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# Libertarianism Behind the Rusty Curtain

By Victor Davidoff

Somewhere around 1970, I read an article in *Amerika* magazine (published in Russian by the USIA) entitled "New Left Hess, New Right Hess, or Just New Hess?" I have to admit that at the time it gave new inspiration to my searches of "the Third Way" beyond the ideologies of socialism and monopolist capitalism. Now, twenty years later, as a former Soviet political prisoner and an immigrant living in the U.S. since 1985, I am writing as a supporter of libertarian ideas, to agree that dissemination of these ideas behind "the Rusty Curtain" is very important, and that "there should be a Libertarian Party in each of these countries." Moreover, I feel strongly that such Parties in Eastern Europe should become predominant, if not governing. In the Soviet Union, at least, libertarianism has a good chance of becoming the leading ideology in opposition to communism.

Currently, the Soviet democratic opposition is in its "social-democratic" period. In its essence, this period is purely capitalistic; Soviet "social-democrats" advocate privatization of land and industrial property, lower taxes, the free market, etc. The goal of this movement is "Swedish socialism." However, by the time the "social-democrats" gain influence over economic policy decision-making, the decline of "Swedish socialism" will probably have reached its final stage. The next logical step for the Soviet opposition will be a step towards libertarianism.

Like all Russian democrats, I consider the myth of the "collectivist tradition" among the Russian people to be absolute nonsense. This myth was developed by the Soviet partocracy to legitimize its own monopoly on economics, and unfortunately found support among an entire generation of sovietologists who are unable to decipher the real roots of communism. This myth doesn't take into account the global spread of communism and anti-libertarian ideas which could take root in any nation (not excluding America). Facts prove that there are no "anti-capitalist governments." All this was proven by the extremely rapid rise of the capitalist market and the spread of free market oriented political groups in Russia in the past three years. On the local level, Parties of "free owners and farmers" have been created, and ideas of partial privatization and the free market are advocated by radical economists and virtually all opposition Parties.

The Party which is the most radical in its support of free market economics and civil rights is the Democratic Union (DU). The DU was founded two years ago and now has more than 4,000 members in 116 cities of the U.S.S.R. In 1989, the DU was among the organizers of, or participated in, all major political actions in Moscow, Leningrad, and other major Russian cities. In the national republics, the DU supports independence movements advocating political and economic freedom, and acts as an organization for



Illustration by Mary Kelley Crawford for the Libertarian Party NEWS

the democratic oriented Russian minority. Almost every local chapter of the DU puts out a weekly publication, and their total circulation exceeds 120,000.

DU has a youth auxiliary, the Russian Union of Democratic Youth. Beginning with the founding congress of DU, of which most participants were arrested, the Soviet authorities have been constantly trying to put an end to the activity of this Party. Demonstrators are arrested, fined, and jailed. Four DU members currently have charges pending against them. Distributors of DU newspapers are detained and their newspapers destroyed by the police.

The DU is not a united Party, but merely a bloc of democrats with the common goal of achieving political freedom; within the DU the economic ideal varies from libertarian to social-democratic. However, the DU is the most free market oriented group within the spectrum of the Soviet political opposition. One of the reasons for this lies in the fact that an important segment of its membership consists of people employed in the private sector: from 25 to 30 percent of DU members either work as employees in private firms and cooperatives, or are businessmen themselves (such as Sergei Skripnikov, one of the leaders of the Moscow DU chapter, who is vice president of international relations for a manufacturing cooperative). The major financial sources of DU are the private sector, too.

In a recent Libertarian Party fund-raising letter it was asked if anyone who knows anyone in the Eastern bloc to bring them to your attention with the purpose of seeking their help in spreading libertarian ideas beyond the Berlin Wall. I think that the Democratic Union would be a natural ally in fulfilling this mission. I not only personally know their leadership and maintain regular contact with them, but expect to become the Democratic Union representative in the United States after the 4th Congress of the Party.

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# By Mutual Consent

By Karl Hess

Even though I am in complete and enthusiastic agreement with the Libertarian Party's rejection of the initiation of violence to further personal, social, or political ends, I have tried for a long time to discover a statement that is more positive, just as fundamental, and as consistent with the way I and so many of my libertarian friends want to live, day by day.

The non-violence statement (many question that it should be a pledge) tells people, powerfully, what Libertarians are against. Many, unfamiliar with libertarianism, probably are even more interested in what we are for.

## Viewpoint

of mutual consent has immediate, practical possibilities for libertarians. It is certainly an organizing principle that could guide any sort of libertarian group, fending off bureaucracy and hierarchy—unless the people involved mutually agreed to have or be bureaucrats and/or obey hierarchical leaders.

A small business could productively be organized on the mutual consent of all involved—investors, managers, employees. In fact, many very productive businesses operate pretty much that way already. That sort of mutual consent and mutual responsibility attitude is at the heart of the so-called Y theory, team production, and "walking around" management concepts. The

My own short version . . . is an agreement to conduct all social, economic, political, and personal relations solely on the basis of mutual consent of those involved.

L. Neil Smith's sci-fi novel, *The Galatin Divergence*, suggests a possibility that seems to me well worth considering. In his splendid novel, libertarian Smith proposes a detailed statement of unanimous consent in which signators agree to what amounts to a modern Magna Carta for sovereign individuals.

My own short version of the statement is that it is an agreement to conduct all social, economic, political, and personal relations solely on the basis of mutual consent of those involved.

An operating beauty of this notion is that it leaves people free to be what they and their neighbors want to be, clearing the way for any kind of relationship, no matter how whacky it might seem to you or me, so long as the people involved mutually agree.

That may seem pie-in-the-sky theory for now, of course. There's no place on earth where that form of freedom is formally available. And, certainly, you can't get away with it if you're serving in the military or at General Motors.

But in many aspects of our life, no matter where or how we live, the idea

Quakers "run" a religion that way. Customers are assumed to be voluntarily, mutually consenting participants in commerce.

Of course, every libertarian, as an individual, can and *should* refuse to initiate violence against anyone. That is a reassurance that we should all be proud to give to our neighbors.

The libertarian position against the initiation of violence is a keystone of libertarian philosophy. Many say that it is *the* basic principle of libertarianism. I can find no convincing argument to say otherwise. But the idea of mutual consent may quickly be extrapolated from that basic principle.

Without some threat of force hanging over people, as with state law, mutual consent is an obvious subsequent operating principle to get things done in a peaceful and productive society. And mutual consent has an attractive, active, and positive ring to it.

Moving for mutual consent in our day-to-day work, in our voluntary organizations and dealings, in our businesses and so forth can put what seems to me to be a fundamental factor in freedom to work right here and now.

# Curtain

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Here are some ideas on cooperation between the Libertarian Party and the Democratic Union:

1. The publishing of books and articles of a libertarian bent in Russian. I understand that some of the LP's publications have already been translated into Russian. The DU might be able to arrange for translating and printing such works in Russia, which should dramatically reduce expenses and make it possible to print them in tens of thousands of copies. Furthermore, the DU distribution network will deliver the publications to each of the 116 cities in Russia where its local chapters operate.

