regarding the latter, however, I do think a House of Delegates

candidacy for Richard Gardiner is in order; I feel his resources and contacts are sufficient to gain him a House seat or at the least a VERY respectable percentage of the vote, and I don't mean anything under 10%. Of course, that will be Richard's decision. I hope he considers it, because with Mike Ridgeway, Al Anders, Jim Elwood, and the other House candidate whom I have not specified above (and will not until a few more things fall into place), we could have a very impressive 1985 lineup. Incidentally, we might find willing support from numerous businesses if we introduce our economic beliefs to them: how about telling 7-11/Southland Corp that our candidates don't believe in regulations such as the one that I described in the November issue of the Virginia Libertarian, about the gasoline business? And that's just one example. ---Editor]

Tidewater's Public Busline Blues

By Al Anders, Virginia Libertarian Tidewater Correspondent.

As of December 8th, during the busiest time of the year for air travel, Tidewater Regional Transit will be discontinuing shuttle bus service to the airport.

Meanwhile, due to overcrowding, the airport has begun parking cars at the Botanical Gardens and supplying free rides to the airport and back. It's a step in the right direction: the people actually receiving the service (airline passengers) are now paying for that service themselves through their fares, whereas the unfortunate taxpayer, through government subsidized TRT, was formerly forced to pay part of the costs.

The lesson to be learned from this is that the private sector is capable of running buses for less without sticking the taxpayers for a subsidy. The subsidy is, indeed, TRT's very problem: because they can run to the politicians for a handout, TRT has no incentive to be efficient, innovative or responsive to the changing demands of the consuming public.

If TRT is unable to run a shuttle to the airport during the busiest time of the year, why then are they wasting two hundred thousand dollars of taxpayer money on a feasibility study for a train from VA. Beach to Norfolk? Other than during the tourist season, this train is an obvious money loser: The figure for refurbishing the tracks alone is an estimated \$9.8 million. Each car costs \$350,000 and only carries 50 passengers, 70 if 20 of them want to stand up. Tack on operating costs, maintenance and advertising, and you can see that this train needs to run quite often and carry a lot of passengers.

If this latest public-owned/subsidized shuttle-train boondoggle flies, look for your taxes to fly, too.

CALENDARva

DECEMBER

The State Board of Elections has changed its meeting date!!! I don't know if you will get this in time to make plans, but here it is:

- 17-Monday-12:00 pm. Virginia's Electoral College will be meeting on the steps of the Capitol building in Richmond. THEN, at 3:00 pm, the SBE will meet at its 9th Street Office building headquarters. Try to make it if you can!!!
- 21-Friday-9:00 pm. Bob's Big Boy on Leesburg Pike near Arlington. WHAT: Winter Solstice Party, sponsored by the Arlington LP members. Come one, come all! Anyone resembling a Libertarian is welcome.

JANUARY

- 9-Wednesday-12:00 am. House of Delegates building, Richmond.
WHAT: State Senate and House of Delegates convene for their annual Opression-Session the second Wednesday of each year, and 1985 is of course no exception. The first meeting will begin at 12:00 pm, initially the meetings will last only 30 minutes or an hour or thereabouts until bills begin coming through Committees. This is something we need to stay on top of with letters to the editor.
- 15-Tuesday-7:30 pm. Location TBA. Al Anders for info:804-625-5068.
WHAT: Tidewater LP business meeting. Speaker TBA. If you would like to run for a local office in the 2nd or 4th districts, please attend this meeting so you can get some ideas on running your campaign from an old hand: Al Anders.

MARCH

- 23 and 24-Saturday and Sunday-all day-Location TBA (Charlottesville is presently the favored location).
WHAT: 1985 Libertarian Party of Virginia State Convention. We will be selecting new officers for the Virginia LP, so please try to come. We will have 8-10 speakers and several workshops on how to run state and local campaigns. So far, I have contact-

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BULLETIN ADDED AS WE GO TO PRESS

In this issue, you will see an article about a restaurant owner in Marshall, Virginia, who recently became newsworthy because he did not want to serve blacks on his own private property. Well, three black women who saw the publicity stirred up by a television news crew went to the restaurant, and, upon being refused service, filed suit against he and his wife, with the help of the ACLU. Reports have not yet disclosed how much money the three plaintiffs seek. And, although it was reported that one of the plaintiffs received threatening phone calls, it has not been reported whether McKoy, the restaurant owner, has received threatening calls or not.

ted seven prominent Libertarians who have agreed to come and speak: Peter Breggin, David Bergland, John Harllee, Earl Ravenal (not definite), and several others. Contributions to help defray expenses of the Convention should be made payable to **LPVA**. Send to Paul Hite (address in Contacts list). Specify that you want the contribution to go to the **Convention Fund**.

