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## CAMPAIGN '75: PRIMARY RESULTS

### Dutchess: Davis loses; Cohen ties

BY SANFORD COHEN

On Tuesday, September 9, Ellen Davis lost the Democratic Primary for Dutchess County Executive to the party

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### Suffolk: Walker loses to expediency

BY ART O'SULLIVAN

*The New York Times* expressed surprise that she came so close—losing by some 200 out of nearly three thousand votes cast—but Virginia Walker feels she should have won the Suffolk Conservative nomination for County Executive over incumbent Republican John Klein in the September 9 primary. An almost classical confrontation between an anti-politics libertarian and an ambitious politician committed to broad-based government controls, the contest also represented an attempt by incurable idealists to stay the advance of political pragmatism into their once-principled fellowship.

After Conservative Party leaders had promised Klein their endorsement as part of a large package deal, outraged Conservatives drafted Walker to run in opposition. Counseled by FLP Chairperson Gary Greenberg and others to go all-out for a possible primary upset, Virginia, her husband Alex, and other Suffolk libertarians circulated Conservative petitions, hosted cocktail parties, and sent out a letter contrasting Klein's "liberal Republican" record with Walker's stands for "limited government, individual freedom, private property rights and free enterprise—the cornerstones of Conservative philosophy." (Though mailed weeks ahead, and clearly marked to be delivered before Sept. 9, the letter somehow failed to reach addressees in some districts until *after* the primary.)

Once again opponents attacked Ms. Walker's libertarianism, as they had in last year's State Assembly race. The week before the primary, newspaper ads presented letters of endorsement for Klein from the likes of Senator James Buckley (whose Republican endorsement was said to be tied into the Deal) and Barbara Keating—who accused Virginia of advocating heroin, abortion, and pornography. (Virginia is filing an official complaint against the distortions inherent in the latter.)

Then the Brookhaven Conservative Chairman, one of Walker's strongest supporters last year, began a house-to-house campaign, telling perhaps hundreds that she was immoral, not to be trusted, and intent on destroying the Conservative Party. When Virginia got wind of this through a journalist friend, she set out on her own, door-to-door. Some who had been visited were confused; she pointed out how the Deal was clearly more important to party leaders than principle; many were moved and thanked her for coming. Others who'd been approached now refused to hear her at all. And apparently they voted.

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### Bob Piggott

While the "LIBERTARIAN"? has stated in her recent profile a formula for accomplishment that is nothing short of rhetoric, lack of understanding and a questionable display of character — THE DEMOCRATIC DESIGNER FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE, Bob Piggott — has offered a program for realistic change and dedication that only a life-long resident of Dutchess County can provide...

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**BOB PIGGOTT** — the DEMOCRATIC CHOICE for County Executive.

Libertarianism became a major issue in County Executive primaries in Dutchess and Suffolk. This is a newspaper ad for Ellen Davis' Democratic opponent, appearing just before the primary.



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designee, Robert Piggott. Ellen received over 1000 votes, representing approximately 35% of the total. Carole Cohen's efforts to win the Conservative Primary for Mayor of Poughkeepsie resulted in an unprecedented tie with the party designee Louie O. Fiore, a former mayor of Poughkeepsie. We have realistic hopes that this situation may be resolved in Carole's favor, but the situation is confusing, the law is hazy, and the Board of Elections is uncooperative.

The results of Ellen Davis' Democratic Primary were due in part to the herculean efforts of the Democratic hierarchy. They were afraid, and justifiably so, of Ellen Davis, a group of Libertarians, and many people of their own party who are committed to the Libertarian goals of individual liberty and economic freedom. They knew that if Ellen won the primary, they would be faced not only with a candidate who could win the election, but a candidate who would destroy their power—a candidate who would not play party politics.

After seeing the *Poughkeepsie Journal* poll predicting Ellen's victory, the party bosses prepared a 48-hour radio and newspaper smear campaign which they saved for the day before the primary. Among other things, they stated that Ellen was "against Democracy" and was of "questionable moral character" (referring to her stand on victimless crimes.) They organized to get the party regulars out as they have never been organized before in Dutchess County.