I would suggest that two kinds of literature be published in Russian: a) the most important articles from *Reason* and *Liberty* magazines could be published on a regular basis as a quarterly almanac; b) books of libertarian thought can be published in full or abridged form (to reduce costs and to speed up publication).

2. The establishment of a regular symposium of Soviet free market oriented economists, political leaders, and people from business circles for the exchange of ideas and the development of a libertarian political platform. This Russian version of a "think tank" can be created under the auspices of the Democratic Union and be based in one of the Baltic republics where there will be no obstacles of any kind to such an enterprise. Participants will meet once every three or four months to give lectures and to participate in seminars. Materials from symposia will subsequently be published and distributed through the same DU network. The participation of Western and Eastern economists, politicians, and businessmen is also possible, though this might be limited due to the

## Books for Lithuania

Wisconsin's Libertarian Party is collecting English language free market, economics, business management, and libertarian political theory books for airlift to Lithuanian business people who will read and distribute the books and information in Lithuania.

This project could be curtailed by the mounting political pressure against Lithuanian independence.

Get more information from or send books and donations to: Libertarian Party of Wisconsin, c/o Mary Rofers, 2462 Lake Shore Road, Grafton, WI 53024, (414) 375-0068.

high cost of international travel.

These two projects may lead to the establishment of an independent libertarian trend in Russian political and economic thought and recruit new supporters of political and economic freedom among intellectuals and political activists. This is not the only thing which might result from cooperation between the Democratic Union and the Libertarian Party, but it could be an effective starting point. For its part, the DU will be interested if the Libertarian Party is able to assist in spreading the word about the DU in the United States.

The DU has attracted media attention since its inception. However, this interest was devoted more to DU actions and demonstrations than to its ideological platform or its political impact. Also, the Western media covers only a small segment of events in the Soviet Union, geographically limited by the Moscow city line, and only occasionally includes a few of the national republics. These limits are too narrow for the DU. It has its own information network covering political events in almost every town of the U.S.S.R. and would be interested in bringing its reports to the attention of the Western public.

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# NatCom Busy in Austin

By Dave Walter  
LP National Chair

The Libertarian National Committee met at the historic Driskill Hotel in Austin, Texas, on April 28-29. The Texas LP arranged a heaping helping of Lone Star hospitality, fine weather, and a family-style dinner at Threadgill's.

An all-time high has been reached in contributing memberships: 8,795 as of April 27! This represents a gain of almost 30 percent since the national convention last September. Membership Chair Karen Allard expressed disappointment that more states did not participate in the membership contest, but believes a level of 10,000 will be reached this year as the fall campaigns progress. Membership cards are being mailed in batches with the new LP "Defenders of Liberty" bumperstrip. The National Committee set a policy of not giving dues rebates to any local or regional Party without their state affiliate's permission.

Financially, the Party continues to hold a cash surplus, with revenues through mid-April running about \$30,000 ahead of our annual budget. Increased revenues means more projects: The National Committee approved increases for printing and distribution of the LP Program, additional travel expenses for the field coordinator and media/publicity activities, two expanded campaign editions of the Libertarian Party NEWS, and to fund the Committee to End Drug Violence.

Marla Bottemiller, our field coordinator, reported on her Southern and Eastern swings and plans for a Northern Midwest swing. Marla is very impressed with the enthusiasm of leaders in the states she visited. Mary Gingell, APC chair, said the national telephone tree is now in operation and worked fairly smoothly getting out the first two messages. It will be used to pass messages on to Party leaders whenever important news occurs.

Campaign '90 Chair Steve Dasbach is busy helping states recruit candidates. A training conference is planned for early June, possibly in Las Vegas. He reported on approximately 10 state house races where the LP candidate has a real shot at winning. Steve plans to raise matching funds to help out those candidates who can demonstrate a serious campaign with a serious chance to win. The National Committee also talked about moving the 1995 Presidential nominating convention to 1996 to take advantage of media attention in election years. Many early ballot requirements that apply to third parties would have to be worked out.

Tonie Nathan reported on her work with the media regarding the Council of State Chairs' anti-drug war ad that appeared in Colombia during President Bush's visit, and the Committee for Census Privacy's project. Her biggest accomplishment was getting an invitation from Larry King to have Karl Hess and me on his nationwide talk show on April 13. In the period after the show, nearly 1,000 inquiries poured into national headquarters! Nick Dunbar reported that headquarters handled more than 1,600 inquiries in April at a cost of nearly \$2,500!

From all reports, the 1990 census was a fiasco, with only 70 percent of the questionnaires having been mailed in. The LP distributed more than 26,000 resistance cards and has now set aside about \$10,000 to defend anyone using our resistance card

who is fined and wishes to challenge the compulsory nature of the census.

The Outreach Committee, chaired by Toni Black, is reaching out to gun rights groups, motorcyclists, taxpayers, and others who might agree with the LP on specific issues. The National Committee voted to endorse the Fully Informed Jury Amendment project originated by Larry Dodge and approved a one-time use of our mailing list. The Campus Outreach subcommittee, directed by Don Ernsberger, reported

contacts on 236 campuses with some 130 groups meeting or holding some kind of libertarian project. Twenty "Operation Politically Homeless" booths have been purchased for use by campus Libertarians.

Steve Givot, Ballot Access chair, reported that the LP is already on more ballots for 1992 than we were at a similar time before the 1984 and 1988 elections. Depending on contributions, it may be possible to secure status on 12 to 15 more states this year. He announced the addition of Bill Redpath to the BAC—Bill will help out with the BAC's financial records and take Steve's place during his vacation.

On this page is a statement describing the controversy over my January fundraising letter mentioning the need to keep opposing "behave others" interventionist policies in countries like Panama, and the tragedies such policies wreak on the servicemen who defend our country. I apologize for any loose wording that may have caused anyone to misinterpret those remarks or my thoughts about the honor and courage of those men. I assure you that was not my intention. As Libertarians, we must remember that not all Americans see things our way and that not all whom we view as innocent victims of the State believe they are such. The tasks of the LP are harder than we ever imagined, and thus more vital, because millions of Americans willingly and gladly support actions that many libertarians consider to be foolish or dangerous to liberty, justice, and the Constitution.

A resolution calling on President Bush to extend moral support to the people of Lithuania in their bid to throw off the yoke of the Soviet Union was passed unanimously.

Bids for the 1993 national convention will be accepted until October, with the National Committee choosing a winner at the December 1990 meeting in New York.

The National Committee will next meet at the Holiday Inn-Golden Gateway in San Francisco on August 11-12.

