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FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS ENDANGER OUR FREEDOM

The Reagan Administration, which was elected on a promise to cut both taxes and government spending, continues to support both increased taxes and increased government spending. As a result, unemployment continues to increase, and inflation continues to hurt almost everybody. Both Democratic and Republican members of Congress seem totally deaf to the cries of the betrayed taxpayers.

Bills now pending in Congress would strip away from Americans the right to sue I.R.S agents who violate their constitutional rights or who seize their bank accounts without a court order. Also, the prosecution of draft resisters is heating up. The federal government is looking more and more like a police state.

At the state level, taxes continue to increase faster than in most other states. In addition, rates for electric and phone services are getting out of hand, thanks to state laws which create utility monopolies and make competition illegal. Libertarians seem to be the only persons who realize that allowing free-market competition in the utility industry would result in lower utility rates and better services.

The South Carolina Libertarian Party is trying to fight these repeated violations of our basic rights to life, liberty, and property. We need your help. We urge you to consider giving some of your hard-earned money in order to support us in the quest for Liberty. Our freedom is at stake.

MORE CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY S.C.L.P. CONVENTION

The South Carolina Libertarian Party reconvened its state nominating convention on Saturday, August 28, at the Richland County Public Library. Eight more candidates were nominated for state and national offices, bringing the total number of Libertarian candidates in South Carolina to thirteen. This is the largest number of Libertarians ever to run for office at one time in S.C. (for a complete list of candidates, see page 3).

Two candidates were nominated for Congressional seats. Walter Smith, a medical student from Charleston, will run for the 1st District seat in the U. S. House of Representatives against Republican incumbent Thomas Hartnett and Democrat Mullins McLeod.

Gordon T. Davis, a Westminster businessman, will oppose incumbent Democrat Butler Derrick in the race for the 3rd District U.S. House seat. There is no Republican candidate. During his campaign, Davis plans to emphasize his desire to reduce taxes.

Two candidates were also nominated for statewide races. Jan Chapman, a computer analyst from Greenville who edits the SCLP newsletter, was nominated for Secretary of State. She will run against Democratic incumbent John Campbell, who has no other opposition. Chapman feels that her experience in computer programming will be an asset to her campaign.

Richard Winchell, a Columbia accountant, will run for Comptroller General against incumbent Earl Morris, a Democrat. There is no other opposition.

Four more candidates were nominated for the state House of Representatives. Linda Blevins, a computer analyst, was nominated for House District 30 in Cherokee County. Her only opponent is Democrat John Robert Tally. There is no incumbent, since this was Mike Daniel's district.

David Rosser of Florence will run for the House District 60 seat against Democratic incumbent Woody McKay. There is no other opposition.

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HARLLEE AND KREISMAN ARE RUNNING TO WIN

John Harllee and Steven Kreisman are not running for the state House of Representatives because they are bored---they are running to win. Both candidates are engaged in intensive door-to-door campaigning and are busy speaking to various groups.

Harllee, a certified public accountant from Florence, is running in the newly-created District 62, which has no Republican candidate. He says that people in the district are interested in getting a good education and good jobs. "We have a situation where people are being eaten alive by government regulations and inflation," he says. "People are losing their homes because they can't keep up with the high interest rates. The reason they're suffering is because government regulations are killing their jobs."

Harllee says that minority businesses and other small businesses are especially hurt by government regulations and high taxes. "Traditionally, small businesses have generated most of the jobs in America," he notes, "but the programs of the government that discourage setting up new businesses, that harass small businesses, that tax and regulate them to death, are destroying jobs at a deplorable rate."

According to Harllee, "The reassessment of property is going to be especially cruel to elderly people on fixed incomes." Harllee adds that "the answer is not in shifting the tax burden from one group of taxpayers to another; the answer is to reduce the property tax altogether. There are plenty of ways in which the cost of local government can be decreased---I have whole books on the subject---and ways in which services now funded by property tax can be provided by private businesses or by user fees."

If elected, Harllee says that he will ask questions about whether or not more regulations are needed and will discourage bad legislation by simply publicizing it. He says that he will also work for such things as improved highway safety and innovative private-sector approaches to education.

Dr. Steven Kreisman, a Spartanburg physician, is running for House Seat 34 against Democratic incumbent William Sterling Anderson and Republican James C. Brown. He says that, if elected, he will work "to significantly reduce taxes and eventually eliminate the state income tax."

