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## 1986 LPC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

by Dennis Schlumpf, Northern Vice Chair

Dateline; Contra Costa County, CA, 22 Nov 1985, 2100 hours.

Contra Costa County makes huge gain in Libertarian Party members. The county's membership gain of 11, bringing the total to 42, is mainly due to the state LP's membership drive reports Chair Hugh McLean.

At the upcoming Dec. 11th County Committee meeting, they hope to capitalize on these new faces to reorganize and revitalize the Contra Costa Party. With new interest they also hope for further gains.

Dateline; Sacramento County, CA, 20 Nov 1985, 1130 hours.

Telephone campaign to raise money to start tri-county free-market newspaper produces additional members for the Sacramento County Libertarian Party. Activist John Slevin reports that an offshoot of Sacramento County's efforts to start a free-market newspaper has been a significant percentage gain in members for that county's LP organization. Working with telemarketing professional Bob Gaede, Slevin's efforts to revive the dormant Sacramento County LP organization are beginning to come together.

Slevin, Gaede, Placer County Chair Bruce Daniel, and others conceived the idea to produce a free-market newspaper that would be distributed in the counties of Sacramento, Placer, and Nevada. The newspaper would produce the income needed to sustain itself thru advertising and would publish thought-provoking libertarian articles on economics, civil liberties, legislative actions, local news, and other items of interest. It was decided to use telemarketing techniques to raise the money to finance the the initial issue, and an offshoot of that effort has produced the additional membership.

Dateline; San Francisco, CA, 21 Nov 1985.

San Francisco LP gains 14 members to post a 42% gain! The Libertarian Party in "The City" seems to be undergoing a return of strong interest at a time when city government seems to be running amok. With many San Franciscans undoubtedly tired of the continuing battles over high-rise buildings and the city-owned toilets, some are seeking refuge in the Party of Principle.

Dateline; Santa Clara County, CA, 22 Nov 1985, 2130 hours.

The membership juggernaut continues! Santa Clara County, under the direction of Chair Jim Wilson and Membership Chair Steve Alexander continues to add Libertarians to the Party rolls in increasing numbers.

Membership seems to be only one byproduct of a strong organization with an excellent newsletter with paid advertising an active letter-to-the-editor campaign, a supper club, contests, active candidates, and a group of individuals who create news and issues. The county organization, never lacking in ideas, recently started a computer bulletin board and has more than 80 users!

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

by Sam Treynor, Southern Vice Chair

The outstanding performance so far in Southern California's membership drive has been turned in by Los Angeles Region 62 (Westside). Neal Donner, the Regional Chair, with the assistance of Chris Hofland, newsletter editor, along with Rick Cammon, Joe Russell, Taylor Rhodes, Eric Fine and the rest of the region, have increased membership from 38 to 67.

San Diego County is kicking off their drive on November 19th. They plan to call all of their old members and all National Members who are not state members. They have obtained a list of Reason Magazine subscribers and from it have developed a list of five hundred names which are not included on any other lists they have. When telephone numbers are developed this list also will be contacted for membership. County Chair Pat Wright gives special credit to Lou Misko for San Diego's list management.

Los Angeles County Region 64 (Central LA) has picked up Larry Leathers on waivers from his former region to spearhead their membership drive.

Orange County began its membership drive at the Orange County Fair, where approximately 200 names and addresses of interested people were obtained. Four of these responded to a flyer for an Introduction to Libertarianism and have demonstrated continuing interest.

The best results have been achieved by Los Angeles County Region 62 (Westside). Neal Donner's method of increasing membership is not only successful but also should be fairly easy to duplicate.

His first step was to have a regularly published newsletter. With Chris Hofland as editor, this was accomplished.

His next step was to assemble a prospect list. He did this the hard way, by obtaining a list of registered voters, picking out the Libertarians, and transferring them to 4 by 6 index cards. A regional session with the phone book divided the cards into two groups: those with phone numbers and those without. Those without numbers were set aside.

Neal then proceeded to personally telephone all of those with phone numbers, talking to perhaps 1000 people - twenty per night, three hundred per month. He insists that this is not as staggering a task as it seems. The twenty phone calls per night take only half an hour.

His opening line in the conversation is "I'm not asking you for money," which usually succeeds in relaxing the prospect. He follows with a question: "Would like to receive our Newsletter?" Unless more conversation develops, a yes or no answer is all he wants. The newsletter is sent for free.

By expanding the newsletter mailing list to 500 names, Region 62 has been able to keep many additional people informed of their activities. The result has been a membership increase of nearly 100 percent. Neal would be happy to share details of his procedures with anyone who is interested.

