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GOODBYE

Nobody said this job would be easy, but on February 10th it got harder than I even had anticipated. A fire in Las Vegas turned a job that I looked forward to into a job that I'd just as soon give to someone else. On that date, as I'm sure a lot of people already know Jack "Turk" Turinsky died.

It has taken me almost a week to sit down and write this column because I wanted to say about Jack, something that somehow would seem important, sum up what everyone else is thinking and feeling. But I can't, I didn't know Jack well enough.

In the Anchorage Times on February 15, was the letter from Kent Lee Woodman that I'd like to share;

"I opened my Times Feb. 11 to be haunted by the face of Jack "Turk" Turinsky and your story of his death in Las Vegas in the hotel fire. Why am I haunted?

Perhaps it was my own sudden glimpse of mortality: here was a guy the same age as me, a freind of mine, but not close. Here was a guy who went to high school with me in this town when there was only one high school. He's my age, at the peak of his efforts and career as

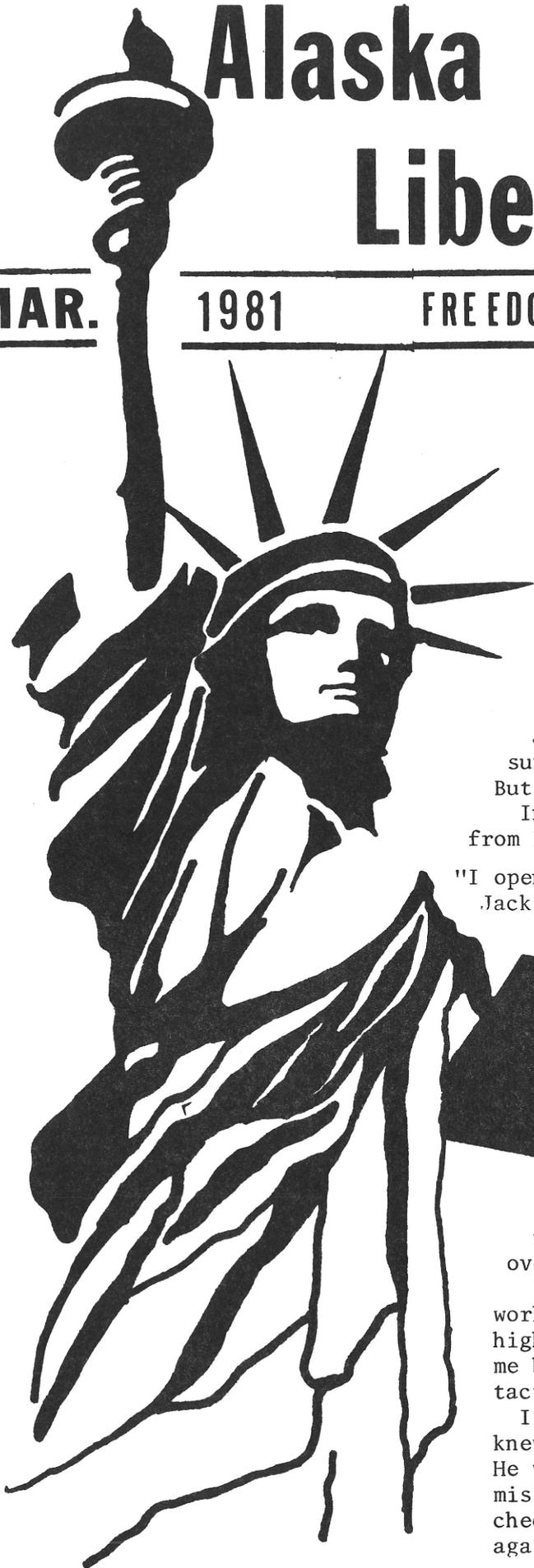
I like to think of myself, and suddenly he is out of town for the week and gone forever.

I was in Las Vegas just a few months ago it seems, visited that same hotel. He's gone; I remain, and I have not had 200 words with him in over 20 years.

I did not deliberately avoid him, nor he me; it just worked out that way because he was a year ahead of me in high school and went with a different crowd. He haunts me because this town is too small not to have more contact with folks who go back that far.

I never saw Jack that he was not cheerful. I never knew anyone to ever say that he was not always positive. He was for certain a "home-town boy" and now we will all miss him. I'm so sorry that I did not spend more time checking in with him once in a while. If I ever meet him again, I'll rush over and admit that up front.