## From the Chair



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## LNC on Panama Letter

The following statement is released  
by the Libertarian National Committee:

In January of this year, following the U.S. invasion of Panama, the Libertarian Party sent to its members a letter the theme of which was the tragedy of foreign intervention and drug prohibition—how such policies came together in Panama and the resulting high cost in human life. As an example of this, frequent mention was made of Phillip Lear, a soldier who was killed during the invasion. The letter asked for your support in the Libertarian Party's efforts to oppose the War on Drugs and the U.S. government's interventionist policies.

Mr. Lear's fiancée, Jeniece LaCross, has objected to this letter, which she feels misrepresented the character and beliefs of Mr. Lear. She says that he was a supporter of the War on Drugs, volunteered to join the Army Rangers, an elite unit which would be likely to be used in such actions, understood why he was being sent to Panama, and was ready to die for his beliefs. Furthermore, she feels that this is the prevalent attitude among Rangers, and that the author of the letter should therefore have realized that this was likely to be the attitude of Mr. Lear.

It was never the intent of the letter to misrepresent the character or be-

liefs of Mr. Lear. The letter explicitly said we did not know him and he probably wasn't a libertarian. The Libertarian National Committee regrets that wording was used in one paragraph that could be construed in a different way and has apologized for this in a letter to Ms. LaCross, but she has rejected this apology.

Ms. LaCross feels that the money contributed in response to the fundraising letter was obtained by the Libertarian Party on the basis of a false portrayal of Mr. Lear, and has at various times asked that we redirect these funds to a charity of which Mr. Lear would have approved, or that we guarantee that these funds not be used to promote views contrary to those which Mr. Lear advocated.

We do not believe either action would be appropriate. We believe that our contributors gave that money to be used to support the activities of the Libertarian Party in opposing such policies as the War on Drugs.

However, we have told Ms. LaCross that we are willing to refund the money of anyone who contributed in response to this letter. Anyone interested in such a refund may obtain one by writing or calling the national office. Anyone who wishes to make a contribution to an alternative charity suggested by Ms. LaCross may contact her through the national office.

## They Took the Challenge

On April 30, "Take the Challenge," the national Libertarian Party membership contest, ended. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all the state affiliate organizations that participated.

There were three categories in the membership contest with a first and second place winner in each. Prizes include a button making machine and a \$20 literature certificate for first place, and a \$20 literature certificate for second place. A letter of congratulations was sent to the winning states in May.

The top five states in each category were as follows:

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## A Real Kick In the Bass

Dan Snow, a Libertarian Party member who lives in Kingwood, TX, has just been sentenced to 90 days in jail, five years probation, fined \$5,000, ordered to do 1,000 hours of community service, and forbidden to own a gun.

His crime: In 1987 he guided a group of Dallas fishermen to Cuba for bass fishing. The bass waters in Cuba, he claims, are the best anywhere in the world.



The Cuban Academy of Science worked with the men—turning the trip into legitimate research, according to Snow. To back up his opinion, Snow took with him a Southern Illinois University professor acknowledged to be an authority on bass. Cuban bass also were accepted, from Snow, by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to improve the breed in Texas waters. Research is one legitimate reason for travel to Cuba.

Regardless of the research aspect, however, the trial judge instructed the jury to stick to the most narrow interpretation of the law which bans expenditure of hard currency in Cuba, excepting by researchers, journalists, and government officials. The jury decided that Snow's fishing trip was not research.

The maximum sentence possible on the charges against Snow was 50 years in jail and a fine of \$250,000.

Beside his claim that his fishing constituted part of legitimate research, Snow also claimed that the law placing restrictions on travel to Cuba was based upon false assumptions of the danger Cuba poses to the United States. Testimony backing up his charge, from former U.S. diplomats who had been stationed in Cuba and from a ranking CIA Cuba analyst, was not permitted at the trial. If it had been, one juror said, "I would still be there saying Dan Snow is not guilty."

Pointing out that he is one of the first people in the "free world" to be prosecuted for travelling, Snow wrote to the Libertarian Party NEWS saying that "the Iron Curtain came down over there and is going up here."

Just two weeks before Snow's sentencing, the McCarran-Walter Act, which made it possible to keep people out of this country for ideological reasons, was repealed. And before the House now is a bill that would prevent the president from restricting travel to Cuba.

Dan Snow's letter to the NEWS concluded with this P.S.: "Since I can no longer vote, you'll likely want to remove my name from your list."

No way, Jose!

# Winning and Losing On the Animas River

By Joseph Knight

One of the best ways for local Libertarian organizations to gain credibility and outreach opportunities is to form coalitions with single issue groups. The Libertarian Party of San Juan County, New Mexico, recently generated considerable media exposure and made hundreds of new friends by participating in such a coalition.

The Animas-La Plata Project (A-LPP) is a Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) boondoggle that will pump thousands of acre-feet of water out of the Animas River and into a reservoir over 500 feet above the river. The water in the reservoir will flow through a series of canals to new farmland and to the Ute Indian Reservation. Some of the water will be available for municipal and industrial use by local communities. San Juan County's water will not be stored, but the theory is that our participation will secure our "right" to the water.

**We knew . . . you would probably be against this.**

The projected cost of the A-LPP is \$589 million, plus operating costs of nearly a million every year. However, BOR projects typically run three to five times projections and the repayment contract could leave the federal share fixed at \$360 million with the local communities responsible for all cost overruns. The depleted river flow will have a negative effect on the riverine ecology and current irrigators.

When a handful of project antagonists decided to try to organize opposition, they contacted Libertarian Party County Chair Margaret Mathers. We were flattered that they called us.

"We knew from your letters-to-the-editor that you would probably be against this," they said. They were right.

The hour was already late. The San Juan County Commission had already approved the repayment contract for the county's up-front share of \$12.8 million. However, the state constitution requires that long-term debts must be approved by the voters. The opposition group formed into an organization called O.U.R. Land, Inc. (Owners of Urban and Rural Land) and started petitioning for a vote. Eventually, over 2,000 signatures were collected, and we started attending county commission meetings.

At the first commission meeting after approval of the repayment contract, over 200 project opponents turned out. The crowd included a dozen or more Libertarians and several spoke. "I'm proud to be a farmer, and I'm equally proud to represent the third-largest and fastest-growing political party in the United States," I told the Commissioners. We attempted to persuade the one possible swing vote to change his position and rescind the resolution of approval so we could vote. He abstained and the 2-2 vote was not enough to rescind.

Mathers is not one to put up with such nonsense and promptly joined another taxpayer in filing a lawsuit to force a vote on the issue. The proponents were telling us that there was no time to vote because any delay in putting the contracts in place would kill the project.

In the meantime, we started a letters-to-the-editor campaign and most of the Libertarians who wrote managed to use the "I" word. Project pushers, including

the "good ol' boy" clique that every community has, saw their vested interests being threatened and began a bitter campaign of personal attacks, which included harassment of some of the "Our Land" members' employers.