TIDBITSusa

Things Aren't All Bad:

Remember a couple of issues ago when I talked about the People's State of New York's meddling in gasoline stations? Well those legislative morons, with support from their co-conspirators in New Jersey were at it again, this time trying to regulate satellite programming. The New York State Commission on Cable Television was thwarted by the FCC and the U.S. Court of Appeals. The FCC ruled that state and local governments do not have the authority to regulate television programming distributed via satellite to private dwellings, including condominiums and apartment houses. Now all we have to do is keep the Federal government from deciding that IT has the responsibility for saving our poor souls from...."Satellite Smut."

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Also on an optimistic note, Gov. Robert Graham of Florida excused Rosemary Furman from serving a 30-day prison sentence. Furman, a secretary, was sentenced to jail for her refusing to stop dispensing do-it-yourself legal forms and advice.

We congratulate Ms. Furman for having the courage to stand up to the clannish lawyers who didn't want their state-sanctioned monopoly threatened by low-cost competition.

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Mexico Goes Through Withdrawal

Miguel is learning. Not very quickly, but he is learning. He is the President of one of the most debt-ridden nations in the world.

Miguel de la Madrid began his austerity measures for Mexico by divesting formerly nationalized industries. Being a politician, however, he has not done so yet with Pemex [national oil company].

It is not paradise yet, but at least it is a step in the right direction. The next avenues to be trod should be immediate slashes in income, investment and business taxes, followed as soon as is practical by further cuts in all other taxes.

---Editor

LIBERTARIAN LETTER PROJECT

One of the most cost-effective methods of communicating our ideas to the public is through letters-to-the-editor. We are asking Libertarians to write letters to their local newspapers mentioning "libertarianism," the "Libertarian Party," or "David Bergland." We urge you to participate. We will provide you with a periodic newsletter, advice and tips, sample letters, progress reports, etc. All we ask in exchange is that you send at least one (but preferably several) letter(s) to your local newspaper(s), and send us a clipping of any published letter. Please join the effort!

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The Libertarian Party of Virginia

A regular meeting of the LPVA State Central Committee was called to order by the Chair at 1:00 pm., Sunday, December 9, 1984.

Members Present:

Jim Elwood, Chair; Henry Thrasher, Vice Chair; Paul Hite, Treasurer; Marc Montoni, Newsletter Editor; Mark Leigh, Second District (Proxy); Ed Alexander, Third District Chair; Al Anders, Fourth District Chair Proxy; John Kiley, Seventh District Chair.

Brief Account of the Meeting:

A committee, consisting of Jim Elwood, Ed Alexander, and Henry Thrasher, was formed to prepare a set of goals and objectives for 1985 and beyond. Their report is due this January. Scott Bowden discussed certain wrongdoings on the part of National Party Leaders in regard to a man (not a Party member) who tried to purchase registered voter lists, illegally, via the Party. Marc Montoni, the Newsletter editor, reported that he had discussed adding a page of West Virginia news to the **Virginia Libertarian** and adding their members to our mailing list, all at their expense. The possibility was also discussed of allowing the D.C. LP to do the same. Authority to do this was granted at the meeting. Dan Rothenhoefer was confirmed as the 10th District Chair, as was Mark Leigh, as the Chair of the 1st District. The next meeting was scheduled for Sunday, January 13, 1985, and the location will be in Northern Virginia. The meeting wrapped up at 3:00 pm.

Convention Update: Please see the 3rd District Report for details from Marc Montoni. Note: Anyone wishing to do an exotic dance at the Convention to help bolster attendance please let us know.

Lawsuit Update: Richard Gardiner was not present. Jim Elwood refreshed our memories on the status of the lawsuits. It was decided that we should instigate litigation against the 10% requirement for so-called "permanent" ballot status in Virginia. This would be in addition to our ongoing suits against 1) the write-in question, 2) the 200 signature-per-district requirement, and 3) the petition requirements for statewide ballots.

Campaign '85: So far, the following state LP members have announced their intention to run for House of Delegates: Al Anders, Jim Elwood, Mark Leigh, and Mike Ridgeway. And our mystery candidate, also, who will be officially announced next month.

LP DISTRICT REPORTS:

First District (Chair-Stew Engel):

Urbanna Town Councilman Phil Friday has turned his sights to getting us on the ballot in the future. Anyone interested in helping Phil with this project, contact him NOW. He will need to know early who he can "enlist". If you can't or won't help him out with your time, please send LPVA a contribution today, and specify that it is for the BALLOT ACCESS FUND.

