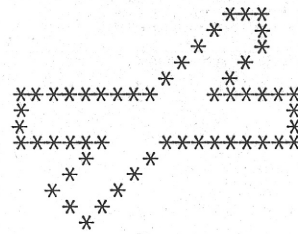


The I L L I N O I S
L I B E R T A R I A N



That's right. Pedestrianism wins again, beating out snobbishness, obscurantism, and just plain goofiness. But there's a problem: the person with the winning entry has been ruled ineligible (for being a past or present officer of LPI [it is not the Editor]). So, we draw lots. And the winner of the \$10 gift certificate is...

J. D. Webster!

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LPI GENERAL MEETING FOR FEBRUARY

CARBONDALE CAMPAIGN REPORT

When-- 6:00 Sunday evening, February 23rd.

Irene Gains a Running Mate

Where-- McDonald's Restaurant in Lisle, Maple Ave. & Rt. 53 (south of downtown Lisle). (We will meet in the clubroom downstairs.)

Irene Altschuler, libertarian candidate for Mayor of Carbondale, has been joined in her quest for political office by Karen Brown, who is running for a two-year term as a member of the Carbondale Park District Board. Ms. Brown is a graduate student in the field of Recreation, and her Masters Thesis will deal with the topic, "funding without taxation."

Why-- To discuss the following:
At what time of day should the General Meetings be held?

Incorporation.

Selection of a by-laws committee.

The possibility of having a state-wide convention this spring for the purpose of ratifying the by-laws and dealing with other important statewide issues.

The possibility of having an awards banquet and fundraiser sometime soon.

The campaign goes well. Irene has drawn the respectful attention of the media not only to her own candidacy but also to libertarian ideas and methods as they apply to Carbondale's problems. She has appeared on radio talk shows, gotten her letters printed in local newspapers, and spoken before several citizens groups. In all this she has been ably supported by the membership of the Jackson County LP.

It is rumored that Paul Stout might take this occasion to formally announce his candidacy for Lombard Village Trustee.

The owner of a local radio station is reportedly giving consideration to airing a weekly 5-minute libertarian-slanted commentary on the news. In the future, plans are to devote special attention to attracting the "youth vote" in this college town. And--should Irene or Karen win--we have all been invited downstate for some "great fishing and camping"--a celebration.

Members (and friends) are urged to arrive promptly at 6:00 if they intend to join in dinner; persons wishing to skip dinner (or eat elsewhere--Burger King?) should plan on arriving after 7:00. Do come.

by Joe Cobb

Milton Friedman spoke to an audience of approximately 100 students and members of LPI at the University of Chicago February 5 (the affair was sponsored by the University of Chicago Libertarian Club). No prepared talk was presented. Instead Professor Friedman answered questions and discoursed on various topics with active audience participation.

Among the points made were: (1) why the budget deficit is not important as a cause of inflation (the greenback financing of bonds is important); (2) the rate of inflation may reach 25% by 1977; (3) the "problem" of unemployment is a phoney (the percent of the population over age 14 employed has not significantly declined since the 1973 boom year)--as is the "problem" of how to recycle all those Arab petrodollars; (4) a hyperinflation is most unlikely as long as the government is still able to raise tax monies by other direct means; (5) inflation is a form of taxation that no Congressman has ever voted for, or ever need vote for; (6) inflation is like alcoholism (at first you feel good, but then the pain of hangover comes later; and when you "take the cure" it is the reverse: the pain comes first and health returns later); (7) unemployment is here to stay, at levels of 7-10%, because of the regulatory impediments on the economy (minimum wage laws, union restrictions, and government price controls); (8) the anti-trust laws are abused (only one law is needed to ensure market competition --freedom of trade); (9) the only long-run solution to the twin problems of runaway inflation and runaway government is a constitutional amendment (like California's "Proposition One") that would place a ceiling on taxation and spending; (10) businessmen are not "good guys" (they actively seek government privilege and protection); (11) the free enterprise system is not so much a profit system, as we commonly assume, but a system of loss (when a businessman suffers a failure, he cuts his losses--but government agencies just keep pouring money down ratholes);

Paul Stout, member of LPI and the Libertarian Club of DuPage, recently announced his candidacy for Village Trustee of Lombard, Ill. Before a meeting of the LCD. Paul has submitted petitions nominating himself as a candidate in the election to be held April 15th and expects to get through the one-week challenge period without hitch.