(editor's note: Since Region 62 started their membership building program before the October 1st start of the statewide membership contest, some of their 29 new members are included in their "base" figure of 51 members.)



# Old Politics and New Labels

**D**on't call Rep. Jack Kemp a conservative. He is, he says, a populist, a progressive and a neoconservative. Sometimes, half in jest, he claims to be all three at once. New York Gov. Mario Cuomo says, as much to tease as enlighten, that he's not a liberal, but a progressive pragmatist. And don't even bother trying to label Sen. Bill Bradley. "I don't make it easy for people," he says. "I don't use labels—any labels."

Welcome to the era of brand-name confusion in American politics. Everyone agrees the hoary liberal-conservative labels are meaningless. They are no help in interpreting voguish issues like protectionism, the plight of the farmers or what to do about a national debt approaching \$2 trillion (page 34). These emerging issues are best understood by dividing the political world into two camps: those who look to action by a central authority and those who believe government cures are worse than the disease. It all comes back to the uniquely American conflict between an unrivaled faith in personal freedom (the noninterventionists) and the democratic urge to use government for what seem to be good ends (the interventionists).

**Enemies and Allies:** Looking at where prominent politicians fall along the interventionist axis may not create a new political order, but it can clear up a lot of confusion about the old. It explains, for example, why some political leaders have more in common with purported enemies than alleged allies. On the surface, Rep. Jack Kemp and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole are both conservative Republicans. But their views on government intervention in the economy often are at opposite extremes. Kemp preaches the leave-us-alone doctrine of massive tax cuts; Dole

stresses collective responsibility for the federal budget deficit. Kemp vehemently opposes restrictions on imports; Dole is willing to consider them.

The same fissure runs through the Democratic Party. Sens. Gary Hart and Bill Bradley oppose intervention in the form of new import restrictions, lining up opposite moderate Democratic brethren such as Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and Rep. Dick Gephardt. Partly to lessen the role of tax policy in the marketplace, Bradley joined Kemp to pursue tax reform, key features of which are opposed with gusto by Cuomo and Sen. Ted Kennedy.

On social issues, interventionists in both parties work to preserve the family as they define it. The Rev. Jerry Falwell and other apostles of freedom from governmental intrusion nevertheless want the government to help enforce traditional behavior on issues such as abortion, school prayer and sexual mores. Some of Falwell's Democratic critics support their own style of government manipulation of social behavior, in education, child rearing and race relations. The common denominator is a belief that God, or his earthly incarnation, justice, is on their side.

**Ideological Purity:** It's never been easy, or terribly important, to be ideologically pure in American politics. But it's especially hard these days. Lyndon Johnson and his allies were perhaps the last pure interventionists of the postwar era, favoring big-ticket social programs, economic regulation and a cold-warrior foreign policy. There aren't many pure noninterventionists, either. Rep. Ed Zschau of California, whom libertarians claim as their own, favors free-market notions like contracting out teaching in schools, but also supports tough environmental regulation, the ERA and sanctions against South Africa.

Noninterventionism may be all the rage in this era of Rambo Reaganism, but it is more honored in the breach than most of its champions want to admit. The president vowed to "drain the swamp" of Washington but has helped add \$1 trillion to the national debt. Kemp wants taxes slashed but supports using the IRS code for economic engineering through creation of tax-free enterprise zones. Democratic noninterventionist Gov. Bruce Babbitt also favors national service for the nation's youth in the Kennedyesque spirit of the Peace Corps and

lobbies hard for gigantic federal water projects in his home state of Arizona.

As a society, we are wrestling with the question of government intervention: when, how much and for what purposes. Should the government step in to try to make U.S. industries more competitive in world markets? What, if anything, should it do to control the flow of illegal immigrants into the country? What role can government play in breaking the cycle of welfare dependency among the poor?

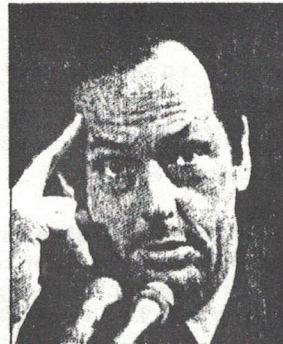
These are not abstract questions. "There is a new synthesis out there," says Lee Atwater, a political adviser to Vice President George Bush. "And whoever defines it is going to win the next election." What will be the best-selling label for 1988 when the baby boomers' political power is at flood tide? Atwater advises nonintervention on both economic and social policy, but with major exceptions in areas like environmental control, health care and child care. "The baby boomers are against big government, but not against government altogether," he argues. "They're in favor of quality, and that applies to government, too."