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NEW ANCHORAGE OFFICERS

The Libertarian Party of Anchorage held an election of officers at it's January 26, 1981 meeting.

While the competition for each office was not as keen as it could have been, the following people had previously agreed to serve and ultimately were elected to office.

- John Woods and
- Carl Whitson - Co-Chairmen
- Russell Nogg - Vice-Chairman
- Mary Wittsy - Treasurer
- Church Adams - Recorder
- Stan Scott - Correspondent

The next meeting of the Anchorage Party will be on February 23rd (which will be about 10 days before you read this). The March meeting will be on March 30th at the Pioneer School House, Third and Eagle.

Middle-income Americans make up 38.2 percent of the taxpaying population but are liable for 60.1 percent of the taxes, according to a new survey by the Internal Revenue Service, Wonder what the founding fathers who fought against taxation without representation would say if they were here today to see how it works with representation?

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May we all take a lesson in communication from Jack's all-too-early leave-taking? Let's all find one old friend we haven't checked in with for a year or more, and check in!

That letter was written by Kent Lee Woodman of SRA Box 2386. The only thing I can add is; Goodbye Jack.

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"THE" COMMITTEE

The committee to nominate Randolph for Governor has been formed to coordinate a solid nucleus of people to push RLR's candidacy and election. So far meetings have been held in Anchorage and Fairbanks. Of course a major goal is fund raising. There are several ideas being developed at this time. One being a monthly commitment by members to the committee. This project is being spear headed in Anchorage by Peter Brown. The chairman of the Anchorage committee is Steve DeLisio. A last work the Fairbanks committee was seeking a chairman. The ground work for a comprehensive campaign is being laid with the completion of the committee's campaign plan. Judy Whitson is responsible for this phase of the committee.

In Anchorage, the committee has targeted on a goal of increasing RLR's name recognition by the end of the year. There are several media projects we are recommending to accomplish that goal. Of course, everything hinges on a real fund raising push. For without the money, the media can't be purchased. A full time, paid fund raiser is being sought by the committee.

We want to encourage anyone who has an interest in any aspect of RLR's campaign to contact and attend the committee meetings. In Anchorage, contact Steve DeLisio (243-5521) or Susan Bickman (694-9694). In Fairbanks, contact Lew Beyer (456-1211) or Jack Randolph.

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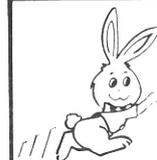
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Minority Outreach

The libertarian movement and the libertarian Party have for too long be devoid of minority participants or involvement in the problems of the minority community. Finally, something is being doen about it.

At the August, 1980, meeting of the Libertarian National Committee a minority outreach committee was formed, headed by National Chair, David Bergland. A primary moving force in the creation of the program was Vernon Brown, a black businessman from Los Angeles, who also worked in the Clark for President campaign and in Bergland's U.S. Senate campaign in California.

The minority outreach concept has evolved since August to take the form of an educational effort carried on under the auspices of Concepts of Liberty, Inc., a non-profit educational corporation. Concepts of Liberty, conducts a variety of other educational functions to advance libertarian ideas.

A minority outreach program now bears the name, "Minority Education Enterprise" (MEE). Immediate plans for MEE involve the use of LP state conventions during spring and summer of 1981 and the LP National Convention in Denver in August, 1981. MEE will present a panel or workshop on libertarian minority relations and communication at each convention if possible. In advance of each convention, work will be done in the convention city to acquaint libertarian activists and minority community leaders with each other. The primary basis of these contacts will be a shared interest in business development within the minority community and the development of non-governmental solutions to problems faced by minority people.

recruit minority activists into the party; to establish a nucleus of people to carry on MEE activity after the convention; and to supervise and coordinate activities between libertarians and minority people.

Concepts of Liberty, Inc. presently has a small office in Costa Mesa, California. During January, 1981, offices will be opened in Los Angeles and a full time staff employed to carry out the important and nationwide functions of the foundation, in particular the minority outreach program. In addition to David Bergland and Vernon Brown, the staff will include Ken Collins, a black lawyer specializing in minority small business matters, and Sharon Ayers, who served as coordinator for Bergland's U.S. Senate campaign.

