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LP Tax Day Protests

Libertarians across the country once again turned out in large numbers on April 15, to protest IRS actions and the income tax.

In St. Louis, MO, Libertarians stood in front of the city's main post office for over seven hours to call attention to a "tax code that is too complex, tax enforcement that is often brutal and unconstitutional, and taxes that are far too high and unfairly applied."

With signs and leaflets in hand, the St. Louis Libertarians hung in there all the way to midnight. Late in the evening, 1040 forms were burned in protest.

In Pittsburgh, LP members demonstrated in front of the Federal Building. The Pennsylvania LP members put on a show for those people coming to drop off their tax forms. Richard Caligiuri, dressed as Uncle Sam, robbed hapless citizens—other LP demonstrators—of their earnings.

Walt Karwicki, Michael Paul, and others let York, PA, citizens know how Libertarians feel about taxes. "The bottom line is it's a gun to your head," Paul was

quoted as saying.

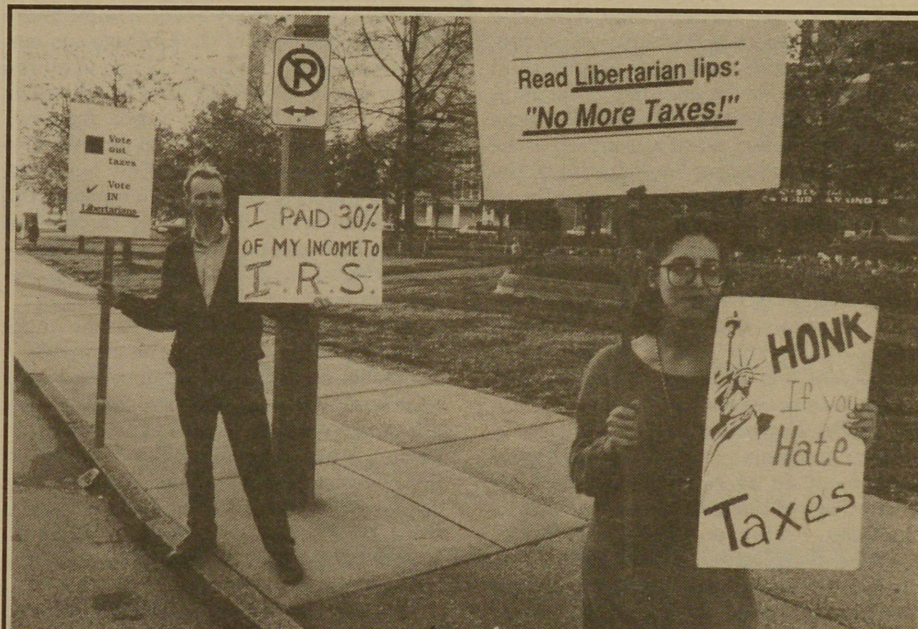
New Hampshire Libertarians protested in front of the post office in Manchester. The LPNH-organized group received good press coverage and handed out hundreds of bogus "million-dollar" bills to dramatize the LP's opposition to taxes.

The \$1,000,000 bills, showing a "president" with a bag over his head, signified waste and high taxation, since in 1991 the U.S. government will spend one million dollars every five seconds.

California Libertarians were busy all over the state on April 15. In Santa Clara, demonstration coordinator Eric Harlow said over 9,000 flyers were distributed. Other demonstrations took place in San Diego and Los Angeles, with both events getting good press coverage.

The LP's anti-income tax television ad, developed by David Nolan, was shown on network TV in Redding, and on cable TV in San Fernando Valley, Orange County, and San Diego County.

LP members protested in many other areas of the country as well.



NEWS Photo by Ken Bush

David Carr (left), chairperson of the St. Louis LP, stands beside Melissa Philips across the street from the U.S. Post Office in St. Louis, MO, on April 15. They joined other members of the Missouri LP from 4:30 p.m. to midnight to protest income taxes and the IRS. Because of Philips' sign, car horns were blaring all evening!

Battling the War on Drugs on CA Campus

By Stuart Reges

A little over six months ago I set out to test the limits of government control over universities. My experiment became very real on April 12 when national drug "czar" Bob Martinez accepted my challenge and all but demanded that Stanford, my employer, fire me. Stanford has since done so and I find myself at the center of a controversy concerning drugs, free speech, and the relationship between universities and government.

As a libertarian, I disagree with many of the policies of the federal government. High on that list has always been the war on drugs, because drugs have been a positive influence in my life and I know from my own first-hand knowledge of drugs that the government is using distorted propaganda to whip up hysteria over this issue. The last straw came for me when the federal government, under the provisions of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, forced Stanford University to adopt a new stricter alcohol and drug policy on Oct. 1 in order to continue to qualify for federal funds.

I have been at Stanford for over 10 years, and one of the elements of its philosophy that I have come to appreciate most is its decision to treat students as adults. Stanford's previous policy on alcohol and drug use was to respect the privacy of students, faculty, and staff unless individuals behaved irresponsibly. I consider this a very libertarian attitude, and the definition of responsible behavior was almost always drawn along libertarian lines (i.e., individuals were not allowed to threaten the rights or property of others).



This policy has worked extremely well at Stanford, proving a long-held libertarian belief that when you give people freedom in exchange for responsible behavior, they behave more responsibly than they do in an atmosphere of mistrust and regulation.

To protest the new policy, I wrote an article for The Stanford Daily in which I discussed my views on drugs, my opposition to the new policy, and my intention to violate the policy. I chose my backpack as the battleground, because it seemed to be a good symbol of my concern over privacy. If they can limit what's in my backpack, I reasoned, then they can require me to take a drug test and they can limit what students do in their dorm rooms (actions that I consider incompatible with the university's mission). So I mentioned in the article that I had carried illegal drugs in my backpack while on campus and that I would do so in the future.

As I expected, Stanford ignored my article. Nobody at Stanford wanted the new policy anyway, and I think everyone just hoped to ignore it. Some even argued that because the government had played politics by forcing it on us, we should reciprocate by having it on the books but not enforcing it. Just before Thanksgiving The Stanford

Daily ran an article in which two government spokesmen gave their opinions on how Stanford should approach alcohol and drug use. Ronald Bucknam of the Department of Education, for example, suggested that we needed more "rules-oriented" staff members in our residences. Bucknam seemed to typify the entire situation: an ignorant man in Washington setting policies for an institution that he knows nothing about because the war on drugs is cur-

rently high on everyone's political agenda.

Another incident that has become important to my story happened coincidentally just after Thanksgiving. I was at the airport waiting for the bus that goes back to Stanford when a former student asked me whether I'd be willing to advise him about whether or not to experiment with a drug called MDA that I had mentioned in

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Drug Raids Protested

By Jim Lark

On March 21, all hell broke loose at the University of Virginia (UVA).

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) officials, acting in conjunction with state and local law enforcement, arrested 12 UVA student fraternity members on drug possession and distribution charges. Three fraternity houses were seized by the federal government under a law which allows the seizure of property used for the distribution of drugs, even though there is no evidence the house owners either knew or would have condoned the activities in question. The drug raids were headline news stories for the national media.

Immediately after the drug raids were announced, members of Students for Individual Liberty (SIL) and University Libertarians (UL) began an anti-Drug War poster campaign. The posters, that carried messages such

as "Hey, DEA! Go arrest real criminals! (You know . . . thieves, rapists, politicians . . .)," were mentioned in The Washington Post, as well as other press reports filed from UVA.

David Garland, president of SIL, and I sent out press releases via fax machine to all media organizations. Our statement in opposition to the raids and the War on Drugs was picked up by the Associated Press and Virginia Network News (radio). We were interviewed by numerous newspapers and radio and television stations.

Garland was quoted as saying the reason for the poster campaign was to convey the message that "although drug use may be stupid, it is not a criminal activity. We challenge the notion that our government is doing us a favor by using resources to pursue drug users rather than real criminals."

David Brown arranged a lecture at UVA on March 28 by David Boaz of the

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NatCom Meeting: C-SPAN to Highlight LP

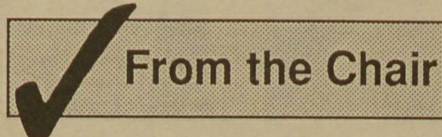
The Georgia Libertarian Party played host to the Libertarian National Committee on April 27-28, at the Colony Square Hotel in Atlanta. In its last meeting before the national convention in Chicago, the LNC did not face any of the sweeping decisions like it made in White Plains, NY, in December.

The new Finance Chair, Don Ernsberger, reported that the cash position of the party was substantially improved, with slightly more money coming in than was budgeted for in January, February, and March. No budget cuts for 1991 were offered and, in fact, \$500 was added to the Legal Action budget to help fund the Georgia Party's challenge to an unfavorable decision on the right of public funded TV stations to bar candidates who aren't from the major parties. Another \$250 was added to the Outreach Committee's budget to finance a test of the new Nathan-produced LP ad on Tucson, AZ, cable TV, and \$2,500 was added to the convention budget to improve the "set decorations" for the C-SPAN coverage.