Kreisman also believes that regulatory agencies should be revised or eliminated. "All these commissions are set up under the guise of protecting the public, but they really do nothing other than protect established businesses from competition by new innovative companies."

Kreisman says that "Interstate highways should be made into toll roads where truckers and motorists who use them and tear them up pay their full share of maintenance."

According to Kreisman, "The Department of Education is the biggest bureaucracy in the state. It spends over a billion dollars annually, and our test scores continue to be the worst in the nation." He proposes tax credits for people who send their children to private schools, thus shifting emphasis to the private sector as the real hope for improving education in South Carolina.

"We have a party that stands apart from the Democrats and Republicans," he says. "They are both status quo, big government parties." Kreisman predicts that as soon as people become familiar with the libertarian alternative, "we will grow quite substantially."

CANDIDATES

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Shelly Vandervelde, a student at the University of South Carolina, will run for House District 72, which includes part of downtown Columbia. Her opponents are Democrat Bill Campbell and Republican Jane Farley. Vandervelde says, "I aim to eliminate laws that discriminate on the basis of sex, to reduce property and income taxes, to vote against laws that favor S.C.E. & G., Southern Bell, and cable TV, to abolish the Blue Laws, and to support a tuition tax credit bill for individuals who wish to send their children to private schools."

Jim Wilson, a Myrtle Beach businessman, was nominated for House Seat 103 in Horry County. His opponent is Democrat John J. Snow, Jr.

Thirteen is the highest number of Libertarian candidates ever to run for office in South Carolina. In 1980, seven candidates ran, and, although none were elected, at least 25,000 South Carolinians voted for one or more LP candidates. If any of the above candidates win, they will join two city councilmen as the only Libertarians elected to office in South Carolina. Marshall Danenburg was elected to the Elgin city council in March, 1981, and Mike Carruth was elected to the Landrum city council in November, 1981.



NOT INTENDED

by Jan L. Chapman

"The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration." An in-depth study of the history of the 16th Amendment reveals the astonishing fact that WAGES ARE NOT "INCOME" as defined by the amendment.

Nowhere does the 16th Amendment answer the following questions: (1)What is the definition of "income?" and, (2)Who is to pay the tax? The Supreme Court answers the former question in Eisner v. Macomber, 252 U.S. 206,207:

Congress cannot by any definition it may adopt conclude the matter, since it cannot by legislation alter the Constitution, from which alone it derives its power to legislate, and within whose limitations alone that power can be lawfully exercised...we require only a clear definition of the term "income," as used in common speech, in order to determine its meaning in the Amendment ... "Income may be defined as the gain derived from capital, from labor, or from both combined," provided it be understood to include profit gained through a sale or conversion of capital assets... not a gain accruing to capital, not a growth or increment of value in the investment; but a gain, a profit, something of exchangeable value proceeding from the property, severed from the the capital however invested or employed...

Labor is property. When one exchanges labor for salary or wages, value for value, there is no gain because such a transaction is an equal exchange.

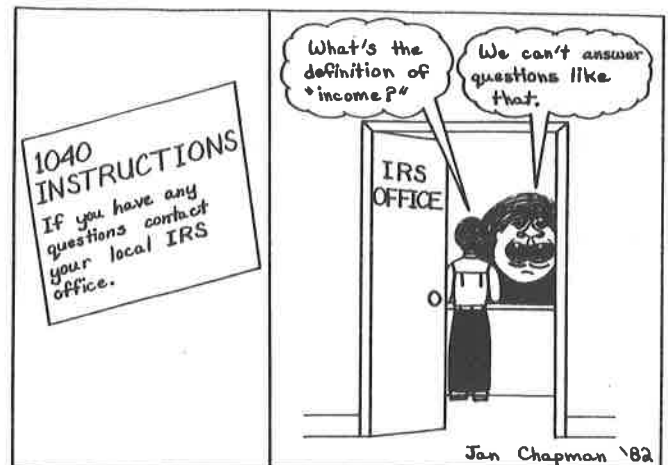
The Internal Revenue Code (laws passed by Congress) does not define "income." Perhaps this is because members of Congress know they do not have such authority. If Congress does not have the authority to define the word "income" by legislation, the IRS certainly does not have the authority to define the word by regulation, which is exactly what it has been doing!