The help and support of all libertarians is needed to make MEE a success. Participants are needed in all states. Money in the form of tax-deductible contributions is an absolute necessity to fund the libertarian minority outreach activity. If you can help with either personal effort or financially, please write to: Concepts of Liberty, 695 Town Center Drive, Suite 800, Costa Mesa, CA, 92626.

MEE has several goals in the present convention related undertaking; to educate libertarians about minority problems and effective communication with minorities; to educate minority people about libertarian solutions; to bring minority people to the conventions; to establish contacts between business oriented people of all races; to

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Galatians Fellowship

A while ago I received a letter from Lee Poleske of Seward about a Christian Libertarian organization, GALATIANS FELLOWSHIP.

I, in turn, wrote to Carole Wagener in Los Angeles. Carole is the regional coordinator for this area (California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Hawaii, and Guam).

One of the items that Carole sent me was a brochure which I have reprinted below. For anyone who would like to write Carole her address is Carole Wagener, 927 S. Manhattan Place, Los Angeles, California, 90019.

THE NAME

The Galatians Fellowship takes its name from St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians, which is generally regarded as the classic declaration of Christian freedom. It was there that St. Paul boldly announced that "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law."

WHAT IT IS

The Galatians Fellowship is an informal group of Christians in the libertarian movement. It was founded in the summer of 1978 to meet a twofold need: a rallying point for Christians already in the movement and a vehicle for developing an effective method of communicating the libertarian philosophy to other Christians. First and foremost a spiritual fellowship it has no officers, dues or formal membership application procedures. Its members are Christian Libertarians who choose to be counted as members. It also enjoys the moral support of a number of prominent non-Christian libertarians who understand the need to present the libertarian message in positive terms to all segments of the American population.

ITS GOALS

The Galatians Fellowship has four basic goals:

1. To provide fellowship for Christian Libertarians.
2. To promote an understanding of Libertarianism among Christians and to attract them to the libertarian movement.

3. To work within the libertarian movement to overcome any appearances of anti-religious bias.
4. To develop libertarian solutions to problems involving the relationship between church and state.

THE NEWSLETTER

The Fellowship's newsletter is called GALATIANS SEVEN. Just as the six chapters of St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians outlined the basic principle of Christian freedom and applied it to important issues of the time, GALATIANS SEVEN examines the issues of today in the light of that same timeless principle. The newsletter is available at no charge to anyone interested in the Fellowship.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

To get on the Fellowship's mailing list or to become a member just write to its founder (who will also be happy to answer any questions you may have): LEE SCHUBERT, 10 Harwich Road, Morristown, N.J. 07960.

New Poster Available From National Headquarters

A poster-sized version of the LP ad "A Monster is Loose Upon the Land" is now available from headquarters. Write 2300 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

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Major ruling gives Libertarians more clout

A possible 1982 Libertarian gubernatorial bid received a major boost here this week when the Alaska Public Offices Commission agreed that the party should be able to give unlimited financial support to its candidates.

Previously, the Libertarian Party was considered a political group rather than a party under APOC rules, and was limited to \$1,000 contributions to candidates.

The draft ruling, which recognizes the Libertarians as a "limited political party", must now go through public hearings and legal review before it can be adopted formally by the commission, Carlson said Wednesday. The ruling only would affect the Libertarians' treatment under APOC laws, and doesn't involve other election code laws that continue to treat the Libertarians differently from the other two parties.

But key Libertarians here said the vote removes a major financial stumbling block to a possible Libertarian bid for state-wide office in 1982. Fairbanks Libertarian Rep. Dick Randolph, terming the ruling a major victory, said Wednesday he still is seriously considering a run for the governor's mansion.

"The ruling is significant. It clearly says there are three political parties in the state," Randolph said.

The Libertarian Party deliberately provoked a confrontation with the APOC over the issue, when it contributed \$1,150 - \$150 over the APOC's group contribution limit - last year to District 8 Libertarian House candidate Charles Hutchins.

But since the Libertarian Party received more than 10 percent of the vote in the 1980 national elections, the Libertarians are now recognized under Alaska law as a limited political party, according to Randolph aide Robert Shelley.

And the commission, according to Carlson, voted to treat limited political parties the same as regular political parties - the Democratic and Republican - under the commission's campaign disclosure law.

For the Libertarians to be considered equal with the Republicans and Democrats under other state election laws, they must garner 10 percent of the vote in a gubernatorial election.

Randolph predicts he will receive at least 15 or 20 percent of the vote if he runs, but that he wouldn't run just to change his party's status under the state laws.