Don Ernsberger announced that he had worked out an agreement with C-SPAN for coverage of the national convention on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Subsequent to the NatCom meeting, C-SPAN told him that they have decided to use the 1991 convention as the centerpiece of one week's coverage of the Libertarian Party as "America's Third Party." They will be adding interview shows and even call-in shows to their gavel-to-gavel coverage of the first three days!

The Party's Treasurer, Steve Fielder, could not attend the meeting and tendered his resignation. The NatCom chose Bill Redpath, a CPA and chair of the Ballot Access Committee, to fill the remainder of Steve's term. The open At-Large seat, caused by Redpath's elevation, was given to Ernsberger, a former NatCom member. Steve has served on the NatCom for many years and we thank him for his generous and faithful service to our cause.

Redpath announced that the LP now had ballot status in 19 states for 1992. Maine, Kansas, Maryland, and Montana had all been added to the list since the last NatCom meeting, two by petitioning, one by legislation, and one by the designation of an independent candidate who had



Dave Walter, LP National Chair

qualified already. Redpath noted that the LP could theoretically get on in eight more states by the time of the Chicago convention—including the tough North Carolina ballot where the 51 in '92 Committee is more than halfway through. Approximately \$40,000 will have to be raised to finish up before the convention, but, even if these states aren't finished by then, the LP will enter the nominating convention in the best shape—ballot access-wise—ever. Please say "yes" to a BAC contribution request.

Dick Boddie, a candidate for the presidential nomination, addressed the NatCom about his candidacy. Boddie pledged, as has candidate Andre Marrou, to turn over all names gathered during the campaign to the LP and to allow audits of his presidential campaign whenever and wherever requested by the LNC. Boddie and Marrou were both in Atlanta seeking delegate support from Georgians and other LPers at their state convention.

Membership Chair Karen Allard said that membership had fallen back slightly from the peak hit at 9,745 on Jan. 31, 1991. This usually happens after the bi-annual drive the state LPs put on to increase their delegate count. The prospecting lists used by the national party do not, as a rule, bring in enough new members to pay the entire cost of the mailing. Therefore, the LP depends heavily on state parties to

recruit new members but only a few do so in any active and systematic fashion. Nick Dunbar announced that resignations, due to the LP's stand on the Persian Gulf, were about 100. Others were quick to note that resignations would have been in the thousands should the LP have backed President Bush's intervention.

The LP's Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights has secured a permit to hold a rally in front of the Supreme Court on Dec. 15, 1991, the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. Also, local groups are now active in giving out literature decrying the erosion of the Bill of Rights at Philip Morris' exhibits of the Bill. Check with the national office to see if it will be in your area. Then get a few libertarians together and leaflet the visitors.

Media Relations Chair Gary Johnson announced efforts to try to place more Libertarian spokesmen and women on radio and TV talk shows. Such appearances always lead to lots of inquiries, which turn into new members. If you know of a talk show that will host a Libertarian, let the national office know. Telephone hookups can be used so that a spokesman 3,000 miles away can be heard live on your local station.

NatCom elected members of various committees to serve at the national convention. The five selected for Credentials are: Joe Dehn, temporary chair; Frances Eddy, Gary Johnson, Toni Black, and Kevin Delaney. The 10 elected to the all-important Platform Committee were: Steve Givot, temporary chair; Bruce Baechler, Bill Evers, Dale Hemming, Jacob Hornberger, Jim Lark, Nancy Lord, Toby Nixon, Kathleen Richman, and Dean Ahmad.

The final meeting of this NatCom will be at 1 p.m. on Aug. 28, in Chicago. Six or seven members, of the 18, plan to seek reelection to NatCom, providing a good base of experienced NatComers while providing ample opportunity for "new blood" that will form the leadership of the 1990s.

Bylaws and Rules Changes Sought

The Bylaws and Rules Committee invites interested LP members to submit suggestions for amendments to the party's governing documents. Written proposals may be sent to temporary chair, Toni Black, 110 Riggs Drive, Clemson SC 29631 or CompuServe 73530,3225.

While Bylaws and Rules are not automatically on the agenda for the national convention in a presidential nominating year, the convention can set aside the prescribed agenda in order to consider changes to the bylaws or rules if there is agreement that some matter needs attention.

The committee is scheduled to convene on Wednesday, Aug. 28, at 8 a.m.

Any party member who wishes to testify before the committee should contact the temporary chair well in advance of the meeting.

Members of the committee, elected by NatCom at its April meeting, are: I. Dean Ahmad, Ruth Bennett, Toni Black, Joe Dehn, Vicki Kirkland, Milton Norris, George O'Brien, Janet Parkes, Steve Reed, and Don Winfield.

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Dasbach to Head APC

By Bill Evers

ATLANTA—On April 27, the Libertarian National Committee appointed Steve Dasbach to head the Affiliate Parties Committee (APC). As APC chair, he succeeds National Vice Chair Mary Gingell, who had headed the APC since December 1988. The APC acts as a liaison between the Libertarian National Committee and the 51 state organizations throughout the country and helps the state LPs with grassroots organizing.

Dasbach says he plans to build on "the good work" of his predecessor. In particular, he says, he intends to continue Gingell's stress on encouraging communication and exchanges of information among state LP chairs and local activists.

Among Dasbach's immediate goals as APC chair are additional LP field-organizing and further refinement of measures of the development of state LPs. Those who have observed Dasbach in his work in the Libertarian Party say he is "good at listening" and "good at assessing and tapping other people's strengths."

Dasbach, 38, has taught chemistry (and sometimes physics and general science) at Whitko High School in South Whitley, IN, for 16 years. South Whitley is about 30 miles from Fort Wayne, where Dasbach lives, and is in the northeast corner of the state.

Dasbach was born and raised in St. Louis, where his father was a plumber who became the president of the plumbers' union in that city. Dasbach went to Michigan State University and earned a B.S. in chemistry.

He is married to his high school sweetheart, Libby, who is a registered nurse. (In high school, they were in band together.) They have four children: Garrick, 11, Kenneth, 8, Devin, 6, and Melanie, 4. They also have a dog and two cats. Dasbach was an Eagle Scout and is now the assistant cubmaster of his sons' Cub Scout troop.

In addition to leading this typical Hoosier life, Dasbach is also a committed, determined Libertarian activist. He has served on the Libertarian National Committee since 1985. In 1985 and again from 1988 to the present, he headed the national party's Affiliate Campaigns Committee, which keeps track of and provides some assistance to the campaigns of local LP candidates.

Dasbach has run for public office four times: for the lower house of the state legislature (1980), for secretary of state (1982), for superintendent of public in-

struction (1984), and for the U.S. House of Representatives (1986). His vote total in his 1982 race qualified the Libertarian Party of Indiana for permanent ballot status. He has served two terms (1983-84 and 1988-89) as chair of the LP of Indiana and also served locally as a county and congressional district chair.

Dasbach says his political background is that of "a liberal who learned economics." His interest in politics was first kindled by liberal anti-war Democrat Eugene McCarthy. Dasbach was also a volunteer in the George McGovern campaign. But at about that time, Dasbach learned economics.

He also had an English course at MSU in 1971-72 in which there was an option entitled "American Radical Thought." The class was taught by Henry J. Silverman, who had just edited "American Radical Thought: The Libertarian Tradition" (1970), a book containing essays by libertarians Karl Hess, Murray Rothbard, Lysander Spooner, Henry David Thoreau, and Benjamin Tucker, as well as a manifesto by a radical libertarian caucus within the conservative youth group Young Americans for Freedom. Dasbach now knew there were others like him.

Dasbach learned about the Libertarian Party at this time and helped set up a campus libertarian group, the MSU Libertarian Alternative. Dasbach recalls that he was impressed in 1978 that the then-fledgling Libertarian Party's votes were still going up in a non-presidential year. In 1979-80, Dasbach began working with Hauptmann (who had moved to Indiana) in the LP. (Hauptmann was chair of the Ed Clark for President campaign in Indiana and subsequently chair of the state LP.) Ever since, Dasbach has been a dedicated LP activist.

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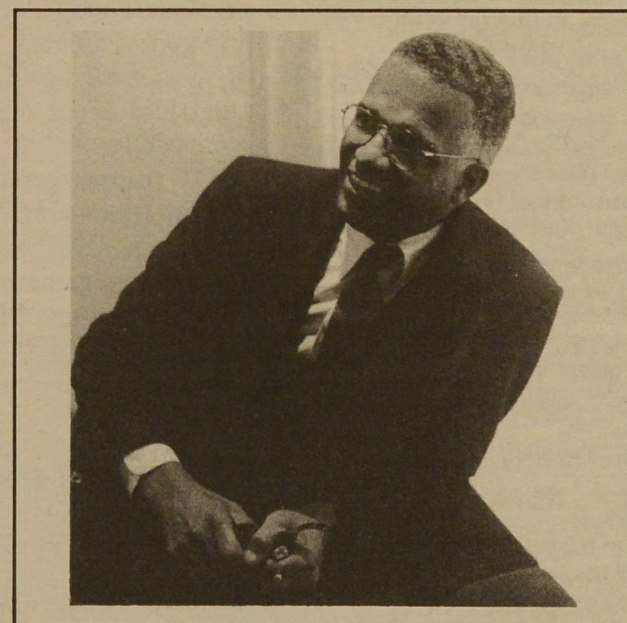
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Coalition Formed, Dunbar on Steering Committee

By Nick Dunbar
LP National Director

On April 20, 1991, I attended the "Symposium for Better Government" in Tampa, FL, organized by Jack Gargan and his group THRO (Throw the Hypocritical Rascals Out). Gargan placed dozens of full page ads in newspapers all around the country last year. You may remember his blazing headlines, "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it any more."

