

# California Libertarian News

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## PAUL WINS NOMINATION

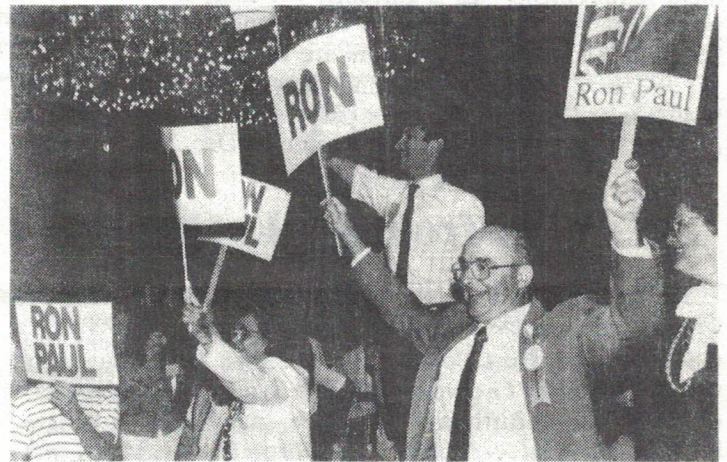
SEATTLE: Over 600 Libertarians from around the country converged on Seattle for Labor Day Weekend to celebrate the sixteenth birthday of the LP and to nominate our presidential candidate. Ron Paul and Russell Means, the two major contenders, had campaigned hard over the last few months — meeting with libertarians, attending state conventions, appearing before the media — and they continued their efforts at the Convention. California sent a full delegation of 71 plus several *ex officio* delegates (NatCom reps and officers, former LP presidential candidates). Ours was by far the largest on the floor, and thanks should go to activists like Pat Wright, Neal Donner and others who have been working hard to sign up LP members, thereby entitling us to that many delegates.

The mood was upbeat, but with no illusions about possible future events in the world. Keynote speaker Don Ernsberger set the tone declaring that Liberty Works and Liberty is Right! "Where do cultures around the world look for inspiration? To America. Where do Americans look for inspiration? To the Libertarian Party." Ernsberger observed that two major obstacles will be gone in 1988: fear (what will happen if Carter is reelected — a major concern back in 1980) and cooptation of our rhetoric (there will be no Ronald Reagan to steal our message of liberty and twist the words).

Means and Paul were not the only candidates after the first-place spot. Jim Lewis, our vice-presidential candidate in 1984 and a tax-protester, had thrown his cap in the ring; and "the old country boy" Harry Glenn, also an IRS fighter, had driven to Seattle from Indiana — over 2,000 miles. No one expected Harry to get many votes, but as Dave Myers (Ohio state chair) said in a seconding speech, "When I see Harry here, I know we have won. Our message has gotten through. People are listening to us."

The candidates worked hard, as did their dedicated staffs. Means' people handed out bright colored balloons, while the Paul volunteers offered buttons and posters. On Saturday before the voting, these were switched to yellow roses in honor of Paul's home state of Texas.

There were delegates who were not happy with either of the major candidates, being uneasy about Paul's "conservative" label and Means' "left-wing activist" background. However, an attempt to draft vice-presidential hopeful Andre Marrou was rejected by him.



A time to celebrate. Ron Paul supporters from California: Bruce Daniels (r), Alicia Clark and Ted Brown.

When the big day (Saturday) came and the votes were counted, Ron Paul was clearly the delegate's choice for the top of the ticket position: 193 for Paul, 120 for Means, 49 for Lewis, and 3 for Harry Glenn and 14 for none of the above. What chair Mark Hinkle jokingly called the "monolithic California machine" was about as monolithic a machine as you'd expect from California: Paul, 32; Means, 21; Lewis, 10; NOTA 10; and three for Marrou (later counted as abstentions since Marrou was not running). So we pretty well cancelled each other out — some machine!

Andre Marrou, with no opposition, was awarded second place on the ballot. Means had received a nomination for that office, but he turned it down immediately, urging delegates to support Marrou. "I know a freedom fighter when I see one, and Andre Marrou is a freedom fighter," he told us.

