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Clark On In 24 States



Colorado Liberty Editor Patrick Lilly petitions for ballot status on a Colorado Springs street corner.

Photo by John Kirby

LP Goes For "50 In '80"

At the meeting of the Libertarian National Committee (NatCom) in Phoenix the weekend of February 4th and 5th, encouraging reports of progress from Maryland led to an important decision: An all-out attempt will be made to secure ballot status for the Libertarian ticket of Ed Clark and David Koch in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. Not just forty-five or forty-six or forty-seven, but all fifty.

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the rest of the money, and the needed volunteer time, can be obtained, and that they can actually do what the Republocrats in their state must have thought was absolutely impossible.

The petition drive in Maryland is already underway, and the enthusiasm and expertise which it generates are certain to prove useful in helping to overcome the outrageous ballot access laws in the other difficult states.

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Libertarian Presidential candidate Ed Clark is on the ballot in Colorado. On the 7th of February, Colorado LP Chair John Mason filed petitions bearing some 5,200 signatures with the the Secretary of State's office in Denver, of which 5,149 were certified as valid. This makes Clark and running mate David Koch the first national ticket to qualify for the ballot in Colorado this year.

The filing of more than 350 petitions was the culmination of a four-month petition drive in which more than 75 Colorado Libertarians participated. Both Mason and Campaigns Director Dave Nolan, as well as others, headed up teams of petition circulators which brought in large numbers of signatures on December weekends, despite large amounts of cold, snowy weather.

Low-level employees in the offices of

Secretary of State Mary Estil Buchanan were surprised and genuinely confused by the arrival of the petitions so early in the year. It appears that no Presidential campaign has ever filed nominating petitions so early in the election year. The documents were accepted, however, and a press release put out by the Secretary of State's office the next day was subsequently printed in the Rocky Mountain News.

Colorado is the twenty-fourth state in which the legal requirements for access to the general election ballot for the Clark-Koch ticket have already been met, according to information from the national Clark for President Committee. In Colorado, Delaware, Kansas, Michigan, and Utah, petition drives have been completed and the papers filed with state government agencies. In nine other states, the minimum number of signatures has been collected, but have not yet been turned in, either because a larger "cushion" of excess signatures is being sought to forestall legal challenges or because filing is not allowed this early by law.

In nine more states, including the latest additions of California and Wisconsin, permanent ballot status has been obtained for the Libertarian Party as a whole. This means that not only the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates but any nominated candidates for state and local offices will automatically appear on the ballot. No further petition drives will have to be conducted in these states, if minimum vote totals are gotten in subsequent

sounding, but difficult-in-practice, six-tenths of one percent.

The silver lining in this bureaucratic cloud is that if Clark can retain his tentative place on the ballot, and can also garner 0.6% of the total vote in the general election, then the Michigan LP will have ballot status as a party in the 1982 general election. That would bring to at least ten the number of states where no petition drives will be required two years from now.

Colorado Liberty readers are urged to

Not just forty-five, or forty-six, or forty-seven, but all fifty.

This is an important decision which might not have been made had things not turned out as well as they have. The NatCom formed a "50 in '80" Committee in 1979 to research the ballot access laws of the various states, and to report on the feasibility of securing it in all or nearly all states. And even before the nominating convention last September, the Clark campaign staff had promised a strong effort to put the Libertarian ticket on the ballot in as many states as possible—all fifty if possible.

There had always been uncertainty about the feasibility of the project, however. Five states—Georgia, Maryland, Missouri, Oklahoma, and West Virginia—have such restrictive laws and/or such high petition signature requirements that they were regarded as essentially hopeless, barring a miracle. A sixth, Michigan, has a special problem. As a result, most Libertarians had realistically assumed that the Clark-Koch ticket would actually be on the ballot in only forty-five, or maybe forty-six states.

But when the NatCom gathered for its February meeting, they were informed that in tiny Maryland, where an incredible 51,000 petition signatures must be gathered to put the national ticket on the ballot, \$20,000 has already been raised toward the estimated \$100,000 that such a massive petition drive will cost. Maryland LPers are very confident that

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Two special cases deserve mention. One is West Virginia, which not only requires petition signatures amounting to a substantial percentage of the population (which is largely rural), but also has an extremely detailed distribution requirement for those signatures. The state is divided for this purpose into small "magisterial districts", and in every single one of these districts, the requisite percentage of voters must sign a petition before state-wide ballot access is granted. LP leaders consider this requirement flatly unconstitutional, but the money and energy has never before been available to challenge it in the courts. That now appears possible, although there is still no hope of ever actually complying with the law's requirements.

The other special case is in Michigan, where the Clark campaign has already met—or, rather, done all it can to meet—the state's ballot access requirement. The relatively modest number of signatures required has already been gathered and turned in. As a result, however, Ed Clark's name will not simply be placed on the general election ballot.

Rather, a question will be placed on the ballot when the Dempublicratic Party holds its state-sponsored primary election in August, asking whether or not one approves of letting the Libertarian standard-bearer run in November. Only six tenths of one percent of all those casting ballots must answer "yes" to put Clark on the ballot, but no one who votes in either the Democratic or Republican primary can vote on the question either way!

