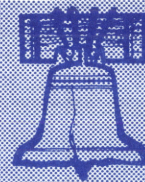




# We are Free!



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### *The New Spirit of '76*

Two hundred years ago, on the Eastern Seaboard of what is today the United States, there were thirteen tiny colonies. From those thirteen colonies, a spirit developed which was embodied in such men as Thomas Jefferson when he said: "It behooves every man who values liberty of conscience for himself, to resist invasions of it in the case of others." And, of course, Patrick Henry's: "Give me liberty or give me death." The spirit which these men and others had was called "The Spirit of 76". The Spirit of 76 was new and exciting, and it was greatly responsible for the development of the United States into the greatest nation the world has yet to see. And yet, while the Spirit of 76 was new, it was, at the same time, as old as civilization itself.

The Spirit of 76 was the same spirit that men and women had when they first came out of caves and found that they could better deal with the world, that they could be more productive and lead richer lives, if they worked together. Unfortunately, while there are great benefits to be received from working together, some people took advantage of this. Dictatorships and kingdoms developed, and some men forced other men to be slaves.

It was the same spirit as the Spirit of 76 which caused a Hebrew leader to tell a Pharaoh, "Let my people go", and against great odds led his people out of enslavement, and eventually they established the independent tribes of Israel.

The same spirit that was the Spirit of 76 was alive in a man named Spartacus, who was a gladiator and a slave. He led a rebellion against the Roman Empire and told his people that, "We are free, and we are brothers".  
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### *David Bergland in Las Vegas*

David Bergland, the Libertarian Party candidate for Vice-President of the United States, will be in Las Vegas the 11th and 12th of December. Mr. Bergland is a successful attorney, a law school professor, and a self-made man.

Thursday, December 11, Mr. Bergland will be giving interviews for local television and radio.

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B I C E N T E N N I A L      C E L E B R A T I O N !

FREE: Hot dogs and cold drinks.

ENTERTAINMENT: The new Spirit of 76 Fife and Drum Team, the Freedom Singers, and Lady Godiva rides in protest of taxation.

TIME: 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Friday, December 12, 1975.

PLACE: Circle Park, Boston and Fairfield, Las Vegas.

The public is cordially invited to participate in our Bicentennial Celebration. Bring the whole family; what better reason could there be to take kids out of school than for the educational experience of meeting a Vice Presidential candidate and having fun too ? !!!

HEAR DAVID BERGLAND.

The public is enthusiastically invited to hear David Bergland address the general membership of the Libertarian Party.

ENTERTAINMENT: The Freedom Singers, 7:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Friday, December 12, 1975.

PLACE: Marina Hotel, 3805 Las Vegas Boulevard South.

COME ONE, COME ALL, AND WE'LL HAVE A BALL ! !

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The Spirit of 76 was the same spirit that was alive in a carpenter from Nazareth when he told his people that they should, "Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, and render unto God what is God's".

It was the same spirit as the Spirit of 76 that was held by a group of noblemen when they forced the king to sign the Magna Charta which gave rights instead of privileges to Englishmen.

The Spirit of 76 has always been the spirit of liberty against suppression. The institution which has been more responsible for suppression than any other has been, and continues to be government. Governments, both past and present, have suppressed individuals and groups of individuals socially and economically and are the institutions which engage in an activity which is hated and feared by all men and women of good will, and that is WAR. Government has suppressed us in an attempt to prevent us from engaging in activities in which no second person is harmed, for example, victimless crime "laws". These "laws", which are supposed to be for our own good, in fact harm us. They cause an increase in violent crime, and, more importantly,  
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they destroy the basis of liberty which is individual choice. Government has suppressed us in an attempt to rule, regulate, order and control practically every aspect of the division of labor; it tells us what we can own, what we can buy, what we can sell, what records we must keep, and the list goes on and on. Also, government has stolen our property. It makes no difference how noble the cause -- to take property without consent is theft. The only difference between a common thief and the tax collector is that the common thief usually doesn't claim to be doing it for our own good. And governments, both past and present, have caused and continue to cause the most despicable displays of murder, rape and plunder, of pain, misery and cruelty beyond belief: WAR.

George Washington, who was a holder of the Spirit of 76, realized quite well the dangers of government when he said: "Government is not reason, it is not eloquence -- it is force! Like fire it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master..."

FREE AND BROTHERS

The Spirit of 76, which is the spirit of liberty, can be summed up with the simple statements, "We are free, and we are brothers". By "We are free", I do not mean that we may contradict the facts of reality. I personally cannot walk through a wall, nor do I know of anybody who can. Nor do I mean that we are free to escape the consequences of our actions or the actions of those around us. What I do mean is that I am the one who chooses between the alternatives available to me, and you are the one who chooses between the alternatives available to you. The government cannot control our lives. We each control our own lives! The government can place limitations on the alternatives available to you, but it cannot decide, it cannot compel, it can only limit your choices.

By the statement, "We are brothers", what I mean is that there are great benefits to be received from our association with each other. But all of the benefits, as many as they may be, presuppose something, and that something is the absence of the use of or the threat of the initiation of force. For, to the extent that the initiation of force is used, it is to that extent that a breakdown occurs in the natural brotherhood of mankind.