Even Paul supporters could not help but be impressed by Russell Means, a man of dignity and a great sense of humor, who is an eloquent spokesperson for liberty. We are indeed fortunate that he has accepted the position of honorary chair of Andre Marrou's campaign. His name will be at the top of the campaign letterhead and he will be a major spokesperson during the months ahead.

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# News and Events from the Regions

## Here and There

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY:** Volunteers are needed to work on various anti-Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) projects. Major target is the LA CRA, but there's work to be done in every region. Tasks include record researching, tape transcription, property tax analysis, data analysis, keyboarding, taping of public hearings — you name it. No matter what your skills or how much time you wish to donate (an hour a week? 40 hours a week?) there's something you can do. For information, contact Sarah Foster, (213) 259-9580.

**SONOMA COUNTY:** The Sonoma County Property Owners Bill of Rights initiative is ready being circulated. This would define "those property rights retained by the individual and not granted or abdicated to public agencies or public officials." The ordinance, if approved by voters, would knock the props out from under those who would restrict the use of private property. Included among the provisions: the Design Review Board would be abolished; a property owner would not be required to accept "onerous development and improvement requirements" as is currently the case; it would not be permissible to rezone a property owner out of the use of his or her land; and so on. Circulators are wanted. Contact *People for Property Rights*, 1649 Crane Canyon Road, Santa Rosa, 95404; tele: (707) 584-5141. Or call county chair Jim Oglesby (707) 823-5261. The deadline for filing is Dec. 20.

## Notes from the ExCom

The LPC Executive Committee met Aug. 2 - 3 in Redwood City to discuss ideas and plans for the coming months.

- **San Diego to Host Convention:** The 1988 LPC Convention will be held at the Grosvenor Hotel in San Diego, the weekend of Washington's Birthday. The theme, says Chair Pat Wright, is *Reaching Out — Making the Party Grow*. That's particularly relevant for a presidential election year.

- **Membership Renewal Changes:** For several years membership renewals have been handled on an annual basis, with everyone's membership up on Dec. 31. The ExCom approved a proposal for a changeover to quarterly expirations/renewals. Jim Wilson, one of the cosponsors of the proposal, will work out implementation details.

- **Tax Credit Initiative:** The LPC is heavily involved in an initiative campaign to allow tax credits for educational expenses. The initiative is authored by Rick Arnold, who is the president

of Arnold Associates, a petition-signature gathering company. He hopes to have this one on the ballot by Nov. '88.

- **Dean for U.S. Senate:** Jack Dean, former LPC Chair, announced his candidacy for U.S. Senate. (Please see page 5).

- **Campus Organization Committee:** An LPC for campus organizing committee was created, and Mark Hinkle named Cullene Lang chair. An important reason for establishing groups on college campuses, besides the obvious one of recruiting student activists, is that having an official organization makes it far easier to arrange speaking engagements for libertarians.

Right now Cullene is looking especially for faculty members who would be willing to sponsor a group, but all volunteers are welcome and should contact her at (213) 595-6266.

## John Vernon to Host Talk Show

John Vernon, chair of Region 61, is starting a TV talk show, *A Different Drummer*, to be taped by Don Elwood. Don is a professional film maker with his own TV production company. The 30-minute tapings are done at John's house and feature conversations with various guests — Bob Poole was the first. If you have suggestions for other guest speakers call John at (818) 780-9943.

NOTE: Elwood is also willing to do free TV spots for L.P. candidates. To date both Kim Goldsworthy and Ted Brown have accepted this offer. Any candidates in the state are welcome to take advantage of it. The cost is only the price of a tape. Contact John at the number above.

## Libertarians Going Hiking

For some time libertarians and their friends in San Diego and the Bay Area have been getting together on weekends to go hiking, and now Alan Pendleton and Ed Ogawa are setting up a series of hikes for the L.A. County area. Since this seems to be an increasingly popular activity, *CLNews* will begin listing the hikes. Look for this feature in future issues.

Los Angeles: Saturday, Sept. 12, 9:45 a.m., Malibu Creek State Park — it's where *Planet of the Apes* and the *M\*A\*S\*H* TV series were filmed. Plenty of rest stops for novice hikers. Bring lunch, sunscreen and one quart of water per person. Wear hiking boots or sturdy comfortable shoes.