A study of the legislative history of the 16th Amendment answers the question: Who is to pay the tax? It reveals that the Amendment was not intended to give Congress the authority to tax wage-earners, in addition to its existing taxing power. Its intent was to "soak-the-rich" - that is, corporate officers, corporate stockholders, and the wealthy like the Rockefellers. After enactment, the intent of a piece of legislation cannot be changed.

As history has shown, the wealthy will always find a way of avoiding paying a lot of taxes. Consequently, the government has led wage-earners to believe that salary and wages are "income."

Many enraged wage-earners are starting to refuse to pay income taxes, because they have discovered that there is no legal basis for the unquestioned authority claimed by Congress and by the IRS. Wages are not "income," and wage-earners are not legally required to pay income taxes if they have no "income."

If this information becomes more widely known, taxpayers will have an effective means to keep the fruits of their labor from being seized by the government to be used for expanding its oppression of individuals.



1982 SCLP CANDIDATES

Walter Smith--1st District, U.S. House of Representatives
 Gordon T. Davis--3rd District, U.S. House of Representatives
 Tom Waldenfels--State Treasurer
 Jan Chapman--Secretary of State
 Richard Winchell--Comptroller General
 Linda Blevins-- State House District 30
 Steve Kreisman--State House District 34
 Tom Norman--State House District 36
 David Rosser--State House District 60
 John Harllee-- State House District 62
 Shelly Vandervelde-- State House District 72
 Jim Wilson--State House District 103
 John Comer-- York County Council

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The Threat of Nuclear War:

A Libertarian Response

by David Morris, M.D.

As a physician, I am quite concerned about the possibility of a nuclear war. Recent government plans to implement a national plan for "civil defense" ignore the uselessness of such measures. A large-scale nuclear war would create over 100 million casualties in the United States alone. Medical disaster planning for such a calamity would be useless. There is no possible effective medical response to a nuclear war.

Large-scale nuclear weapons are not and cannot be primarily defensive in nature. They are implements of mass killing. Moreover, they can cause considerable damage to the environment. Nuclear explosions can destroy the atmospheric ozone layer, exposing persons and animals all around the world to lethal amounts of solar ultraviolet radiation.

What is the libertarian response to this serious problem? Libertarians believe that individuals have the right to conduct their lives as they wish as long as they do not initiate force against others or use fraud. All individuals have the right to defend themselves against aggression, and individuals may certainly co-operate for mutual self-defense. Force should not be used except in response to the initiation of force or the threat of force.

To libertarians, defense means just that: defense against an attack or the threat of an attack. As far as the United States is concerned, U.S. citizens have the right to co-operate for mutual self-defense. However, the present administration, like all past administrations, both Democratic and Republican, believes that U.S. citizens should be forced to pay for the defense of Western Europe, Japan, and other areas. More than half the entire defense budget is spent on defending other nations. As a result of these entangling alliances, any conflict which breaks out in any of these areas will draw the United States into a war.

Each year, the federal government steals billions of dollars from the taxpayers in order to build numerous expensive weapons--far in excess of what is really needed for the defense of the United States. Many of these weapons are designed for first-strike capability--in other words, they are designed to start a war, not to defend against attack. This is a serious threat to the security of the United States, for to start a large-scale war would result inevitably in the annihilation of millions of U.S. citizens.

Libertarians believe that individuals should give financial support only to those weapons systems which they judge to be efficient and effective for defensive purposes. Nobody should be forced to pay for expensive, inefficient, and dangerous offensive weapons just because the Pentagon claims they are needed. Individuals should be free to choose how to spend their hard-earned money.

Libertarians are saying to the federal government: "You say that we need even more large-scale nuclear weapons than we now have. We don't believe you. You are lying. Too many large-scale nuclear weapons pose a serious threat to national security, especially in the context of entangling alliances which are financed by money stolen from the American taxpayers."

Nobody is suggesting that the Soviet Union poses no threat to the security of the United States. However, most people don't realize that the U.S. subsidizes the U.S.S.R. Many Western European nations directly subsidize the Soviet Union by making low-interest credit easily available. American taxpayers are forced to pay for the defense of these nations, thus indirectly subsidizing the U.S.S.R. In fact, the United States itself has from time to time subsidized the Soviet Union directly by selling grain at reduced prices and by making low-interest loans available to Soviet-bloc nations. Who ends up paying for these trade subsidies?--the American taxpayers. If it were not for these involuntary subsidies, the Soviet Union would not be a serious threat to any nation except itself.

