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## ROTHBARD, MACBRIDE HEADLINE CONVENTION

Murray Rothbard, author extraordinaire, editor of Libertarian Forum and New York economist, will pair with Roger MacBride, the Virginia elector who put the L.P. in the history books, as the featured banquet speakers for the L.P.C. third annual convention.

The Sunday, Feb. 16th banquet is expected to be one of the highpoints during the four-day event at the Surf-Rider Inn in Santa Monica. A Sat. noon luncheon will hear Bernard Siegan discuss his studies of government zoning regulations, and Dr. John Hospers will kick off the convention proceedings Sat. afternoon.

The final agenda for the convention only varies slightly from the tentative program distributed to members. Tonie Nathan, the L.P.'s vice-presidential candidate in '72 will be unable to attend. A Libertarian feminism panel Sat. morning will be conducted by Lynn Kinsky. Also, National Chairman Ed Crane III will be unable to participate in a Fri. evening election panel. He will be in attendance for the Sunday banquet. Also, Eric Garris will be conducting an organizational workshop Friday afternoon.

Chairman Ed Clark has urged regions to report the names of delegates and their platform committee members as soon as possible. Any challenges to Regional delegate slates must be submitted between 1 and 2 weeks prior to the Convention. (Consult the Convention Rules, a copy of which every Regional Chairman or State Officer

## NATIONAL LP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The National Executive Committee has approved the appointment of a full-time executive director who will primarily work on obtaining ballot status for state libertarian parties across the country.

Ned Hutchinson, a life-long libertarian from the Sacramento area, hopes to qualify the L.P. in 30-35 states for the 1976 elections. He will be working out of San Francisco and has promised to assist the L.P.C. in its registration drive in any way possible.

Hutchinson has carried on his libertarian activities from within the Republican Party since the early 50's, working in various Goldwater and Reagan campaigns and directing several efforts to limit government power.

He considers his main achievement to be the director of the California task force on welfare reform, which resulted in significant cost reductions and qualification barriers despite strong opposition from the Federal Government and a Democratic state legislature.

Hutchinson has made clear that he opposed the coercive activities of the Reagan administration while working as the Governor's appointments secretary. In a personal interview with Caliber staff, Mr. Hutchinson stressed that he supports every plank of the National and California L.P. Platforms. Libertarian influences on his thinking include Bastiat, Leonard Reed, Henry Hazlitt and Ayn Rand.



## LP CHALLENGES CAMPAIGN LAW

The National Headquarters of the Libertarian Party has announced that the LP has joined a group of plaintiffs challenging the Constitutionality of the 1974 Federal Campaign Finance Law.

The principal plaintiffs in the suit are U.S. Senators James Buckley and Eugene McCarthy, the ACLU, and a bipartisan listing of "liberal" and "conservative" groups. The Libertarian Party is the suit's only national minor political party plaintiff.

In a summary brief to be filed this year in Washington D.C., the suit alleges that the Federal Campaign Finance Law discriminates against minor and independent political organizations by denying them access to major campaign contributions. The impact of the law, asserts the brief, is to firmly establish the two principal parties in the U.S. political structure and to keep them immune from competition from new political parties.

## ELECTION CODE TRIAL NEARS

After over a year of delays and preliminary arguments, the Committee on Democratic Election Laws (CODEL) has won an early procedural ruling. Early in Jan., Judge Wollen Burg denied a motion from the Sec. of State for a summary judgement and ordered a hearing of the case by a three-judge federal court.

The Libertarian Party of California is a co-plaintiff in the CODEL suit, which seeks to have the requirements for ballot qualification struck down as unconstitutional.

Richard Winger, CODEL Director, says last month's victory was expected, and has indicated optimism about a final win on the suit.

## REGIONAL REPORTS

### ORANGE COUNTY

Region 18 attracted between 30 and 40 people to their December 20th holiday party, which started at 7:00pm and may have ended by now. Their Jan. meeting was for elections, plus talks by Tom Palmer on Y.A.F.'s Spring Tax Protest, and Dave Thomas on the CIA. Dave Bergland was re-elected chairman.