The goal of the symposium was to bring together many groups that are working for better government, and try to find some common ground so that we might work together in getting the incumbents out of office. Of course, "better government" is a broad term, and the conference was attended by a diverse group. In all, 160 representatives of 58 groups were in attendance.

I was sent to represent the national Libertarian Party. The LP of Florida sent law school student and recent Gainesville City Council candidate Mike Fender. Four other LP members—Jan Culberson, Barbara Moses, Grace Payton, and Ed Reazor—also attended. Grace Payton lives in Tampa and had volunteered in the THRO office during the 1990 campaign. All of the libertarians in attendance were cheerful and cooperative in helping me present a coordinated and competent image to the attendees, and I'm very proud of the work they did.

During the afternoon session, the conference broke up into six "work groups" based on areas of interest. The goal of the work groups was to find common ground and join forces where appropriate. The work group on third parties was attended

by Howard Phillips of the Taxpayers Alliance. Phillips outlined his plan to attain ballot status in 20-25 states for a presidential candidate in 1992. Based on discussions at the work group, I could see no reason why the Taxpayers Alliance and the Libertarian Party could not join forces, except the reason given by Phillips. Phillips believes that rights come from God, a view not explicitly stated in our platform.

Of course, this view is shared by many libertarians, but our platform simply asserts that rights exist and they must be honored. Some libertarians come to their position on individual rights through their reading of the Bible, some through their reading of the Qur'an, some through their study of objectivism, others for other reasons. The point is that we all need to work together to protect those rights or it won't matter where they come from. They will, as a practical matter, no longer exist.

I encourage libertarians to consider other third party candidates in races where there is no Libertarian on the ballot. We must break the incumbent stranglehold on our electoral process.

After two hours of round table discussions, the third party group agreed that the incumbent parties were not likely to reform themselves and needed to be acted upon by an outside force. The group asked me to organize a similar symposium, specifically targeting all of America's third parties, in search of common ground and cooperation. The group then elected me to represent the third party group on a steering committee for the newly formed Coalition for Better Government—92.

The attendees seemed to all feel the symposium was very productive and were enthusiastic about repeating it. I hope to

convey this enthusiasm and spirit of cooperation to those organizations not in attendance. As Jack Gargan said several times, "If you are not willing to work with other like minded groups, you're not serious and you might as well close up shop and stop wasting time and money."

The Coalition will be sponsoring another symposium in Tampa on Nov. 2-3, 1991. The LP NatCom has allocated \$500 for me to follow up in getting other third party and ballot access groups to attend. All third party/ballot access/referendum groups have at least two fundamental issues in common—they are not happy with

the status quo, and they must deal with restrictive ballot access laws. I'm sure that if we all got together in good faith we could find common ground for cooperative action.

I know of many such organizations, but I surely don't know them all. So I'm asking for your help in bringing the groups that you know of to my attention. If you can, please write the leadership of these groups and ask them to contact me about attending the symposium. I will do the same.

For more information or comments, write D. Nick Dunbar, 1528 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20003, or call 202-543-1988.

Ron Crickenberger to Chair Affiliate Campaign Committee



National Committee regional representative Ron Crickenberger has been appointed as the new chair of the Affiliate Campaign Committee. Crickenberger replaces Steve Dasbach, who was appointed Affiliate Party Committee chair at the April LNC meeting.

Crickenberger was active with the Ron Paul campaign in his home state of Georgia and was instrumental in insuring that Ron Paul television ads aired there. He was elected as Region 4 Representative at the 1989 convention in Philadelphia and has been an active volunteer on the Affiliate Party committee.

Crickenberger served as campaign manager for Toby Nixon's 1990 run for Georgia state representative. He worked with a local cable company to

produce effective, low-cost television ads for Nixon's campaign.

Crickenberger plans to increase efforts to provide effective training for candidates. As part of this effort, a day-long candidate training seminar will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 28, at the national convention in Chicago.

Libertarians who desire more information about the training seminar or who are thinking of running for political office should contact: Ron Crickenberger, 1351 New Hope Road, Locust Grove, GA 30248, or phone him at 404-957-6825 (h); 404-281-7139 (o).

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For the complete interview, or to join the organization that is open to all supporters of gun rights, write JPFO, 2872 S. Wentworth Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53207. Annual dues are \$20 per year.

Zelman: How did you end up at Dachau? How old were you?

Haas: Nov. 9, 1938, was Kristalnacht—The Night of Broken Glass—the night synagogues were ransacked and burned, Jewish owned shops destroyed; I guess you could call it the night the fires of hell engulfed the soul of humanity.

I was arrested Nov. 10, "for my own personal security." I was 21 years old. My parents were arrested and ultimately died in a concentration camp in France. I was released from Dachau in 1941, under the condition that I leave Germany immediately. This was common procedure before the "Final Solution."

Zelman: Did the camp inmates ever bring up the topic, "If only we were armed before, we would not be here now?"

Haas: Many, many times. Before Adolf Hitler came to power, there was a black market in firearms, but the German people had been so conditioned to be law abiding, that they would never consider buying an unregistered gun. What fools we were. It truly frightens me to see how the government, media, and some police groups in America are pushing for the same mindset. In my opinion, the people of America had better start asking and demanding answers to some hard questions about firearms ownership, especially, if the government does not trust me to own firearms, why or how can the people be expected to trust the government?

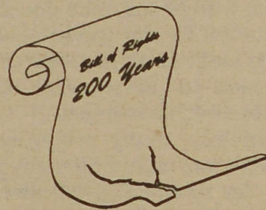
There is no doubt in my mind that millions of lives could have been saved if the people were not "brainwashed" about gun ownership and had been well armed. Hitler's thugs and goons were not very brave when confronted by a gun. Gun haters always want to forget the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, which is a perfect example of how a ragtag, half-starved group of Jews took up 10 handguns and made asses out of the Nazis.

Zelman: Do you think American society has enough stability that Jews and other minorities are safe from severe persecution?

Haas: No. I think there is more anti-Semitism in America (some of it caused by leftist Jewish politicians and organizations who promote gun control schemes) than there was in Germany. This may stun some people, but not all Germans hated Jews. My best and devoted friends in Germany were Christians.

I perceive America as a very unstable society, due to the social tinkering of the Kennedy/Metzenbaum-type politicians. When I first came to this wonderful country after World War II America was a vibrant, dynamic, and promising society. There really was an American dream, at-

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tainable by those who wanted to work. Now, due to the curse of Liberalism, America is in a period of moral decline. Even worse, corrupt criminals hold high political office, and you have police officials who don't give a damn about the Bill of Rights. They just want to control people, not protect and serve. When you study history, you see that when a country becomes an immoral manure heap, as America is rapidly becoming, all minorities suffer, and ultimately, all the citizens.

Zelman: What words of warning would you like to give to young people who will soon be eligible to vote?

Haas: Vote only for politicians who trust the people to own all types of firearms, and who have a strong pro-Second Amendment voting record. Anti-gun-ownership politicians are very dangerous to a free society. Liberty and freedom can only be preserved by an armed citizenry. I see creeping fascism in America, just as in Germany, a drip at a time; a law here, a law there, all supposedly passed to protect the public. Soon you have total enslavement. Too many Americans have forgotten that tyranny often masquerades as doing good. This is the technique the Liberal politicians/Liberal media alliance are using to enslave America.

Zelman: What message do you have for ultra-Liberal organizations and individuals who want Americans disarmed?

Haas: Their ignorance is pitiful—their lives have been too easy. Had they experienced Dachau, they would have a better idea of how precious freedom is. These Sarah Brady types must be educated to understand that because we have an armed citizenry, that a dictatorship has not yet happened in America. These anti-gun fools are more dangerous to liberty than street criminals or foreign spies.



NEWS graphic by Brian McCleskey

From the

Libertarian Party Platform . . .

The Right to Keep and Bear Arms

Maintaining our belief in the inviolability of the right to keep and bear arms, we oppose all laws at any level of government restricting or requiring the ownership, manufacture, transfer, or sale of firearms or ammunition. We oppose all laws requiring registration of firearms or ammunition. We also oppose any government efforts to ban or restrict the use of tear gas, "mace," or other self-protection devices. We further oppose all attempts to ban weapons or ammunition on the grounds that they are risky or unsafe.

We support repeal of the National Firearms Act of 1935 and the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968, and we demand the immediate abolition of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

We favor the repeal of laws banning the concealment of weapons or prohibiting pocket weapons. We also oppose the banning of inexpensive handguns ("Saturday night specials").