Another county commission meeting rolled around, and again a few hundred opponents showed up and were surprised to find that many of the chairs had been removed from the meeting room—the remaining chairs had been filled by proponents who had come early. Several sheriff's deputies were blocking entry to the room under the guise of enforcing the fire code. Never mind that the commission had been asked to move the meeting across the street to the high school to accommodate the crowd.

I wrote a letter on behalf of the Libertarian Party advising the sheriff that we had a right to attend the commission meetings, guaranteed by state law and the U.S. Constitution, and that we would hold him

legally accountable if a single Libertarian was kept out of the next meeting. The local newspaper did a front page story around the letter. The sheriff said publicly that he would continue to enforce the code, but there was no attempt to bar people from the next meeting and the commission eventually moved to a larger room.

Next came a large ad in the local paper accusing Our Land, Inc. of being a lynch mob "headed" by Libertarian Margaret Mathers. The ad accused us of threatening violence and anarchy, and advised folks to disregard the LP's ideas of right and wrong because we "also support complete legalization of all dangerous narcotic drugs such as cocaine, heroin, and marijuana." We ran a rebuttal ad challenging them to bring forward any evidence they had of any Libertarian or Our Land member threatening anyone, and of course, no such evidence was forthcoming. We also generated another libertarian headline and story setting the record straight as to the composition of the Our Land group, which was headed by a Republican, included the Democratic county chair, and whose membership was only about ten percent Libertarian.

We got more newspaper, television, and radio coverage by sponsoring two debates, and the commissioner who had previously abstained finally changed his vote and put the matter before the people.

Once the vote was secured, the "good ol' boys," who told us any delay would kill the project, started telling us that the project would be built anyway, and if San Juan County didn't participate we would lose our water. We had evidence to the contrary, but they were able to outspend us by a factor of about 30 to 1. The public, spooked by the prospect of losing water, voted 60 percent to 40 percent in favor of the project.

Most folks in these parts have now heard of the Libertarian Party and many are saying they see us in a whole new light. We have educated many people on the benefits of separation of water and state, and we have gained some standing in the community.

We won a great deal.

Knight is coordinator of the New Mexico LP.

## Red Dawn Over Memphis

By Franklin Sanders

At 7:00 a.m. one morning in January, at least five IRS agents, five Tennessee Revenue Department agents, and seven SWAT team members in black Ninja suits, armed with automatic weapons, burst into our home, recklessly endangering the lives of our seven children, to arrest my wife, Susan, and me on a federal warrant.



Culminating a four and one-half year IRS investigation, the warrant to arrest us was based on a 53 count, 72 page indictment charging 26 people with conspiracy to impair and impede the Internal Revenue Service in its duty to assess and collect taxes, filing false income tax returns, and failure to file income tax returns. The indictment later charged that we operated a "secret bank" to "hide" financial transactions from the IRS. Also charged in the indictment are the Rev. Daniel R. Morse, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Tennessee; the Rev. Curtis Crenshaw, assistant pastor; and nine other church members, including my wife and me.

Government harassment of Grace Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), began in April 1988, when nine church members were subpoenaed before a federal grand jury. The government demanded all church records, but the church refused to comply.

In June 1989, however, the General Assembly did deal with the issue of church records, and overwhelmingly approved a committee recommendation to write the U.S. Attorney protesting the investigation of the church, asserting the innocence of Pastor Morse and others, and protesting this violation of the First Amendment rights of Grace Presbyterian Church and the PCA.

For ten years, I have spoken and written against government attacks on personal and financial freedom, the dangerous condition of the banking system, the fragility of our over-indebted economy, and the fraud of the American monetary system. In 1985, I was the first journalist to expose the now-famous IRS secret five-year plan for a KGB-style computer dossier on every American. In 1986, I wrote a novel, *Heiland*, which projected the future of these police-state trends. Almost everything I warned of is now happening.

The so-called "secret" bank (warehouse exchange) was announced to thousands of people and was a lawful attempt to offer an alternative to the crumbling banking system. In 1983 and again in 1985, the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals pronounced warehouse exchanges constitutionally protected under the First Amendment.

Our legal defense is being coordinated by Larry Becraft, 209 Lincoln Street, Huntsville, AL 35801.



# Winter in New Hampshire

By Jim McClarin

Until 1988, the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire (LPNH) suffered a protracted period of near dormancy. The 1987 state convention attracted a television crew which noted that "all six" Libertarians in the state had convened.

Prior to this low point, there was a sufficient flare-up of interest to mount the beginnings of a petition drive (completed by the national Party) to qualify presidential candidate David Bergland for the New Hampshire ballot in 1984.

One would have to backtrack to 1979 to see real signs of Party vitality in New Hampshire. That was the year millionaire New Hampshire industrialist William Hunscher waged his energetic campaign for the Party's 1980 presidential nomination. But the state Party growth bloom stimulated by Hunscher's candidacy wilted markedly when the national Party nominated California attorney Ed Clark instead. The smell of success was an apparent requisite for most joiners.

And that brings us back to the state Party's present "winter" phase, in which the sweet aroma of success is once again drawing in new members.

In late 1987, a professional graphic artist and former college newspaper editor, Bill Winter, joined the LPNH and volunteered to take over publication of the LPNH newsletter, "Libertarian Lines." He proceeded to improve the publication to the point of its being labeled "the best in the nation" by some Party leaders.

Rejecting both the "educational" and "open forum" formats popular among LP newsletter editors, Winter concluded the proper focus for a Party newsletter should be inspirational news and positive Party advocacy. He presented articles on the pro-liberty accomplishments of individual members. For example:

- Libertarian selectman Jack Kelleher's victorious passage of an Epsom Town warrant favoring a \$1,000 tax credit to any town taxpayer who sent a resident high schooler to a private high school (a net \$2,000 savings to the town per taxpayer);

- Member Alan Groupe's \$2,500 computer donation to the Advocates for Self-Government;

- Member Paul Seigler's formation of ATACC (Area Taxpayers Against the Civic

Center) which has kept advocates of a tax-funded civic center in Concord on the defensive;

- LPNHer Dennis Ruggles' successful fight against mandatory social security numbers on New Hampshire drivers licenses;

- Member Tom Barton's "sales approach" effort to interest those on a 300-person list he'd compiled in finding out more about the Libertarian Party;

- Member Scott Bowden's appointment to the Town of Antrim Conservation Commission;

- A member's successful project to prospect for "closet libertarians" among the 400 State House members (Don Roulston, R-Salem, scored 100 percent on the Nolan Chart Quiz);