Second District (Chair-Buddy L. Mountjoy), **Tidewater** (Coordinator- Al Anders) and **Fourth District** (Chair-Mike Ridgeway):

Al Anders and Henry Thrasher have been holding regular meetings. See CALENDARva for their next meeting.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find Al Ander's new monthly column, "Your Senator Eats Alpo!" Er, I mean to say, "The Tidewater LP Page." It is going to be monthly, right, Al? Let's all fill up Mr. Anders' mailbox with letters of encouragement. Just say, Keep On Writing! Better yet, why don't we all keep MY mailbox full of YOUR news, opinions, and critiques? He and I seem to keep forgetting that we cannot do everything, that sometimes OTHER libertarians might want to exercise their writer's elbow... So to prevent Al and I from stealing your show altogether: Send it in TODAY!

Newport News member Mark Leigh has been holding local meetings. Call him or write: 323-A Center Ave., Nwpt News, VA 23601 PH: 804-596-5313.

Third District (Chair-Ed Alexander):

Marc Montoni reports that plans have already begun falling into place for the 1985 LPVA Convention, more info in CALENDARva. We could sure use a Convention Coordinator. Duties include: 1. Sending out letters of invitation to speakers, most of which have already been done; 2. To organize the schedule of events; 3. To select a meeting site; 4. Preparing one, preferably two, fundraising mailings; 5. Sending out one or two information packet mailings, which will include instructions for registration, schedule of events, directions to the event, etc. I would estimate that you would need to spend about 2 to 5 hours per week. State Central Committee meetings will be where you pick up your manpower for mailings; due to the number of attendees, the work gets finished in no time.

Fifth District (Chair-vacant):

Anyone wishing to take on the position of Chair in this District is

encouraged to file an application with the state Party. Please include address, phone #, and qualifications. Duties will, of course, include attending SCC meetings, and acting as a coordinator of activities in your area.

Sixth District (Chair-Frewen Wilson):

A Roanoke member is forming a local group for discussion activities/political activities. Contact Alan R. Hock for more information. His address is: 2612 Avenham Ave., Roanoke, VA 24014.

Seventh District (Chair-John Kiley):

The Libertarian Student Association at the University of VA. is meeting weekly and drawing from 15 to 50 people for political discussions. For details, contact LSA President Dan Garrett, P.O. Box 521, Newcome Hall, Charlottesville, VA 22901. 804-971-2962. Current meeting schedule is in this month's calendar.

NOTE: UVa Library is the home of the Libertarian Party archives and the interesting collection is open to the public.

Eighth District (Chair-Richard Gardiner): **Tenth District** (Chair- Dan Rothenhoefer) and **Arlington** (Coordinator-Marjie Rothenhoefer): Dan Rothenhoefer has been appointed to Chair the 10th District.

See CALENDARva for upcoming events in this District.

Ninth District (Chair-Michael Large): No Report.

Michael Large, who is now in law school, reports that he is having encouraging success in getting other students at his school interested in libertarian ideas. We wish you luck in school, Michael, and hope to have you back when you're through college!

Lynchburg (Coordinator-Tom Carwile):

Those interested in forming a local group should contact Tom Carwile.

(If there is no news from your district, it doesn't mean there isn't any. Dig some up and send it in to your editor!)

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CONGRATULATIONS to Libertarian newlyweds John and Alice Kiley of Milwood, VA. John is the Chairman for the LPVA's 7th District. We wish them well, and hope that their children will taste the freedom that we are striving for.

--- Editor

"No man's Life, Liberty, Property, Privacy, or Sanity are secure while the Legislature is in Session.

--- A quote from Daniel Webster, edited for the 80's by Marc Montoni

LIBERTARIAN GROUP OF THE MONTH

For you oldsters out there, and youngsters and in-betweeners too, check out The Old One of libertarianism: The Society for Individual Liberty was formed way back in the medieval year of 1968. Dedicated to promoting through education the principles of liberty, this group offers excellent seminars and the educational course "Principles of Liberty".