NEWS Bulk Subscriptions Available for Outreach

Do you wish the staff at your local newspaper or TV station had more information about the Libertarian Party? Would they be more likely to cover your local activities if they had a regular reminder that the LP is a serious, nationwide organization? Does your public library's periodical collection include newsletters from every kind of political organization—every kind but libertarian? Have your candidates been left out of debates sponsored by the League of Women Voters because, despite the League's general policy of including all qualified candidates, the person doing the local organizing simply forgot to ask if someone from the LP was running?

Perhaps you have considered buying a "gift subscription" to the LP NEWS for some of these organizations. Perhaps you didn't do it because, even with the discount available to affiliate parties, you couldn't afford it.

To meet this need, the Libertarian National Committee has adopted a new bulk subscription plan that will allow affiliate parties to use the LP NEWS for outreach to these organizations on a much larger scale than previously. If your affiliate party puts together a list of 25 or more qualifying organizations (news media, libraries, or LWV chap-

ters), you can give them a year of LP NEWS for just \$4 each.

In most states, you will be able to easily identify more than 25 newspapers alone that would be suitable targets for this kind of outreach. You may want to select them based on circulation—the ones in the largest cities and towns—or concentrate on areas where you have local activities. Provide subscriptions to specific radio commentators or talk show hosts. If you have a local or state media outreach program already in place (perhaps a distribution list to which you send news releases or your state party newsletter), send the LP NEWS to those same people to give them a national perspective and a professional-looking monthly reminder that the LP is a "real" organization.

If you don't have the information already at hand, you should be able to find news media addresses and circulation data at any good-sized public library. They'll have a directory of libraries in your state, too. Call the state headquarters of the LWV to get a list of all the local chapters.

If you'd like to take part in this program, or want more information about it, call Joe Dehn at 303-972-8094, or by electronic mail: "Joe.Dehn@f418.n104.z1.fidonet.org".

Testing the Limits of Government Control

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my article. We had an hour-long conversation in which he told me about his previous experiences with LSD and marijuana and his particular fears about MDA. I told him that the two fears he had (addiction and loss of control) were bad reasons to avoid MDA and that my own experiences with the drug were excellent. In essence, I advised him to try it. This conversation on the bus, which happened off school grounds and at the initiation of the student, has become the focus of the controversy, even though it is not covered by Stanford's alcohol and drug policy nor by the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act.

Getting back to my story, I decided to test the waters a bit more by writing a letter to several government officials, including Bucknam and Jesse Helms, to see if they could prod Stanford into taking action. I enclosed my article and to make them angry, I mentioned that nothing bad had happened to me since writing it, that in fact nothing but good things had happened. As an example, I cited the conversation with the student who wanted advice about MDA.

When I noticed that Bob Martinez was being sworn in as the new national drug czar, I sent him a letter as well, telling him that it was "about time that I included you on my list of government officials to harass." I was a bit whimsical that day and went on to say that "I am doing everything I can to make fools of you." Much has been made of the "rudeness" of my letter to Martinez, so let me quote a bit to give you an idea of the challenge I posed to him:

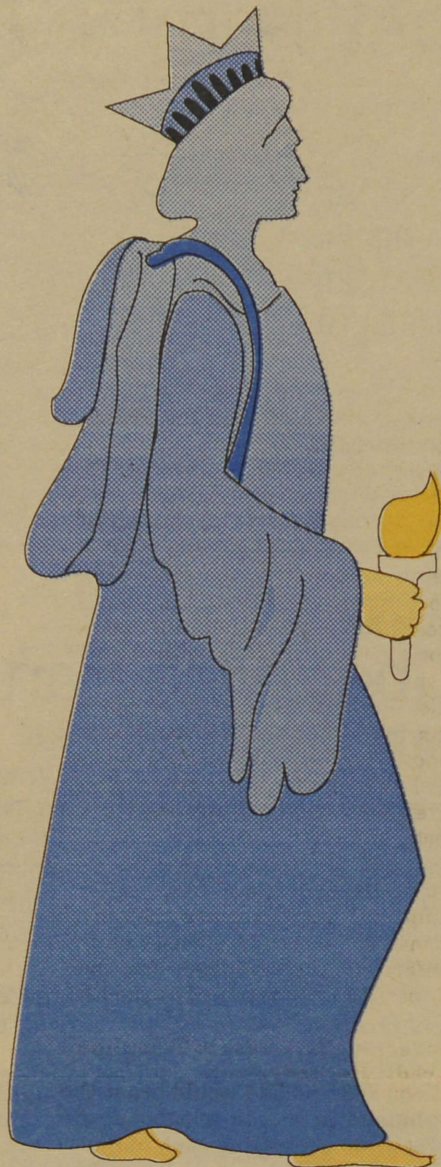
"The students that I talk to find it very encouraging that I can so openly defy government and Stanford policy without reprisal, proving my point that such policies have an effect only to the extent that people, out of fear, voluntarily change their behavior. I do not fear any of you, I have not changed my behavior, and nothing bad has happened to me. On the contrary, my stand against you has brought me additional respect, new friends, and an apparently endless stream of invitations to discuss my beliefs with students who are trying to make tough decisions about whether or not to experiment with drugs and/or whether or not to take the risk of continuing to use drugs in light of government persecution.

"If your office gives you any power to try to force me to change my behavior, I suggest that you apply it immediately, because right at the moment you look rather silly at Stanford to me and the numerous students that I talk to."

I included all of my correspondence to Bucknam in my letter to Martinez and a copy of my previous article.

Three weeks later I received a phone call from Mike Isikoff, a Washington Post reporter, asking for my comment on Martinez' letter to our university president. I hadn't heard of the letter, so he explained the situation to me. Martinez had written to Stanford expressing concern about me and reminding them of their legal responsibility. In part, he said, "In all candor, I would find it beyond comprehension that a man who openly professes to have encouraged an undergraduate to ingest MDA could continue to enjoy faculty privileges at a pace-setting institution like Stanford University. I was myself a teacher for many years. I can think of no action more radically at odds with the responsibilities an educator has to his students."

I was handed a letter explaining that I



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had been placed on administrative leave pending an investigation as I walked out of my class that afternoon (Friday, April 19). Within an hour, the university had broadcast a press release announcing my suspension (ironically, they were careful enough to have a press release go out, but they didn't even bother to inform my boss or the chairman of my department).

The whirlwind of national attention began on Sunday when the Washington Post ran their article. In retrospect, I think I was very fortunate that Isikoff framed the debate as a question of how the war on drugs will be waged at universities, particularly as it relates to freedom of speech and academic freedom. The next week and a half was one of the most hectic in my life. The Washington Post, National Public Radio, The Los Angeles Times, and The New York Times, who begat CNN news, who begat CBS Evening News, who begat CNN's "Crier and Company" and "Cross Fire," and so on. I have also become the most popular speaker in the dorms. I have spoken at 19 dorms since the story broke, with an average attendance of 50-60 people and the discussion going on for an average of two and a half hours (a couple have gone on for four hours).

Although I had expected the backpack to be the major focus in the media, it in fact became just an amusing backdrop to the real issue: whether faculty members should be allowed to advocate drug use. My backpack is probably the most photographed backpack in history, but almost all of the news stories and debate have

centered on advocacy.

I believe universities should be the citadels of "reason and free inquiry." As a result, I don't believe that faculty members should be censured for the opinions they express, even if those opinions involve recommending the breaking of university policies or laws. I'm willing to concede that speech can cross over into conduct in certain rare circumstances such as libel or incitement, but such cases should be handled by the court system and not by the university (and my legal advisors indicate that I am not guilty of any such crime).

Few people, however, seem to agree with my view of the university. Bob Novak articulated a view on CNN that many seem to share: that the parents who spend so much money sending their children to schools like Stanford should be able to decide how it is run. I firmly believe that parents should be able to choose where they will send their children (i.e., where they will spend their money), but I also believe that universities should resist such pressure to the extent that they are able to do so. Obviously if nobody wants to go to Stanford, it will go out of business, but I think it is better for the university to stick to its ideals and risk failure than to allow public opinion to govern what opinions may be expressed on campus.

Unfortunately, many people seem to disagree with me, including many faculty members. An interesting parallel is the attempt to suppress communists during the McCarthy era. In 1949 Stanford's President Wallace Sterling made a comment that sounds much like Martinez' comments about me. Sterling said, "I doubt very much that a member of the Communist Party is a free agent. If he is not a free agent, then it would seem to follow that he cannot be objective. If he cannot be objective, he is by definition precluded from being an educator." In a recent poll Stanford faculty members were asked, "Do you think that recommending that a student should use an illegal drug is punishable conduct or protected free speech?" The results were: 54 percent punishable conduct, 28 percent don't know, and 18 percent free speech.