Paul estimates his chances of winning as being excellent, for he intends to surprise his opponents--one independent and two local party candidates--by running a vigorous, issue-oriented race (past campaigns have tended to be moribund). Persons wishing to donate time and/or money ("Small contributions would be helpful.") to the campaign can phone him at 312/627-1421 or write: Paul Stout, 150 N. Main Street, Lombard, IL 60148.

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(12) the free society is a fragile, perhaps accidental, experiment in history ("Keep your eye on England, for we are soon to witness a free society become totalitarian socialist as a result of runaway inflation and government economic controls."); (13) the most influential political party in American history has been the Socialist Party because it has caused the center parties to move left; (14) the Libertarian Party could potentially be very important in moving the center parties toward economic and civil liberties, hard currency, and international free trade (an important element is the fact that the Libertarian Party is involved in electoral politics).

Professor Friedman ended the evening on a note of optimism when he observed that young people (especially) are beginning to turn away from the government as a solution to all our problems. "Nowadays I can say things on campus that 10 or 15 years ago would have been booted down. Would have been booted down? They were!" Needless to say, no one gave him any boos that night --only applause.

PUBLIC HOUSING IN DES PLAINES:

A COMMENTARY

by Dale Nelson

Recently, Des Plaines has been invaded by a group advocating public housing. I assume you already know the defects of such programs, so I shall touch upon just one aspect of the situation that bothers me. After the usual League of Women Voters and ministerial sob stories, representatives of two local companies got up and gave their pitch. Des Plaines needs public housing, they said, because their workers cannot afford to live here and thus must commute vast distances with all sorts of attendant toil and trouble. And besides, this makes it very hard to attract minority workers.

The minority workers apparently are thrown in as a side issue since whether or not minorities can afford to live here is not part of the question, "Shall there be public housing in Des Plaines?" Rather, it puts one in an awkward position of appearing to oppose equal employment and other Good Works unless one is willing to accuse the companies of being racist and so on. This is something that coming from a conservative background I don't quite feel like doing.

And there is the rub. What these gentlemen were asking for amounts in effect to a wage subsidy. Rents in public housing are set as a percentage of income and cannot exceed 25% of gross salary. Thus the local taxpayers end up bearing the brunt of the program. Now, I am capable of dealing with the doltish argument that this costs us here nothing since it is Federal money. But how does one argue against those who are supposed to be the Libertarians' natural allies? In the short run, these gentlemen have a very good case: they do make money out of public housing.

In sum, how do we as Libertarians counter the proverbial short-sightedness of those businessmen who more or less call for national socialism? I hope this will spark some dialogue on the subject, which more

broadly put is the relationship Libertarians have to the Conservative movement. There are some very important issues here that need a greater development than one can give in a brief article. One strategic point that I would like to bring up is that the Welfare Rights organizations have done more to raise people's consciousness about the whole sordid welfare system than all the Libertarian agitation of the last twenty years.

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As a follow-up to the preceding, Vic Krambo reports that at the third and final public hearing on this issue (Feb. 6), the overwhelming majority of the 150 or so people present were very much opposed to the construction of public housing in Des Plaines. This is in contrast to the first two lightly attended hearings, where the general sentiment was in favor of the proposal.

But questions of sentiment aside, what was all the fuss about? It transpired that public housing had already been funded--the lame-duck Mayor of Des Plaines, Herbert Behrel, had broken a tie vote in the City Council in favor of accepting money from HUD. Therefore it was only left for the people to help decide how to spend the money, like it or not.

On February 18 (or thereabouts), the City Council, supposedly guided by the public will as manifested in the hearings, is to decide the issue of what to do with the HUD funds. The Council might also vote on the question of whether there should be a public referendum on the housing issue.

Libertarians have played a significant role in this affair. Bernard Sommer has joined LPIers Dale Nelson, Steve Nelson, and Paul Stout in speaking up in opposition to the proposal. For this they are commended.