If you plan to join the hike and need directions, please call Alan Pendleton (213) 392-2181, or Ed Ogawa (805) 373-2483, days.

San Diego: Saturday, Sept. 26, 9:45 a.m., Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, to the top of Stonewall Peak. 4½ miles round trip. Good views from the top. Lunch on the top if not too hot. Same instructions about water, shoes, etc., as for L.A. Contact: Sara Baase, (619) 460-9136.

Bay Area: Saturday, Sept. 19, 10:00 a.m. Marin Headlands, Tennessee Valley. 6½ miles round trip. Great views, including a section of the Coastal Trail overlooking Pirates Cove. Contact: Lloyd Licher, (415) 472-3294.

- **Important Disclaimer:** These hikes are not an officially sponsored activity of the Libertarian Party. Each person's safety is his or her own responsibility. So step carefully and stay out of the poison oak.

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## Announcing the Termite Caucus!

The Termite Caucus is an invisible, underground, almost silent (munch, munch) group whose aim is to eat away the foundation of statist oppression. Our strategy is to join and influence neighborhood groups, coalitions, and "grass roots" organizations. This in turn will allow us to get libertarians elected/appointed to school boards, commissions, special district boards, etc.

Although we will constantly be injecting libertarian ideas into these organizations, we won't be drawing attention to our "card carrying Libertarian" status. In fact, we will try to gain majorities on these boards/councils without allowing the press or our opposition to use the "Libertarian" label.

This will be easier in states where local elections are non-partisan, but is still possible in other areas. Since this group is invisible and semi-silent, to know yours until we have brought the house down around the ears of the bureaucrats and statist politicians. Until then, I hope you will start your own termite colony and perhaps our burrows or tunnels may cross.

Munch, munch!

Editor's Note: The writer of the above piece is putting his ideas right now into practice. He works in an agency of local government (a city), and has a friend, a fellow termite, in a related agency. The friend will move higher in the bureaucracy, our termite will take his place, friend will get elected to city council, later so will our termite. They'll get others elected, etc. The city? Ah, that would be telling, but it's not too big for the concept to be unworkable. Bon appetit, munch, munch.

## THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

Andrew Irwin, Marysville.

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Timothy Yde, Copperas Cove; Alexander Yuill-Thornton II, Mill Valley.

Charles Zook.

Plan now to attend the 1987

### FUTURE OF FREEDOM CONFERENCE November 13 - 15, 1987 (Los Angeles California)

**Nov. 13** Historical Debate featuring "Paine", "Jefferson," "Madison," et al, with **Jeff Hummel, Andrew Melechinsky and Don Ernsberger.**

**Nov. 14** "Mock" Constitutional Convention. Audience votes on and may submit proposed amendments and new constitutions.

**Nov. 15** "Mock" Trial of Public Education. Libertarian Attorney **Don Cook** vs. L.A. Unified School District Attorney **Ron Apperson.**  
All three days \$99.00  
(Mention this newsletter for \$20.00 discount.)

**Nov. 15** Buffet Brunch with **L. Neil Smith.** "The North American Covenant or I Dreamed I Was A Libertarian In My Maldenform Bra!" \$29.00

**AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!**

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## From the Editor

We apologize for *CLNews* being late this month. After consideration, it seemed better to bring out the September issue after the Convention so readers would not have to wait a month for news about it — a decision which was approved by the state chair as a one-time occurrence. Your October issue will not be delayed.

Also, please bear in mind that we cannot possibly provide the coverage presented by *LP News* or *American Libertarian*. Subscription to *LP News* is free when you join the national party (use the form on page 7). *American Libertarian* is at 21715 Katy Brook Dr., Katy, Texas 77450.

For direct information about the campaigns or to make donations, the addresses of the headquarters are: Ron Paul for President; 1120 Nasa Rd.; Suite 104; Houston, TX 77058. Tele: (713) 333-1988. Andre Marrou for Vice-President, 1630 Ottawa Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89109.

## Almodovar Not Forgotten

Norma Jean Almodovar, former LPC candidate for lieutenant governor, has begun serving her three to six year prison term for pandering at Frontera Womans Institute. Although allowed only a limited number of visitors, she has not been forgotten by her friends. She was scheduled to be on a panel at the LP Convention, discussing "Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll" — with Walter Block (*Defending the Undefendable*), Robert Anton Wilson (*Illuminatus Trilogy*), and DJ Barry Hansen (aka Dr. Dimento). Block called for a moment of silence, a pause in the week's festivities, "to remember one who should be with us."

