

# NEWSLETTER

## of the Libertarian Party of Virginia

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### 2nd District news

Ken Morrison and his supporters in the Norfolk - Virginia Beach area have succeeded in getting considerable media coverage of their Congressional campaign.

Ken has appeared on television stations WTVR and WAVY and has been a guest on a WINS radio talk show.

Henry Thrasher, Morrison's campaign manager, says the group is in the process now of putting together brochures for neighborhood canvassing.

"We're not planning to do a lot of advertising," Thrasher said, "because it's just too expensive. We have picked up some more campaign contributions, though, and we're working on setting up some speaking engagements for Ken later in the campaign."

Presidential Candidate Ed Clark will be visiting Norfolk on Tuesday, August 26. The main feature of his visit will be a fundraising breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at the Omni International Hotel in Norfolk, followed by a press conference.

The cost of attending the breakfast is \$10. Information and tickets are available from Henry Thrasher at (804) 424-9857.

### Richmond plans press conference & reception for Clark

## Ballot drive needs a strong finish

Since the last newsletter, some progress has been made, but the ballot drive is still going very slowly. As of the first week in August, approximately 7000 signatures had been turned in to the ballot drive headquarters in Richmond. It was estimated at that time that about 10,500 had been collected statewide.

The Libertarian Party of Virginia still

hopes to be one of the few state parties which put Ed Clark on the ballot without assistance from the National Staff. In order to succeed, we will have to have the active assistance of a lot of people. Please contact the local coordinator nearest you (see list below). If you have been petitioning on your own, please mail your signatures to Jim Crowe no later than August 31.

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Libertarian Party Presidential Candidate Ed Clark will stop in Richmond on Tuesday, August 26, as his campaign tour swings through the mid-Atlantic states. Clark, who expects to be on the ballot in all 50 states, will meet with Richmond area journalists to discuss his presidential campaign. That evening, Clark will be guest of honor at a reception hosted by the Libertarian Party of Virginia at the John Marshall Hotel.

Clark's Virginia campaign chairman, Jim Crowe, has expressed his optimism that Virginians will realize that Ed Clark and the Libertarian Party offer a real alternative to the candidates of the two major parties.

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## Party plans to hire petitioners

Jim Crowe, state coordinator of the ballot drive, says that to insure success of the drive, the party will have to hire extra petitioners for the last weeks of the drive.

Another six or seven thousand signatures are needed. The state party bears the responsibility of raising money to pay the petitioners.

The ballot drive will be over, successful or not, after the Labor Day weekend. Please give generously of your time and/or money so that the work already devoted to this task will not be wasted.

A very few dedicated workers are responsible for the majority of signatures already collected. Let's give them a hand.

**CLARK TV ADS**  
**Aug. 20 2:55 p.m. ABC**  
**Aug. 20 9:55 p.m. CBS**  
**Aug. 26 10:55 p.m. CBS**  
**Aug. 29 10:55 p.m. ABC**

## ED CLARK'S Schedule of Appearances in Virginia Tuesday, August 26, 1980

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast & Press Conference	Omni International Hotel Norfolk
11:45 a.m.	Arrive Byrd Airport	Richmond
12:30-1:15 p.m.	Press Conference	Lee Room John Marshall Hotel
2:30-4:45 p.m.	Interviews	Chateau Room John Marshall Hotel
4:45-6:00 p.m.	Dinner	
<del>6:00</del> 5:00 p.m.	Reception	Lee-Byrd Room John Marshall Hotel

# Excerpts from

Jim Turney, running for Congress from the Third District, will appear on stage with the three other candidates at least three times during his campaign. One of these appearances will be a debate sponsored by Richmond's West of the Boulevard Association.

Turney plans to campaign at the Chesterfield County Fair, Virginia's State Fair, and at "Take Trolley 230" a widely publicized neighborhood festival in Richmond. His campaign plans tentatively include major advertising in Richmond newspapers.

Below are excerpts from a news release given to the press on August 15, when Jim left Byrd Airport for two weeks of service with the U.S. Army Reserves.

I am proud to be a part of the U.S. Army Reserves. I have come to Richmond's Byrd Airport today because I am departing here to go to Fort Rucker, Alabama. I will be serving two weeks of active duty to prepare me for the possible day we all hope will never come - the day the President mobilizes our Reserve forces in the defense of the country. I am committed to the defense of this country in a meaningful way - not with words, but with weapons. I am ready to go now!

However, I realize there is even more that must be done, because America's defenses are not now adequate. We must correct the deficiency at the source, which is the bipartisan Congress.

Our bipartisan government has pursued policies that have made hostages of American and Russian citizens. Our nation's "defense" from a nuclear first strike by Russia is our ability to convince the Russians that we can and will retaliate. The Pentagon calls this policy "mutual assured destruction." I call it madness!