Most ironic of all is the fact that President Bush made a speech at the graduation ceremony for the University of Michigan on May 4 about universities and free speech. He was addressing the issue of political correctness and the alarming trend towards silencing unpopular opinions (I agree with Bush, by the way, that this is a frightening trend). He said, "Ironically, on the 200th anniversary of our Bill of Rights, we find free speech under assault throughout the United States, including on some college campuses . . . Disputants treat sheer force—getting their foes punished or expelled, for instance—as a substitute for the power of ideas. Throughout history, attempts to micromanage casual conversation have only incited distrust. . . We all should be alarmed at the rise of intolerance in our land, and by the growing tendency to use intimidation rather than reason in settling disputes." Was the speechwriter a libertarian, do you suppose? It's a great speech, and seems highly relevant to my case, but I doubt that Bush can see the connection.

I'm sure they would have attacked my professional record if they could have, even though it is not really relevant to the fundamental questions in my case, but they have been frustrated to find that my job performance is quite good. Stanford President Kennedy gave me an award at

graduation six years ago for "Outstanding Service to Undergraduate Education," the Dean of Engineering the next year at graduation gave me the "School of Engineering Distinguished Advisor Award," and the undergraduates recently voted me among their top 12 favorite instructors.

Let me also quickly point out that my case raises several interesting questions for libertarians and for me as I decide whether or not to go to court over my case:

- By contract, I can expect to be employed through at least August of 1992. They can terminate me only for "professional misconduct," and I believe it is a matter of opinion as to whether or not that is a fair characterization. This also constitutes a kind of "professional libel" (I doubt that West Point is going to rush to snap me up if Stanford lets me go).

- Stanford is not an entirely private institution. The fact that they accept federal funds might actually increase rather than decrease their obligation to respect my constitutional freedoms.

- It's not clear that Stanford wants to fire me. The government is forcing them to act, and the government shouldn't be using my money to lobby for the firing of individuals they disagree with.

This afternoon (Friday, May 10), the university informed me that my employment would be terminated effective May 15. They chose not to fire me over the advocacy issue, although they expressed concern about it. They fired me over the backpack issue and my claim that I allowed some underage students to order a before-dinner drink at a restaurant. They have held out a carrot by saying that if I promise to abide by the policy in the future, I might qualify for reinstatement. The alcohol issue was never central to what I've been fighting for, so I intend to make such a promise as it relates to allowing underage students to drink. I do not intend, however, to make any promises about the backpack. I will file a grievance, but I doubt that I will manage to change their minds.

I believe that the backpack is just an excuse and that they are really firing me because the government is pressuring them to do so because of my drug advocacy. This is most evident from the fact that they did nothing in November, not even writing a letter of concern, even though I broadcast to the entire campus that I was carrying illegal drugs in my backpack. They didn't act until Bob Martinez wrote a letter five months later. It seems clear that their action was motivated by government pressure, not by a desire on their part to censure me over the backpack.

Let me close with one last observation. I have never been found guilty of a drug-related crime. The captain of the Stanford Police has stated publicly that he can't even get a search warrant issued based on what I've said. All I have done is to talk, and the government can't take me to court for that. They have succeeded in punishing me nevertheless by forcing Stanford to take on the enforcement role. Stanford has been coerced into becoming a partner in the war on drugs, extending the government's ability to punish drug users, and that is a big step backward for this institution and for the future of freedom in this country.

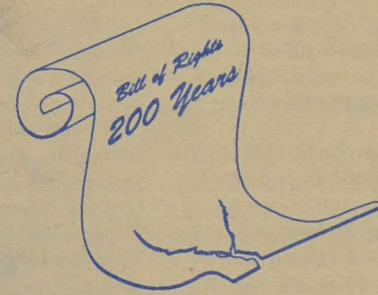
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A somewhat longer version of this article appears in the current issue of *Liberty* magazine.

Bush's New Crime Bill: The Beginning of the End of Liberty in America?

By Jarret B. Wollstein

During the last decade, the U.S. has experienced an unprecedented erosion of legal protection of individual rights. Legal principles which have protected us for 200 years from the encroachments of government are being thrown out in a moment of time.



Rights we have lost or are about to lose include the presumption of innocence of the accused; the right to legal counsel and trial by jury; protection from unreasonable search and seizure; and freedom of speech, religion, and press.

The tidal wave of totalitarian legislation is continuing. The latest affront is the Bush Administration's new Crime Bill HR 4079, introduced on March 11, 1991. It is no exaggeration to say that if this bill is enacted it will abolish most of what is left of the Bill of Rights, and set the stage for the creation of a full-fledged police state in America.

Here are a few of its provisions:

• Death Penalty.

The federal death penalty would be expanded to dozens of new crimes, including some offenses that do not involve murder or death. Death penalties would be authorized for the mentally retarded and disabled who commit crimes. Higher courts would no longer be required to review death penalties imposed by lower courts, even in cases where it could be shown the original verdict was in error.

• Warrantless Searches and Illegally Seized Evidence.

Title III effectively eliminates the Constitutional requirement that police get a warrant before searching a home or office.

This section grants police the right to use illegally seized evidence from warrantless searches, so long as the police believe they were acting legally.

Title III gives police the right to enter any property at any time, without a warrant or probable cause, and seize guns, pornography, cash, or anything else that could possibly be evidence of a crime, and use it to prosecute. Even if they find nothing, even if they destroy your house and beat you up in the process, they will still be acting within the law. Illegally seized firearms are specifically allowed as evidence.

Title III makes a mockery of the 4th Amendment.

• Drug Testing.

Title IX requires periodic drug testing of all released prisoners who are convicted of firearms violations, drug offenses, or crimes of violence. Revocation of release is permitted for anyone who fails a drug test or who "refuses to cooperate" in the drug testing.

• Aliens and Terrorism.

Under Title VII, aliens facing deportation could no longer challenge the use of evidence obtained through electronic surveillance. They would also have no "right of discovery" of government documents

normally available through the Freedom of Information Act.

Aliens accused of terrorism or contributing to a "terrorist" organization would lose the right to a normal deportation hearing. Instead, secret government hearings before special tribunals would be held. If deportation is ordered and no country will accept the deported alien, aliens could be imprisoned indefinitely without judicial review.

Under Title VII, an alien that has not been convicted of any crime could be imprisoned for life for contributing \$10 to an Irish or Palestinian cultural group, which the government subsequently asserts is a terrorist front.

• Juvenile Records.

Section 601 would require that juveniles convicted of certain offenses be fingerprinted and photographed, and their records permanently retained by the FBI.

• Government Access to Telephone and Credit Records.

Sections 743 and 744 would grant the FBI unlimited access to telephone and credit records, eliminating such inconveniences as warrants and legal oversight.

President Bush has stated that Congress should promptly pass the new Crime

Bill as a way of saying "thank you" to our troops returning from the Persian Gulf and making America safer. In fact, this Bill is a betrayal of everything America stands for and its passage is a sure way to destroy what little safety we have left. Violence, not peace, will be the inevitable result of government witch hunts for "terrorists," stepped up domestic spying, and police breaking into houses and offices searching for drugs, guns, and pornography.

The Crime Bill and those who support it are unwittingly committing treason against the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and 500 years of common law.

It is still not too late to stop this Crime Bill. Inform everyone you know about how our liberty is being extinguished. Call and write your senators and congressmen, and get your friends to call and write. Support the LP's Bill of Rights Project with your time and money. Sponsor a Bill of Rights seminar in your area.

The President's new Crime Bill is only one of many legislative attacks on our rights, at both the federal and state level. We must do everything we can to defeat both this Crime Bill and other police state legislation.

Fight for your liberty now or lose it!

Vice Chair Gingell Running for National Chair

LOS ALTOS, CA—Libertarian Party Vice Chair Mary Gingell announced in early May that she will seek the office of national chair at the LP National Convention in Chicago Labor Day weekend.

"I am proud to have been part of Chair Dave Walter's Performance Team, which has built a solid foundation from which the LP will grow and influence America's future. I want to help the party expand so that we can further educate the American people and restore this country's heritage of freedom.

"If our country is going to advance to liberty, Libertarians must organize for liberty, educate for liberty, and campaign for liberty," Gingell says. "We must have specific plans to strengthen the party's organization, our education of our members and the public, and our campaigns. I will be discussing my ideas for improvements and new programs with LP members between now and the election for chair Labor Day weekend."

During Gingell's term as the national LP's Affiliate Parties Committee chair (December 1988-April 1991), she concentrated on increasing communication among state and local activists, and between these activists and the national party, in an effort to help local LP leaders do a better



Mary Gingell

job organizing at the grass roots.

She developed—with, she says, "the help of many others"—the Expert Talent Bank, the "How To" Resource Bibliographies, the LP National Telephone Tree System, a national Field Coordinator project, a packet for new chairs of state LPs, and the Directory of LP Officers. She also began and edited APC News, a monthly newsletter for LP activists in all 51 states.

Since September 1989, Gingell has been national vice chair of the LP as well as serving as Affiliate Parties Committee

chair. As vice chair, she advised and assisted LP Chair Dave Walter, and worked with the other members of the LP Executive Committee, as well as many committee chairs, on all aspects of national LP management. For several months during 1990, Gingell lived in the Washington, DC, area and worked closely with National Director Nick Dunbar, meeting with him in LP National Headquarters at least once a week.

