LIBERTY PLEDGE NEWSLETTER

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THINGS SHAPING UP FOR CONTRIBUTOR LUNCHEON

On Friday the 4th of September, there will be a luncheon for the Torch Club and monthly pledgers.

Steve Dasbach, who's coordinating the luncheon, says that special arrangements have been made to save the diners time and reduce distractions from the planned program.

Torch Club members will sit at a special place of honor at the front.

Further details will be in special invitations to be mailed in early August. Watch for it!

1-800 LINE RINGING OFF WALL

Inquiries are increasing at a rapid rate. We are now getting over one hundred phone requests per month for information about the LP. Written and phone requests are currently totalling over 275!

FUNDING

As predicted in last month's issue, June was a good month with receipts of $24,537.08. (See graph below)

This time of year is historically a low income period for the Libertarian Party. Please send your pledges promptly to help us avoid financial stresses that would hinder this incredible head of steam we're building.

See you in Seattle!

Total = $24,537.08
Russell Means urges free open world trade

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WASHINGTON — Former Rep. Ron Paul of Texas wants to be president of the United States, and now a Libertarian, would scrapped the nation's economic establish- ment, slashing the income tax, monetary authority, and creating a freely traded world.

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DIAL POINT

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Indian activist Russell Means says he is one way to stop the spread of totalitarianism in the United States and abroad.

Means, 47, is touring Utah and surrounding states in an effort to gain the party's standard-bearer for the 1987 Native American Movement, in 1971 led-speaking people to take up a gun, Means said in an interview Monday.

"Russell Lakota Sioux and friend of the American Indian Movement, in 1971 led hundreds of armed warriors to a military occu- pation of Wounded Knee, S.D., the site of a 1890th Century massacre of 250 Indians.

means in payroll, the Libertarians, are having a real struggle with petrols.

The scene of anguish moves to a West Coast town, a year ago it came to Idaho with Russell Means and Ron Paul. They are the party's two leading presidential candidates, and there have been already, also, at least seven. Five days.

Means is an Indian activist most widely known as a leader in the 1973 armed occupation of Wounded Knee, S.D. The C.I.W. was to have taken out of the traditional jewelry around his neck — he said he had a hand beading which he was going to sell to get a crowd and make you uneasy in your living room.

Paul is a long-time conservative activist in the Republican Congress, a "gold bug" yearning for returning to the gold standard. He also is low-key, easy-going, a cool and polished speaker whose message is far more polishing than he is.

Libertarians, Russell says he accepts all the major candidates, and even accepts all but a couple of planks on their platforms.

He is unconcerned about his only opponent for the nomination, Indian activist Russell Means. "He is a national leader, he has a lot of following, he has a lot of energy and activism he would bring. Their reaction suggested the Idaho Libertarian Party still includes mem- bers whose strongest reasons for joining came from the left, from the people upset at government interven- tion in social liberties.

But there are two important things about means-delegation and, and the pro-Paul controversy to- here. Some of them argued that Paul, a more political politician, would make a better impression on mainstream America.

The vote also suggested the Idaho party has more members who came to the anti-government philosophy from the right, who most dislike the cost of government and its involve- ment in the economy.

That could become more true than it is now. Two conservative Idaho Reps. Elizabeth Allan, Ridge, Middle, and former Rep. Dieter Bayer, Boise — showed up for much of the convention. If they take a more active role or even join the party, the Idaho organization could become a potential threat to the Paul and the right if it does not now.

Randy Slapkus is political editor of The Statesman.
Libertarians hit tracking of suspects

DENVER (AP) — A proposal developed by a federal panel to add to a national crime computer the names of suspects as well as sociological, financial and political Board of the National Crime Information Center decided last week to send the proposal to a research firm to consider the sociological, financial and political implications of the idea, said panel chairman W. Gray Buckley. It will be six months before the board decides whether to recommend the change, said Buckley, agent in charge in Denver of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation's crime information center.

The National Crime Information Center is the government computer file that serves as a clearinghouse for local law enforcement officials who need information on such things as individuals for whom arrest warrants have been issued and stolen property.

The advisory board's proposal also suggests cross-referencing the names of those listed with agencies including the Social Security Administration, the Securities and Exchange Commission and padr and driver's license bureaus.

"We're seeking to do a better job of what we're supposed to be doing," Buckley said. "I can guarantee that our ultimate recommendations will be absolutely reasonable and legal."

But Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., said the proposal would establish an intrusive "tracking system" for people facing criminal charges.

"I don't want Big Brother in Washington," said Edwards, who chairs the House Judiciary subcommittee on civil and constitutional rights. He said he plans to hold subcommittee hearings on the board's recommendations.

Jerry Berman, legislative director of the American Civil Liberties Union, said the changes under consideration would enable the government to compile electronic dossiers on people who may or may not be legally suspected of engaging in criminal activity.

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Court decisions may prompt more case on planning laws

Two recent Supreme Court decisions on land use policies "open a window" to more cases that could turn the tide of increasing government interference on land use, attorney Bruce Bruchler told a meeting of the Business Association of Lake County Tuesday.

Bruchler's analysis differed somewhat from that of County Counsel Cameron Reeves, who said both cases would have little or no impact on county planning policies.

But Bruchler did not go quite as far as Libertarian Party member Randy Grindle, who predicted a more drastic judicial swing toward requiring compensation for the taking of property used for public uses.

Grindle said the Libertarian Party is drafting a landowners Bill of Rights similar to a Tehama County document that prohibits "historical, archaeological or open space restrictions on private property without compensation."

Bruchler echoed Grindle's view that the two cases show judicial notice of public dissatisfaction with the trend toward new "restrictive land use policies."

"There has been a tragic swerveby the people of their property rights," Bruchler said, "and it has snowballed into a tremendous body of law. I think the court recognized the growing pressure among the public that this has gotten bad."

Bruchler talked on both the Supreme Court's reaffirmation of the right to compensation of property owners who lose all use of his land by government regulators, and the now recent case involving public access to the coast through private property.

Patrick and Marilyn Nollan dealt a serious blow to the California Coastal Commission when the Supreme Court agreed that the commission cannot require an easement across the Nollan property for public access without compensating the Nollans.

County Counsel Cameron Reeves believes the first case will have little impact in Lake County because the court stuck to the historical notion that "all" uses of the property must be deprived to trigger compensation. He said he hadn't yet studied the Nollan case thoroughly, but press reports indicated it could have a possible effect on county requirements for road dedications and easements. The county must show a relationship between the condition imposed and a public purpose but Reeves said he thinks "we have been advising that anyway."

"The thing that troubles me is that the reports stated the court held that if you impose a condition (with no connection to public purpose) it's a taking," Reeves said. "That's inconsistent with the historical definition of a taking."

Bruchler said that the court limited its decision on the first case, to-requiring compensation when "all" uses were deprived, leaving open the question of what happens if some or most cases are restricted.

BALC President, Burt Harlan, said a jurist friend of his viewed the "all" from the opposite perspective: that if you are deprived of one use you no longer have all uses and should be compensated.

"Don't think the word "all" should really concern us much," Bruchler said. "The real crux is wrongful taking with no legitimate public concern. I think it could cause (Lake) county substantial problems."

Bruchler said the county would have to "do a lot more homework" to justify regulations on such things as scenic corridors and buffer zones in light of the two decisions.

"Neither case directly touches on the zoning process," Bruchler said. "Hundreds of new cases may flow from this."

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