There is a new libertarian phone number in Orange County: (714) 543-9335. It will be a 24 hour answering service, with funds generously provided by Gene Clothier. Roy Bradshaw will handle responses, and will be backed up by Cherryll Scott.

On Jan. 25th, Karl Bray appeared on KFI radio's Hilly Rose show, where he discussed the particulars of tax resistance, and the general libertarian principles involved. Karl will be living in California for the next two years, and can be reached at PO Box 2423. Orange, Ca. 92669. A recent feature story on tax resistance in the L.A. Times concerned itself mostly with Karl Bray, who got in some good plugs for the Libertarian Party.

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should have, for procedural details.)

So far the only announced candidate for a state office is Bill Westmiller (for chairman). Members who can devote the necessary time and effort are urged to consider running for a state L.P. office. Elections are Monday morning, at which time the LPC will also select about 38 delegates and 1 or 2 platform committee members to the National LP Convention in New York over Labor Day Weekend.

For further details on the Convention, contact Jean Klein, PO Box 512, Reseda, Ca. 91355 (213) 345-FREE



## REGIONAL REPORTS

### SANTA BARBARA/VENTURA COUNTY

Santa Barbara libertarians have become extraordinarily active in recent weeks. Lynn Kinsky and Ruth Sutton are among 18 candidates running for 3 vacancies on the Santa Barbara Board of Education, while Rob Raffelli is running for the S.B. Community College Board of Trustees. Since they are the only candidates opposing tax increases, they have a good chance. Money and help should be sent to 294 Via El Encantador, S.B. 93111; 964-4131 or 964-4310. Kinsky and Sutton spoke at a "Candidates' Night" hosted by LaCumbre JHS PTA.

Citizens Opposed to Government Growth (COGG) has been formed to fight the attempted annexation of Goleta Valley by the City of Santa Barbara.

A Society for Individual Liberty (SIL) chapter has organized on the campus of UCSB. Fred Moulton represented SIL on a noon hour talk show on KKIO radio on Jan. 13th. Ralph Kirchner is planning to run for the Isla Vista Community Council. SIL is operating a literature table 3 days a week at the University.

David Sutton is heading up the Libertarian Alternative of Santa Barbara, which will be doing radio editorial replies and letters to the editor. He will be on KKIO (1300AM) on Jan. 30th at noon. M. Bruce Johnson had a letter printed in the Jan. 14th S. B. News-Press.

Region 9 held its elections on Jan. 18th. Lynn Kinsky was elected Regional chairperson and Santa Barbara chairperson. Saul Rackauskas is Vice-chairperson, Ruth Sutton is Secretary-Treasurer, and Bill Stanley is Ventura County chairperson. A second meeting was held on Jan. 22nd to hear Bud Eyman speak on his candidacy for S.B. City Council.

### SANTA CRUZ

Bill Anderson received good publicity on Dec. 21st when he demonstrated in front of the U.S. Post Office. He dressed as Santa Claus and handed out flyers protesting the fact that only the Post Office can deliver Christmas cards and other first class mail.

Two panel discussions were featured at Region 5's Jan. 10th meeting. Gordon Corbett led one on "The Concept of Human Rights", and Paul Gunert led one on "Victimless Crimes". Paul has also been busy writing letters to publications and speaking to high school classes.

Dave Merrick is running in the March 4th election for Santa Cruz City Council. There are 12 other candidates trying for 4 vacancies, but Dave will be building on the recognition he received in last year's race for the Board of Supervisors. This is a good chance to promote libertarian ideas, so volunteer help or send contributions to 416 DuFour St., Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060; 426-7205 or 475-1653.

### SANTA CLARA

June Genis' platform for her Palo Alto school board candidacy calls for more freedom of choice in education as opposed to tax-based education. She favors tax credits for alternative education instead of vouchers which only go to parents.

In addition to her career and candidacy efforts, June was the principal LPC organizer for the Bay Area "tea bag tax protest" news conference in San Francisco.