But the issue is not yet won; there is still that City Council vote on Feb. 18. Libertarians in the Des Plaines area are urged to join their neighbors to the north (Arlington Heights recently voted down public housing) in opposing public housing by "bitching" to their aldermen. Send them and the bureaucrats of HUD a message they can't ignore!

NOTES ON THE WRITING OF REBUTTALS

by Steve Nelson, Chairman

Of the various activities of LPI, none is more important than the broadcast of Libertarian radio and TV editorial rebuttals, for it is here, more than anywhere else, that the Libertarian Party meets the public. The largest conference is utterly dwarfed by the audience for even an obscure radio program; prime-time TV audiences run into the millions. And yet these rebuttals are available quite readily, at a price of a few hours of effort.

Let us imagine that one has heard a broadcast editorial that advocates statist ideas (one must disagree with the editorial; there is no mechanism for broadcasting assent). One then notes the station, time, and date, and phones the station during the next business day (time is important: most stations very much prefer rebuttal broadcasts within ten days) to ask if there is a rebuttal scheduled for the editorial. If there is not, ask for a written copy of the editorial to be sent to you quickly.

The next step is the actual preparation of the rebuttal. Most usable rebuttals follow a formula--the first paragraph is a concise, accurate recapitulation of the original editorial to remind the regular audience. The second paragraph is a critique of the proposed action, and it is usually the longest of the three. The third is a brief description of the Libertarian way of dealing with the original problem. Your first draft should be written double-spaced, and, when it is finished, read it aloud rather slowly while timing your reading. If it runs more than ninety to one-hundred seconds, it will have to be cut. Tongue twisters of any kind must be eliminated. Libertarian and economic jargon should not be used. View all adjectives with suspicion, and adverbs with twice as much suspicion as adjectives. Read it and time it until you have a piece satisfactory to yourself and the rules. Then prepare a "fair copy" to send to the station. This should be in

a business-letter format directed to the editorial director of the station and begin with the sentence, "The following is a rebuttal to your editorial number such-and-such, dated such-and-such." The number and date come from the copy they sent you. Skip a line, and then write your rebuttal single-spaced in perfect typing. If you have followed the rules, the resulting copy will be slightly more than three-quarters of a page. Close with "Sincerely," signature, typed name, "Libertarian Party" (with title, if you have one in either a state or country organization), home address, and daytime telephone number. If you plan to do this regularly, see one of the LPI officers about getting some LPI letterheads and envelopes.

If the editorial board of the station decides against using your piece, they will send you a polite note by mail. If they decide to use it, they will phone you in two or three days and ask you to appear for taping. The taping sessions are usually on a weekday afternoon, so be prepared either to ask for an afternoon off or to find someone else to do the actual delivery (Georgia Shields, Beverly Duke, and John Cody are often able to help). The station will give you twenty-four hours or so to find help if you need it, but they won't tape in the evenings or weekends as a rule. If you take your own taping, show up promptly, don't wear white clothes or glittery jewelry for TV, and remember that one of our biggest assets is the cordial relationship we enjoy with the press.

During 1974, LPI averaged some twenty minutes a month of broadcast time. Much of this will come to an end when we register as a political party and become subject to "equal time" requirements. Let's make hay while the sun shines.

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We are drawing up an LPI Membership Brochure to replace the national brochure previously in use. This new brochure will address itself to state issues as well as national ones. Got any good local gripes? Then send them in to LPI within one week.

MINUTES AND SECONDS

The LPI General Meeting
for January

by Robert Osterlund, Secretary

The Chairman, Steve Nelson, gaveled the meeting to order at 8:30 and immediately read the agenda, the first item on which was:

I. The Treasurer's Report.

Fran Holt reported that as of January 25, 1975 there was \$1,151.86 in the Treasury.

II. Announcements.

A. The Secretary read a letter from J.D. Webster reporting on the campaign of Irene Altschuler for Mayor of Carbondale.

B. Arthur Iozins told of his intention to hold a seminar on money at the Skokie Public Library, Feb. 3. [The seminar reportedly was a success, attracting 30 people.]