Also at the Convention, Jim Hills of the state of Washington introduced a resolution (passed by acclamation) on her behalf:

The delegates to the Libertarian Party National Convention send you this message of support and encouragement, urging you to continue to be a strong voice for liberty.

As Libertarians, we condemn the state action that has led to your incarceration.

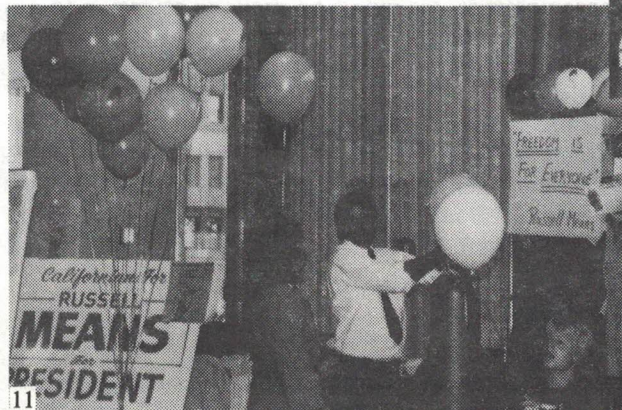
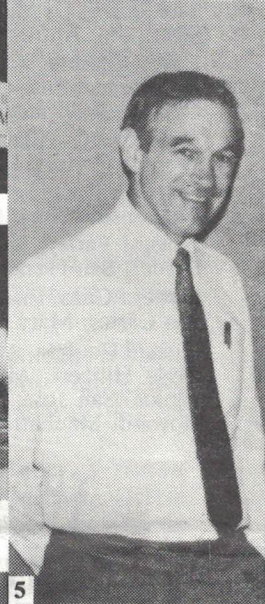
Believing that where there is no victim there is no crime, we call for your immediate release from jail. Because of our opposition to censorship in any form, we also deplore the state's attempts to hinder the publication of your book.

At the Banquet it was announced that the LP is petitioning Amnesty International to adopt her as a political prisoner. Several hundred signatures were collected at the Convention to assure this. If AI takes up her cause, we can expect a barrage of letters from people all over the world demanding Governor Deukmejian grant her a pardon.

Meanwhile, friends in Los Angeles have begun a newsletter, *The Norma Jean Watch Report*, to keep relatives and supporters informed about what is happening to her. For more information, contact Friends of Norma Jean, 1626 N. Wilcox, #580, Hollywood 90028; tele: (213) 389-4495 or 382-6445.

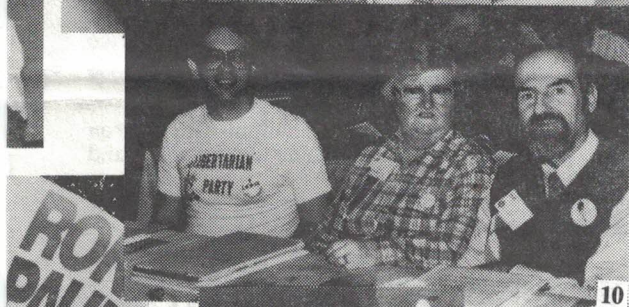
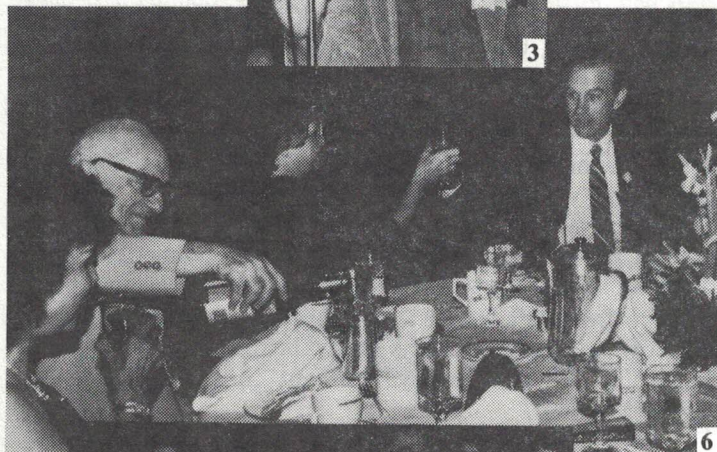
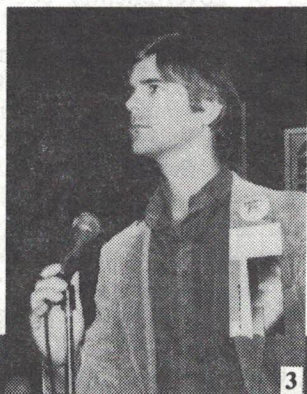
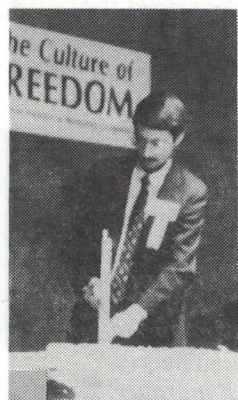
And be sure to drop her a card or letter. Her address: Norma Jean Almodovar, W27022 Miller ~~St~~, 16756 Chino-Corona Road, Frontera 91720. When you write, send a copy to the Friends of Norma Jean so they can monitor what mail she receives, just in case your letter is "lost" or "misplaced" by the prison bureaucracy.