The risk for the GOP is getting tagged as social interventionists of the Falwell mold. "The baby boomers," says Republican pollster Robert Teeter, "are pro-choice on everything." Democratic presidential aspirants such as Hart, Babbitt and Gephardt have adopted a decidedly noninterventionist tone, as do Cuomo and Kennedy. Cuomo cites his success at balancing New York's bloated budget, while Kennedy now acknowledges that some federal welfare and housing programs have been counterproductive.

Finding a name for these subtle new interventionist blends won't be easy. Durable brand names in politics are produced in times of dramatic upheaval, and this is not one. But Democratic and Republican strategists agree that the future may well belong not to a sloganeer, but an explainer. "The issues are just too damned complicated," Atwater contends, "and the interests of the American people are just too diverse. One buzz phrase or one party can't automatically handle all the issues that come up. The American people will want them handled in a thoughtful, analytical manner by a politician who can then explain his or her decisions to the public."

Now all we have to do is find a thoughtful, analytical politician.

HOWARD FINEMAN in Washington



Bradley: Won't be branded



Kemp: Noninterventionist

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by David Bergland

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## 1986 LPC CONVENTION

The LPC State Executive Committee has elected a Platform Coordinator and a Bylaws Committee to serve at the upcoming LPC State Convention (February 14 - 17, 1986, at the Viscount Hotel in Los Angeles.) The Platform Coordinator will be Steve Krueger, while the Bylaws Committee will consist of Eric Garris, Mary Gingell, Chris Hibbert, Lyn Sapowsky, and Bill White. Additional representatives to the Platform Committee will be elected by LPC county or regional organizations in January.

To the editor:

Bill Birmingham correctly states (in the November, 1985 issue of California Libertarian News) "South African blacks are fighting for justice." If they win they may just end up with some form of collectivist justice -- and no liberty at all.

For personal reasons I would like to see the current South African state and its ruling gang of white bullies and racists trashed. However, is it perhaps not just as racist to expect the white tribe of Africa to behave better than the black tribes of Africa? When will anybody stand up for the black victims of black Africa instead of just mouthing generic condemnations like Mayor Koch of New York is wont to do? By now it is only Stevie Wonder who believes that "Peace has come to Zimbabwe."

As a Libertarian I am by now aware that the enemies of my enemies are not my friends, and more often than not are no friends of liberty either. That certainly holds true for the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, Desmond Tutu, whose paws itch and whose eyes sparkle in anticipation of imposing his particular brand of theocratic fascism on South Africa. (And he is one of the nice guys fighting the ruling Christian Nationalist scum.)

Bill Birmingham may also be correct when he writes: "Power, not money, is at stake in South Africa." As a Libertarian, I would like to see and hope for the diffusion, abolition and diminishment of political power and not just the transfer thereof. (We could do with more of that in California.)

I do believe that the evidence tends to support Murray Rothbard (California Libertarian News, October, 1985) -- myself being a case in point. Money can help you procure some personal and economic freedom and maybe, just maybe, you can even use money to secure political liberty.

I remain, for now, an American by choice.

Rudolph Laubscher  
Hollywood

## BENEFIT CONCERT FOR LPC BEING PLANNED

Kim Goldsworthy, Chair of LPC Region 63, "foothills," has started plans for a benefit concert by and for Libertarians. Goldsworthy said that the time is ripe for one, and that the media splash that such an event would have would turn the ripples of Libertarian waves into a flood of positive regard and respect. Celebrity endorsements have always been used in Madison Avenue methods of influence, so why not bring out prominent figures in the entertainment industry to show open support for principles of fairness and individual initiative?

Although Goldsworthy has contacts with some music industry professionals and certain marketing specialists, he would greatly appreciate being contacted by representatives of name acts in those fields he has fewest connections, namely, film and theater. All libertarians who have skills applicable to concert promotions, like lighting, sound, and media promotion as well as professional acts themselves, are requested to write or call him to offer their support and possible participation in this project.

Many people are libertarian, but don't know it -- that is, they don't have a label for their philosophy. The spreading of that way of life is exactly the purpose of the concert. If anything can reach more people than books, it is entertainment.

Address your letter of interest and support to Mr. Kim Goldsworthy, 3436 Chariette Avenue, Rosemead, CA, 91770, or call (818) 280-5644.

## CAMPAIGN '86

LPC Candidate Coordinator Mike Hall urges LPC county organizations to make every effort to recruit and support candidates in local districts. Libertarians who are considering becoming candidates should coordinate their plans with their county chair, so that the procedure of collecting nominating petition signatures can begin as soon as allowed -- on December 17th.