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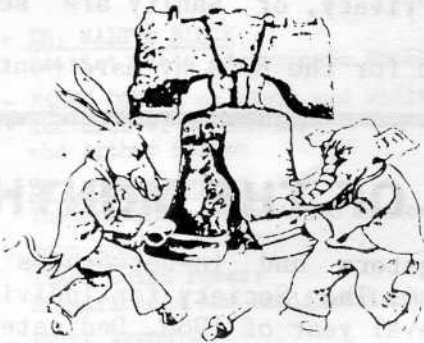
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LETTERS

Reader Further Explains Local Government Center

Concerning the Local Government Center article you included in the last newsletter, I would like to point out that their bulletin Fiscal Watchdog is often reprinted in Reason magazine and/or Dollars and Sense along with a wealth of other information.

For those wanting ways to cut city government spending as issues to run on in local government, I would suggest reading Cutting Back City Hall and also Enterprise Zones by Bob Poole. Both are available from the Reason Foundation.

Fiscal Watchdog, in my opinion, is best used as an excellent gift for elected officials. Since it is short, only four pages, it is more likely to be read by the non-libertarian with a busy schedule. Also, it highlights one idea on cutting government per issue, and gives example cases where this cost-cutting is being effectively done already.

---Alvin Anders

[I stand corrected!---Ed.]

Compliments Newsletter Editor

I would like to thank Marc Montoni, LPVA Newsletter Editor, for the fine job he has done to publish a regular newsletter. I hope his activism reinvigorates our Party statewide.

For Liberty,
Henry T. Thrasher

[Who is this Montoni character? Who does he think he is, pretending he has my name and thinking he edits the same newsletter I do! I'm gonna have to have a talk with that character!!! ---Ed.]

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Virginia Gets a Taste of the World

Eva Estrada Kalaw, a Phillipine opposition leader, spoke on Nov. 30 at Virginia's College of William and Mary. She suggested that Americans' fears of a communist takeover in the Phillipines are unfounded, and that most Filipinos want to replace Marcos with a democratic regime.

If that's true, I guess we needn't worry. A "democratic" system would be freer than OUR present quasi-socialist system!

State Buys More Human Bodies

The Virginia Department of Corrections' new Director, Allyn R. Siebert recently announced that an additional 132 guards would be hired for the state's prison system. Look for your taxes to go up because of this. The state already has the lowest ratio of prisoners-to-guards in the nation, so why can't there be some sort of qualitative improvement in the guards' ranks instead of just another quantitative band-aid measure? Look up in your dictionaries the following words: "Lack", "of", "Incentive", and you'll have the answer...

Restaurant Owner Thumbs His Nose at the State

While I am sure that most Libertarians believe prejudice is an ugly thing, I am equally sure that we all understand that every human being has a natural right to be prejudiced should he so desire, as long as he does not initiate any kind of force that interferes with anyone else's natural rights. In this respect, we might be interested in the case of Roy E. McKoy, owner of the Belvoir Restaurant in Marshall, Virginia. McKoy, 60, was jailed in 1967 and 1974 for refusing to comply with court orders to serve blacks. Trouble for him was stirred up once again by a Washington television station, WRC, which apparently had nothing better to do than to help persecute a man for his beliefs. The station reported that their three-man news team, which just incidentally included two blacks, was refused service in his restaurant. Watch for the state to step in with its coercive powers soon, to enforce "fairness" laws that will injure a man who only wanted to use his property according to his beliefs. If only everyone would hear the words of Franklin Woodson, who lives in The Plains and works in Marshall: "I just say, there's other restaurants." Franklin Woodson is black.

Prisons For Profit

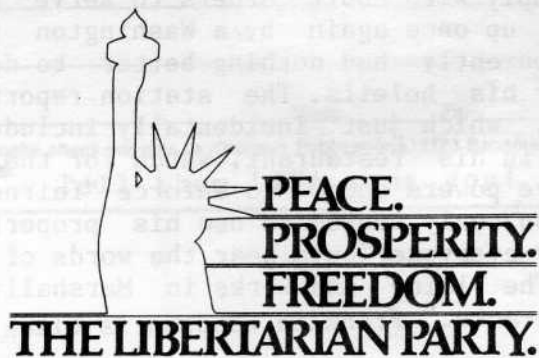
CBS' 'Sixty Minutes' recently (on Sunday, Nov. 21, 1984) devoted a segment to a "new" idea: Privately-owned & operated prisons. Already, even with extensive government regulations driving costs up, these new prison operators have been able to adequately care for prisoners in several moderate-security prisons for \$23 per day per prisoner, as compared to about \$35 per day per prisoner in comparable state institutions.

Now, while we libertarians have always said this was possible and workable, often in the face of shrill denial, the rest of public opinion is slowly being dragged along with our ideas, kicking and screaming. This Party is working! Our effect on society may not be very visible, but our ideas are indeed spreading!