For details of this case see back issues of *CLNews* or contact your regional chair or the Friends of Norma Jean.



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## Dean Announces for Senate Race

Jack Dean, immediate past chair of the LPC, has announced he'll seek the Party's nomination for the U.S. Senate race in 1988. In an open letter to Libertarians he writes:

Regardless of who wins the LP's presidential nomination in Seattle in September, 1988 promises to be a critical year in our Party's development. And as the only statewide race in California during '88, the U.S. Senate campaign against incumbent Republican Pete Wilson will be extremely important to both our state and national organizations.

Those of you who have known me over the past decade are aware that I've done a great deal of political strategizing for the LP — almost all of it behind the scenes as a manager or a campaign committee chairman. I've decided that now is the time for me to step up to the "front line" and put the knowledge I've gained into a campaign of my own.

I plan to run a campaign based on principles, not programs. As of this date my main emphasis will revolve around our traditional themes: the indivisibility of civil and economic liberties, and the importance of developing a non-interventionist foreign policy. Hot topical issues I plan to address in this vein include: free trade (tariffs) and open borders (the war against immigration) as keys to world peace, the government's drug policies (the war on AIDS victims, the war on drugs, forced drug testing), and the war on the poor (the minimum wage).

I would like to use this campaign as a focal point for Party-building, and therefore all activity will be planned with long-term benefits to the LP kept in mind.

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Jack will begin his campaign activity with fund raising, planning and organizational development, candidate recruitment, and preparation of campaign materials. He plans to help the party recruit a full slate of good candidates, so every California voter will be able to vote Libertarian in 1988.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to send them to Jack Dean: 727 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, 92632. Tele: (714) 871-0191.

## Photo Captions

1. "Do I hear a motion?" Jim Turney, National Chair.
2. Robert Poole (r) lights candle in honor of John Hospers, with LP founder David Nolan (l) at the Friday Night 16th Birthday Celebration.
3. Mark Hinkle, stalwart leader of the "monolithic, California machine."
4. (l-r) Alicia Clark, former National Chair; Ted Brown, chair of Region 64; and Saul Rackauskas of Ventura County.
5. Presidential nominee Ron Paul.
6. A toast to Liberty. (l-r) Alicia Clark, Murray Rothbard, Carol and Ron Paul.
7. Russell Means (l) and Harry Glenn (r), candidate debate.
8. Ron Paul supporter Neddy Clark.
9. Marshall Fritz, Self-Government Advocates, Sat. Night Review.
10. Contra Costa Libertarians cancelling each other's votes: (l-r) Brian Marrs for Lewis; Thea McLean, LPC Treasurer, for Paul; and Hugh McLean for Means.
11. The Russell Means booth.
12. "Pick a card, any card." (l-r) Jack Dean, former state chair; Bob Steiner, founder of New Jersey LP/emcee for Sat. Night Banquet; and Melinda Pillsbury-Foster, Southern Vice-Chair.
13. Karl Hess auctions "Who is Ed Clark?" T-shirt.