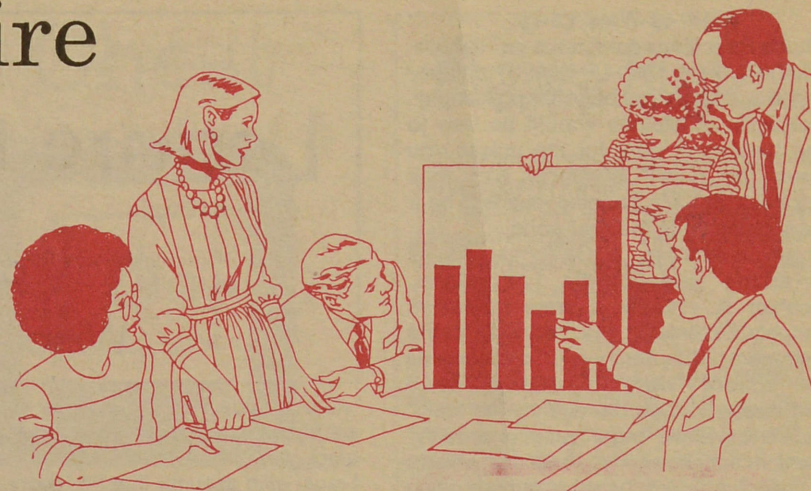
- Long-time LPer John Hilberg's "tax cap" ballot measure for the city of Laconia. (His measure bumped from the ballot by the city and rejected in court, Hilberg organized a full slate of council candidates committed to the measure. His "straight arrow" ticket won six of the nine seats on the city council in November, stunning major Party contenders);

- LPNHer Brandy Adams' fiery speech before the New Boston school district meeting, resulting in the largest cut in a proposed school district budget (\$540,000) in state history. She then entered the race for school board as a write-in candidate only four days before the election, winning an incredible 36 percent of the vote.

Winter's strategy of featuring Libertarian success stories, while downplaying internal Party disputes and long-winded philosophical dissertations, seems to be a formula which works at least as far as Party growth is concerned. Most expiring memberships are renewed promptly, and a high percentage of "prospects" join the Party after several free issues of Winter's "Libertarian Lines."

Sensing a major leadership vacuum, Winter stepped into the state chair position at the Party's more successful 1988 convention, featuring Ron Paul as banquet speaker.

One of Winter's first changes was to move state Party meetings out of members' homes and into a tastefully appointed meeting room at a private estate in Concord, also arranging a guest speaker at



each month's meeting.

Next, Winter instituted a monthly "Liberty Award," presented to one or more LPers at each meeting for outstanding service in the pursuit of Party goals—the perfect excuse for making happy, smiling faces a standard feature in the newsletter, so meetings would seem more inviting to stay-at-home subscribers.

Without actually adopting a dress code for meetings, Winter was able to subtly steer regulars toward dressier attire in order to more favorably impress newcomers. Name tags, refreshments, and an official greeter at each meeting also helped set a more success-oriented tone.

Despite of surging membership growth and improved financing, Winter began to speak disparagingly of his accomplishments in the LPNH. He saw himself shouldering most of the workload. Why continue as state chair, he asked, when no one was willing to match his efforts at building the Party.

These worries came dramatically to a head at the recent well-attended (120 plus) state convention in Nashua.

Following a workshop session which included presentations by a state legislator and a town selectman, a business meeting saw eight Party members willingly accept important committee responsibilities under the threat of Bill Winter's promise to withdraw his name from nomination for chairman, if exactly this sort of help was not forthcoming. Winter was then elected by acclamation, joined by vice-chairs Alan Groupe and Jim McClarin, secretary Miriam Luce, and treasurer John Elsna.

Later, in his banquet speech, Libertarian talk show host Gene Burns lauded Winter as "perhaps the best state Party chairman nationally within the Libertarian Party, and editor of what is without question the best libertarian newsletter in the country."

After awarding Epsom Selectman Jack Kelleher the "Libertarian of the Year" award, Winter was himself presented with a surprise award for his enormous contributions to the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire.

At the time of the convention, the LPNH was in the process of surpassing the Massachusetts LP in membership, even though neighboring Massachusetts is six times more populous.

By 1992, the LPNH hopes to be within striking distance of the undersized Democratic Party of New Hampshire.

## Nevada Stages Tax Protest

Typical of the many Libertarian Party tax day protests across the country was the one staged in Las Vegas, NV, home of the Party's most recent vice-presidential candidate, Andre Marrou.

Organized by James L. (for Libertarian) Burns, with the help of Paula Miller, Gordon Morris, Chuck Geshlender, and Wayne Randolph, the protest was staged at the city's brand new IRS office. Altogether 60 people participated directly in the protest with only half of them being LP members. The other participants were either "just interested" or represented tax protest or patriotic groups.

Highlight visiting participants were Paul Fisher, founder of the Fisher Pen Company of Boulder, CO, and retired Col. Bo Gritz, inspiration for the movie character of Rambo and famed for blowing the whistle on CIA drug smuggling operations.

Marrou reported that the event was covered sympathetically by the area's largest newspapers and by all three of the city's network TV stations.

Signs asking passing motorists to "Honk if you hate taxes" kept the street alive with the sound of protest throughout the two-hour demonstration. Protesters not only carried anti-tax signs but wore masks and dragged plastic balls and chains. According to Paula Miller, "the balls and chains represent the chains the government has placed on citizens and the masks symbolize our fear of the IRS" whose local office assigned agents from the IRS criminal division to survey the protest.

# Fourth of July — Our Holiday

By Toni Black  
LP Outreach Chair

The Fourth of July is the holiday that most exemplifies Libertarian principles.

Libertarians are encouraged, as groups and individually, to present programs and events on the holiday that would bring the values to the forefront. Let's remind Americans what the celebration is all about. Let's make the Declaration of Independence part of the party!

If there is a community celebration held where you live, go to the organizers (or get on the board yourself) and lobby for a reading of the Declaration to be on the program—a costumed dramatic speaker would be a good idea.

If there will be a parade in a nearby town, plan to enter a Libertarian float. Gather activists from several communities to work on it, if necessary. Design it so



bystanders can't miss the message: "We hold these truths . . . that people are endowed with certain inalienable rights . . . that governments are established to

protect those rights." And use the theme of our ad campaign: "The Libertarian Party—Defenders of Freedom." (Bumper stickers are available from the national office.)

Write letters to the editor about the values of the holiday or submit appropriate op-ed pieces. Hang banners that proclaim liberty, and sponsor advertisements that spread the word.

If you are in a metropolitan area where there will be a big celebration, go with leaflets (available from headquarters or design your own) that talk of rights proclaimed and defended, quote the Declaration, and that tell folks how to find us.

Let's be a visible part of the July Fourth scene, all around America. Let's proclaim liberty and celebrate rights—and do it in the community, with neighbors and friends. A picnic of Libertarians together is fun, but it does little to spread the word. Get out there and hold the torch on high!



### Right-to-Work Laws

Bruce Baechler's comments on Right-to-Work Laws (April 1990 LP NEWS) faithfully interpret and apply the libertarian philosophy. In principle, employers should be free to make "you can't work for me unless you support the union" contracts with their employees. But, Mr. Baechler needs to hear what is going on in the real world.

