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The annual conference-convention of the Libertarian Party of Illinois, December 7th, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel, was attended by over 150 individuals -- who heard timely and informative speeches and discussions on the legalization of gold, the proposed national health insurance act, the individual's rights under the Constitution's Fifth Amendment, and the philosophical origins of the omnipotent state.

Officers of the LPI, elected at the beginning of the conference:

Steve Nelson - re-elected chairman
John Reis - re-elected vice-chairman
Fran Holt - re-elected treasurer
Bob Osterlund - elected secretary

A P O L O G I A -- Or, are congratulations
in order ?:

We are sorry about the physical conditions of the clambake dinner -- after the convention. Being optimists, we expected 80 people. Instead, 134 individuals showed up. Tap Root Pub was not prepared for that number.

We are delighted that so many individuals showed up. Perhaps, we should have gone on the basis of super-optimism in planning this event. -- We will try to do better in the future!

Libertarians eye a golden future

By Peggy Constantine
George Bernard Shaw said — and the Libertarian Party of Illinois endorses the idea — that if he had to choose between gold and faith in government, he would choose gold.

So Saturday, when the more than 100 members of the Illinois Libertarian Party — whose credo is to get government out of their lives — met for a daylong conference in the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel, they did not discuss political platforms or candidates for the 1976 presidential elections.

Instead they listened to four experts in buying and selling gold: stockbroker Michael Gauer, vice president, Hornblower & Weeks Hemphill Noyes; Walter Perschke, president, Numisco Inc., a coin broker and member of the Mid-American Commodity Exchange; Don Rapeau, manager of gold research, International Monetary Market, and William Bradford, who sells gold and silver coins.

None necessarily is a Libertarian. But all believe in gold as a hedge against inflation and a short- and long-term investment.

Perschke told the Libertarians that gold has few government regulations; can be exchanged tax-free; has appreciated some 490 per cent since 1968 and is so easily portable that \$1 or \$2 million worth (of antique gold coins)

can be carried in an attache case and sold easily anywhere on the world market. Perschke said 70 to 80 per cent of Americans, including congressmen, are so ignorant about gold that "knowledge (about gold) is money in your pocket."

The Libertarians took time out from money matters to

elect officers for the coming year. Steve Nelson of Downers Grove was re-elected chairman. John Reis of Elmhurst was re-elected vice chairman. Mrs. Fran Holt of Lisle will be treasurer, and Bob Osterlund of Hyde Park was elected secretary.

Also on the program was

Karl J. Bray, an attorney who has not paid income tax for five years. He told the Libertarians about his fight to stay out of jail.

Dr. R. S. Jaggard told the Libertarians he will not pay Social Security taxes because Social Security is "a giant rip-off."

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS NEAR WASHINGTON, DC. Report by Winston L. Duke, Member for Region 4 (Midwest)

The recent Executive Committee meeting of the national Libertarian Party was held at the Ramada Inn in Rosslyn, Va., on November 30 and December 1, 1974. The results of '74 election campaigns were the hottest topic of discussion. Over 40 candidates ran for office either on the Libertarian Party ticket or as independents with libertarian platforms. In Louisiana, Dr. Jerry Millett received 14% of the vote for Congress; in Washington, Skip Barron received 12% of the vote for State Legislature; in Ohio, Kathleen Harroff came in third place for United States Senate, receiving 80,000 votes. The most widely publicized campaign was that of Jerry Tucille for Governor of New York, but he fell far short of the 50,000 target—receiving only 10,000 votes. Other notables included John Hospers, candidate for Governor of California; Karl Bray, candidate for Congress in Utah; Sanford Cohen, candidate for Congress in New York; Richard Dymant, candidate for State Legislature in Washington; and Paul Beard, candidate for Congress in Alaska. We will see these names again in the future:

Eric Scott Royce of Virginia, editor of the "Royce Report" and defeated candidate for National Chairman last June, resigned from the Execom and (as I understand) from the Libertarian Party. He also petitioned the Execom to dissolve the affiliation of the Libertarian Party of Virginia. The Execom accepted the first two actions but refused the third—on the principle that the Virginia party should petition on its own behalf to withdraw, rather than to be effectively expelled. Scott's reasons for resigning can best be seen in the Nov. 18, 1974, issue of the Southern Libertarian Review; to me it is a combination of sour-grapes and disappointment in the results of the elections.