Several states are eyeing the possibilities of private prisons, Kentucky was one of the ones examined in the report. This bodes well for the possibilities of further privatizing our present penal system.

What can we push next? Well, switching the system from pure confinement punishment to a system of restitution is the next step. While many different methods could be used here, I believe that these private prisons should be allowed to put prisoners to work. Half of the proceeds from the prisoner's work would go to the victims or their families, or if there are no known survivors, to the police service, or to a charitable Victim's fund, etc. There are many ways to divvy up the proceeds, and if the idea ever takes hold, all the options can be examined in due time.

Of course, all this assumes that victimless crime is abolished; there is no place for a non-criminal in a prison for real criminals. As things stand now, we must be careful that private prison operators are not allowed to encourage changes in law in that respect. Obviously, the unscrupulous types will rise to the occasion and try to increase their prisoner population to get more money from the state. This should be a minor problem, however.



ETHIOPIA VISITED

Ethiopian Famine Scrutinized

While the starvation in Ethiopia is blamed on a drought, most libertarians know the real reason is Ethiopia's Marxist government.

Just last September, the government spent two hundred and fifty million (U.S.) dollars to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the revolution that brought it into power.

The worker's paradise, a.k.a. the Soviet Union, has sent 10,000 metric tons of rice and five billion dollars' worth of weapons. In contrast, our government sent 41,500 metric tons of grain in 1983, is expected to send 80,000 tons this year and has pledged 50,000 more.

What Ethiopia needs more than anything else is to get rid of their Marxist government and replace it with the free market.

---Al Anders

[I might also point out that Chad presently has a worse starvation problem than Ethiopia, mainly due to Soviet puppet Khadafi's efforts to starve the Chadian government into submission in their war.--Ed.]

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Food Aid Usefulness Questioned

In recent months, the jingoistic, liberal media have bombarded a gullible public with horrifying pictures of the starving in Ethiopia. The pitch is always done using pictures of affected children.

It strikes me that we keep creating this monster of starvation through our generosity!

I hate to beat a subject 'til it hits me back, but in the course of thinking about the Ethiopian situation, this whole system of free food aid that we generously give to overseas peoples begins to impress me as a complete waste of time. Not only that, but I am increasingly convinced that for every year we continue sending aid, we worsen a dangerous problem that will ultimately engulf us.

Doesn't it follow that if we save a group of ten people and make them feel secure that we will also continue our help in the future, that they will reward our efforts by producing another 50 or so

mouths for us to feed within the next few years? Jack these numbers up to the scale of a whole continent, and I ask you, WHERE WILL IT END? We are asking for disaster, people! Can you logically prove that this isn't what's happening in Africa, Asia and elsewhere?

We must find some other way to help these people, and we must do it now. If we do not do it now, we will find it increasingly difficult to extricate ourselves from a tragedy that might ultimately see about 1/4 or 1/2 of whole populations in blighted areas die.

I can hear concerned, ignorant citizens indignantly shouting, "You're mad! The only way to save them is for all of us to send more!" It will always be more, more, more with these misguided good Samaritans.

Research into root causes of the famine disease, however, indicates several things that can and must be done: Most of the countries with famine problems also have totalitarian governments (i.e., socialist, marxist, fascist, martial, theocratic, tribal oligarchies or whatever- all different names for the same thing.), most of which spend crippling sums on arms with which to further decimate each other: witness Ethiopia).

Solutions must include, first and foremost, a solid and extensive dose of the free market.

Instead of handing out food, let's help them, if we really want to do them some good, by teaching them how to be self-sufficient. Pound it into their heads that we will not help them unless they work harder at helping themselves than we do. And make sure they know that after a specific amount of time, our help will end, except of course if a natural disaster strikes before then.

Ethiopia, Et Al

We all should know by now that Ethiopia's evil, murderous Marxist government is for the most part responsible for starving the population, much as the hit man of the century Josef Stalin caused the disastrous famine in the Ukraine back in the '30's. Then and now, the aim of these "proletariat" dictatorships has been to silence resistance by massive genocide.

That fact aside, I think the question must be asked: Should we stop making it possible for collectivist gangsters to survive by not bailing them out in crises like this? If all of our aid disappeared, I realize that the suffering will get far worse; many more might die. However, in the long term, is it not logical to assume that the people who watched friends and family die at the hands of a cruel group of elitists will channel their anger towards the source?

Just as the massive famine of 1973-74 spelled the death knell of Haile Selassie's long rule, we should encourage those elements in Ethiopia who are losing faith in their government to hasten the present regime's downfall.

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