I am a teacher in California. As all libertarians undoubtedly understand, education is virtually a state controlled monopoly. Essentially, teachers work for the government or they don't work. School boards and school administrations have unfortunately viewed the agency fee "chip" (which is known as "organizational security" but which really amounts to forced unionism) as a "free chip" which costs the district nothing to give away. They give it away in order to win concessions from the union in other areas such as salaries and benefits. School districts do not give it away as a principled action in support of unionism. These government organizations give agency fee away because they have no regard for the individual rights of independent teachers and they believe it will cost them nothing to do so. As Mr. Baechler points out, it is the employer's right to do this, but it leads to severe unlibertarian consequences.

From the moment the union secures agency shop, it has no incentive to be responsive to the members of the bargaining unit. Teachers must pay dues whether they like what the union is doing or not. The law does not allow for competing unions within a district. A teacher is forced to allow the "sole bargaining agent" to bargain his contract. Contracts in education no longer deal merely with salary, benefits, hours, and the like. They deal with who should have control over curriculum and choice of textbooks, other educational classroom aides, and what goes on in the classroom in general.

With the passage of agency shop, a teacher finds his property being taken for a whole host of activities that have nothing to do with collective bargaining. The National Education Association (NEA) and the California Teachers' Association (CTA) spend massive amounts of money, which they have forcibly extracted from teachers, on lobbying and campaigning efforts, not one of which is libertarian in nature.

A main goal of the NEA is to see education controlled at the national level and overseen by the NEA. A former president of the NEA has been quoted as saying, "We shall not rest until we control who enters and who leaves the profession." The union wants full control over curriculum and hiring for the whole country. And they slowly but surely are achieving this goal thanks to the millions of dollars they forcibly collect from teachers.

Surely, no Libertarian can support what is going on. Mr. Baechler's efforts at philosophical purity are laudable. But until we can end the state monopoly over education, Mr. Baechler had better can his ideological preaching about the libertarianism of forced unionism. You can bet if the NEA gets its way, libertarian ideals will be effectively silenced forever.

Anne Lindl  
California

### Right-to-Work Laws

Being forced to join a union as is the common practice in the Northern states and being forced to hire union employees isn't pro-freedom. It is coercion. Individuals who want to, say, move furniture for hire in Pennsylvania will find their way blocked by the unions (this actually happened to a friend who just wanted to practice free enterprise and make a few bucks on the side). That's coercion, too.

I assume that Baechler is all in favor of pre-employment polygraphs, drug, or—the

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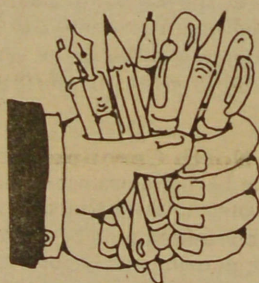
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latest proposal by employers and health insurance companies—genetic testing by employers to keep from hiring "undesirables." I must also assume that he favors allowing employers to discriminate against members of certain races, colors, and sexes in hiring. I believe that we should not allow employers that kind of "discretion". We should always favor the freedoms of individuals over those of bureaucratic entities like unions and corporations.

It hasn't been that many years since corporations ran amuck and worked women and six-year-old children in sweatshops 16 hours a day for pennies; nor has it been that long since mining companies kept miners in perpetual debt to the company store by paying negligible wages. And even now unions are running amuck in many places making the lot of the individual and the employer harder. I hope that the Libertarian Party isn't in favor of that kind of "freedom."

Edwin Krampitz, Jr.  
Portsmouth, VA



### Right-to-Work Laws

A primary truth of free market economics is that labor unions can negotiate higher wages only at the expense of the rest of the labor force. And forced unionization is the exact opposite of what Baechler says it is. His entire rationalization is the opposite of what Libertarians should stand for, on principle.

When he stopped being a labor organizer, he didn't make the full intellectual leap to libertarianism—did he?

William J. Eads  
New Orleans, LA

### Ready to Join LP

I have received your letter asking me to consider membership in the Libertarian Party. You caught me at a good time: I have reluctantly come to agree with Eugene McCarthy's observation that "there isn't a nickel's worth of difference" between the Republicans and the Democrats. (It's about the only thing on which I have ever seen eye-to-eye with Mr. McCarthy.)

I once was hopeful that those elements in the Republican Party who retain some degree of commitment to the principles on which this country was founded might prevail; but the first year of Mr. Bush's administration—and for that matter, the last two years of Mr. Reagan's—pretty thoroughly killed that hope. I believed in 1980 when Mr. Carter went down in flames that I was at last seeing the end of the New Deal; but ten years later nothing has changed except the names of the people ransacking my pockets and

threatening my rights. The general theme of American government at all levels rests squarely on the Rooseveltian principles of stealing from the middle class and buying votes from special interest groups with the money; and the Republicans play this game as well as the Democrats do.

I'm a gun owner and happen to have contacted the Libertarian Party because of their mention in *The American Rifleman*. But I would have made the switch anyway, because I am also a student of American history, and I doubt if the men who founded this nation would recognize it today. The very concepts of minimal government and a limited federal presence in everyday life, which they considered basic to individual freedom, seem to have been forgotten. I would like to see them revived and hope that the Libertarians can bring it about.

You are right when you say that "... your vote ... is a statement of who you are," and who I am is one more fed-up citizen.

In *Hamlet*, Polonius advises his son Laertes: "This above all: to thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

I have concluded that being true to myself requires me to withdraw support from the major political Parties and to join the effort to restore this nation to the course its founding fathers hoped it would follow.

Thomas Caceci  
Blacksburg, VA

### Legalization Makes Sense

On February 16, I caught the tail end of two Libertarians speaking on C-Span about the drug talks in Colombia, South America. What a breath of fresh air to hear someone promote the idea that Americans can decide for themselves about drugs. I, like most Americans, do not use drugs, but believe that those who do will regardless of any law.

I work in a California state prison as a correctional officer. Eighty-five percent of our inmates were involved in drug related crimes. Most law enforcement officials point to these statistics as justification for tougher drug laws. More laws will only lead to increased crime. The only gainers are law enforcement and penal institutions whose tax-funded empires will continue to grow. These officials are missing the mark with misguided good intentions.

Legalization of drug use makes sense. The people who want to use drugs today will do so. More laws, more prisons, more government can't stop that.

Education, not legislation, is one answer to the substance abuse problem. I'm not talking just about formal programs, but about parents setting examples for their children—showing them that the world can be a fun, secure, loving place from which there is no need to escape.

David A. Coombe  
Susanville, CA

### Name Change

It seems clear to me that we need to look at how we are presenting our philosophy and/or labeling ourselves. This is why I favor changing the Party's name to one more easily identifiable with and understood by

the average voter.

Some people might view a Taxpayers Party as being a one issue party. However, this would only be true if the Party and its members fail to address other issues. Even if it were true, what issue incites most people more than taxes?

I view taxes as the vehicle which will allow us to more aggressively promote our philosophy, discuss the issues, and establish a foundation from which we can develop a much larger Party capable of electing people who can implement libertarian ideas.