Antony Sutton spoke before the International Association of Sales Personnel at a three-day seminar during the last week in January at Las Vegas. Speaking on "Why I became a Gold Bug," Sutton shared the podium with Ralph Nader and ten other speakers.



## REGIONAL REPORTS

### WEST L.A.

Richard Villanueva has been elected chairman of Region 12 to replace Anait Stephens, who resigned due to conflicting business pressures. For information on regional activities, contact Dick at: 1440 Saltair Ave., W. L.A., 90025, (213) 478-8024.

New regional vice-chairman Ernest Ghermann has been actively writing letters-to-the-editor for local papers, having nearly a dozen published recently.

### KERN/SAN BERNARDINO

The anticipated move of temporary regional chairman Gary Jones has prompted the appointment of Mike Grotke of San Bernardino to fill the position. Due to the large size of Region 10, Mike and Gary have decided to form county organizations with as much independence as possible. San Bernardino meetings will be held at 8:00pm on the first Monday of each month at Mike's home: 3530 Twin Pears Rd., in the Moscoy area of San Bernardino, 92405. Contact Mike at (714) 887-1636.

Kern County will be holding irregular meetings. Members should contact Gary Jones, who has opted to stay in Bakersfield, at (805) 325-0239.

### CENTRAL L.A.

A new local telephone number for the Libertarian Party will appear in the next central L.A. white pages. Region 12 members will answer (213) 488-0582.

Dr. John Hospers gave a brief outline of Libertarian thought to an audience of several hundred at L.A. City College in mid January. Response to the lecture series event was reportedly very favorable, though subject to time constraints.

### SOUTH BAY

At their Jan. 16th meeting, about 60 people including many newcomers heard John Hospers discuss the recent election campaign and prospects for the future. There were also reports on Region 16's telephone poll, brochure efforts, and treasury status, as well as election of regional delegates. Next month's meeting on Feb. 20th will feature a representative from the 20th Century Motor Car Corporation.

### SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Regular Region 13 Meetings have been moved to a new location for the convenience of members. Preliminary plans call for a monthly meeting on the 2nd Thursday at "The Poster" restaurant on Walnut St. in Pasadena. Contact chairman Dick Buckles for confirmation at (714) 593-4001.

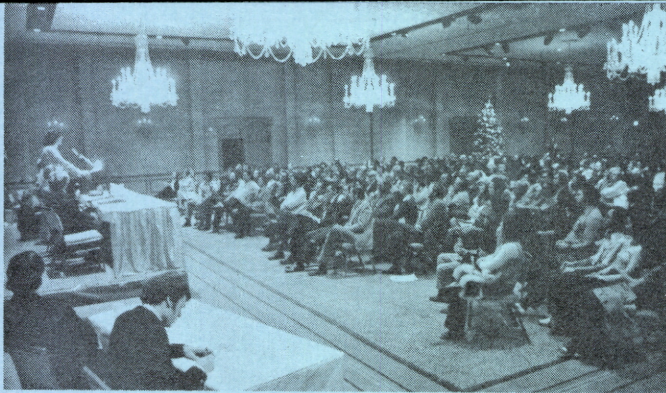
### SAN FRANCISCO

Bay Area media gave full play to the YAF-IP organized "tea bag tax protest" on January 20th. A news conference at the Press Club of San Francisco resulted in conspicuous articles in the Oakland Tribune, the San Francisco Chronicle and Examiner and the Daily Commercial News. In Baghdad-by-the-Bay, the press is paying increasingly more attention. A good time for S.F. libertarians to capitalize.

### CONTRA COSTA/ALAMEDA

John Harris and Russell Fridley have established a regular get-together for libertarians, Objectivists, and other interested parties to informally discuss political ideas. These meetings are held at 11:00 am every Saturday morning at the Heidelberg Restaurant, 2366 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley, 1½ blocks from the Cal. campus.