County chairs and county election coordinators are invited to contact Mike Hall at (213) 254-1776 with questions and information about their local efforts.

## THANK YOU

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# LOCAL EVENTS & CONTACTS

## MEMBERSHIP

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as of thru  
10/01 11/23

		COUNTY	DATE	EVENT	CHAIR or (*) CONTACT	PHONE #
62	9	15% Alameda	THU. Dec. 12	The FDA & Malpractice	Fred Foldvary	415/548-3776
10	1	10% Butte			Mark Sweanv	916/345-9970
31	11	35% Contra Costa	WED. Dec. 11	Election of County Officers	Hugh McLean	415/234-7809
14	1	7% Fresno			Tim Salzer	209/233-4393
10	2	20% Kern			Craig Gifford	805/832-6231
2		Lake			Randall Grindle	707/994-4817
		Los Angeles (Regions 61 - 67)				
78	18	23% -61, San Fernando Valley	WED. Dec. 11	Jeff Hummel, "Private Armies vs. Conscription"	* Message Center	818/705-6496
			TUE. Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Party (ADULTS ONLY)	* Bruce, Susan Bell	805/252-3250
51	16	31% -62, West LA	THU. Dec. 19	Stan Howard, "Introduction to Libertarianism"	Neal Donner	213/477-6462
51	7	14% -63, Foothills			Kim Goldsworthy	818/280-5644
42	8	19% -64, Central LA	FRI. Dec. 13	Pot Luck & Party	Laurel Fest	213/254-1776
21	1	5% -65, Downey	WED. Dec. 11	Pre-election Planning	Marty Swinney	213/699-3128
			WED. Jan. 8	Kim Goldsworthy, "The U. S. Constitution"		
41	8	20% -66, South Bay	THU. Dec. 19	Meeting	Dave Nichols	213/644-3712
16	2	13% -67, East San Gabriel Valley	THU. Dec. 19	Discussion Group with Riverside & San Bernardino	Gail Lightfoot	714/599-1627
			WED. Dec. 25	Supper Club with Riverside & San Bernardino		
9	5	56% Monterey			Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
4	2	50% Nevada			Jim Hosbein	916/273-9174
60	21	35% Orange	TUE. Dec. 10	Christmas Party, Videotape of Bergland/Lewis Roast	Sharon Ayres	714/966-1211
15	1	7% Placer			Bruce Daniel	916/663-2568
13	2	15% Riverside	THU. Dec. 19	Discussion Group with San Bernardino & Region 67	Ron Holman	714/684-5218
			WED. Dec. 25	Supper Club with San Bernardino & Region 67		
11	6	55% Sacramento	THU. Dec. 19	Discussion Group with Riverside & Region 67	Roger Pope	916/921-1776
15	3	20% San Bernardino	WED. Dec. 25	Supper Club with Riverside & Region 67	Brian Bishko	714/792-4037
118	18	15% San Diego	TUE. Dec. 10	John Dentinger, "Is Censorship a Civil Right?"	* Dick Rider	619/276-7166
			THU. Dec. 12	LPC Candidates Meeting	Pat Wright	619/238-0913
33	14	42% San Francisco	WED. Dec. 11	Meeting	Ann Justi	415/864-0952
			SAT. Dec. 21	Meeting, Libertarians for Gay & Lesbian Concerns		
6		San Luis Obispo			Steve Jacobsen	805/541-0900
31	6	19% San Mateo	MON. Dec. 9	Election of Officers & Convention Delegates	Lyn Sapowsky	415/368-8148
24	2	8% Santa Barbara			Jan Bellamy-Genee	805/965-7821
199	27	14% Santa Clara	THU. Dec. 3	Dustin Baker, "Libertarians and Education"	Jim Wilson	408/CRY-FREE
			THU. Jan. 18	Election of Officers & Convention Delegates		
27	3	11% Santa Cruz			Tim Kilburn	408/688-1376
3		Solano			Mark Moberg	707/864-1673
11	1	9% Sonoma			Jim Oglesby	707/823-5261
8		Tulare	SATS. Dec 14&28	Discussion: Henry Hazlitt's "Economics in One Lesson"	Vicky Daley	209/688-4159
9	4	44% Ventura	THU. Dec. 5	Supper Club: Campaign '86	George Hasara	805/525-6321
29	10	34% (other counties)				
1054	209	20%	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP = 1263 as of 11/23/85			
			Northern California up 20%		Southern California up 19%	

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