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DORN CAMPAIGN BRINGS GAINS

The L.P.P.'s first race of 1981 is now history, and Dave Dorn, our candidate for U.S. Congressman in Phila.'s 3rd District, improved upon Ed Clark's 1980 showing in this most inhospitable district.

Only one other Congressional District failed to give Ed Clark at least .5% of the vote in 1980 (Phila.'s 2nd.) In the 3rd, Clark received just under .5%. On July 21st, the official vote totals show that Dave Dorn received just over .7% in a four-way race.

Some confusion exists as to the exact total of votes that Dave Dorn did receive. On election night, with 97% of the precincts counted, his vote total stood at 2,244 votes, or 3.8% of the vote. When the official tally was taken, almost 2,000 of those votes had mysteriously evaporated. While the Election Board could give no reason for the error being made on election night, beyond blaming a "faulty adding machine", Dorn believes that their evasiveness in answering his questions shows that something was "not kosher". No motive, however, could be determined for them to deliberately take votes away from the L.P.P.

Whether the real total was 3.8% or .7%, it marks an improvement over the 1980 results in this district. More importantly, Dorn's campaign attracted new activists to the Phila. County party, gave valuable campaign training to many of them, and increased the respect given the L.P.P. by the media. Dorn's campaigners gave out 10,000 flyers door to door, and he made more than a dozen speeches. On tv he debated the Consumer Party candidate, and appeared on a WCAU radio talk show with the other three candidates. One tv reporter, after the show, congratulated Dorn for an intelligent presentation and discussion of the issues, "unlike the two Party hacks we had on last week". Being a metropolitan area, all the shows and the newspaper mentions had a much wider audience than the 3rd District.

Dave Dorn kept the Libertarian Party before the eyes of all Delaware Valley residents this summer, and he did it with enthusiasm and a knowledgeable presentation of libertarian ideas. He thanks all of you who contributed to his campaign, and we thank him for running hard.

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN DENVER:

More than 1,500 Libertarians are expected to attend the 1981 National Libertarian Party Convention in Denver, Aug. 26 to 30th. Among them will be seventeen L.P.P. delegates.

This Convention celebrates the 10th Anniversary of the LP, and will be a business session/learning experience. The LP will elect new officers, amend the Constitution and by-laws, and adopt a new Platform. There are any number of prominent libertarians giving speeches, there will be workshops and panels, and events honoring heroes of the Movement.

Several L.P.P.ers have roles beyond their delegate status: Toni Black will be Pa.'s representative on the 20-member Platform Committee (chaired by L.P.P. alumnus Shel Richman); Don Ernsberger is one of four participants on the Keynote Panel, "Where do we go from Here?"; Hans Schroeder is a member of the Libertarian Congressional Committee and will be working to enroll 1982 candidates; and Dave Walter will serve on the "Lessons of 1980" Panel and the "Candidate Development" workshop. Dave is also running for the Libertarian National Committee from Region 16 (Pa., N.J. and Del.) A full Convention report will be carried in the next issue of LIBERTARIAN PENN.

Barking Dogs, The Dentist's Drill & Public Speaking

by Corby Somerville and Kate O'Brien

Given that 1) the 1980 elections generate a huge new pool of volunteers who are ready, willing and ENTHUSIASTIC; and 2) many of the longtime activists are getting burned out and looking for something FUN for a change, what do you do? Well, how about you new activists and potential 1982 candidates learning how to be effective libertarian speakers? Toastmasters Clubs can give you the training and confidence you need.

For those of you not familiar with Toastmasters International, it is a worldwide organization dedicated to helping people improve their speaking abilities through prepared speeches, evaluations and extemporaneous speaking. In the 50 years since its inception, Toastmasters has helped more than 2,000,000 people improve their communication skills.