C. Volunteers were asked to help stage a mail advertising campaign for the 1975 Conference on International Liquidity and Monetary Reform to be held in New Orleans March 13-16.

It was moved and seconded that \$200 be appropriated from Party funds for such a campaign.

It was noted that every person who, as a direct result of the mailing, goes to the conference earns the organizers of the mailing campaign a \$50 "bounty." Someone immediately proposed an amendment to sell the rights to such an opportunity and access to the LPI mailing list to the highest bidder. The amendment failed.

A friendly amendment was proposed to leave the particular mailing list and amount of Party funds allocated unspecified (but not to exceed \$200). The motion, as amended, passed by show of hands.

[It is the policy of LPI never to sell access rights to its mailing list.]

III. Old Business.

A. The Vice Chairman, John Reis (actually a tape recording of his voice: John wasn't at the meeting), suggested postponing the transfer of control over the Party Treasury to the Libertarian Association of Illinois,

IN MEMORIAM:

Vivien Kellems

Vivien Kellems, a pioneer tax rebel, is dead at the age of 78. In 1948 she refused on constitutional grounds to withhold income taxes for her employees and eventually forced the IRS to admit she was within her rights. Her later career was devoted to fighting tax discrimination against single people. Further details of this amazing woman's battles can be found in her book, Toil, Taxes, and Trouble, and in Martin Larson's book, Tax Revolt, USA!.

(Submitted by Jeff Smith)

Inc. for the reason that word has yet to be received from the Illinois Secretary of State's Office as to our legal status. The matter was tabled.

B. The Secretary presented and read the credentials of the Libertarian Party of Winnebago County, Ill., and a motion to encharter the organization was passed unanimously.

IV. New Business.

A. It was moved and seconded to endorse in principle the idea of mayoral (and aldermanic) write-in candidacies and to establish ad hoc nominating committees for the elections this spring. The motion passed. [Any volunteers?]

B. The idea of expanding and upgrading the newsletter was endorsed informally. The Secretary announced the imminent switch to professional typeface (courtesy of George Price).

C. The selection of a committee to draft a set of corporate by-laws and to revamp the Party by-laws was tabled. [Again, are there any volunteers for this committee?]

D. Winston Duke proposed that LPI either sponsor or join other "anti-tax" activities planned for this April 15th.

E. Joe Cobb proposed that locals sponsor the appearance in Chicago this spring of

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WOULD YOU BELIEVE...

The Golden Arches?

How about this (taken from the Chicago Sun-Times)?

He sues to clean up

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (UPI) — The owner of a car wash has sued the entire student body of Fontana High School for \$6 million for washing cars to raise money for charity. Reno Bastianelli, in a Superior Court suit, charged the students with unfair competition, saying his car wash business had dropped 40 per cent since they began the charity washes.

Or this piece (submitted by Jeff Dehn) which appeared in the Kankakee Daily Journal recently?

"Bourbonnais Sets Shaving Deadline

"Bourbonnais men age 18 and older have until 12:01 a.m. April 1 to keep their razors sharp and their shavers in top-notch condition before they can be fined by the Brothers of the Brush for shaving.

"The beard contest, held in conjunction with the village's celebration of 100 years of incorporation, will be scheduled soon for either June 27, 28 or 29.

"Those men caught with a clean shaven face and not carrying a shaving permit will be fined up to \$10 or imprisoned or both.

"Shaving permits may be obtained by [from?] the following members of the Brothers of the Brush... or at the Municipal Center.

"Permits are \$5.

"A resolution to enforce the rulings of the Brothers of the Brush was approved at the last meeting of the Village Board of Trustees."

[The world has gone mad, I tell you!]

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

The time has come to re-evaluate the LPI policy of having meetings at night. I intend to ask at the next meeting that meetings again be held on Sunday afternoons. There are two reasons: time and travel.

At almost every LPI meeting of the past year, fairly important business has been rushed through, tabled, or barely announced because many of the members were anxious to get home at a reasonable hour. Nobody knows how many new members were afraid to ask questions or how much new business was never brought up because people felt this time pressure. Let's face it. Some LPI issues take a lot of time to consider, and 4 or 5 hour meetings cannot be held at night without inconvenience to almost everyone.

