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!

**LIBERTARIANS ELECTED** — Two more Libertarian Party members have been elected to local non-partisan office this spring. Howard Wilson, Jr. was elected in March to a one year term on the Board of Commissioners of the Andover Village Water District in New Hampshire. Commissioner Wilson, who is also the Chairman of the Budget Committee in his village, started his term on March 26.

Tom Heidenfelder was elected to a six year term on the Palatine Library District Board of Trustees in the northwest Chicago, Illinois area. Trustee Heidenfelder finished second in a field of four candidates seeking two positions, just 13 votes behind the leader. He received an endorsement from one of the local newspapers. His platform promised no tax increase, reliance on user fees, and creation of a permanent income trust fund which would make it possible to eventually eliminate Library taxes completely.

Also elected in Illinois was libertarian supporter George Clowes to a four year term on the Mount Prospect Park District Board of Commissioners.

In Roselle Village, Illinois Libertarian National Committee member Gerry Walsh lost his bid for mayor against a strong incumbent. Walsh's candidacy was so threatening to the Roselle United Party that they devoted two out of three pages of a letter to village residents to an attack on Libertarians. Sample: "It is our belief that libertarian organizations throughout the country will be offering active support to Mr. Walsh's ticket. We believe that Libertarians see the Roselle election as a grand experiment." The reality is that Walsh's campaign budget of $700-800 was outspent by more than three to one. But he still has two years remaining on his four year term as Village Trustee.

The other four Libertarian candidates in Illinois' spring elections lost their races. They were Steve Givot, Margi Kohls, Randy Sue Heidenfelder, and Jim Young.

The most active candidate of 1985 is Kenneth Hendrix who already has two elections under his belt in just over three months time. Hendrix received 35% of the vote against a strong incumbent City Alderman April 6 in Leon Valley, Texas, a suburb of San Antonio. In January, 1985 Hendrix was an unsuccessful candidate for a seat on a local river authority board.

**GRANT RESIGNATION** — Libertarian Party National Chair Paul Grant submitted his resignation in a letter to National Committee Members dated March 28. Grant cited pressing business problems as the reason he could no longer devote the time and money necessary to fulfill his responsibilities as Chairman.

Under Libertarian Party Bylaws Vice Chair Mary Gingell of California will perform the duties of Chair until the National Committee appoints someone to complete the last four months of Grant's term. The Committee is expected to fill the position at its Seattle meeting April 20-21. New Party Officers will be elected at the regular business convention in Phoenix August 14-18.
Lawmaker Outlines Funding Cuts in Libertarian Version of Budget

By DeAn Fosdick

The Associated Press

JANUS)--The legislature's only Libertarian, Rep. John Marrou Jr., said he has identified $2.4 billion in spending that he wants repealed from Gov. Bill Sheffield's proposed operating budget for fiscal 1986, but all allow him to back up his ideas with legislation.

Rep. John Marrou of Homer singled out the cuts Tuesday in what he calls a "first year Libertarian budget." The moves, he said, are necessary because the old, state-run budgets "are just not working in our community, in our area, and in our state."

"We want to provide a blueprint for a new budget," he said. "We want to provide a blueprint for a new budget, a budget that is right for the people of the state of Alabama." Marrou said he plans to introduce legislation to implement his budget cuts in the state legislature's regular session.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," Marrou said. "We're looking at a tax cut of 14 percent of income on all state residents. That's the main point, and the flap over paid circulators doesn't change it.

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By Hunter Kome

Staff Writer

As the time draws near to file tax returns, a group of people who are offended by what they see as unfair burden on employers to do free bookkeeping for the government is becoming more distressed by the prospect of filing taxes.

The Libertarian Party of North Carolina, which says taxation is "theft, plain and simple," said. "It is like an interest-free loan for a year for the government." It was a recent interview with Henderson, an accountancy, that drew the following statement, which says, "There is no such thing as 'taxation.' It is a lie."

"Moral taxation," he said. "It is a lie."

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Terencia Jeanne Leonard, another Libertarian, said taxing places unfair burden on employers to do free bookkeeping for the government. When taxes are removed from employees' paychecks, she said, "It is like an interest-free loan for a year for the government." Leonard said that during the Boston Tea Party, taxes were only 14 percent of income on average, and "They were getting thrown things into the ocean." She cited taxes average over 40 percent.

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The Libertarian Party was formed a little over 12 years ago in California. It claimed 45 registered members. Since then we've had Scientific Games Inc., which paid circulators to get its lottery petitions on the ballot last year. In the Democratic Party of North Carolina, the Libertarian Party has been recognized as the official party of North Carolina.

"There were no Socialist workers party members registered in Moore County, but notices of disqualification were sent to the five registered Libertarians.

"Purging a campaign is under way in Moore County."

By Kelly Poole

"The Citizens, Mar. 19, 1985

Asheville, North Carolina

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By Charles Babington

Once again, the Libertarian and Republican parties of North Carolina have lost their status as official political parties. But this time it might be harder for them to get back on the ballot.

A recent state law requires new parties to submit petitions of more than 5,000 registered voters, rather than the 3,000 as the old law required.

Both parties sponsored pension drives that gave them more than the 5,000 signatures of registered voters needed to get on the ballot in 1985 and 1984. But in 1983, the General Assembly passed a law requiring parties to collect signatures from registered voters, not from non-voters.
ACTIVISTS CONFERENCE -- Illinois National Committee member Gerry Walsh has announced plans for an Activists Conference on June 8-9, tentatively set for the Granada Royale Hotel in Schaumburg, a Chicago suburb.

The theme of the conference will focus on defining and building strong state party organizations, both internally and externally. Walsh has also made a bid for the pre-national convention Platform Committee meeting to be held in conjunction with the conference.

"We have not set an admission price, and probably won't, other than having a small nominal fee on the luncheon and dinner meals," Walsh said. "With the new cut-throat competition in airfares, we are planning for this to be a major regional LP conference, and expect to get some national attendance from interested Libertarians as well."

For further information Walsh can be reached at 789 Overland Court, Roselle, Illinois 60172, (312) 894-8680 (H), or (312) 381-1980 x2136 (W).

800# RESPONSE -- David Bergland announced the LP's 800-number inquiry service during a recent ABC radio network talkshow. The result: nearly three dozen requests for more information about the Libertarian Party.

Other calls are being generated as the number becomes more widely available in materials and publications. The South Carolina LP has even erected a billboard with the message "If you hate taxes, call 1-800-682-1776."

STAFF ADDITION -- Paula Bosse has joined the national headquarters staff in the position of secretary.

BUDGET CRUNCH CONTINUES -- Although the financial crisis has eased slightly during the last month, the Party is still nearly 25% behind budget for the first quarter of 1985. The Liberty Pledge, the most dependable and economical source of income for the Party, is almost back on target after dropping to only $2,171 in January as a result of the expiration of many pledges toward the end of 1984. Recent direct mail fundraising for the Liberty Pledge has caused a rebound to $3,243 in March. Pledge income in 1984 was $36,500 and the budgeted goal for 1985 is $40,000.

Revenue and expenses for 1984 are summarized in the pie charts below with comparisons to 1983. Totals for 1984 were: $414,905 income, $475,854 outgo; for 1983: $372,034 income, $285,868 outgo. The 1985 budget of $470,500 includes provision for repayment of $40,000 in loans approved by the National Committee for ballot access drives.

WHERE THE LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE'S DOLLAR CAME FROM AND WENT TO IN 1984

(1983 in parentheses)