So, to secure ballot status in Michigan this fall, several thousand people must somehow be motivated to go to the polls in a primary election with the express purpose in mind of *not* voting in that primary. To this end, the Libertarian National Committee will meet in Ann Arbor the week before the primary to spearhead a publicity drive to encourage people to do just that. Michigan Libertarians are confident that it will work, avoiding a replay of 1976, when Roger MacBride was kept off the November ballot for failing to get that easy-

1982 general election. That would bring to at least ten the number of states where no petition drives will be required two years from now.

Colorado Liberty readers are urged to contact sympathetic friends and relations in difficult ballot access states to help generate support for the critical ballot drives this year which will make the difference between near-total and total ballot status for the LP ticket nation-wide.

Anti-Drug War Escalating

The government's war on drugs in Colorado, reported in the last issue of *Colorado Liberty*, has escalated sharply.

Republican legislators, led by **Kathy Spelts**, had been considering the introduction of legislation to keep record stores out of the drug paraphernalia business. Now, the Republicans, recently joined by Denver Democrat **Dorothy Witherspoon**, have upped the ante and introduced their version of a model statute drawn up by a federal government task force to ban the possession or sale of paraphernalia altogether (see "GOP Drug Crusade is Moral Facism", *Denver Post*, 6 December, 1979).

The proposed legislation, widely supported by reactionary groups and influential elements in both dominant parties, is already well on its way, as we go to press, to consideration on the floor of the House. It has already been passed by one committee.

The bill would make mere possession of a pipe, bong, roach clip or the like a petty offense punishable by a fine, but would also make sale or distribution of any such property a Class 2 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and a jail sentence of up to one full year. All "head" shops and record stores selling paraphernalia would have to liquidate their stocks within weeks or face prosecution.

This legislation was made possible by the prohibition of marijuana. Unless there is a huge, principled public outcry directed at such laws soon, your local head shop may well be out of business before you read the next copy of *Colorado Liberty*.

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The twenty-fourth state is Washington, where people are already available to provide the 156 signatures necessary for ballot status. They must be obtained in the course of two days at the state convention, however, and formal filing must wait until the convention has taken place.

Ballot status drives are underway in twelve other states. Several of them, including Arizona and Alaska, are expected to be completed within a few weeks. In virtually all the remaining states, drives cannot legally be started until later in the year (in a few cases, until as late as August). The very important ballot drive in Texas, among others, will start in May.

The success of the Clark campaign in obtaining early ballot status was announced to the national news media on the 21st of January at a Washington, D.C. press conference called to formally kick off the public phase of the campaign. More than 150 reporters from both print and broadcast media attended. A reasonable amount of coverage resulted, although there was no television coverage in Colorado because, at that time, Colorado was not one of the states where the ballot drive was completed. A national wire service story was run the next day in the Rocky Mountain News.

The Clark campaign has designated nation-wide ballot status as "the highest initial priority" of the campaign. This means an unrelenting effort to achieve ballot status in those states which still do not have it, until their states' requirements are met or successfully challenged. (See related story, this issue.) At least ten more states should secure ballot status by the time the "primary season" of the other parties is over, and another ten by the end of the summer. This continuously increasing access to the ballot should make it increasingly easy for the Clark campaign to command the attention not only of the local and regional press, but the national news media, particularly national television, as well.

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Resist the Census

It's census time again, and a lot more is being planned than counting you and your neighbors to see how many Congress persons you're entitled to. And that means it's census resistance time, again.

The census is a good example of a "good" idea in government action gone mad. It's history parallels that of the general growth of government size, power, and irrationality. Constitutionally mandated for the sole stated purpose of apportioning the House of Representatives properly, it has grown into an Orwellian boondoggle of the first magnitude, employing armies of paper shufflers and churning out mountains of statistics which are variously unnecessary, useless, invasive of privacy or entricements to still more federal boondoggles.

For instance, the feds want to know everyone's racial category for their segregation statistics. Upon these will be based the outlays of federal funds for programs ostensibly to "help minorities".

And they want to know how many toilets you have, so that they can monitor their fortunes in prosecuting (yes, it's still going on!) the "war on poverty".

Some people will be told that they are legally obliged to answer over 100 different questions, requiring an in-depth "interview" of the whole family in their home by a census taker. The census people consider virtually every aspect of demographics and economics to be fair game for their statistical inquisitiveness. And remember, answers are *compulsory* under the law.

The census takers are getting more thorough than in the past, too. The proportion of households which will get more than the basic questionnaire is up from past censuses. They'll be doing lots of double checking, with novel things like last-minute sweeps through bars and bus stations to count transient types who might otherwise be missed. And there'll be a more concerted effort than ever before to follow up on those recalcitrant souls who balk at the first demand for information.

The thing that has to be emphasized over and over again is the extraordinary intrusiveness of the questions that are being asked. The modern census is not just a count of people. It is the compilation of an extremely detailed profile, statistical though it may be, of damn near everything about the population of this country.

The government's PR campaign to promote compliance with the census has been going strong for several months now. They're acutely aware that some of us think they've gotten a little out of hand, and they've made neutralizing moral opposition to their poking around an integral part of their operation. So the posters and radio spots talk in reassuring tones about the importance of counting the population for Congressional representation, about how simple and patriotic it is to help them out. In a move which tells a lot about how far the political consciousness of the American people has sunk since the founding of the Republic, the census people even offer as a reason for co-operation with their questioning the fact that the statistics generated will be used to dole

by Patrick L. Lilly

out the federal pork barrel grants to various cities, states, and areas. If you don't help out, your city might not get its "fair" share of the loot!