The ability to express oneself well is central to self-confidence. Of course, to speak well, you have to organize thoughts, do research (of subjects, vocabulary, etc.), LISTEN, and be able to "think on your feet" and field questions without getting flustered. This is no doubt why public speaking is up there with barking dogs and dentist's drills as one of the things people fear most.

There are two significant benefits for Libertarians in Toastmasters:

1. Great self-assurance in all speaking situations — enhanced ability to communicate in all our relationships: business, social and personal, as well as political. This is the essence of the Toastmasters experience.
2. Greater confidence in conveying libertarian ideas to others. This would be a natural result of learning by doing and by listening to others speak on libertarian issues.

The Toastmasters Communication and Leadership Program has been described as a really painless way to cultivate personal speaking ability. You go at your own pace following a prescribed syllabus and choosing your own topics. Speeches need never be more than 7 - 10 minutes long. And the atmosphere is *always* upbeat and supportive.

As with anything that's worthwhile, it's not easy. But each time you get up in front of your peers to speak, it gets a little easier. And watching yourself improve from week to week is a real high!

Anyone who would like to organize or join a Toastmasters Club can get all the information they need by contacting:

Toastmasters International
World Headquarters
2200 N. Gand Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92711
(714) 542-6893

Participating in a Toastmasters Club may never completely banish the butterflies from your stomach. But, with a little practice, you *can* teach them to fly in formation.

(Somerville and O'Brien are California LP activists who have started a Libertarian Toastmasters Club.)

News From Around the Commonwealth

The L.P.P.'s major campaign attraction in November will undoubtedly be the campaign Russ Moon is waging for Mayor of Pittsburgh, along with candidates for each of the four Council seats open this year: Carl Shelly, Keith Dudley, Charles Stutler and Nurith Alman.

Our full slate was introduced at a press conference on June 4th at the Pgh. Hilton Hotel. Each major paper devoted an article to the slate, and KQV taped interviews.

Pittsburgh is made up of diverse groups and the L.P.P. ticket appeals to virtually everyone. Represented are blacks, whites, men, women, professionals, white collar workers, union blue collar workers, housewives, Catholics, Protestants, and Jews. More than who they are however, they hope voters will respond to what they stand for. Moon's platform includes a proposal to assign to private enterprise all municipal functions except those performed by the Police Bureau and the courts. Services now provided by all other departments - parks and recreation, urban redevelopment, sanitation, the Fire Bureau - would be turned over to private enterprise. Moon pointed out that these kinds of services would survive because they would be paid for by Pittsburghers would wanted them. He estimates that the city could reduce its budget by 70% and abolish most taxes.

Council candidate Dudley was quoted as opposing affirmative action programs and forced busing, which caused a stir among the reporters because Dudley is black.

Moon is running against Mayor Richard Caliguiri (a cousin of the L.P.P. Vice Chair) who is believed to be a sure winner. The Republican is a conservative who made his mark as a tv talk show participant. He seems to be concentrating on attacking Caliguiri instead of discussing the issues. The Socialist Workers are running the kind of campaign and candidate the L.P.P. will never dare - a woman mine worker who is ineligible to win due to residency requirements.

The shape of the campaign can be determined from these excerpts from a letter Moon wrote assessing the opportunities for Libertarianism. "Each candidate will be geared to a specific market. Pittsburgh is a group of communities which have not melted together, and I want the word to go out that one need not be the sophisticated Ivy Leaguer to be a libertarian. The fact that government programs do not work will not be stressed. Instead, we will key on the little man being required to pay taxes for and cooperate with government agencies which produce no apparent benefit to him. In addition, we are making clear that we do not apologize for our position that charities should be voluntarily funded, even if that means that some people would do without. Pittsburgh is a town whose media portrays it to itself as a blue collar small town. This is not the case. Our campaign may appeal to those who have faith in neither the beneficence of the corporate leaders nor the likelihood that what is good for the union is good for them."

