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HEY . . . WHERE IS EVERYBODY?

"There are now seven people who understand. . . The revolution is assured."

attributed to Marx, or his type

Pennsylvania libertarians might be encouraged to keep in mind the small beginnings of other major revolutions when they contemplate their own growth status. "Mighty oaks from little acorns grow" is another way of putting it. Here's the acorn count:

The western front (Allegheny Chapter) is in good shape. Dinner meetings are being held regularly and membership contacts are increasing.

Deleware Valley Chapter outpost is being held only by Olga and Bill Chauncey. No current chapter activities.

Central Chapter--well, Paul Bilzi has resigned as chair because "key people" are all moving and he cannot be on hand locally to rebuild membership. No chapter activities planned.

And it does indeed seem as if everyone is fleeing the state. Stew Engle's job is taking him to Rhode Island, so he has resigned as LPP's treasurer. Roy Euvuard, Central chapter's resident optimist and LPP's valuable legal counsel has moved out of state. And Mildred Freeward, L. Penn's editor, will also soon be leaving Pa.

But the outlook is not completely dismal. Charles Rakowski has stepped in to take Stew's treasurer's job for as long as he is in the state. Olga is taking the newsletter. Both consider themselves temporary replacements and extend open invitations to anyone who could find fulfillment and satisfaction in those jobs to step forward and enrich their libertarian experiences as well as advance the cause. Any acorns aspiring to be oaks?

HOW DO WE FIND THOSE OTHERS OUT THERE?

"Let's develop flyers addressed to specific audiences," said Jo, "such as this one. . ."

"Oh," said Charlie, "a blurb to be left in porno shops!"

An obvious priority for the LPP is to find people who are either potential members or

who are at least willing to work with the LPP because they agree with some libertarian issue (i.e. are willing to help with the ballot campaign, etc.)

Handout flyers directed at interest groups are being developed. The first one--already at the press--focuses on liberty in personal actions and is entitled "If it feels good, it's probably illegal". The plan is that it could be distributed in places where the civil libertarian types frequent (including but not exclusively, porno shops!) Charles Rakowski is working on a flyer directed at gun shops, owners, and organizations.

The "If it feels good" flyer says: "What you do with your body is your business. Laws restricting prostitution, pornography, drug use, abortion, contraception, and homosexuality have no place in a free society. . ." And it leads up to the question, "Is your freedom to live as you choose worth a few hours of your time to help?"

Anyone familiar with specific interest groups is encouraged to write similar flyers and the LPP will work with them to prepare and distribute them.

In addition to specific interest flyers, the LPP has a general membership brochure. Copies of that are available for any member to distribute.

AND HOW'S THAT PETITION DRIVE?

"Nothing is achieved before it be thoroughly attempted."

Sidney

. . . such as getting the LP presidential ticket of MacBride and Bergland on the ballot in Pennsylvania.

The LPP execom is shaping up the plans for the ballot petitioning drive on February 18 to March 10. Charles Rakowski will handle the "outside management" of organizing the work that has to be done to get the signatures. He will recruit zone captains who will in turn be responsible for petitioning work in certain areas.

A manager is needed for the "inside management" which includes the necessary follow-up work of coordinating signatures with voter registration lists. This is the work which, if well done, can save petitions from the "evil intentions of those foul characters who would disqualify every signature that they can throw suspicion on" i.e. from election board officials.

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IT IS, NO DOUBT, AN IMMENSE ADVANTAGE TO HAVE DONE NOTHING,
BUT ONE SHOULD NOT ABUSE IT. Rivarol

LPP CALENDAR: NOVEMBER, 1975

- Nov. 20, Allegheny Chapter dinner meeting with James McKenna, General Counsel for the Heritage Foundation. Dinner at 7:15 (\$8.50 ea), talk open to the public at 8:15. Sheraton Inn at the Monroeville Mall. Topic: Public Education, Crisis in America. Call 262-1729 evenings for information. Dinner reservations must be made by Nov. 10.
- Nov. 22-23, SIL Conference at Drexel Univ., Philadelphia, on Domestic Issues and Foreign Policy.

DECEMBER AND ONWARDS

- Dec. 7, 1:00 pm, Delaware Valley Chapter meeting to organize petition drive. At Scott Borowsky's apt, Washington House #317, 3800 Presidential Blvd., Phila., Pa. Call GR 7-4186.
- January, date to be set, next LPP execom meeting.
- February 18-March 10, 1976, Ballot petition campaign.
- Next summer in Pittsburgh. Libertas '76.

ACTIONS AND CONSPIRACIES TO ACT

- The National Office of the Libertarian Party has opened up its new headquarters in the nation's capital: Libertarian Party, 1516 P Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.
- Libertarian candidates in other states:
 - Ellen Davis lost Dem. primary for Dutchess Co. Exec, N.Y., received 1000 votes, 35% of the total.
 - Carole Cohen tied in Conserv. primary for Mayor of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. with party designee.
 - Virginia Walker lost Conserv. primary for Suffolk County Exec. N.Y. by 200 votes out of 3000 cast.
 - Harold Skip Beale won Rep. primary for Virginia House of Delegates.
- Tweedle-dee; Tweedle-dum; or None-of-the-above. IP of Ca. is circulating petitions for a None initiative on the Ca. ballot.

YOU WANT TO LEARN TO BE A POLITICIAN?

We have tapes of many of the Action Workshops held at the Presidential Convention. If you're interested in fundraising, public speaking, organizing campus groups, managing campaigns, writing newsletters, or helping with petition drives, get in touch with Jo Chernow and we'll try to arrange a group playing/beer party, or something. If you're not in the York area, get in touch anyway and we'll mail it off if you'll pay postage and return it right away.

AND HERE'S A HANDY HINT

"Don't confuse petition circulation with missionary work. Your time is precious, you want signatures, not arguments. Suppose the person doesn't accept the argument that, right or wrong in their thinking, any party or independent should be able to get on the ballot; don't argue--simply slip an appropriate brochure into his/her hand with a friendly smile, and move on."

David Lowell in the Colorado Libertarian