Back in the forties, when the list of questions asked by the census takers was miniscule compared to what it is today, and when the number of pork barrel projects which depended on it was also much smaller, a Congressman, orating against a proposed expansion of the census, stated that, if the trend toward more inquisitiveness continued, the day would soon come when there wouldn't be enough jails to hold all the Americans who would resist. Unfortunately, in the intervening years, his prediction has mostly amounted to wishful thinking. Except for a fit of unco-ordinated, lackluster opposition every ten years, people have mostly just lain down and taken the ever-exalating intrusiveness of the census.

It's really time that that changed. It's probably already too late for any really organized opposition to the 1980 census to be concocted. (Contrast this with the Census Bureau's careful preparation, at taxpayer expense, for overcoming opposition.) But we could at least see some pockets of really *spirited* resistance. The logical focal point of such resistance is the Libertarian Party.

The LP National Platform has for years carried a plank condemning the overuse of the census to invade privacy. As the 1980 census looms, we should try to serve as a leader in radicalism on this issue, an inspiration and a base of moral and logistic support to fledgling census rebels everywhere.

by L. Neil Smith

Games.

Governments are nothing more than rival gangs of thugs, and the only rational choice among them is "None Of The Above". Every U.S. war in this century was trumped up by a Democratic administration which, having damaged

Today's Logic

by Jim Phelps

James Sibbett

You may never have heard of Mr. Sibbet, but he is a very remarkable man.

He is a financial advisor who, among other things, writes a weekly newsletter on silver and gold to which I have subscribed for several years.

He held a seminar on investments in San Diego the first of December, 1979, which I was privileged to attend.

One of the many things he discussed was our national debt. He showed us a chart that was folded to a size of about 8½ x 11".

The first column represented the debt we accumulated during one of our first wars in the early nineteenth century.

That debt amounted to two billion dollars. It was represented by a column one-half of an inch high.

A couple years later the debt had been half paid off. So the column representing that year was only one-quarter of an inch high.

Before I tell you more about the chart let's consider how much a billion dollars is.

A quarter of an inch stack of hundred dollar bills contains only about \$5,000. One inch would be about \$20,000. Fifty inches (over 4 feet) would be a million dollars.

Now a billion dollars is a thousand million. And since one million dollars would require a stack of hundred dollar bills more than four feet high, a thousand million would require a stack over four thousand feet high. That's over three-quarters of a mile high.

So that little black column on the chart that was one-quarter of an inch high represented a stack of hundred dollar bills three-quarters of a mile high. Now look at the bottom of the wall in your room and imagine how high that quarter inch column would look.

Mr. Sibbet went on to show how the debt had climbed, occasionally been reduced, but generally just kept getting bigger.

He had to start unfolding the chart as the debt got larger. When he showed the

Against the Grain Stop the Games

I'm the original anti-jock. I've never agreed with nor understood the proposition that health has to be a labor-intensive undertaking. Witnesses from miles around will testify enthusiastically how thoroughly I detest television sports, and that, like Samuel Clemens,

More importantly, in this context, had some politician informed me a few months before the end of that ordeal that I must sacrifice it to the greater glory of his international prestige—or *anything*, for that matter—I'd have promptly shown him what the front end of a

miles around will testify enthusiastically how thoroughly I detest television sports, and that, like Samuel Clemens, whenever the urge to exercise steals upon me, I lie down until it goes away.

I'm saying this so you'll understand more clearly why I violently oppose the irrational frenzy to impose a boycott on the upcoming Olympic games in Russia. These mindless clamorings are simply a part of another kind of game, one I've dedicated half my life to stopping.

Cold.

Olympic-class athletes have to be fanatics—just like the best architects, teachers, TV commentators, and bricklayers. They live and breathe what they're doing every minute of every day for years, just to prepare for their quadrennial competitions. And *that* I like. I'm a novelist myself, so I admire this kind of long-range concentration of intelligence and effort. It defines for me the very essence of being human.

It took me three difficult lonely years to outline, execute, edit, and prepare my first book for publication, and every time I see it on a supermarket paperback stand, I'm very much aware that I've accomplished something very few others could do.

In Contradiction

A disturbing tendency is on the rise in the Libertarian Party. More and more of our candidates for public office are down-playing the more "radical" Libertarian positions on issues and not even mentioning what our ultimate goals are. Instead, they come up with a few transition or interim measures and concentrate their campaign on them.

It is claimed that to clearly state our radical views will so alienate the public that we will have no chance of being elected. That is a frivolous argument for several reasons. First, only one of our candidates in Texas so far has had even a reasonable chance of being elected (Ann Hammond for Garland City Council in 1978). For a person who knows he is going to lose to pander to the conventional wisdom is a complete waste of all the money, time, an energy spent on a campaign.

to the greater glory of The Above". Every U.S. war in this century was trumped up by a Democratic administration which, having damaged the economy beyond repair, saw no alternative but to cover their political excrement by getting their subjects excited about killing strangers. That's a plain, hard, documentable matter of historical fact, from the phony Zimmerman telegram, through Roosevelt's attack-by-proxy on Pearl Harbor, to the mythical Tonkin Gulf incident.

Sacrifice, we all know, is the deliberate destruction of a greater value for a lesser one. Otherwise, it wouldn't be *sacrifice*, would it? The fundamental tenet of Communism is that individuals are utterly without importance; whatever demands the larger group collectively makes must be unquestioningly obeyed, even—especially—unto death. In theory, that most evil of doctrines is why we're opposing the expansion of the Soviet Union.