"If (10 percent of the vote) is the best we can do, then I'd rather go fishing," he said.

New manager for Safeco Title

Gary Cotton has moved from Fairbanks to be the new manager of Safeco Title in Anchorage. The Safeco Title Agency was purchased in July by the Fairbanks Title Agency and Cotton moved here to become manager. Previously he was president of Fairbanks Title, which is now a sister company.

On January 1st, Channel 13 News reported the "good news" of the day — that the minimum wage rate was substantially increased.

On February 6th, Channel 13 News reported that teenage unemployment for January rose to 19 percent. They didn't seem to think that was quite such good news.

Too bad they don't understand the connection.

—Carl D. Whitson

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The goals have been set for Anchorage and Fairbanks of 5,000 additional signatures in each area. Lee Daniels, Box 81633, Fairbanks, AK 99708/phone 479-2588 may be contacted regarding the drive in Fairbanks. At this time, there is no Anchorage contact. They may be calling you to help in an organized effort. If they do, please say YES! Any questions or request for assistance can be directed to them or to Lydia Randolph, Pouch V, Juneau, AK 99811/phone 465-4821-W or 586-9824-H.

If you haven't been a sponsor, contact Lee or Lydia for a sponsor sheet so you can obtain a petition booklet to collect signatures.

COMPLETED PETITIONS should be sent directly to Juneau to Representative Dick Randolph, Pouch V, Juneau, AK 99811. MAY 1, 1981 is the DEADLINE.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Why does the Fairbanks Environmental Center spawn so many dead fish? These fish float down stream into waters out of their territory. A dead fish goes with the flow while live fish know the necessity of battling the currents, torrents, and rapids in order to reach the head waters for the act of propagation of their species. The dead fish invaded the summer solstice, State Fair, and Alaska Energy Workshop with booths on the detrimental effects to Alaskan "snail darters" if the Susitna Dam is built.

When questioned about their purpose and goals for existence, they claim to be an educational, non-profit organization with a limited jurisdiction north of the Alaska Range. Upon inquiring as to the location of the proposed Susitna Dam, they admit it is south of the range.

Further inquiry reveals the dead fish are more concerned with the survival of "snail-darters" than the quality of human life in Fairbanks. They seem to be blind to the ice fog pollution, deaf to the growing noise pollution, tasteless to the water pollution, odorless to the thick smog of wood smoke, and senseless to the broadcast waves polluting the air waves.

Instead of being a contributor of good to our community, they are a lifeless burden upon the downstream waters of Anchorage. Is contributing something to the community in which you live and work too much to ask? Is your neighbor's spouse more appealing than your own? Have you abandoned the local polluted neighborhood for fresh pristine waters on foreign shores? The problems are here in this community and the time is today. The problem does not lay faraway with a future reference in tomorrow.

Peter Nettings
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ROBERT RINGER is coming

A short update on the Alaska Libertarian Party Convention to be held the first weekend in May in Fairbanks. If you haven't sent in your \$25 deposit, then ya'll blew it! Ya'll blew a chance to get a 20% discount. But ya'll still have a chance to pick-up a nice 10% discount but hurry, as they say tickets are going fast. For those of you who aren't sure if your going, maybe this will help you decide: Robert Ringer will be the speaker at the banquet on Saturday night. Arthur Hippler will also address the convention, but as of right now, all the details have not been firmed up. I can foresee a super convention on May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, so get your reservations in because seating is limited.

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Calendar

March 4 - District 8 Libertarian Party meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Villa Restaurant in Eagle River.

March 11 - Libertarian Party of Fairbanks meets in the Arctic Room of the Polaris Hotel, Fairbanks.

March 11 - District 8 Libertarian Party meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Villa Restaurant in Eagle River.

March 18 - District 8 Libertarian Party meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Villa Restaurant in Eagle River.

March 19 - Kenai area Libertarian Party meets at the Golden Nugget Bakery, Soldotna.

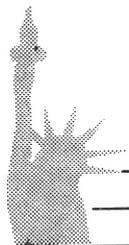
March 20 - Deadline for articles for the April newsletter.

March 25 - District 8 Libertarian Party meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Villa Restaurant in Eagle River.

March ~~30~~⁹ - Libertarian Party of Anchorage meets at 7:30 p.m. at the ~~Pioneer School House on Third and Eagle~~

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