Given the proven ability of the Pgh. press to cover Libertarian candidates, the 1981 race there could really launch a strong, growing L.P.P. in Western Penna. Stay tuned for further progress. To volunteer your help, contact Russ Moon at 2842 Shady Ave., #3, Pgh. Pa. 15217.

At the L.P.P. Board meeting in May, there were fourteen counties specifically targeted for organization in 1981. They were identified because they contain either large populations, large numbers of people from the L.P.P. mailing list, or both. The counties were: Adams, Lancaster, Dauphin, Berks, Northampton, Pike, Luzerne, Union, Centre, Blair, Beaver, Butler, New Castle, and Fayette. Anyone living in those areas who would like to participate in formally launching a County LP organization should contact the State Chair.

The Northeastern Region will be holding an organizing meeting on August 18th at Franklin's Restaurant in Edwadsville, a suburb of Sunbury. The Regional Coordinator, Mike Chermack of Berwick, will speak as will Barbara Karkutt. Earlier in the day, they will both be appearing on "The Dennis Burke Show" on WAZL in Hazelton at 9am. All those Libertarians living in the Scranton-Wilkes Barre area are invited to attend. For information on activities in this region, call Mike Chermack at 717-759-8255.

The new Montgomery County LP organization met on July 20th at the home of Sandy Sciacchitano and Nick Kydonieus in King of Prussia. County Chair, Toni Black, announced that the club would start studying the "Principles of Liberty" program. Sandy is the Montco coordinator for the Libertarian Speakers Bureau. If you know a group which might schedule a talk on Libertarian principles or issues, call her at 265-1371. For information on future meetings, call Toni Black at 265-0997.

Margarethe Kemner has been appointed Chair for Clinton County and news releases have gone out to all media in that county. She has recruited a number of libertarians from Lock Haven State College and is seeking other interested people. Clinton is one of the smallest counties in Penna. with only 100 voters there casting ballots for Libertarians in 1980. Ms. Kemner is a possible candidate in 1982 and we hope to use that campaign to build the Party in this area.

Ira Spivak, Regional Coordinator for the Northcentral Region, held a meeting in State College to get L.P.P. activity under way in that area. Barbara Karkutt, our L.P.P. Secretary spoke. A number of people from Potter and Centre Counties expressed interest in starting groups.

Delaware County LP continues to have a good turnout for their meetings. The meeting on July 21st featured a discussion with Toni Black, Pennsylvania's representative on the 1981 Platform Committee. Libertarians from Delaware County, the Main Line, and eastern Chester County are welcome to attend and get involved in these meetings. August 18 and Sept. 15 are the next scheduled meetings. Contact Dave Hoffman at 293-9418 or Debbie Williams at 532-1471 for more information.

An incredible number of Libertarians have taken recent advice found in this newsletter and written "Letters to the Editor". These letter-writers and the topics they wrote about have come to our attention:

Jorge Amador; Eminent Domain laws, DAILY INTELLIGENCER.
Jorge Amador; Privatizing rail line, COURIER TIMES
Gerald Bye; Tuition Voucher plan, PHILA. BULLETIN
Dave Walter; Sell the sidewalks, OFFICE WEEKLY
Flip Ferrera; Abortion, PHILA. BULLETIN
Dave Walter; Public Financing of elections, BULLETIN
Walt Karwicki; anti-Christian nature of Moral Majority zealots, NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE
Richard Caligiuri; Government control of schools, Pittsburgh POST-GAZETTE
Dave Dorn; the logical Libertarian alternative, INQUIRER
Russ Moon; Free the airwaves, POST-GAZETTE
Bill Krayer; sell public transit; Pgh. PRESS
Dan Mulholland; state Milk Marketing Board, PRESS

See, one doesn't really need a campaign to put libertarian ideas forth. Look at tonight's newspaper. Chances are, at least one editorial or column will support a pro-government pro-collectivist line. Take fifteen minutes to write an answer. If Libertarians won't speak out in favor of individual rights, who will?