Many people don't trust those who run for public office whether they are Republicans, Democrats, or Libertarians. I think this problem or lack of trust can be overcome by labeling ourselves Taxpayers. Since most people view themselves as being taxpayers, they can more easily identify with and accept or trust other taxpayers.

In my opinion, almost two decades of libertarian activity under the Libertarian label have not provided the kind of growth or voter support that we need to achieve our goals. The word "taxpayers" is an international word that has been in existence for many centuries. It is a name which people have a common bond to and can more easily identify with. It is for these reasons that I support changing the Party's name to the Taxpayers Party.

Dick M. Jacobs  
Holland, MI

### Vague Principles

In his letter in the April 1990 LP NEWS, Kenneth Prazak maintains that the Libertarian Party should refrain from taking a stand on any issue for which there is not a near-unanimous consensus among libertarians. He therefore suggests abandoning the LP platform in favor of a diluted and uncontroversial Statement of Principles, so that "Libertarians would more accurately be represented to the public at large." What this suggestion amounts to is the demand that Libertarians present themselves to the public at large as adherents of a vague set of principles divorced from any practical applications.

The Libertarian Party would become hostage to whatever minority of libertarians had not rid itself of statist delusions on one issue or another. Perhaps the Platform should contain a statement acknowledging that it cannot speak for all members; but it should make no further concession than that. We have to draw the line somewhere: A Libertarian Party that was not pro-choice and anti-interventionist would be a Libertarian Party hardly worth belonging to at all. The Libertarian Party is the Party of principle; let's keep it that way.

Roderick T. Long  
Ithaca, NY

### Scientology

I wonder if Libertarians know that they have many kindred spirits in the Church of Scientology.

I believe that scientology is libertarianism applied to the field of the human spirit. The goal of scientology is total freedom for the individual. Unlike other theories about man now widely held by governments, we scientologists believe that man, free and in an ideal state regarding his abilities, is an ethical and responsible being. We believe in the correlation between someone's sanity, or value to society, and his ability and opportunity to exert his power of choice.

My purpose here is not to proselytize. We need scientologists and libertarians and everyone else with a very specialized or a very broad desire for freedom to demand an end to government intrusion, bullying, and many other actions that result in the curtailment of the freedom of our people.

James D. Miner  
Hamburg, NY



# Ballot Access Builds War Chest

By Steven I. Givot  
Chair, Ballot Access Committee

In recent issues of LP NEWS, we reported that our short-term goal was amassing sufficient funds to begin our petitioning work. The Ballot Access Committee (BAC) is pleased to report that we are well on our way!

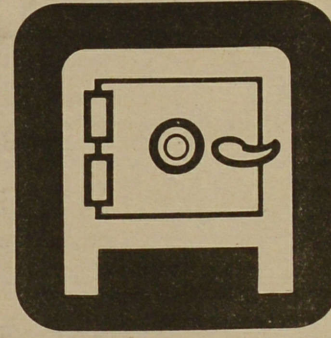
As of April 30, 1990, BAC funds were at their highest level in over a year. In the six months since we returned to an all-volunteer effort, we have paid off thousands of dollars of outstanding debts. Today the BAC owes nothing. Our cash is free and clear of any liabilities, and we are preparing to start petitioning in the near future.

Last year only \$14,000 was spent on petitioning nationwide. The Maryland drive for 1992 was completed, and the first third of the Nevada drive was conducted. The Nevada drive, you may recall, was completed by our good friends at Project 51-'92. This gave BAC an opportunity to

focus its attention on its financial health and organizational structure.

Today we are stronger for that effort. Several changes in volunteer activity promise to keep building on our strengths. Bill Redpath of Virginia, a BAC member for several months, has agreed to be my backup in periods during which I will be unavailable. This will be critical during summer petition drives. Toni Black of South Carolina has agreed to act as liaison to those pledgers who send us a monthly check. Black will serve to remind our mail pledgers of the importance of their continued funding of BAC. Me-Me King, who plans to relocate to the Chicago area, will be processing the funds which you send in and thanking you for your generosity.

The response to our initial mailing of our fund-raising letter was wonderful. We received an average contribution or pledge of over \$80 for each letter sent (as opposed to each gift received). If subsequent mailings to others on our list is equally success-



ful, we will be able to raise all the money we need this year in one effort!

On behalf of BAC, I thank those of you who have already been so generous and I urge everyone else to join them.

**Remember, this year every penny you give goes to petitioning. No salary, no commissions, no rent, no overhead.**

## Alabama

Alabama has about six "Seminar One" groups currently underway and are firm believers in this program. They have also done "Operation Politically Homeless" booths at gun shows with good results.

## California

Many Los Angeles Libertarians have been active demonstrating against the spraying of Malathion on urban populations. The public outcry in Los Angeles has been significantly against this action, but Libertarians seem to be the only group opposing the spraying on the basis that the government does not have the right to spray you with anything for any reason.

The NRA National Convention will take place in June in Anaheim. Most of the Southern California regions will be providing whatever funds and resources they can to support a booth at the convention.

## Delaware

Delaware has ballot status by reason of 173 registered Libertarian voters versus a requirement of 152. The state Party will be sponsoring a booth at the state fair July 17-27.

## Georgia

Two "Operation Politically Homeless" booths were done at NORML rallies recently. About 80 percent of those taking the quiz scored Libertarian.

## Indiana

Libertarians are awaiting a decision in a lawsuit challenging the state's ban on write-in ballots. The case was filed by Libertarian attorney Steve Dillon and prospects for a favorable ruling appear good.

## Kentucky

Monthly get-togethers have begun in Louisville, Lexington, and Madison County. A speaker's bureau has been established consisting of Al Edington and Dick Dickinson, both members of Toastmasters.

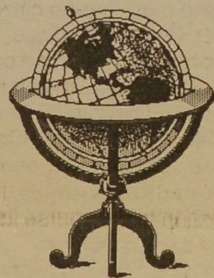
## Louisiana

Louisiana has been displaying "Operation Politically Homeless" booths at college campuses—resulting in three new local chapters.

## Maine

Maine was selected as the test market

## Around the States



for LP tax protest TV ads. Nick Youngers writes that "the TV ads have been a major success. Marc Montoni reports over 200 Maine responses mailed out so far by the national office. Thirty Maine Libertarians have donated \$1,055 toward the TV ads.

Nick Youngers also reports: "Operation Bold Strike was a major success for us. Our county meeting in Bangor in February was promoted as a drug issue meeting. The NBC local affiliate covered the meeting. We were on the evening and late local news in both Portland and Bangor. First time in eight years. We generated a lot of interest and one new member from the coverage."

The census project also resulted in coverage. Dr. Carl Mabey of Kennebunkport contracted a local editorial writer who endorsed the LP position on the census in a *Journal Tribune* editorial, and Dotti Hutchins appeared as the LP spokeswoman on WAGM-TV in Presque Isle. The LP has now been covered on TV in all three of Maine's media markets this year.