That's in theory.

In point of fact, Jimmy Carter, following a long tradition, has proclaimed precisely the same disgusting and destructive ideas to be his own and urges us to accept them, as well. Thus the only real squabble between Moscow and Washington centers on *which* collective we individuals must be forced to sacrifice our lives—and our lives' work—to. This helps explain why Carter and his mostly southern would-be-slaveholding ilk discern no contradiction in conscripting—enslaving—individuals to fight for "freedom".

Second, it won't work. Anyone who really cares about those interim measures will go work for candidates who have a better chance of winning—Democrats and Republicans—unless we can tie everything together by raising a banner of true, consistent principle. And most people simply won't care about those interim measures. As Murray Rothbard said, how many will go to the barricades for a two percent tax reduction?

Third, if we are really serious about our stands on the issues, as our platform indicates, then to hide them or mislead the public about them is fraudulent. It means our candidates are seeking to obtain value—support in an election—without the informed consent of those from whom the value is sought. This is clearly a violation of the rights of the voters. It would also insure that a Liber-

arian elected by down-playing his real stands would never be re-elected by the voters, who would rightly feel cheated.

Games.

But there's a *Libertarian* movement now, in which only individuals count, and where groups—particularly governments—in a moral sense *do not exist*. We will not tolerate nor suffer any further sacrifices. There is no greater glory than an individual life, lived exclusively for its own sake, to its own satisfaction. If wars must be fought, let them happen here, at home, and let them be about *that*.

The wardogs are howling, beating their drums, screaming their bloody heads off about our selfishness and lack of patriotism. Let them. Let them play the same stupid games which have drenched six thousand years of recorded human history in crimson gore.

We won't be listening.

Fourth, it ignores the very purpose of the Libertarian Party. Our goal is *not* electing Libertarians; that is only one possible means to our goal, which is a free, voluntary, libertarian society. The primary reason for founding the Party was the realization that most of the public just doesn't pay attention of political issues except during elections. By running explicitly libertarian candidates we could educate the public that there is an alternative, voluntary means of organizing society. Until the voters know that an alternative exists they can only support the *status quo*—or even more statism.

We can boil it all down to this: no one else wants to abolish taxes, public schools, etc. Therefore, if *we* don't ad-

reduced, but generally just kept getting bigger.

He had to start unfolding the chart as the debt got larger. When he showed the last columns it took twelve sheets, each 8½" high, to represent the last column, which was about 8 feet high.

Then he apologized for the inaccuracy of the last column. It didn't represent our most recent year because the chart was several years old. The debt has more than doubled since the chart was made.

A column representing our current debt of over 800 billion dollars would have to be over 200 inches high (over 16 feet). That's twice the height of the wall in your room.

Spectacular as the chart was, even doubling it doesn't come close to giving you the full picture. Our country's unfunded liabilities (mainly social security) increase the true debt to over eight trillion dollars. That's ten times as much as the admitted debt.

And that's about equal to a twenty story building on our scale of one-quarter inch equalling one billion dollars.

Do you still wonder what causes inflation?

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by William Howell

vocate it, *who will?*

I propose to avoid this fallacy in my own campaign for the state legislature this year. I am making a serious race and I will present interim measures—but I will do so only after clearly stating our ultimate goals. I believe that is the *only* workable strategy for attaining a free society, but, practicability aside, my conscience demands it. If this be radicalism, make the most of it. "Here I stand; I can do no otherwise".

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Vice - Versa

by M.L. Hanson

Eyeing the Opposition

by David F. Nolan

Well, I missed last month's edition of *Colorado Liberty*, that is the bad news (maybe), however the good news is that part of the reason why is because people have been assiduously working on the responses we received from the letters sent soliciting comments, suggestions, etc. Libertarians are renowned for speaking and/or writing their pieces, although not always about whatever the question might have been. The responses have been good, but not overwhelming. Of those who wrote or called from around the country, or who attended the State Chairs' Meeting at the National Convention, we garnered some interesting information, and have been able to begin to address the issues, that were forthcoming.

You want ads and public relations material prepared? Well, the National Committee has attacked this need. It was primarily through the efforts of Dave Nolan (it is always individuals that get the job done) that each State Chair received a mailing in January detailing and surveying specific media approaches and the potential utilization and appeal of the material.

There is always a problem in most states to get our candidates on the ballot. The Clark campaign has aided financially and practically in helping to accomplish this all-important step... and they haven't stopped, although we are on the ballot in over twenty states, and the number keeps moving up.

Jay Hilgartner, who is employed by the National Headquarters, has worked on the question of distributing and collecting prepared speeches. If you have not heard of this effort, and have something to contribute, or would like a speech, contact Jay at the National Headquarters. This can really be an important and time-saving tool for local candidates, or for those of us who are called upon to speak regularly in a variety of forums. In addition, the same is

being done by Jay for editorials and letters to the Editor. Contribute and use this resource!

National has finally purchased its own computer, although she has yet to be named, and there is incredible potential here for your use: labels, mailing lists, media contact; what do you need? The software should be up and running by the time this reaches you. Maybe it can serve as a model for some things you want to create in your own state.