With the help of the National LP Speakers Bureau, the L.P.P. has created a Speakers Bureau here in Pennsylvania. It will operate statewide, with regional and county coordinators lining up speaking engagements for L.P.P. spokesmen.

The Pennsylvania Director of the Bureau is Frank Bubb, Vice Chair of the Party. In a letter to coordinators, Frank had these remarks:

"Running an effective speakers bureau is one of the most important things we can do before the crucial 1982 elections. The raison d'etre of the Libertarian Party is to create a free society by presenting a consistent, principled pro-freedom viewpoint to the public. Between elections, the speakers bureau is our best vehicle for doing that.

"In addition, an active speakers bureau will:

- (1) develop more articulate and knowledgeable candidates for 1982 and beyond;
- (2) develop valuable contacts with civic organizations, educators and the media; and
- (3) recruit new activists from among those who hear our speakers.

"Effective speakers bureaus are considered so vital by the national LP that, despite its severe financial squeeze, it has hired Marion Williams (of 1980 ballot drive fame) to set up and coordinate state LP speakers bureaus."

There are several ways that the readers of LIBERTARIAN PENN can help make the speakers bureau successful.

Virtually everyone of us belongs to some organization that sponsors speakers from time to time- whether it is a church social hour, a community service club luncheon, or a special interest organization monthly meeting. Find out who is in charge of providing speakers and ask if a libertarian would be welcome. Also, keep your eye on what is going on in your community - if you see that the local Rotary had a political speaker, then get in touch with the chairman and ask if you can provide a libertarian to air a different view. If you see that a community forum is to be held on a topic such as abortion or mass transit, call the sponsoring organization and tell them that the Libertarian viewpoint should be represented. Once you have a promise that a speaker will be welcomed, get in touch with Frank Bubb at 215-328-5876 and he will take it from there.

Another way you might help is to volunteer to become a speaker, on topics of your choice, in your immediate area or wherever in the state you'd be willing to travel. If you would like to do this, get in touch with Frank.

Libertarians have to stop talking exclusively to themselves. But the campaign platform is not the only opportunity we have for reaching the public. The other ten months of the year see many, many chances for our spokesmen to enter into public debate. Finding speaking engagements is not the job of one or two or a dozen L.P.P. "leaders" - it is the job of each and everyone of us. Please help.

NEW MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE ENCLOSED:

Each and every newsletter has our slick, new membership brochure stapled inside. We are proud of the way this turned out, but will be prouder yet if all 5,000 of them find their way into the hands of prospective LPP members!

About half of you reading this issue represent our most promising source of prospective members. IF THERE IS A RED CHECKMARK NEXT TO YOUR NAME IN THE ADDRESS PANEL, THEN OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT YOU ARE EITHER 1)Not now a member, or 2) Your membership is due to be renewed. Please take the time to read this brochure and send the completed form, with your dues money, to Box 942, Easton, Pa. 18042.

If you are already a member, please pass this brochure on to an interested friend. Your dues money represents only \$1.00 per month---surely a small price to pay for keeping the Libertarian message before the people of Penna.

Quantity orders: We'll be happy to fill legitimate requests for reasonable numbers of copies of these brochures. To keep costs down, however, L.P.P. does ask that you send \$1.00 for every 20 or less ordered to cover the cost of postage. And, if you'd care to make a contribution to cover the production and printing costs of these brochures, they cost the L.P.P. about 8¢ each. Order from Warminster office.

As the libertarian movement increases in size, we are going to have to be increasingly on the lookout for those who accidentally or purposefully misrepresent the philosophy.

This can happen in a number of ways. For instance, in one newspaper I saw a letter to the editor stating that it was the libertarian position to legalize and tax marijuana in order to give the money to national defense. Of course, it is not. Another paper ran a story in which the terms "civil libertarian" and "libertarian" were used interchangeably, and so on.