As Thomas Jefferson said in his First Inaugural Address, foreign policy should be based on "Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations--entangling alliances with none." Libertarians believe that these principles should guide our foreign policy. The existing alliances and subsidies are financed at the expense of the taxpayers. The free market should replace forced alliances and forced subsidies. Americans should be allowed to trade freely with citizens of other nations. Any individual who wants to give some hard-earned money to finance the defense of citizens of another nation should be free to do so, but nobody has the right to insist that you or I do the same if we don't want to. Nobody has the right to steal our hard-earned money and give it to other nations. Remember--taxation is theft.



AROUND THE NATION

Many exciting things are happening on the Libertarian scene nationally. Twenty-one states have Libertarian candidates for governor, the most promising of whom is Dick Randolph, who may be Alaska's next governor. Texas has 121 LP candidates--the most of any state. There are 31 Libertarian candidates in North Carolina, including a full slate of Congressional candidates (11). More than 80 percent of all American voters will be able to vote for a Libertarian candidate on November 2.

IF YOU LOVE LIBERTY,
PLEASE CONTRIBUTE

The South Carolina Libertarian Party needs money for brochures, for the fair booth in October, for newsletter expenses, and for getting started with plans for the April 1983 Tax Protest. Please use the enclosed form and envelope to send your contribution now.

SCLP candidates need donations to cover printing and other campaign expenses. Volunteers are needed for door-to-door campaigning and for handing out brochures. Please contact the editor (796-3161) if you want to help.

Two new categories of membership have been established by the SCLP. By contributing \$100, you can become a Patron. If you are unable to contribute this amount, you can become a Sustaining Member for \$50. Persons who have already paid their 1982 dues can become a Sustaining Member or Patron by contributing the additional money now. If you are uncertain about how much to contribute, please contact the Treasurer (796-3161) for details.

HELP US AT THE FAIR

Each year, the SCLP has a booth at the S.C. State Fair, and 1982 is no exception. The fair will start October 15 and will end October 24. Please drop by and see us. The booth will be located in the Cantey Building. We will have books, tee shirts, buttons, leaflets, brochures, and bumper stickers. Bill Brooks, who did a fine job of organizing the booth last year, will spearhead the effort again this year--with some help from other persons.

Volunteers are needed to staff the fair booth. It's an easy job and can be fun at times. We especially need volunteers to be at the booth during daytime hours on weekdays. Please call Bill Brooks (daytime phone: 254-2215) if you are willing to help.

Join the
Freedom Movement...

GET INVOLVED
IN YOUR DISTRICT

Libertarianism is picking up at the local level. District meetings have been held in all but one of the six districts. District 3 (Clemson, Anderson, Aiken, etc.) has been slow in getting under way, but, hopefully, activity in that area will pick up before long. We will try to have meetings in each district during the month of October. District 2 (Columbia, Orangeburg, etc.) will meet on October 11 (see page 6). For further information about district meetings, please call Steven Kreisman or Steven Vandervelde (phone numbers on page 6).

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 11, West Columbia--SCLP District 2 meeting, 7:15 PM at Quincy's on the Charleston Highway. SCLP Chairman Steven Kreisman will speak, and films will be shown. All persons who want to learn more about the Libertarian Party should attend this meeting.

October 15-24, Columbia--SCLP booth at the State Fair. Volunteers are needed. (see p.5).

November 2--ELECTION DAY. Please vote Libertarian!

November 21, West Columbia--SCLP state meeting, 2:00 PM at Quincy's on the Charleston Highway.

January 23, 1983, West Columbia--SCLP state meeting, 2:00 PM at Quincy's on the Charleston Highway.

OUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED. Please note that the addresses of both the SCLP and the newsletter have changed. The new SCLP post office box is larger in order to make room for the mail we will hopefully receive in response to our fundraising efforts (hint). The newsletter address has changed in response to the fact that David Morris and Jan Chapman are getting married. Mr. Morris, who has played a major role in putting together this issue of the newsletter, will help Ms. Chapman with future issues of the newsletter, the frequency of which will depend on how much funding is available.



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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 choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

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. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize 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 the 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 interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and 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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