A Committee has been established, "Assistance to State Parties", chaired by the National Secretary Sylvia Sanders. She reports endeavors in progress on the following: How-To articles, hiring of Field Co-ordinators (this may be handled through the Clark Committee Headquarters during 1980, but should continue after the election year), information on current publications and consultations available from National, your Regional Representative and the Officers, and the National Headquarters effort to help state parties with their newsletters.

When I began this column, I stated that communication was the important factor to help each of us, and our particular organizations, be more effective. I think that has started, using many vehicles to solve the previous gaps. There really is even more than just what I have written here.

This is a start at trying to co-ordinate and support our own internal LP market, and their special external efforts. To remind you, I mention again, it is quite literally a two-way street, and it is not very productive to spend your time in a dead-end—so keep those cards and letters coming, calls too! The National Committee is always in a frame of reference to consider a range of needs and possibilities, and the agendas always reflect it. If you don't tell us, we might not know.

The latter days of January brought both good news and bad news for Libertarians. The good news came out of Iowa on the 21st, where GOP and Democratic caucus participants dealt serious blows to the Presidential aspirations of John Connally and Teddy Kennedy. With luck, the Iowa results marked the beginning of the end for both Big John, America's leading apologist for corporate-state fascism, and Ted the Slime King.

The bad news, of course, was Carter's hideous State of the Union address two days later. Emboldened, no doubt, by his strong showing in Iowa, Bumbling Jimmy unveiled his plans for a New Era of Confrontation, Conscription and Controls. As one watched him on the tube, one had a strange feeling of *deja vu*; the Carter of 1980 seemed uncannily like the Nixon of 1971, as his Orwellian doublespeak droned on. War is Peace; Slavery is Freedom; Ignorance is Strength.

Three months ago, Carter seemed a sure bet for defeat, either in the Democratic primaries or in the general election. His inept attempts at running the country had earned him a widespread and richly-deserved contempt, as voters witnessed a never-before-seen combination of economic stagnation, rampant inflation and continuing humiliations in foreign affairs.

Now, all that has changed. Things are still a mess; in fact, they're a worse mess than before. But due to events largely beyond his control—and the foot-in-mouth propensities of Senator Kennedy—Carter must now be considered the front-runner in the 1980 sweepstakes.

Things could be worse, of course. Bad though Carter may be, he appears positively statesmanlike when compared to Teddy Kennedy.

Kennedy is the last of the big-time spenders, and a man of no moral character whatsoever. As President, he would be an unmitigated disaster; indeed, one would seriously have to con-

Reagan has a reputation far better than he deserves. He gives great lip-service to free-market ideals, but his record belies his rhetoric. When pressed, he admits that there is practically no area of government that he would actually dismantle, and his performance as governor of California showed that he is no pinchpenny; spending by the state government there actually rose faster, on an annual percentage basis, during Reagan's two terms than it did under either his Democratic predecessor or his Democratic successor.

Reagan is a foreign-policy hawk, well to the right of Carter, an advocate of massive increases in defense spending—and no great defender of civil liberties. America under a Reagan administration would be no worse a place to live than under Jimmy Peanut, but it would be no better either. Inflation would probably be cut, and fuel more plentiful, but we would have to suffer through a new wave of nationalistic fervor and social pietism as payment.

The other leading Republican contender is now George Bush, who has surged up from the ranks of "miscellaneous others," to push John Connally out of second place in the GOP derby and gain a respectable shot at edging out Reagan for the nomination. (For this, if nothing else, we owe him a debt of thanks; if there is anyone who would be even worse than Kennedy as President, it is Connally, who unerringly takes the most aggressively statist position on every issue.)*

Bush is the quintessential Establishment candidate: former member of the Trilateral Commission and the CFR, former UN Ambassador, former head of the CIA. Nominally a Buckleyish "moderate conservative," he can be counted on to give us More Of The Same Old Shit if he becomes President. A Carter-Bush contest would be a Tweedledumb-Tweedledee matchup, a true Battle of the Blands.

And there, as of late January, it rests.

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Feb. 4 *U.S. News* Packed With Useful Information

The February 4, 1980 edition of *U.S. News & World Report* contains a wealth of information that make it a valuable reference source for the coming months.

Among the contents are the complete text of Carter's State of the Union Address, a detailed report on the proposed \$616 billion Federal budget for fiscal 1981, analyses of the Reagan, Bush and Kennedy campaign efforts, a succinct summary of the proposed draft legislation, background material on Iran and Afghanistan, the annual Freedom House summary of civil and political rights in nations around the world, and a chart of gold prices during the January upsurge and correction.

If you're interested in obtaining a copy, it should be available for \$1 from *U.S. News & World Report*, 2300 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20037.

spenders, and a man of no moral character whatsoever. As President, he would be an unmitigated disaster; indeed, one would seriously have to consider leaving the country. A Kennedy administration would usher in a new era of taxation, regulation, spying, political "enemies lists," petty vindictiveness, and a foreign policy that would vacillate between appeasement and reckless confrontation.

Combine the worst aspects of FDR's New Deal and Nixon's "government by purge," amplify the mixture threefold, and you have a fair idea of what to expect if Teddy became President. Hopefully, however, thanks to the good sense of Iowa Democrats, we shall be spared that ignominy.

More likely is the possibility of a Republican victory; still a less-than-even bet, but a possibility not to be discounted entirely, by any means . . . so it behooves us to consider what the GOP has to offer.