We are proud of our accomplishments in the Democratic and Conservative Primaries. 1975 was the first time Libertarians in the Mid-Hudson area entered major party primaries. We consider our split of the Democratic Party and our potential victory in the Conservative Party to show unprecedented progress for the fastest growing and most revolutionary political philosophy since 1776.

*Editorial note: Ellen and Carole are currently circulating petitions to win ballot spots on the FLP line. For more information write: Candidates for Liberty, Box 1776, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601, Or phone Sanford Cohen at (914) 471-8771 or 454-1677.*

## OTHER RACES

### Long comes up short

David Long and the Massachusetts LP have had their first experience at running a local campaign, finding a broad base of potential support and getting a strong taste of what goes on in the Election Establishment. The story bears more than a passing resemblance to the FLP's first crusade in 1972, when zeal far exceeded familiarity with ballot regulations.

"Long for freedom? LONG for Mayor!" declared the little red hand-out card. Designed to be tucked inside National LP's blue "It's about time" card, it began with libertarian alternatives relevant to Boston's continuing bussing controversy, going on to list positions on other urban issues. Petitioners also found positive reaction to the prospect of "a new candidate".

After submitting well over the 3000 required signatures, Long and Co. watched officials reject hundreds for things like abbreviated first names, nicknames, or first initials. In an effort reminiscent of the 1972 New York Board of Elections marathon, the LPers fought their way to within 18 signatures of qualifying, only to have a "balanced panel"

(two Democrats and two Republicans) rule them off the ballot. Chalk it up to experience and wait till next year.

## Libertarian seeks Virginia legislative seat

Herald G. "Skip" Beale, long-time libertarian activist, has secured the Republican nomination for a Virginia House of Delegates seat. Mr. Beale is a member of the national advisory board of the Libertarian Republican Alliance.

The forthright tone of the Beale campaign has generated some excellent publicity. The candidate is calling for the repeal of gun control laws, the abolition of the state's Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and return of liquor sales to the free market, and legalization of parimutuel betting, among other libertarian positions. Those interested in supporting his candidacy may write: "Beale for Delegate," Box 221, Arlington, Va. 22210.

## Third FLP campaign opens in Dutchess

Poughkeepsie, self-proclaimed Libertarian capital of the United States, has a third FLP candidate to vote for. His name is Marco Caviglia, and he is the Republican candidate for Dutchess County Legislator from the 12th district.

A member of the Libertarian Republican Alliance, Marco is a 23-year-old computer salesman for I.B.M. It was through his work that he met Fran Youngstein in 1973, and was introduced to libertarianism. He is campaigning under the slogan, "Join the Tax Revolt!"

Marco's opponent is Raymond Leonard, a freshman status-quo Democrat. The district contains about 6,000 people who cast about 1,200 votes. Marco's campaign manager is Norman Betros, Jr., who was Jerry Tuccille's Dutchess County chairman in 1974. The address is: Taxpayers for Caviglia, 22 Corlies Avenue, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601.

## MUSICAL CHAIRS

### LePage resigns Manhattan

[The following note, addressed to John Caulfield and the Manhattan County Committee, was recently received at the FLP office.]

My plans have changed since earlier this summer. I have a chance to go to the Yucatan (Mexico) and Guatemala with a professor of archeology at USC. My interest in Mayan and Indian cultures compels me to go. Since I will be there 2-3 months, I also feel compelled to resign my position of chairman.

As of this date, I do not know whether I will be returning to N.Y. in the near future. If, after I return to the U.S., I elect to stay in Vermont, I plan to either work within the leftist Liberty Union Party, or form a Vermont Libertarian Party, or both.

My best wishes for a truly *libertarian* Libertarian Party in N.Y.

In liberty, Alan LePage

[Manhattan FLP by-laws call for a Special Convention to fill such a vacancy. At press time, plans had been made to meet Sunday, October 5 at 2 p.m. at the Laissez-Faire Bookstore. New Jersey LP candidate for State Assembly Dan Piro was also scheduled to speak.]



## "Outgoing Chair" surprised

BY BOB KLAR

On Monday night, August 18th, three dozen Libertarians met at The Hong Kong Inn on 47th Street, to honor ex-chairperson Ray Strong.