# Write Your Senators to Oppose Bork's Nomination

John Dentinger

Libertarians believe that the purpose of the judiciary is to protect us from oppressive majorities. We should oppose Supreme Court nominee Robert H. Bork, who (like Rehnquist and Scalia) treats legislators' expressions of the supposed will of the majority as holy writ.

• **Bork in a Nutshell:** Bork has stated his derision for *Roe vs Wade* which struck down abortion laws; and for *Griswold vs Connecticut*, which struck down anti-contraceptive laws. He has repeatedly compared the "right" of married couples to use contraceptives to the "right" of a utility company to generate "smoke pollution." "Knowledge that [contraceptive use] takes place. . . causes the [non-contraceptive using] majority anguish, impairs their gratification. . . Why is sexual gratification more worthy than moral gratification? . . ." [see *The New Republic*, Sept. 14 & 21, pages 37-44]. What does Bork's argument represent if not moral cannibalism?

He claims that anything not explicitly found in the Constitution is not a right — meaning, presumably, that the Ninth Amendment was just put in for laughs.

However, notwithstanding the clear language of the First Amendment, Bork has stated that the only kind of speech protected by it is political and religious. Science and literature, for example, are not protected *at all*. Indeed, dangerous or even merely offensive political speech is not protected either, he asserts. In particular, he disagreed with the decision of *Cohen vs California* upholding the right to wear a jacket imprinted, "Fuck the Draft."

As for economic rights, he claims to favor them, but because of "judicial restraints," says he'll do little to implement them.

• **More Bork Hypocrisy:** Bork began his political life as a socialist activist. After studying at the University of Chicago, and under the spell of what he now calls a "libertarian pipe dream," he published in 1963 an article in *The New Republic* attacking the "public accommodations" bill as "an extra-

ordinary incursion into individual freedom and opens up . . . possibilities of governmental coercion on similar principles."

At the time, he claimed to reject the premise that the state may impose morality. By 1968, however — lusting for judgeship, and realizing he couldn't be politically incorrect on this issue — he repudiated his position and declared himself in favor of such laws. Now, there's principle.

In 1984, writing for a three-judge panel in upholding the Navy's discharge of a man for being gay, Bork said it was "impossible" to conclude that a right to homosexual conduct is fundamental or implicit in the concept of "ordered liberty." And he explicitly said that the state may "enforce morality."

Unsurprisingly, Bork also supported the result of *Bowers vs Hardwick*, which upheld a Georgia law imposing a 20-year prison term for consensual sodomy. Thus he believes that private consensual conduct is incompatible with "ordered liberty," and that the hiring (with money stolen from taxpayers) of armed thugs to interfere brutally with that conduct, is compatible with "ordered liberty."

Conservative Bork is right back where he was as a socialist: enforcing his his troglodytic morality at the point of a gun, and hiding behind the sham of principle.

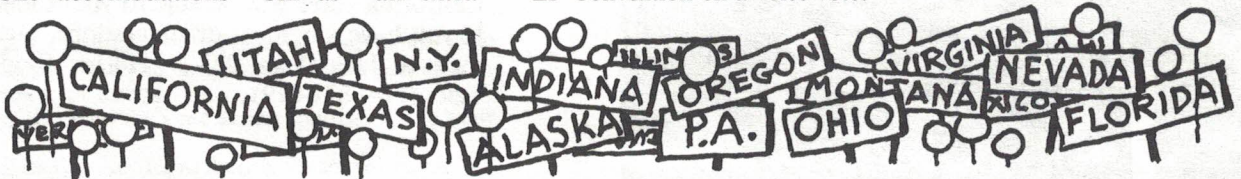
• **What to Do:** Let's ignore the first-year law student bullshit about how court appointments should be made by "merit, not politics." We have too many "brilliant" and evil people on our courts already.

The confirmation hearings will begin in October. Write to Sen. Pete Wilson and to Sen. Alan Cranston (Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510) urging them to oppose Bork's nomination. Don't state your party affiliation.

John Dentinger (Region 64, Los Angeles) is a columnist for *Reason* magazine, and has published in *Playboy*, *The Pragmatist*, and numerous other publications.