Gingell discovered the libertarian movement at the 1981 Massachusetts LP convention, which she attended at the invitation of a business school classmate. She joined the Massachusetts party that day, and when she moved to California later that year, she immediately sought out local LP activists and got involved in county LP activities.

Gingell soon became active at the state level as well, serving as LP of California treasurer (1981-82) and then LP of California chair (1982-84). In 1982, Gingell ran for controller of the State of California on the Libertarian ticket. She edited the newsletter of the California party from 1982 to 1984 and was controller of the 1984 LP national presidential campaign.

During 1983-85, she served as National LP vice chair. When Paul Grant resigned

as national chair in the spring of 1985, Gingell served briefly as acting national chair. She chaired most of the floor debate at the 1985 Phoenix national convention.

A graduate of University of Virginia, Gingell worked for Arthur Andersen, a big-eight accounting firm, in Houston, Texas, from 1977-1979. During this time she became a Certified Public Accountant as well as earning a Certificate in Management Accounting. She then attended Harvard Business School, earning a Master's in Business Administration with emphasis in managing service industries.

She worked for the Southern Pacific Transportation company from 1981-1986, where she was Manager, Commute Services, overseeing local passenger operations with an annual budget of \$20 million.

Gingell, her husband, Bill Evers, and their two children, Daniel, 4 1/2, and Pamela, 3, currently live in Los Altos, CA. Since 1986, Gingell has spent much of her time raising her children as well as doing extensive volunteer work at the YWCA, the Birth Place (a free-standing childbirth center in Menlo Park, CA), and La Leche League, an international network of support groups for breastfeeding mothers. For relaxation, she enjoys gardening and square dancing.

"Why Don't You Join the Republican Party?"

By Andre Marrou

The last week of April, I gave a speech at the Georgia LP state convention. After the speech, a man walked up to me and asked, "Why don't you join the Republican Party?"

Since I don't usually get asked this question at Libertarian state conventions, I asked, "Who are you?"

"Earle Smith," he said. "I'm a member of the Georgia State Central Committee of the Republican Party. You share our Republican philosophy of free enterprise and limited government. Why don't you join us?"

"I was a Libertarian state legislator in Alaska from 1985 to 1987," I responded. "I served with Republicans in the legislature. I watched Republicans run for office with vague promises of free enterprise, limited government, and tax limitation. Then I watched them vote in the legislature. They talk free enterprise and vote subsidies and protectionism. They talk limited government and vote larger state and federal budgets every year. They talk tax limitation and vote tax increases. Where are the Republicans who vote for less government and lower taxes?"

"You may have a point," said Earle

Smith. "But we're trying to return the party to its roots. You could make a difference."

"Which Republican roots?" I asked. "When I served with elected Republican legislators, they were stunningly ignorant of America's founding principles. They could not intelligently discuss 'Common Sense' by Tom Paine, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States—much less The Federalist Papers and the Anti-Federalist Papers. They hadn't even read the Constitution recently, yet they swore to uphold it. **How can you uphold that which you do not understand?**"

"But that's exactly why you should join the Republican Party," said Earle Smith. "To turn it around."

"I've seen who gets turned around when ex-libertarians join the Republican Party," I said. "Look at Dick Randolph and Ken Fanning in Alaska. Look at Roger Lea MacBride in Virginia and Florida. Look at Sam Steiger in Arizona. The Republican Party refused to support them. **Admit the truth, you don't want us in the Republican Party, you want us out of the Libertarian Party.**"

"That's not true," said Mr. Smith. "There are many fine Republicans who share your values."

"That share our values of individual liberty and self-responsibility, of the right to life, liberty, and property?" I asked. **Name me three elected Republicans who consistently vote libertarian?**

"Well, I'd have to think about it," said Earle Smith.

"Let me make it easy," I said. "Name me one Republican U.S. congressman, or senator, or governor who consistently votes for tax cuts, de-regulation, and government budget cuts. Just one."

"Well, I didn't say we totally agreed with you," said Mr. Smith. "I said we shared a number of values."

"I understand," I said. "But it's not a matter of how you talk. It's how you vote. It's not your rhetoric that matters. It's your vote. It's not what you say. It's what you do. That's where we part company. Republican candidates talk more freedom. Elected Republicans vote more government. Libertarians talk more liberty and vote more liberty. Libertarians keep their word. Over 100 libertarians have been elected to public office. Not one of us has ever voted for more government or higher taxes. What's your Republicans record look like?"

"But Mr. Smith, I don't want to single out the Republican Party for special criticism. If the Democrats upheld the ideals of

Thomas Jefferson, neither the Republicans nor the Libertarians would be necessary. If the Democrats upheld each individual's right to life, liberty, and justly acquired property, the rights that form the foundation of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America, then we would not be needed.

"But the Republican Party and the Democratic Party stopped thinking about and caring about these principles long, long ago. That is why there is and must be a Libertarian Party. And why we must grow."

"Mr. Smith, if you're really serious about individual rights, about individual freedom, and about individual responsibility, why don't you join us? John Taylor is the Georgia Libertarian state chair. He can sign you up right now. How about it? Will you join us?"

"Mr. Marrou, thanks for your time, but I've got to be going . . ." said Earle Smith. And he left.

For more information concerning the Marrou LP presidential nomination campaign, write Marrou for President, 4750 E. Sahara, Las Vegas, NV 89104, or call 702-431-3848.

Boddie Outlines Campaign Goals, Tactics

By Dick Boddie

For your information and support, the Boddie for President Committee shares the following:

Our Mission:—

To make "Libertarian" a household word, attain the broadest possible acceptance, and promote the positive awareness of the ideas and ideals of freedom, and the existence and virtues of the Libertarian Party.

Our Goals:

1) Nomination—To have Richard Benjamin Boddie represent the Libertarian Party in 1992 as the candidate for president of the United States of America.

2) More Members—To substantially increase the number of members in the LP, and the number of American citizens registered to vote as Libertarians.

3) Financial Support—To raise \$50,000 in seeking the nomination and \$350,000 to \$1 million as the candidate, from 1991 through November 1992.

4) Local Growth—To establish a Boddie for President component in 50 states, and promote and assist in local and state party activities and growth.

5) Exposure—To participate in the national presidential debates, be active nationally and internationally in current events and issues.

Our Platform:

1) Taxes—Taxes are the number-one problem in the eyes of most Americans likely to vote Libertarian. In opposing taxes, the Boddie Campaign will not sound like a conservative pundit or supply-sider. Taxes cripple the economy, yes; and increased taxes are not the proper way to balance the budget. But taxes are more than just an economic issue, they are also a profound moral issue; they strike at the heart of what libertarianism, and the Libertarian Party, is all about. Taxation is theft, a fact which many people feel intu-

itively, but are ashamed or afraid to even think about. Taxation is stealing the hard-earned money of every American. Taxation is coercion, striking at the heart of a free society. And the income tax, in particular, is a monstrous imposition on the life of every American. What agency is more terrifying than the IRS, which can strike at any home, investigate anyone's files, income, or way of life, seize anyone's assets, and put virtually any American in jail without due process of the Bill of Rights?

It would be shameful for the Libertarian Party to trail behind any other established group in its opposition to taxation; we should take the lead on this crucial issue. Thus, the Boddie Campaign will call for the abolition of the income tax and the IRS (and the Fed), and the repeal of the 16th Amendment which makes that tax possible.

Our constituency here is everyone who hates taxes, from the conscious tax rebel, to victims of the IRS, to the friends and family of those victims, to the average American. In other words, almost every citizen.

The remaining five issues are interchangeable in their emphasis and importance, as those in power raise their tyranny against free people over the next several months. They are:

- 2) Civil Liberties/The Bill of Rights
- 3) Education vs. Government Schools
- 4) Foreign Intervention (The Warfare State)
- 5) The Welfare State (or We're ALL Poor)
- 6) Environmental Concerns—utilizing free market solutions.

Voter Awareness:

In lieu of matching funds for advertising on national TV, we will seek voter awareness and education in the following order of priority:

- 1) Audio/Video Tapes—Produce, distribute, and sell audio and video for public

access cable and private access home viewing.

2) Talk Shows—Radio talk shows are popular, with large demographics, allowing in-depth responses and presentation, and very cost effective. Some TV talk shows are good for exposure, but not as effective as radio (where one can stay at home).

3) TV Interviews—Traditional television interviews are educational, informative, and very effective when the "sound bite" or 30-second answer is utilized correctly.

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Cato Institute on the topic of drug legalization. The lecture was well-attended and Boaz was interviewed by numerous media organizations.

One important benefit of our campaign is that we have established ourselves as a valuable source of information for reporters who are covering the drug raids story.

I am pleased to report that many students have told me they are reconsidering their positions on the War on Drugs. It should be noted, however, that aside from the efforts of SIL and UL, there was little open protest concerning the raids.

While the campaign against the War on Drugs was in full swing, I worked to arrange a forum at UVA for Libertarian Party presidential candidates Richard Boddie and Andre Marrou. Journalists from the local newspapers and radio and television stations agreed to participate. Larry Sabato, professor of government and foreign affairs at UVA and nationally-known political commentator, agreed to serve as moderator for the event.