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# Turney national defense speech

I believe American foreign policy should not be based on entangling alliances, as George Washington warned us. Our policy should have one goal - the protection of the lives, property and liberties of Americans. Not the protection of vague "global interests," not the survival of "freedom anywhere, at any price," and not the ability to "project" our will everywhere simultaneously. I support the orderly withdrawal of our troops and nuclear umbrella from all over the world, while allowing our friends a chance to choose whatever defense course they wish to take. I call for the United States to abandon the SALT process and to develop and deploy a true defense against nuclear attack.

To provide adequate protection of our country we need a championship caliber team. Let's not field a team of rookies - we deserve and I demand a professional fighting force!

I am part of a trained team of men and women who stay ready to defend our country. We are in the major leagues. Our score is measured by the amount of freedom you enjoy. We have been on a losing streak lately but we are still the champions of the free world! Let there be no doubt that my departure today represents my commitment to the victory of liberty!

of European NATO nations is their economy. They have twice the GNP of Warsaw Pact nations. Despite these resources, almost half of America's "defense" budget goes to the defense of NATO. I don't believe American taxpayers should have to carry this burden. If our German friends would rather spend their money on Mercedes automobiles and socialized medicine, then that is their business. Americans should not be asked to subsidize the socialist experiments of Europe.

American taxpayers are also helping to pay for cheaper Asian imports. Taxes which American businesses include in the price of their goods are going to the defense of Japan. Japan is spending less than one percent of its GNP on defense compared to our five percent. The result is that American consumers pay more for American products and American exports cost more in competitive foreign markets. The Japanese have discovered the solution to the economic dilemma of guns versus butter - it's Japanese butter and American guns!

I support the all volunteer force for moral as well as practical reasons. This is the only method of recruiting an army which is consistent with this nation's constitutional commitment to individual freedom.

## NTLF asks for Libertarian assistance

The National Taxpayers Legal Fund is a non-partisan 501(c) 3 organization. NTLF is involved in a number of projects of interest to Libertarians. The following is a brief description of some of these projects and a request for help from NTLF's Bruce Majors, Project Coordinator of the IRS Harrassment Project.

### I. THE LEGAL AID REFERRAL SERVICE

NTLF maintains a list of over 140 lawyers and law firms who will challenge the IRS in court. Our lawyers are not distributed very evenly throughout the states, however. We would appreciate contacts with any lawyers willing to defend taxpayers. We would especially



policies that have made hostages of American and Russian citizens. Our nation's "defense" from a nuclear first strike by Russia is our ability to convince the Russians that we can and will retaliate. The Pentagon calls this policy "mutual assured destruction." I call it madness!

Taxpayers are being asked to pay for an elaborate underground missile railroad on the hope that the government can operate it better than they operate Amtrak. Very little effort is being made to develop truly defensive systems like laser or particle beam satellites. Experts estimate the deployment of these missile intercept systems in space would only take three or four years compared to ten years to get MX railroads and missiles dug into the ground.

But the major advantage of the missile intercept system was best stated by Lt. Gen. Daniel Graham, former Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency. He said, "Instead of mutual assured destruction, we should assure our survival." However, SALT I has made anti-ballistic missile systems illegal and brought us international "gun control." Policies that control both handguns and missiles focus on the wrong issue. Weapons should not be the issue. The real question is the trust of the individual or nation. SALT requires a high degree of trust which the communists have not earned. These treaties with a deceitful enemy limit our right as a nation to choose our defense into the infinite future.

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#### 2. TAXPAYERS AGAINST MILITARY EXCESS

TAME is a project of NTLF just being started. If you have any knowledge of military spending that actually impairs defense capability, especially in a narrow, technical sense that doesn't raise issues of foreign policy, please let us hear about them.

#### 3. TAXPAYERS FOR FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

NTLF is also beginning a project on the FEC's impact on the electoral process. Any information would be appreciated, especially real life incidents of the FEC's chilling effects on political activity.

#### 4. HARRASSED TAXPAYERS

NTLF documents IRS harrassment of taxpayers, as well as IRS harrassment of its own employees (through "production quotas" etc.) We often bring taxpayers whose civil liberties have been violated by IRS agents to Washington to testify before Congressional committees that oversee the IRS. The problem? The IRS actually is worse in some states than in others. The worst cases of IRS harrassment are in Alaska, California, Idaho, and Maryland. This allows Congresspersons and the IRS to claim that "it's a regional problem" that doesn't warrant federal investigation and legislation. NTLF is seeking more cases of IRS harrassment, from more states.

I hope that you will help us with these four projects. I think that you are in an especially good position to help us with the first and fourth of these projects. We would be in a much better position to protect taxpayer's rights if we could refer taxpayers to a local lawyer unafraid of IRS retaliation, and if we could make taxpayer's rights an issue in every state, for every Congressman's constituency.

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