A resolution of opposition to Bork's nomination was passed by the LP Convention on a voice vote.

## Convention from page one



With a Paul-Marrou ticket we have what David Bergland calls a powerful one-two punch. It will be a serious campaign because the stakes are very high. We must get our message across. Says Ron Paul, if the Libertarian Party is not successful in conveying its message, "we will move rapidly towards totalitarianism. . . I urge you to work now for yourself, your family, your country — we may not have another chance."

★ **Over \$60,000 Raised:** At the Saturday Night Banquet Ed Clark announced that that night \$60,000 would be raised. That's a lot of money, but his prediction turned out to be just slightly off the mark. The fundraising was low-key and did not interfere with the evening's entertainment, but it was highly successful. Next day, when the pledges, checks and cash were totalled we had come in just a couple of hundred dollars short of the goal. No matter. A bit of auctioneering by *LP News* editor Karl Hess raised about \$600, putting us well over the top.

★ **Other Elections:** Delegates also voted for national officers and members of the National and Judiciary Committees. Jim Turney won a second term as national chair, defending his

position against NatCom rep Hugh Butler former chair of Utah.

NatCom reps elected from California are Bert Blumert, Ted Brown, Melinda Pillsbury-Foster, Mark Hinkle, and David Bergland. For the Judiciary Committee: David Nolan, Jack Dean, Toni Black, Craig Franklin, and Honey Lanham.

★ **Platform Changes, Resolutions Passed:** Several changes were made to the Platform, including a complete revision of the plank on defense. A plank dealing with AIDS, which had been drafted by the Platform Committee, was scrapped in favor of one submitted by Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns:

In addition to changes in the Platform, the delegates approved various resolutions. One authored by Mark Hinkle commended Russell Means for his efforts on behalf of the LP, another was in support of Jim Lewis in his legal battle with the IRS, and another was for Norma Jean (page 4). They also endorsed HR 1582 which would create a ceiling on the number of signatures required to get candidates for federal office on the ballot, and passed a strong resolution opposing the nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court.



# Eye on Sacramento

## Report from Winger

Even though AB 2570 passed the Assembly unanimously, in the Senate their partisan nerves are on edge. In an informal report it was pointed out that it would make it all the easier for Libertarian candidates (gasp!) to get on the ballot, something that august body does not want. Therefore, sponsor Gwen Moore has taken it off the calendar, though it could be brought back again next year.

AB 2570 would have provided that any new ballot qualified political party could nominate its candidates by convention rather than in a primary. It would have enabled us to place candidates on the ticket in every race in California. (see *CLNews*, April)

One piece of good news: The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that we can endorse candidates in the primary and can organize as we choose.

Richard Winger is a ballot access consultant and editor of *Ballot Access News*, 3201 Baker St., San Francisco, 941123; tele: (415) 922-9779.

## Partial Victory on SB 442

*CLNews* has received a form letter from Sen. Marian Bergeson (Rep., 37th District), author of SB 442, the bill which would enable private citizens to set up their own redevelopment agencies complete with powers of eminent domain. The LPC has been working with other groups against this vicious piece of legislation. (See last month's *CLNews*). Ms. Bergeson's letter reads, in part:

Dear friend:

We share a deep concern for individual private property rights. You have been concerned that SB 442 threatened property rights with eminent domain. I am writing to tell you that I have dropped eminent domain from the bill. . . Your letter to me made a difference. . .

Well, we can relax, sort of. But the bill is still bad in that it permits massive amounts of tax dollars to pay for sewers, streets, etc. for developments in remote areas.

Having passed the Local Government Committee of the Assembly, its next stop was scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 25, in the Ways and Means Committee. Chair Mark Hinkle drove to Sacramento early so he could testify at the 9:30 a.m. hearing, only to be told it had been postponed at the last minute till

Thursday, so he had to drive back to San Jose, having missed a day's work. *CLNews* has learned of other parties given the Thursday date which threw them off the track and prevented certain testimony. In fact, it was known to be set for Wednesday in the Pensions and Bonded Indebtedness Subcommittee of Ways and Means.