On April 11, the forum, titled "The Libertarian Alternative: An Examination of the Candidates," was sponsored by UL. It was a tremendous success. A large crowd

attended the forum, and the media followed up with excellent coverage. Sabato, an ardent supporter of the "two-party system," told us that he really enjoyed serving as moderator and meeting our candidates.

4) Print Media—Newspapers, magazines, letters to the editor, "white papers," etc.

5) Advertisement—At best, radio and print media. Television advertisement is the least cost effective, but would be very productive with a budget of \$20 million to \$50 million.

For more information concerning the Boddie LP presidential nomination campaign, write Boddie for President, 8855 Atlanta Ave., Huntington Beach, CA 92646, or call 714-968-3973.

Look for more news about student activities at UVA in next month's NEWS.

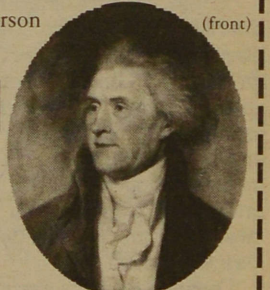
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Convention News

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By LEI, Ltd. Staff

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When parking at a meter in Chicago, please bring lots of change. Effective May 1, 1991, many loop parking meters go up to 50 cents for the first 15 to 30 minutes. After five parking tickets, your car can get the "Denver Boot"—which does not let you move your car. Best advice—park in a lot; it's safer.

Flying in, then taking the "el"? Even this year you must be aware of subway station closures, so be sure to ask for "el" directions when registering.

NEW SIGHTS IN CHICAGO: A new City Hall exhibit about Clout City's original comedy club—better known as its CITY COUNCIL. The exhibit is located on the second floor of City Hall right outside of Council Chambers. The permanent exhibit is the idea of "Chicago history buff" and 14th Ward Alderman Edward Burke, who noticed many city hall visitors touring the council chambers, and not having much to see except the random antics of the council sessions.

The SHEDD AQUARIUM's new OCEANARIUM is now open. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Admission to the Aquarium is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children ages 3-11; admission to Oceanarium is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Be sure to call ahead for tickets; there is absolutely no guarantee that same-day tickets will be available, so call Ticketmaster at 312-559-0200 for specific date and time availability. (Thursday is the museum's "free day," but there is always a charge for the Oceanarium.)

Things to come—pre-convention questionnaires for all registrants with regard to special needs as well as our customary convention evaluation, PLUS discount coupons for restaurants and other services—see your convention program when you check in at the hotel.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO LAUGH

is the theme of the Heartland Institute Banquet to be held in conjunction with LIBERTY TRIUMPHANT. Tickets are \$50 per person, if you register for LIBERTY TRIUMPHANT, or \$65 in advance without, or \$75 at the door. This event will be held beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 1991. For more information please contact: Gary Miller, Director of Public Affairs, The Heartland Institute, 634 S. Wabash, Chicago, IL 60606; 312-427-3060.

Are you a DIE HARD LIBERTARIAN? Does your plane take off late Sunday night or even the next day? Then why not join Steve Alexander and crew for some casual food and fun? For more information write: DIE HARD LIBERTARIAN DINNER, c/o LNC, 1528 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20003.

Want to see a funny play while in Chicago? Then plan to see "Do the White Thing" at the Organic Theater. Set in Chicago, the script changes with world and economic events. Find out who "god" is for one of the stars, Rob Kolson (hint: it's a well-known libertarian economist). For ticket information call 312-472-1919. (Rated three stars by members of the LPI.)

THE BEST FOR LAST: C-SPAN WILL BE COVERING THE CONVENTION. Liberty Triumphant doesn't want to appear to be too "establishment," but we urge convention participants to dress neatly—preferably no T-shirts at least when the cameras are rolling. We also want the appearance of rooms to be crowded, so please be prompt to events. We want to be GIGANTIC NOT LITTLE!

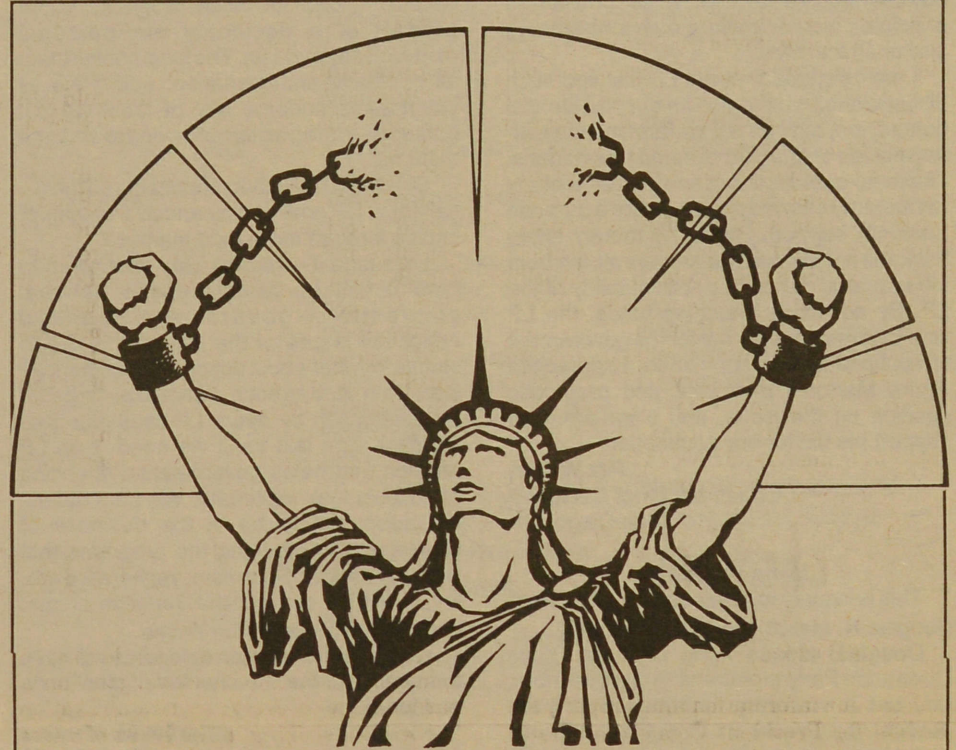
NICK DUNBAR will be moving the operations of the entire national office to Chicago the week of the convention. That includes the "call forwarding" of the "800-number." NICK NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO ANSWER THE PHONE, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ARE ON THE AIR. If you'd like to help, please contact Nick at 202-543-1988.

COMING NEXT ISSUE: A COMPLETE LIST OF SPEAKERS, PANELS, AND WORKSHOPS.

P.S. If you are a football fan, you should know the 1991 Chicago Bears home opening game is Sunday, Sept. 1, against the Minnesota Vikings. For tickets call 312-663-5408.

Attention — Bulletin!!!

As the NEWS goes to press, LIBERTY TRIUMPHANT has just announced that it has received authorization to accept VISA or Mastercard credit cards for registration for the national convention. If you would like to register for the convention (see registration form in last month's NEWS) and bill your fees to your credit card, please include your credit card type (VISA/Mastercard), credit card number, and expiration date, as well as your signature, on a separate piece of paper to accompany the registration form. Look for more information on this development in the July NEWS.



Why LIBERTY TRIUMPHANT?

Most libertarians have not seen the 1991 national convention logo. We have so much copy in our ads that there just isn't enough space for it. So here it is. Done by Nomos Art Editor Bill Judson, it shows Miss Liberty breaking loose from the chains of oppression. It is a

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Letters: LPC, Vouchers, & More

California Correction

W. A. Bill Hill (May, 1991 NEWS) was a little premature to congratulate the California LP for taking a strict anti-matching funds position. What he was referring to was a resolution, put out on Boddie for President letterhead, stating that the California LP wouldn't cooperate with any candidate who accepted matching funds. What the resolution neglected to say was that it had yet to be proposed, and when it came up before the California Execom, it was easily defeated.

How ironic that certain Libertarians, so concerned about the LP's collective principles, would circulate such a misleading and unethical flier.

I am delighted that the LP has two such distinguished candidates for our presidential nomination, but I do not understand the self-flagellation on the part of some Libertarians. I have no qualms about seeing some of my tax monies returned to be used for a purpose I actually support. Since the money taken back will not exceed the amount stolen from Libertarians, it is not a public subsidy of the LP. By not using matching funds, the LP would be making it easier for the government to continue its war against us. I appreciate Andre Marrou's principled and pragmatic position on the issue, and I am proud to support his bid for our nomination.

Pat Wright
Chairman, LP of California
San Diego, CA

Hang In There

This is in reply to a letter to the editor from Douglas N. Merritt (April, 1991 NEWS).

Douglas, please hang in there. Your Libertarian Party membership dues are not a tax, but a voluntary contribution to your political party. There are three things that our party badly needs: 1) more members; 2) money; 3) media access—and by your actions you are denying the first two and possibly indirectly the third. Please reconsider and stay a member.

Brian Kominsky
Langhorne, PA

Educational Vouchers

For some reason a number of Libertarians, including some of the party's movers and shakers, have gotten it into their heads that "educational vouchers" somehow can be twisted into an honorable political/economic position.