GLOOM AND DOOM?

We are living in turbulent times. There is the possibility of nuclear holocaust, chemical and biological catastrophe, economic cataclysm, and social upheaval. Fortunately, gloom and doom are not our only alternatives, for there is a new and exciting political, economic, and social philosophy which is going to transform the world. That philosophy is Libertarianism. Libertarians understand that the things that make possible nuclear holocaust also make possible a source of energy so abundant that we can be vastly more efficient and thus free ourselves from some of our present tasks, opening the gates to new and exciting vistas. Libertarians realize that the same things that make possible chemical and biological catastrophe also make possible the end to disease and the lengthening of our lives. Economic cataclysm need not occur if we but realize that the free market  
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is the natural brotherhood of mankind, personified, and can end hunger for all and bring us abundance and luxury beyond our wildest dreams. Social upheaval need not be a problem, if we but realize that while there is a brotherhood of mankind we are each individuals, different from each other, and yet can benefit from our association with each other if we do not initiate force against each other. Understanding that it is not necessary for us to look alike or think alike to benefit from each other, it becomes clear that there are such vast possibilities of different life styles, cultural developments, and self-improvements that it staggers the imagination. All this and more is possible if we but adopt the Spirit of 76 which is the spirit of liberty which is Libertarianism.

THE NEW SPIRIT OF 76!

Libertarianism is the new Spirit of 76. Libertarianism is new and exciting, but it is as old as civilization itself. Its ideas can be traced back to the Spirit of 76 and beyond to any time in history where individuals were trying to promote liberty. Libertarians believe that the only proper purpose of government is to protect our rights to life, liberty, and property. Libertarians realize that government cannot give us health, wealth, nor wisdom and that any attempt to do so by it, no matter how noble or benevolent in intent, can only lead to corruption and theft at the least, and, if more vigorously attempted, to pain, suffering and death. Government should act as a "night watchman": There to protect us against criminals (those who initiate force). If government attempts to do anything more than act as a "night watchman", then it becomes a criminal to be hated and feared by all men and women of good will.

The Libertarians have a principle to implement a "night watchman" type of government, and that principle is that all individuals have the right to live their own lives in any manner they choose so long as they do not violate the same rights of others. We intend to implement the Libertarian principle in both thought and action. In thought, we intend to eliminate all forms of government censorship. In action, we intend to eliminate all government interference with peaceful voluntary interaction.

IMPLEMENTING IDEAS

To quote Victor Hugo, "There is one thing stronger than all the armies of the world, and that is an idea whose time has come." But ideas are merely tools. They can be used, or they can be set aside. Tools do not initiate action; individuals initiate action. We have the tools. We have the new Spirit of 76. What we need are individuals to pick up and use those tools and to develop and enrich the new Spirit of 76.

To quote a man who had the old Spirit of 76, Thomas Paine, "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it NOW, deserves the love and thanks of every man and woman." Just as Thomas Paine was putting out a call for help to the holders of the old Spirit of 76, so there is a need, so there is a cry for help, for the new Spirit of 76. The Libertarian Party is  
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is attempting to topple the thrones of tyranny, but it will be successful with the help of men and women of good will who will pick up and express the principles of liberty to their fellow men and women. Our future depends on what we do in the present:

The Libertarian Party has a Presidential candidate, Roger MacBride, and a Vice Presidential candidate, David Bergland. Both men are qualified and should hold those offices. These men will spread the word of the new Spirit of 76. Now, the question is: Do we help these men spread the principles of liberty, and thus help ourselves, or do we sit on our hands and become, at the very least, slaves?

It's up to you. Which will you do?

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## *Watkins Elected*

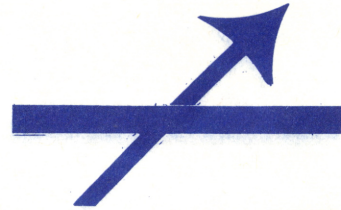
Alison Watkins was recently elected Vice-Chairperson of the Libertarian Party of Nevada at an Executive Committee meeting. Ms. Watkins holds a B.A. degree in English and Education from Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and has done graduate work at Penn State and the University of Colorado at Boulder. She has taught remedial reading in Colorado, New York, and Pennsylvania. Ms. Watkins was a case worker in Mental Health/Mental Retardation in Pennsylvania. Ms. Watkins, like most of us, is so far inexperienced in political activity, but we look forward to some new and exciting ideas from her.

Mr. R. McClintock, the former Vice-Chairman, resigned due to business commitments which take him out of the state. He has not lost his interest in the Libertarian Party and will continue to support us. We wish him luck.


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"In a democracy the talkers rule."

Columnist Ray Cromley quoting  
Cal Tech history professor.



The meaning of the Libertarian Party symbol, the "Libber" Sign, is a breaking away from the traditional left/right of ordinary politics and moving in a new direction toward liberty.

The horizontal line  represents the traditional left/right of the political spectrum.

The vertical line (arrow) leaning to the right represents the direction which the Libertarian Party is taking, and that is toward liberty.



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Your opinions are solicited and will be appreciated.

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