Another unpleasant fact that must be faced is that Chicago streets and public transportation are unsafe. Many Chicagoans do not have cars and are afraid to travel around the city at night. I suspect afternoon meetings would attract a number of such people.

Jeffrey D. Smith

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MINUTES (contd. from page 5)

the noted Danish tax rebel, Mogens Glistrup. (He is the man who came from out of nowhere to lead his tax rebellion party in capturing 30% of the vote in a recent Danish parliamentary election.) The proposal died for lack of immediate support. [Glistrup's appearance here is up in the air but probably out since there seems to be no entrepreneurial backing forthcoming --yet. If someone out there is interested, however...]

The meeting was adjourned at 11 PM, and everyone staggered off into the night.

[P.S. Bass Ale won, I think.]


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LEGALIZE FREEDOM!

LOCALIZE FIEFDOM!

FRUGALIZE, LONDON!

CALENDAR

18 Feb. (Tues.), 7:30 PM, Ida Noyes Theater (3rd floor), Ida Noyes Hall (UC), 1212 E. 59th Street, Hyde Park (south Chicago). BURTON JOSEPH, Executive Director of the Playboy Foundation,  will give a talk on the topic of VICTIMLESS CRIMES. (Mr. Joseph is a member of the Board of Directors of Illinois ACLU, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), the Freedom to Read Committee of the Association of American Publishers, etc., and is a former co-editor and publisher of Law and Disorder.) Sponsored by UC Libertarian Club.

21 Feb. (Fri.), 8:00 PM, Elmhurst Inn, Elmhurst, Ill. (Rt. 83 just north of Roosevelt Rd.). A meeting of the PATRIOTS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL TAXATION with speaker ARTHUR J. PORTH, the "Father of the Tax Revolt." \$5 donation. For more info, call Herb Wemple at 312/279-6568.

23 Feb. LPI GENERAL MEETING (see first page).

25 Feb. (Tues.), 6:00 PM, Museum of Contemporary Art, 237 E. Ontario, Chicago, Ill. A showing of the film, THE FOUNTAINHEAD, based on the classic novel by Ayn Rand. \$1.50 admission (\$1 for students and members). Phone: WH3-7755.

26 Feb. (Wed.), 8:00 PM. A meeting of the LIBERTARIAN CLUB OF DUPAGE at the residence of Don Parrish, 5536 E. Lake Dr. A, Lisle, Ill (phone: 312/852-2844). (The LCD always meets at Don's place on the last Wednesday of every month.)

3 March (Mon.), 11 PM - 1 AM, radio station WYCA, 92.3 FM (Hammond, Ind.). WINSTON DUKE, LPI and Execomm member, will appear on Bill Mencarow's talk show. (Call in!)

4 March (Tues.). LPI OFFICERS MEETING.

4 March (Tues.), University Club, 76 E. Monroe, Chicago, Ill. Political philosopher SIDNEY HOOK will lecture on IDEOLOGY, MORALITY, AND FOREIGN POLICY. 5:30 PM Cash Bar, 6:15 PM Lecture. \$2 for members (of CCFR), \$3 for non-members. Sponsored by the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, 116 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60603.

6 March (Thurs.), 8-10 PM, Damen Hall ("the tallest building on campus"), Loyola University, Sheridan Rd. & Loyola Ave., Chicago, Ill. In the Chamber Room, a meeting of NONE OF THE ABOVE (formerly the "Northern/Northwestern Cook County/Lake County Libertarians") to discuss plans for National Tax Protest Day and tax resistance in general. (For directions, call Janet Bleier at 312/274-5305 or or 312/262-0830.)

11 March (Tues.), 8:00 PM. The NATHANIEL BRANDEN Lecture Series on ROMANTIC LOVE will be played the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the home of Loretta Barnes, 9412 Meadow Lane, Des Plaines, Ill. Phone no.: 312/297-3086.