Which would be funny if only it wasn't so tragic, and so potentially damaging to the party over the long haul. That's because taking such a position (even if it's a short term vote-getter) is very much like saying a military draft offers "freedom of choice" provided the draftee gets to choose between the tank corps and the infantry! The truth of

the matter is that all government-run education is equally odious if government continues to do the financing. And then there are the other ethical impediments for any Libertarian that voucher proponents studiously ignore: Government-dictated curricula and textbooks, teacher certification, subsidized transportation—none of which would disappear under any voucher scheme.

Really, there's no room at all here for semantic gamesplaying. Put bluntly, school vouchers are every bit as anti-libertarian as food stamps or day care vouchers or housing vouchers. Each of those programs is the product of a decidedly anti-personal responsibility mindset. The logic behind them all is clearly anti-libertarian; and if we as Libertarians endorse any of them we put ourselves in the position of having to endorse them all.

So what will voucher proponents do next—call for a LP goal of "expanded freedom of choice through more food stamps?"

Let's face it—and the very best place to face it will be at this year's national convention—government-financed education is one of the largest foundation stones for what's best described as American Socialism. And as such, it should be targeted for destruction by every LP candidate and member. The last thing we need is an LP position that helps governmental financing of schools look legitimate. We Libertarians are supposed to be in the business of consistently combatting the programs that define American Socialism; yet here we are, toying with a cutesy little variation of that basically anti-Libertarian theme.

I hope the convention delegates will have foresight to kill the "voucher temptation" once and for all.

John M. Simons
Sheffield, VT

Campaign Fund

In Dave Walter's column (April, 1991 NEWS), he asks the question of whether or not Libertarians should spend the \$250,000 required to get our presidential ticket on the ballot in those last four or five difficult states or spend the money elsewhere. Walter suggests we spend it on advertising for the presidential campaign.

Another possibility is to start a fund to support candidates further down the political ladder. Libertarians have the best opportunity to win in races for state legislature. In Washington state, where I live, candidates for state legislature with \$100,000 in campaign funds can unseat incumbents. With \$250,000 the national party could support two or three candidates with enough money to make a difference.

The best thing the national party could do to promote growth in the party is to help two or three LP candidates for state legislature win.

Let's have an "Elect a Libertarian in '92" fund.

Kelly L. Haughton
Tacoma, WA

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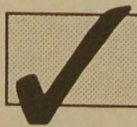
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From You

Letters from members and readers

Brady Bill

President Bush wants to play let's make a deal with the Bill of Rights.

The Second Amendment doesn't need any changes, and we don't need the Brady Bill. A waiting period wouldn't have stopped John Hinkley, nor will it stop anyone who really wants a handgun now. The Brady Bill will not solve any problems, it will create new ones.

Seeing how poorly the drug war has gone, we can write off the gun war before it starts.

George Vickery
Concord, NC

Last Word on the War

I have news that will come as a shock to many of you: the Persian Gulf War is over. Whether you were pro-war or non-interventionist doesn't make a difference any more. No matter how much the subject is debated within the LP there is nothing we can do about it now. The only thing that matters now is Nov. 3, 1992.

Those Libertarians who want to live in the past are doing nothing for the party. It's time for the war debaters to check their calendars. Nov. 3, 1992, is only about 500 days away.

Think about it but don't take too long—we're running out of time. Now go out and do something positive for the Libertarian Party!

Ken Zollner
Milwaukee, WI

Firearms

The Department of Defense defines "assault rifle" in the following way: any reduced size, reduced power, selective fire military rifle. This is not a word-for-word definition.

The key words in this definition are "selective fire." That means that an assault rifle is capable of firing either fully automatic or semi-automatic simply by changing the selective fire lever. This difference is of utmost importance because assault rifles as defined above have been unavailable to most Americans since the 1930s. Americans are allowed to own either single shot or semi-automatic rifles only. The California bill (April, 1991 NEWS) seeks to outlaw semi-automatic rifles by getting people to think that they are actually fully automatic machine guns.

The important thing is that whoever defines the meaning of things in a debate has a big advantage. The pro gun control groups have grabbed the term assault rifle for the same reason they grabbed the term Saturday Night Special back in the 1960s and 1970s. Since any kind of gun control will never be an answer to crime control, pro control groups must rely on fear, hype, and hysteria to get their message to the public.

True assault rifles have been banned for years and the firearms outlawed in the California bill are not assault rifles. This bill passed only because of the fear and hysteria created by very biased and many times untrue news reporting.

So what I am requesting is that when you do an article on assault rifles, or any type of firearm, don't let the pro gun control people define the terms for you. Their only mission, regardless of what they claim, is to totally disarm the U.S.

Jim Blank
Whittier, CA

1st in Nevada

Libertarian Ernest Walker captured 38.5 percent of the vote to take first place in a three-way primary election for Sparks (NV) City Council. Walker, a 40-year-old medical technician who ran on a platform of privatization and fiscal responsibility, said he was surprised at the result.

"I've never run for anything, not even in high school," Walker said. "We did an awful lot of walking and talking. I guess people believed in what we were saying."

Walker believes he has a good chance in the June 4 general election, as the third-place finisher's positions were close to his own. Nevertheless, he plans to "be walking and talking from now 'til election day."

The city of Sparks adjoins Reno. With a population of approximately 50,000, it is the fourth-largest community in Nevada. Under state law, municipal elections are officially non-partisan.

For more information write 410 L St., Sparks, Nevada 89431, or call 702-359-6754.

Tucson Mayor

Libertarian Gay Lynn Goetzke has thrown her hat into the ring and announced her candidacy for mayor of Tucson, AZ. Goetzke formally kicked-off her campaign on May 7 with a well-covered news conference and dozens of supporters cheering her on.

"Enough is enough!" Goetzke told the crowd. "The people of Tucson are fed up with politics as usual. They want government off their backs. As mayor, I will work to reduce the size and cost of government."

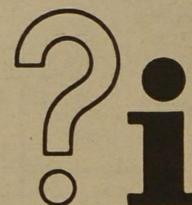
Goetzke intends to run a serious and well-funded campaign all the way to election day this November. Goetzke is getting the early respect from the media to run a credible campaign.

One of the campaign plans is to participate in the city matching funds program. Unlike the federal program, this one is totally voluntary—the funds come from voluntary check-offs added to the water bills.

An early target for the campaign will be small business owners, who are being hit hard by the recession. Tucson is the "bankruptcy capital" of the U.S., and local businesses are ripe for new ideas. Goetzke plans to meet as many business owners as possible.

Goetzke, 32, is the owner of Lynx Industries, a small precision machining and manufacturing firm. She is also a second generation Libertarian—her parents have been active since the early Libertarian and objectivist movements of the 1960s. Her mother, Areta Johnson, was co-founder of the Libertarian Party of Pima County in 1972.

For more information on this campaign, write Gay Lynn Goetzke for Mayor, P.O. Box 11, Tucson, AZ 85702, or telephone 602-323-1656.



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Speakers include Andre Marrou and Dick
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June 1-2, 1991:
Florida LP Convention; contact Jim
Culberson at 407-727-0801.

June 2, 1991:
Rhode Island LP Convention; 401-247-
2068.

June 8, 1991:
Arizona LP Convention, Hotel Westcourt,
Phoenix. Speakers include Dick Boddie,
Andre Marrou, Eric Ewing; 608-248-8425.

June 15, 1991:
Minnesota LP Convention, Metrodome
Hilton, Minneapolis; 612-483-2358.
Speakers include Andre Marrou, David Opp,
and Mitch Pearlstein.

June 15, 1991:
Utah LP Convention, Capitol Building
Auditorium, Salt Lake City; 801-565-9597.
Speakers include Mark Skousen.

June 21-23, 1991:
Women in Libertarianism Conference,
University Park Holiday Inn, Ft. Collins, CO;
303-484-8184.

June 29, 1991:
Washington State LP Convention, Board
Room of the Student Union Building of the
University of Puget Sound, Tacoma; 206-752-
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June 29, 1991:
Kentucky LP Convention, Lexington; 606-278-
3215.

July 13-14, 1991:
Nevada LP Convention, Miztah Hotel,
Tonopah; 702-482-8429.

July 13, 1991:
Hawaii LP Convention, Waikiki; 808-536-0790
or 808-845-7900. Speakers include Dick
Boddie and Andre Marrou.

July 19-21, 1991:
Missouri LP Convention, Fontbonne College,
St. Louis; 314-997-8585.

July 20, 1991:
Louisiana LP Convention; 504-924-0526.

July 27, 1991:
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July, 1991:
South Carolina LP Convention; 803-755-2405.

August 24, 1991:
Maine LP Picnic, The Pavillion, Reed State
Park; 207-874-6992.

August 28-September 1, 1991:
"Liberty Triumphant," LP Presidential
Nominating Convention, Chicago Marriott,
Chicago; 708-475-0391.

September 5, 1991:
Jury Rights Day, Jefferson Memorial,
Washington, DC; National News Conference
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February, 1992:
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