The look on Ray's face when we yelled, "Surprise!" was caused by either:

- A) Being genuinely surprised, because he had no idea that this was going to happen; or
- B) Wondering why we waited 5 months to do this; (Don't worry Ray, we didn't forget you—we wouldn't have taken the time to do this for any old dipshit only a week before the Convention, you know!), or
- C) A delayed reaction to the 12 lbs. of Szechuan pepper in the hot-and-sour soup that Ray must have had before he came upstairs. The last is the likeliest explanation, since everyone else looked just as surprised after eating said liquid-fire-in-a-bowl.

After a Chinese smorgasbord, Lee Schubert made some humorous and appropriate remarks, and presented Ray with an SX-70 Polaroid camera, as a token of our appreciation for his efforts.

Many thanks to Helene Oback for making the arrangements, Ray for an exciting and productive year, and the Chinese waiters for helping us figure out the bill in only one hour.

*[Editorial note: A problem arose over an announcement made by Fran Youngstein during the Strong dinner. Ms. Youngstein had told those at her table, "I'm running for mayor in 1977," adding that this was official and for publication. The following week we received a request from Ms. Youngstein that we not print her declaration of candidacy. While we decided not to suppress the original announcement, we did invite Ms. Youngstein to amend or clarify her earlier statement. Ms. Youngstein declined to do so.]*

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A dearth of legally-qualified Suffolk residents who have not witnessed Conservative petitions precludes a meaningful drive for an FLP line this time around. So that ends this one for Virginia Walker.

However, Ms. Walker has not ruled out the possibility of a future candidacy, expresses great interest in current FLP affairs, and remains deeply committed to the advancement of libertarian ideals.

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## EDITORIAL

### What about the Convention?

Presidential Conventions don't happen that often. And after an eight-month build-up, we had expected to be writing about sundry aspects of a great libertarian event. To say that the actual occurrence has left us somewhat less than inspired would be to understate the situation.

But how should we report it?

We could simply list key events: the adoption of a rather more hard-core platform than the previous document; the nomination of Roger MacBride for President on the first ballot, Saturday morning, August 30; two inconclusive ballots for a Vice-Presidential nominee that afternoon, and a recess till Sunday morning; reconvening with new nominations and selection of David Bergland for V.P.; the re-election of Edward Crane, Andrea Millen, and Greg Clark as Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary, respectively, and the election of Fran Youngstein as Treasurer, all by acclamation; the election of a new Execomm, including one John Hathaway of New York; and the re-election of David Long and Lee Schubert as Region 8 Representatives. We could conclude by mentioning CBS, NBC and *New York Times* coverage of the convention, noting that the affair may have netted something like the \$3000 originally projected, and perhaps quoting from Mr. MacBride's acceptance speech, where he said: "Friends, in this campaign, which begins this very minute, there will be no compromise of principle!"

But then we'd have to compare this last with Mr. MacBride's announcement, a few hours later, that he would veto the then-front-runner for the Vice-Presidential nomination, because Jim Trotter had not "paid his taxes" for several years and had been "engaged in smuggling" (of gold, we later learned). We'd also want to note Mr. MacBride's subsequent objection to another V.P. candidate on grounds of the latter's homosexuality.

In discussing the Execomm elections, we might want to ask: Who is John Hathaway of New York? And we'd certainly want to describe the Region 8 Caucus, which included, among other things, an endorsement of preferred candidates by the Caucus Chair, just before the voting.

We'd also feel inclined to list the seemingly contradictory explanations by various party officials as to why the media were told that there are about three times as many dues-paying LP members as can otherwise be accounted for.

While many persons present at the convention were disturbed by such things as these, others, presumably, will argue that little or nothing improper transpired. And these latter would probably object to our accounts, perhaps demanding "equal time"—and opening the door to another serialized debate like that of 1973-74. So we're making no report on the Presidential Convention at this time.

Instead, we urge everyone to attend the Special Convention of the FLP, Sunday, October 12, 2 PM, at the Williams Club, 24 East 39th Street, NYC. Hear from all the delegates, put the pieces together, see what kind of picture they form—then decide what you want to do.

Arthur O'Sullivan, Editor



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