SPEAKING OF TALKIES

by Rex Greed

"LAST FANDANGO IN ALBUQUERQUE"

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| The Man | Myron Brownout |
| The Girl | Sashay Middlefinger |
| Directed by John Edsel | |

Two earnest types on the lam in the badlands of New Mexico. Their crime? Running an unlicensed dance studio (must protect the unwary, helpless hoofing public, you know). Myron Brownout caps a long, undistinguished career with a superbly forgettable performance as a hunted and bewildered seeker of freedom in an un-free world. He has all the lines ("Uh," "Um"), Sashay Middlefinger has all the fun. Together they tear up the countryside in their desperate quest for a place of peace and quiet to do their own fling. Thrill to a duel to the death between two Spanish flamenco dancers. Chill to a midnight swim across the Rio Grande, a pack of FBI dolphins hard on their tailfins. Stand up and cheer as Middlefinger gives Big Brother the... This film's a real winner, one you'll surely want to miss. Give it a private's stripe--ZERO STARS.

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SITUATION WANTED: Interested in position with aggressive firm in area of long-range planning, budget management, economic/financial analysis, financial writing. Have degrees and experience. For further information contact: Dale A. Nelson, 8998 Kennedy Drive, Apt. F-1, Des Plaines, Ill. 60016.

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TAX CEILING: The Illinois Conservative Union and Illinois YAF will be petitioning to get a tax limitation proposal (similar to California's Proposition One) on the ballot. For info, call Rich Suter at 312/736-9572, or contact ICU or Ill. YAF at 407 S. Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60605 or phone: 312/341-0015.

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LOYOLA LIBS: Janet Bleier is forming a Loyola University Libertarian Club. All interested persons should attend the next meeting of None of the Above or call Janet at 262-0830.

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MYOB: An ad from the Chicago Reader of Jan. 31: "Raids by Chicago Police on massage parlors and pleasure spas anger you too? Maybe we can combat this infringement on our rights and waste of police resources. Write: P.O. Box A3908, Chicago 60690."

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WGN EDITORIAL REBUTTAL: On Tues., Jan. 14, three times on WGN TV and twice on WGN Radio, Georgia Shields presented an editorial rebuttal written by Steve Nelson in reply to a WGN Editorial favoring the creation of "Public Service" jobs and the extension of unemployment benefits by the U.S. Congress. [Our hats go off to you, Steve and Georgia.]

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GLENVIEW POLL: Bernie Sommer has volunteered to be a write-in candidate for the Glenview elections. Give Bernie a call at 724-7755 for precise instructions on how to write his name on the ballot.

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GOURMETS: Joseph DeJan wants to know if there is any interest in forming a Libertarian Gourmet Club.

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ABC DOCUMENTARY: On Feb. 1 at 7:00 PM, an ABC News Closeup, "Washington Regulators: How They Cost You Money," was aired which delivered a scathing attack on the ill-planned, ill-executed policies of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Civil Aeronautics Board. Steve Field (312/743-8309) and Bernie Sommer (312/724-7755) both have tape recordings of this excellent documentary. (LPIers might want to write ABC for a repeat showing.)

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ARTICLES: Joel Kaplan directs our attention to an article by Karl Hess in Penthouse magazine entitled, "Americans Hate Politicians," an interview with Harry Browne in the same (Feb., 1975) issue, and a piece in the Feb. issue of Esquire, "The Amazing New-Country Caper" (subtitled: "Capitalist Revolution, the Ultimate Solution"). (As is evident from its title, the last article isn't exactly what you'd call "favorable.")

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LOST: B. Sharp. We used to make such beautiful music together.--F. Flat

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DELEGATE COUNT: Unofficial delegate counts are in for the Libertarian Party National Convention to be held in New York City this Sept., and Illinois has been awarded 14 out of a total 283 full-delegates (that's fifth behind California's 43, New York's 27, Michigan's 18, and Texas' 15--we've got some catching up to do!).

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THE SKY'S THE LIMIT DEPT.: LPI has averaged about a 10% growth rate in membership over the last four months. At that rate, by the Chairman's reckoning, in 1984 we should have over 2,000,000 LPIers. Hot-diggety-dog!!

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