The 1975 National Convention, during which we shall nominate our candidate for President of the United States, will be held in New York City at the Statler Hilton Hotel, on Labor Day Weekend 1975. In the voting for a convention city, Los Angeles was second and Chicago was third.

The next meeting of the Execom will be held in the greater Chicago area during Memorial Day Weekend, May 24-25, 1975. Even though the Libertarian Party of Illinois did not formally submit an application (the "honor" of serving as host being, theoretically, this writer's) the L.P.I. will be looked upon as the host Party and suggestions as to location and arrangements should be a topic at the next L.P.I. meeting. The Playboy Club at Lake Geneva has been mentioned as a possible location.

New affiliated states include Indiana, Kansas, Connecticut, Oregon, & Arkansas.

Bob Meier of Illinois advised the Execom that about 20 speakers are committed to the March 1975 Economic Conference in New Orleans and said that the State Parties will soon be advised of local money-making opportunities in connection.

Bill Howell of Texas was elected Chairman of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee for the 1975 National Convention; Edward Clark of California was re-elected Chairman of the Platform Committee; Bill Westmiller of California (National Secretary) is Ex-officio Chairman of the Credentials Committee. Members of the three mandatory Convention Committees will be selected at the next Execom meeting, to be held in Chicago.

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Steve Nelson has tape recordings of the conference. These will be made available. Also, Dr. Joe DeJan is willing to let us reproduce his paper on the Political Philosophy of Rousseau—which merits publication and further study. Libertarians must become masters of the deep intellectual errors of history, to refute them!

LET'S NOT TRY TO ATTRACT MERE TAX RESISTERS -- LET'S ATTRACT REAL LIBERTARIANS
(WHO MAY HAPPEN TO BE TAX RESISTERS)

by Frank Oliva

Economic freedom is a necessary condition for political freedom. Sadly, this fact is ignored by many.

There are people who, while advocating individual freedom and less government interference in their lives, have no objection at the government's regulating economic matters.

Profits have become a four-letter word. Our rate of capital formation, as a percentage of the GNP, is one of the lowest in the world. "Freedom loving" people have advocated nationalization of the oil industry and across-the-board wage and price controls. Many of these people do not realize that the biggest threat to their freedom is regulatory agencies like the FTC, FPC, CAB, etc., and that collection of irrational thinking known as the antitrust laws. Ironically the anti-trust laws were enacted by "Conservative" Republicans to "legislate" competition. They have caused staggering waste of capital by allowing parasite companies to stay in business instead of going bankrupt as the laws of the free market would have dictated.

Are some of these people being attracted to the Libertarian Party only because of a particular appealing idea such as tax protest? Do some of these people understand what the free market is all about? Most people hate the idea of higher taxes. Do we recruit these people even if they believe in a government controlled economy? Do we allow them to join even if they would not hesitate to shift the burden of taxes from individuals to corporations? Do we accept them as members even if they cheer the Justice Department attempt to split-up IBM? We don't need these people, and we should not seek their help or ask them to join our party.

We are trying to promote a very sophisticated philosophy. Luckily our philosophy is not an opinion, but a fact. To grow for growth's sake leads to compromises. Compromises prostitute the basic integrity of men. It is better to have a small number of hard core libertarians than a large number of people who have not grasped the simple fact that freedom is derived from the breathtaking beauty of the free market system!

NEW YEAR'S DAY ON THE RADIO--Karl Bray interview: WBBM-AM ("The Betty and Bob Show") at 11:15 AM and 1:15 PM broadcasts. 78 on your dial.

Is the Libertarian Party of Illinois in the phone book? Call 411 and ask for the listing for us. The telephone bureaucracy has taken long enuf!

QUESTION--Is there any support out there for bookselling? The L.P.I. is in a position to offer members a "book of the month" for your own learning and for gifts to your curious friends. We can obtain bulk discounts. The movement has grown in the past ten years mainly because a well-stocked Libertarian Bookseller can offer literally thousands of simple as well as technical books on economics, social theory, constitutional law, and just about any related field (psychology, anthropology, fiction). Shall we????