The answer is: not much. Ronald Reagan must still be considered the GOP frontrunner, and the closer you look, the less appetizing he becomes.

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And there, as of late January, it rests. Barring further upheavals, the choice offered by the two old-line parties will be either Carter-Reagan or Carter-Bush. Not terrifying in the way that a Kennedy-Connally double bind would be, but certainly no better than depressingly dreary.

The one bright ray of hope, of course, is the alternative offered by Ed Clark, who stands unflinchingly for civil liberties, economic freedom, and a peaceful, non-interventionist foreign policy. Clark, and Clark alone, will propose massive cuts in taxes and spending, energy independence through unhampered operation of the free market, and a rational defense policy coupled with total opposition to the hated draft.

How well he does is up to you.

*For an incisive analysis of Connally's power lust, see "John Connally: The Politics of Kicking Ass" in the January issue of *Libertarian Review*. \$1.50 from LR, 1620 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94111.

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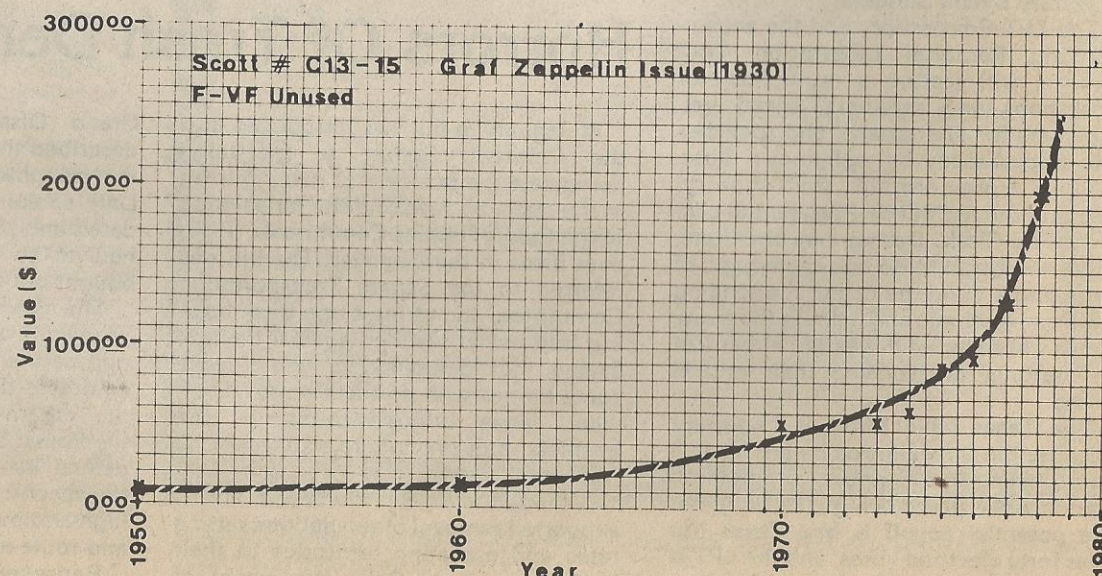


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CLP Convention Planned in Colorado Springs

The 1980 Convention of the Colorado Libertarian Party will be held May 24th and 25th in scenic Colorado Springs. The site of the weekend-long Convention will be the modern Four Seasons Motor Inn just off Interstate 25 in the southern part of the city.

The Convention promises to be the best-attended in CLP history, and will follow roughly the same format as last year's highly successful Convention in Central City. On Saturday the 24th, some two to three hundred observers and members and friends of the CLP will attend an all-day string of non-business functions. A candidates' workshop, debates and speeches on current political topics, as well as 'just-for-fun' segments are planned. An evening feature speaker remains yet to be de-

cided upon, but **Robert Ringer**, author of *Restoring the American Dream*, and libertarian psychologist **Nathaniel Branden** are among the possibilities.

Also planned is an address by LP Presidential Candidate **Ed Clark**. At the time of the Convention, Clark will be getting ready to take an extended leave of absence from his job with Atlantic Richfield in Los Angeles to launch the final phase of the Presidential campaign. He will be travelling around the country all through the summer, helping states with difficult ballot access laws get the LP ticket on the ballot.

The Sunday business session (see related articles, this issue) will include the election of CLP Officers, revision of the Party's Constitution, By-Laws, and Platform, and selection of LP candidates

for major state offices. All CLP members are urged to prepare for and attend the business session. Two years ago, all registration fees for the business sessions at state conventions were eliminated, in order to encourage the maximum amount of participation in this important, once-a-year function. Any CLP member whose dues are currently paid may become a registered, voting delegate simply by showing up at the registration desk on Sunday.

The Saturday events and, if schedules permit, a Friday evening mixer, should provide a relaxing, enjoyable setting in which LPers and persons interested in

considering membership in the CLP can meet one another, renew old acquaintances, and get a better perspective on the issues of the day. A mailing will go out soon giving more details, including room rates and reservation cards. In the mean time, inquiries may be sent either to State Chair **John Mason** or Convention Co-ordinator **Patrick Lilly**.

Mark off the fourth weekend in May on your calendars now, and plan to mingle with some of the stars of the libertarian movement at the CLP's most festive gathering yet.

Positions Available on Convention Committees

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Colorado Libertarian Party require the Board of Directors to set up a Platform Committee and a Constitution, By-Laws and Rules Committee prior to each state Convention. At a late January Board meeting, chairs for both of these committees for this year's Convention were chosen and empowered to pick the other members of their own committees. The committees will then make recommendations on the revision of their respective documents to those who attend the business session of the Convention.