When detecting such falsehoods in the media, it is not the libertarian philosophy to go running to a Party "officer" and ask him to correct the problem for you. That is Big Brotherism as well as self-defeating considering the time lag that would occur.

When such a thing is seen in print, the proper response is for the one who sees it to do something about it. Libertarians should not complain to others in expectation and hope that they will do the work instead. All that is needed is an immediately mailed note stating: "I read that so and so said such and such. I am a Libertarian and I do not consider that to be a libertarian position." If you wish, you can then explain the proper position but the simple denial will warn the misinformers that you are watching. The denial will also tell the public what not to believe.

Of course such actions must be done politely and worded in such a way that the public perceives it as the correction of an error and not as an inner Party battle.

Libertarians, above all people, should understand how "worth" is determined on the Free Market. If something appears in print that you consider damaging to the Libertarian Party, and you don't respond to it yourself, what you are saying is that the Party is not worth the price of a stamp and five minutes of your time.

If you don't respond, don't expect others to. Remember that the LP is supposed to be the Party of self-reliance and not one of the whiners to Big Brother.

[Karwicki is the LPP's candidate for mayor of York.]

LIBERTARIANISM IN YOUR LIBRARY

by Bruce H. Majors

One important outreach project that every Libertarian can do is to get "Libertarian News", and other Libertarian books and periodicals, into your local library.

If you are dealing with a large library, it probably has a special person in charge of acquisitions. Ask for the acquisitions department or the acquisitions desk. This department will have forms you can fill out requesting that it carry a certain book or publication. You will need to know the address of the publisher, and perhaps the price as well.

If you are dealing with a small library with a small staff, they may not have acquisitions forms. Write a note to the librarian requesting that she or he acquire your choice of Libertarian periodicals or books for the library. Be sure to include the publisher's address, and the price of the publication.

Such requests are most likely to be acted upon if several people make duplicate requests within a short period of time. Get others to help.

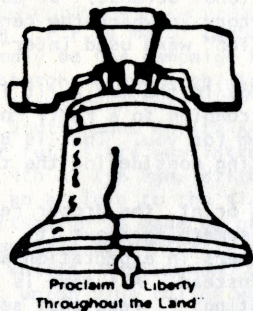
Of course, you may want to donate "Libertarian News" or Ed Clark's A NEW BEGINNING to your library. You and other Libertarian activists in your area might throw a barbecue, invite all the Libertarians in the surrounding counties, and charge admission, to raise money for the purpose of donating "Libertarian News" to all the libraries in your community.

Getting Libertarian publications into your campus and community libraries is a good way to increase Libertarian visibility. It is also a relatively easy way to reach out to people who have not heard of the Libertarian Party.

[Providing campus and community libraries with complimentary subscriptions to REASON, LIBERTARIAN REVIEW, etc. is a good project that all County organizations should undertake.]

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***** From The Chairman *****
Can Socialism Plan?

WANTED: 1982 CANDIDATES

by Tom G. Palmer

It is often asserted that the free market is chaotic while socialism, by "planning", is rational. This assertion is exploded in a book just released by Liberty Press. **ECONOMIC CALCULATION IN THE SOCIALIST SOCIETY** by Trygve J.B. Hoff, a Norwegian economist, was originally published in Norwegian in 1938. It is a painstakingly fair and thorough examination of the claim that a socialist state could plan the economy. It demolishes, once and for all, the claim that socialism can satisfy human needs better than a free market.

Picking up where the Austrian economists Ludwig von Mises and F.A. Hayek left off, Hoff demonstrates that in fact it is the free market that allows for rational economic calculation while socialism leads to chaos. The basic reason is that socialism, by abolishing the market, abolishes money prices, the basis of economic calculations. When entrepreneurs allocate resources to productive enterprises, they must be able to compare different potential uses of these resources. If a thousand pounds of cement are available for construction work, entrepreneurs must be able to determine whether it is more economical to use the cement to build a bridge or an office building. In a free market, entrepreneurs are able to compare prices, expressed in terms of a common monetary unit, to determine which use entails the least cost, that is, which use of the resource will result in the highest satisfaction of wants without leaving some other more highly valued use for the resource unfulfilled.