## Maryland

Maryland has collected, but not yet filed, the 10,000 signatures required to become recognized as a "minor party" under state law. Filing will be made at a time that will obtain ballot status for our 1992 presidential candidate.

## New Jersey

On March 19, in Trenton, the National Rifle Association sponsored a rally against a proposed gun ban. Six Party members attended. They distributed literature, gathered petition signatures, and were

positively received by the crowd.

## New Mexico

The New Mexico LP gathered 16,000 signatures on a petition demanding the repeal of the gross receipts tax on health services. Signatures were gathered in pharmacies, in doctor and chiropractor offices, and at the state fair. Coordinator Maurice McDonald presented the hefty box of petitions to Lieutenant Governor Jack Stahl in the state capitol rotunda in January.

## North Carolina

The state LP led a protest against the Panama invasion. They formed a coalition with different leftist groups, with the LP doing the organizing and the other groups supplying most of the participants. Dick Boddie spoke to a Black radical group as a result of this networking when he was in the state to attend the state convention April 28. State Chair Phil Jacobson feels they may have good prospects for activists in the collapsing groups on the left.

## Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania recently held its state convention and more than 80 people attended. Banquet speaker was Irv Homer, the number one radio talk show host in the Delaware Valley and would-be repealer of the 16th Amendment. Andre Marrou gave candidate and Party-building workshops. Concern was expressed about the national office's "pre-emption" of state Party efforts to secure membership renewals. It was suggested that national not send membership renewals until two months after expiration in those states where the state Party has an active renewal program.

## Utah

The Utah LP is working on an initiative to repeal strict liquor laws and privatize the sale of liquor. On April 30, Utah Libertarians participated in precinct level meetings with other political organizations involved in this initiative.

## Texas

Brian Lynch showed the Marshall Fritz videotapes introducing libertarianism on Austin Cable TV. Also, the weekly cable series "Live and Let Live" continues.

Terry Liberty Parker is lobbying the Austin City Council to abolish the vice squad.

## News Notes

In a major profile of David Lynch, whose mystery series, "Twin Peaks," is the talk of the TV season, *Newsweek Magazine* (April 9, 1990) says that, when it comes to politics, "He's best described as a libertarian."

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Drug Tsar (or Commissar) William Bennett's latest contribution to collectivist political theory comes from a speech he made to the Atlanta-based PRIDE, characterized as the nation's oldest and largest drug education organization:

"We may just have to . . . find some way to get children out of the [drug risk] environment which they're in, to go to orphanages, to go to Boys Town, to expand institutions like that, where they will be raised and nurtured."

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The 1989 Felix Morley Memorial Writing Competition sponsored by the Institute for Humane Studies has honored six young *Freeman* authors. Congratulations to David Bernstein, Christopher L. Culp, Matthew Hoffman, David Hood, John Hood, and Greg Kaza.

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Richard Winger reports that the North Carolina State Board of Elections has now offered to pay attorneys' fees in the lawsuit brought by Project 51-'92. Project 51-'92 earlier won the Board's concession that it has a right to contribute money in unlimited amounts to the Libertarian Party's proposed ballot access petition there. Project 51-'92 is a Libertarian PAC. When it had first proposed to pay for a petition drive to qualify the Party there, the Board of Elections ruled that such funding was illegal. The Board was forced to back down after Project 51-'92 filed a lawsuit, since North Carolina law doesn't, in fact, contain any such ban.

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Fred Cookinham of New York reports "two libertarianesque editorials in the *New York Times* in one day."

On Monday, April 16, William Safire wrote that it is well to practice caveat emptor before buying what the "Greenies" are selling, just as you do before buying the products of the hated corporations. "Demand to see the whole agenda," he warns. "Instead of railing against greedy corporations . . . use economic incentives to clean the air and water." He suggests that we untax the reformed polluter.

Howard Husock writes an even better piece, recommending an end to zoning, so that low-cost housing can be built by . . . low-cost housing builders. Ingenious! And what's more, he has unearthed evidence of a long-forgotten civilization called "Pre-New Deal America" where this was successfully done. At that time the poor were not segregated in Orwellian housing projects, but lived in things called "row-houses" and "brownstones," and lived in mainstream communities.

"Now that's what I call fit to print," Cookinham noted.



# New Money Predicted

Dr. Ron Paul, former Texas Congressman and the 1988 presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party, has predicted that "next month or next year" the federal government will issue "new money" which will be computer printed and computer accessible—the ability of every bill to be tracked by government agents—and which also will contain "chemical taggents" that can be detected by screening devices in public places such as airports.

The new money was displayed for members of the House Banking and Currency Committee while Dr. Paul was in the Congress.

The federal government, Dr. Paul says in his investment newsletter, claims that "the new money will nab money launderers and drug dealers [but actually] it is a portable inquisition, a paper 'third degree,' to allow the feds to keep track of American cash, and American citizens . . .

"... The new money will steal our freedom and our prosperity; it will accelerate the transfer of wealth and power from the people to the government and its friends."

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# Upcoming Events

## June 2, 1990:

Arizona LP Convention, Westward Look Resort, Tucson; 602-323-1656.

## June 8-10, 1990:

Texas LP Convention, El Tropicano Hotel, San Antonio; 512-467-1776. Speakers include Andre Marrou, Carl Wigglesworth.

## June 9, 1990:

Washington State LP Convention, University Unitarian Church, Seattle; 206-329-5669.

## June 10, 1990:

Nevada State LP Convention, Comstock Hotel, Reno; 702-734-3733.

## June 10, 1990:

Oklahoma LP Convention; 918-743-8532.

## June 16-17, 1990:

Louisiana LP Convention, Baton Rouge; 504-926-1085. Speakers include Andre Marrou.

## June 23, 1990:

Utah LP Convention; 800-283-UTAH. Speakers include Ron Paul.

## July 21, 1990:

Delaware LP Convention; 302-653-4904.

## August 10-14, 1990:

"World Environmentalism—The Future of Freedom in the 1990s," Libertarian World Conference, incorporating the World Conference of International Society For Individual Liberty, Future of Freedom Conference, and Advocates for Self-Government Summit, Golden Gateway

Holiday Inn, San Francisco, CA.; 415-864-0952. Speakers include Milton Friedman, Walter Block, Barbara Branden, Peter Breggin, Marshall Fritz, Frances Kendall, Leon Louw, Tom Palmer, Ron Paul, and Robert Poole, Jr.

## August 11-12, 1990:

National Committee Meeting, Golden Gateway Holiday Inn, San Francisco, CA; 415-731-3031. To receive agenda packet call 202-543-1988.

## August 11, 1990:

Council of LP State Chairs Meeting, Golden Gateway Holiday Inn, San Francisco, CA; 818-796-8231.

## October 1990:

Maryland LP Convention; 202-328-0099.

## November 6, 1990:

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## December 8-9, 1990:

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