The Chair of this year's Platform Committee will be Denver attorney **Gale Norton**. Norton was a delegate to the National LP Nominating Convention last fall, and worked on the Clark/Koch ballot drive in Colorado. A recent convert to libertarianism, she researched the possibility of a challenge to a recent change in the Colorado election statutes which has proved injurious to the CLP (See "LP Candidates Must Register 'Unaffiliated'", *Colorado Liberty*,

December 1979/January 1980).

There will be six other members of the Platform Committee. Any CLP member interested in the challenge of a position on this committee should contact Gale at 839-5418 (h) or 861-0244 (w) as soon as possible. Those applying should be prepared to begin working on planks right away, and to attend several committee meetings.

Sally Mason, former CLP Chair, was appointed Chair of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules Committee. She is an interior design contractor and teacher, and the wife of current CLP Chair John Mason. She brings to the committee her experience as a member of the national Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules Committee at last year's National Convention.

In addition to Mason, there will be four others on the CBL&R Committee. Anyone wishing to serve on this highly technical committee should contact Sally at 733-5916. Selections will be made soon, so don't delay.

Regional Report by John Mason

The Libertarian National Committee held its quarterly meeting on February 2 and 3 in Phoenix, Arizona. Major items dealt with included the 1980 budget, the renewal of draft registration (see article page 5), the LP News, and advertizing for the Party. Ed Clark attended, and his eloquent analysis of the current international situation was enthusiastically received by the Saturday night audience of over 250.

The NatCom approved a budget of almost \$1,000,000 for the calendar year 1980. The budget is over four times the 1979 budget, and includes major sums for assistance to state and local campaigns. Major fund raising efforts have already begun. With the help of the LP's recently installed computer system, LP Treasurer Dallas Cooley will be making quarterly reports on income and expenditures to the NatCom.

The LP News funding has been doubled, and a full-time editor will be hired. Committee members felt that it was important to improve the News for membership communication in the election year.

Dave Nolan's Advertising/Publications Committee was authorized to produce a series of ads for use by state parties. Details should be available soon. The Committee was also authorized to act upon proposals to develop a coor-

The next National Committee meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas, May 3 and 4, in conjunction with that state's convention. Regional developments will be detailed in the next issue of *Colorado Liberty*.

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NatCom To Meet In Dallas May 3-4

The Libertarian National Committee (NatCom) will hold its second meeting of 1980 the weekend of May 3 and 4 in Dallas, Texas. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the 1980 Libertarian Party of Texas Convention and will mark the start of the Clark for President ballot drive in Texas.

With the national political stage shifting at its current pace, and the continuing development of the Clark campaign, the NatCom could have a considerable amount of work to do by May. Colorado LP members wishing to have specific items of business taken up by the NatCom should remember that NatCom rules now require that agenda items be submitted three weeks in advance of the meeting. Proposals for agenda items may be submitted to any of Colorado's three NatCom members **M.L. Hanson, John Mason, or Dave Nolan**—or directly to LP National Secretary **Sylvia Sanders**.

The LPT Convention, and the accompanying Regional Libertarian Conference, will feature a multiplicity of workshops and seminars, social get-togethers for libertarians, and speeches and appearances by well-known libertarians from around the country. Heading the list will be Presidential candidate **Ed Clark**. During May and June, Clark will begin to do larger amounts of travelling around the country, attending state conventions, and helping the many states whose ballot drives will either just be starting, or reaching their critical phase.

The Texas ballot drive is important because the time allowed by law for it is short, and the number of petition signatures required is high (25,000), but the potential payoff is big. Texas has over forty electoral votes, and the LPT is well organized and ready to bring in a

hefty popular vote total, if the ticket can be put on the ballot. (In 1976, LP Presidential candidate Roger MacBride did not appear on the ballot in Texas.) Serious challenges are expected, so Texas Libertarians will need to gather many more than the 25,000 minimum number of signatures.

All three of Colorado's NatCom members will be participating in panels and speeches during the course of "Texas Libertarian Weekend", in addition to their attendance at the business meeting of the NatCom.

Hundreds of people are expected to attend this gala event, many from beyond the borders of Texas. As partial airline deregulation has provided very reasonable fares between Denver and Dallas, Colorado libertarians may want to mark off this weekend on their calendars and make plans to attend now.

Horrors Of Trash Deregulation Aired

In January, a bill was introduced into the Colorado Senate to (partially) deregulate the business of hauling trash in the state, by revoking the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) over firms in the business. The bill was referred to the Senate Transportation Committee, and at least one trash hauling firm owner testified against the bill, saying that deregulation would leave some homes with no trash removal service, cause oligopolization of the business, and precipitate a takeover by "organized crime".