Those on the subcommittee were intensely lobbied, by both the supporters and opponents like Sherry Passmore, community organizer and representative of various homeowner groups. When the vote came in it was 3-3, with a number of abstentions. And that's where SB 442 is right now.

Rumor has it that Bergeson is so angry she is trying to replace members of the subcommittee with folks more agreeable to her views. Since the Republican Caucus is against the bill, this would mean replacing Republicans with Democrats — and many of them oppose it, too.

The prognosis: SB 442 has generated more interest and outrage than was expected. According to the Calendar, all bills to be voted on should be out of committee by now and scheduled for the floor, but a provision allows legislators to obtain special rule waivers on pet bills, so hearings can continue, committees be doctored, and bills slipped through with no one the wiser. If you haven't written at least a postcard to your assemblyperson, don't delay. It could make a difference.

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COUNTY	DATE	EVENTS	CHAIR or CONTACT*	PHONE
Alameda	Thu., Sept. 10	Program to be Announced	Mike Tejada	415/531-0760
Butte			Mark Sweany	916/345-9970
Contra Costa	Tue., Sept 8	Brian Marrs: Report on the National Convention	John Corl	415/223-4112
Fresno			Tim Salzer	209/233-4393
Kern			Craig Gifford	805/832-6231
Lake			Randall Grindle	707/994-4817
Los Angeles County (Regions 61-67)				
-61, San Fernando Valley	Wed., Sept. 9	Dick Boddie: Perspective on the Convention	John Vernon	818/780-9943
-62, West L.A.	Thu., Sept. 17	Alan Bock: AIDS and the FDA	Neal Donner	213/477-6462
-62, Beverly Hills	Sat., Sept. 26	Special Commemoration of U.S. Constitution	Joel Bross*	213/278-2714
-63, Foothills	Tue., Sept. 15	Lillian Baker: Internment of Japanese Americans in WWII; a Different Perspective	Kim Goldsworthy	818/280-5644
-64, Central L.A.	Thu., Sept. 10	Goldsworthy/Hinman: Should Constitution be Ratified?	Ted Brown	213/257-8922
-65, Downey		Call County Chair for Program Information	Lee Connelly	714/994-3256
-66, South Bay	Thu., Sept. 17	Lee Connelly: Spreading the Word with Activist Newsletters	Sam Treynor	213/546-2846
-67, East San Gabriel Valley			Gail Lightfoot	714/623-5067
Marin	Wed. Sept. 2	Lee Phelps: Reclaiming Initiative Power (Free Marin Forum)	Dan Dougherty*	415/457-1411
Monterey			Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
Orange		Call County Chair for Program Information	Lee Connelly	714/994-3256
		George Smith: The Constitution — a Revolution Betrayed? (Liberty Forum Supper Club)		
Placer			Jack Dean*	714/871-0371
Riverside/San Bernardino Counties			Dennis Schlumpf*	916/525-6202
Sacramento			Ron Holman	714/684-5218
San Diego	Tue., Sept. 15	Stacy Taylor: Wasted Money and the Drug Trade	Roger Pope	916/921-1776
	Fri., Sept. 18	Business Meeting	Dick Rider*	619/276-7166
San Diego (No. Co.)	Tue., Sept. 22	Jerry Ballesteri: Trash to Cash	Pat Wright	619/295-9510
San Francisco/Marin Counties			Paul King*	619/433-7252
	Wed., Sept. 9	The New Enlightenment: Video Series, Installments 5 & 6	Jim Peron	415/864-0952
	Sat., Sept. 12	Free Exchange: Program to be Announced	George O'Brien	415/731-3031
San Luis Obispo			Clyde Steele	805/541-8892
San Mateo			Lyn Sapowsky	415/368-8148
Santa Barbara			Brian Garrity	805/928-0311
Santa Clara	Sat., Sept. 19	Potluck Dinner at Steve Alexander's	Steve Alexander	408/554-1119
	Wed., Sept. 23	Business Meeting	Steve Alexander	408/554-1119
		Campaigners Club: Date to be Announced	Mike Iddings*	408/243-2711
Santa Cruz			Bill Anderson	408/476-9753
Solano			Mark Moberg	707/864-1673
Sonoma			Jim Oglesby	707/823-5261
Tulare			Vicky Daley	209/688-4159
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