By abolishing money prices, socialism destroys the only means for deciding between different allocations of resources among thousands or millions of potential uses. That is why socialism leads to chaos. Socialist governments like those in Russia and China are able to engage in limited calculation only to the extent that they use prices established on western markets as a guideline for allocating goods. This system is a poor substitute for real markets, and, if free markets were totally abolished in the west (they are highly controlled--and therefore distorted--as it is) they would not even have this imperfect substitute. Socialism, Hoff shows, leads to chaos while the market leads to social peace, order, and harmony.

ECONOMIC CALCULATION IN THE SOCIALIST SOCIETY is available from the Libertarian Party Book Service, 2300 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20007. \$9.00 for hard-cover and \$4.00 for paperback. Add \$1.25 for postage and handling.

Other worthwhile books available from the Libertarian Party Book Service include:

- ECONOMICS IN ONE LESSON** by Henry Hazlitt, \$4.95.
- FOR A NEW LIBERTY** by Murray N. Rothbard, \$6.95.
- THE CIVILIAN AND THE MILITARY** by Arthur Ekirch, \$3.95.
- RACE AND ECONOMICS** by Thomas Sowell, \$11.00.
- EARTH'S RESOURCES** by Robert J. Smith, \$5.00.

Even though the L.P.P. still has 16 candidates yet to make their 1981 races, it is not too early to begin looking ahead to the all important 1982 election year. Before we discuss why 1982 is important, let's look again at some remarks I made earlier this year regarding the importance of running candidates:

"Some Libertarians tend to forget that the purpose of the Libertarian Party is to promote the philosophy of individual liberty through participation in the traditional process of elections. To be part of that process, a Party must first have candidates for office. It doesn't matter how brilliant its membership is, for without candidates the Party will not have the opportunity to engage in the election process."

I believe that a reasonable goal for 1982 is to provide every Pennsylvanian with a chance to vote for at least one Libertarian. There will be three statewide races in 1982: that for Governor, Lt. Governor and U.S. Senator. Whether or not the L.P.P. chooses to undertake the ballot drive necessary to run these three candidates depends on several things. One obviously important thing is money. The ballot drive alone will cost \$20,000 and it would be foolish to spend that kind of money unless enough financial support existed to run a subsequent campaign that would achieve the 2% necessary for ballot status on a permanent basis.

Another factor is the number of supporting candidates the L.P.P. can field. In 1982 there will be 23 U.S. Congressional seats up, 205 State House seats and 25 State Senate seats. If the L.P.P. could field 50 candidates for these offices, it would have a major impact on our ability to achieve permanent ballot status. Why? Because it would provide many more opportunities for local publicity for the Libertarian Party and our statewide candidates. Because the presence of more than one Libertarian on the ballot gives the voter confidence that the Party is worthwhile. Because a voter may want to cast at least one vote for a Libertarian candidate but might be reluctant to do so if only a candidate for Governor appears on his ballot. Because the petition drive gathers many more volunteer signatures when more Libertarians are involved as candidates. Because another part of permanent ballot status is the requirement that the 2% be achieved in at least ten counties, and the more counties covered by local candidates, the easier this goal will be.

The L.P.P. has begun to actively recruit candidates for 1982. I've appointed Hans Schroeder as the Candidate Recruiter for this state. Already some 7 newcomers to the Party have expressed interest in running. Many of the 19 candidates from 1980 and 17 from 1981 are expected to volunteer to run again. We'll be looking carefully at our maps of the state and approaching those we feel can benefit the L.P.P. tremendously by running. But why wait? If you think you'd run in 1982, contact Hans Schroeder at Box 392, Forest Grove, Pa. 18922. I'm running, are you?

Dave Walter