Liz Carmichael speaks at Libertarian meeting (photo by Bruce Lagasse)

#### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Region 11 held a special meeting on Dec. 17th in the Sheraton Universal Hotel ballroom. Liz Carmichael, president of 20th Century Motor Car Corporation, spoke to a crowd of 450 people about her new 3-wheel, 70 m.p.g., under-\$2000 automobile, and about the harrassment she is receiving from the government. She urged people to send telegrams to the Governor, and she vowed that she would produce her cars even if she had to move to another state or to some island outside the country. To date the California Corporate Commission has been unable to close the company down or stop them from taking deposits.

At the regular January meeting Earl Gottlieb was elected Chairman, Jean Klein and Stan Nathanson are 1st and 2nd Vice-chairmen, Glenda Morrison is Secretary, and Gordon Johnson is Treasurer. Excom members are: Bill Susel, Linda Rader, Carol Nathanson, Shari Elias, and Bruce Lagasse.

#### STAFF

Daniel Wiener, (3616 Barham Blvd. #X-105 L.A. 90068; (213) 851-5060), Bryan Remer (2153 Sacramento St. #9, S.F. 94109; (415) 929-9320), Sherman Ball, Pablo Campos, Shari Elias, Earl Gottlieb, Shirley Gottlieb, Bruce Lagasse, Jim Mollard, Noni Mollard, Glenda Morrison, Michael Morrison, Steve Smith, Bill Susel, and Bill Westmiller.

#### SAN DIEGO

Libertarians are busy campaigning against the latest rapid-transit plans for the San Diego area. They are also trying to counteract government energy crisis propaganda.

Three persons will attend a Mensa meeting on Feb. 12th to talk about libertarianism.

The January Libertarian Alternative meeting drew a record turnout with Sy Leon speaking. Karl Bray will be at the February meeting.

A series of 16 weekly taped lectures by Murray Rothbard on "Basic Principles of Free Market Economics" will begin on Feb. 7th. The fee is \$2. per lecture or \$27. in advance. For more information call (714) 447-9747.

Region 20 has elected Silvia McGuire as its new chairperson. Dean Sandin and Jim Odell are the new vice-chairmen, Jack Sanders is Treasurer, Ed Wallace is Secretary, and Sara Baase is State Execom representative.

The enclosed "Victimless Crimes" pamphlet is courtesy of San Diego region. If you reproduce it, they would appreciate a contribution of a dollar or two to go towards their original set-up costs.

#### FEE ECONOMICS SEMINAR

The Foundation for Economic Education has announced plans for their 1975 conference seminar.

The weekend at the Asilomar Conference Grounds on the Monterey Peninsula will include seminars with Leonard Read, Professor Ben Rogge, and Edmund Opitz.

Room and Board for the March 14-16th conference are included in the \$100 per adult, \$80. per student fee. Reservations should be sent to FEE Seminar, 45 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Ca. 94106.



## NEW ORLEANS ECONOMICS SEMINAR SET FOR MARCH

Final plans are being set for the Libertarian Party's 1975 Conference on International Liquidity and Monetary Reform (CILMR), to be held in March in New Orleans.

National LP chairman Ed Crane says he has discussed the conference with several corporate financial officers, who say that the four-day seminar could be the most important and valuable economic conference ever offered to the business community.

LP Finance Chairman and conference organizer Bob Meier of Illinois has confirmed the appearance of dozens of expert speakers in the fields of international monetary affairs, gold investments, inflation, federal monetary and fiscal policies and other subjects. Virtually all of the speakers represent free market opinion, which is becoming considered the answer to international monetary problems and worldwide inflation.

The Conference is being co-sponsored with the help of the National Committee to Legalize Gold, whose chairman Jim Blanchard has had considerable experience in conducting such seminars successfully and profitably. The national LP hopes to gain considerable publicity and financial strength from the Conference, which is planned to handle 6,000 top financial representatives from business and industry.

### LIBERTARIAN LEARNINGS

Two L.P.C. members are conducting college courses on Libertarianism this spring.

Stan Nathanson will teach a non-credit course at Cal. State, Northridge beginning March 5th, scheduled to run each Thursday evening at 8:00pm. Victor Koman, a new L.P.C. member at UCLA will conduct a credit course on capitalism Friday evenings at 7:30pm. Contact University registration for details.

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