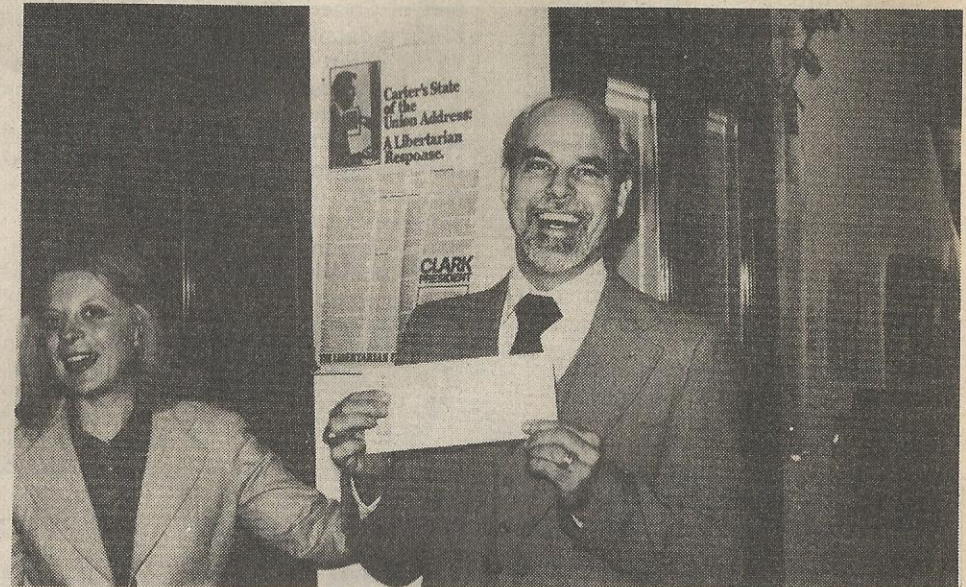
Although officials for several firms supported removal of regulations setting rates and assigning territories to their businesses, Judy Daly, the owner of

ties. Details should be available soon. The Committee was also authorized to act upon proposals to develop a coordinated national advertising campaign. A proposal to privately finance such a campaign will be made soon by a group of Colorado Libertarians.

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Second place petition contest winner **John Williams** gets his prize check from National LP Vice-Chair **M.L. Hanson**.

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Grand Disposal in Grand Junction described the bill as "lead[ing] lambs to the slaughter very, very rapidly". Mrs. Daly spoke in favor of retaining mandated and protected territories for trash haulers to protect them from being bought out by larger companies.

She also suggested setting a 15% per year limit on allowed rate increases, as opposed to the proposed bill's virtually complete decontrol of prices. Echoing the "cream-skimming" argument which the Postal Service has used for years to defend its monopoly, Mrs. Daly raised the spectre of rural customers being left high and putrid by greedy, rate-boosting and route-abandoning firms.

Representatives of other firms,

however, complained that the territory restrictions prohibited them from continuing to serve satisfied customers who move. At least one large trash hauling firm has recently reversed its stand on deregulation because the slowness of the PUC in responding to requests for changes in the rules and the economic pressures of inflation were driving them to the edge of bankruptcy.

No action has been taken on the bill as we go to press, but the Transportation Committee did ask the Colorado Bureau of Investigation to find out if organized crime was preparing to take over a newly-deregulated trash hauling industry.

DRAFT NEWS

Anti-Draft Activities, Rally Scheduled March 8

The last few weeks have seen a great deal of reaction to President Carter's call to renew draft-registration. Mobilization has occurred throughout the country, including Colorado. What became evident immediately was that the anti-draft movement did not die with the temporary end of the draft in 1972. Opposition to registration and the draft seems stronger now than it was in the mid-60's (prior to the large scale resistance in the late 60's) even though at that time there was not only a draft, but draftees were being sent to war.

The Libertarian Party has been active in the resistance since renewal of registration was first proposed in the spring of 1979. Libertarians were the prime movers behind the formation of the national coalition Committee Against Registration and the Draft (CARD). CARD successfully lobbied in Washington to kill the original renewal measure last fall. The CLP and Auraria Students for a Libertarian Society (SLS) held a rally last spring on the Auraria campus. It was attended by about 40 people.

With the President now behind registration, more people are taking the

issue seriously. This year's first anti-draft rally, billed as a draft forum, was held on the Auraria campus early in February. This time about 200 persons, mostly opposed to the draft, attended. The forum heard from persons for and against the draft, but the thrust was generally against. LP State Chair John Mason and former State Chair Loran Gayton spoke. The SLS is holding weekly information tables on the campus, with the help of Royce Kerbow and SLS organizer Mark Travis.

On February 15, an anti-draft rally was held on the CSU campus in Fort Collins. Attended by over 300 persons, the rally was largely due to the efforts of a local libertarian group, Radicals for Capitalism, and featured Colorado Liberty columnist and science fiction author L. Neil Smith as a speaker. More activities are planned by the group.

At CU in Boulder, an anti-draft coalition held a rally on February 18. The first was Clark campaign staffer Tom Palmer, who flew in at the last moment to represent CARD. Palmer urged the audience of over 400 to write their congressional delegation demanding open hearings on the renewal of registration. He pointed

out that a delay in the present schedule to begin registration in late June, could force registration to occur in the fall, when campuses are in full session and politicians are actively campaigning for re-election. This alone could encourage politicians to drop plans altogether for immediate renewal of registration.

Palmer also spoke of CARD's discussions with the Director of the Selective Service, who has repeatedly stated to CARD that exemptions will be limited to conscientious objectors. Those exemptions will be harder to obtain than in previous years, and CO's will be drafted anyway to serve "alternative service." Pointing out the changes in political and nationalistic attitudes that have occurred in Canada in the last decade, Palmer echoed the words of former PM Joe Clark, to paraphrase, "Forget Canada". Palmer urged massive resistance to registration as the most effective means to stop a draft. His speech received a standing ovation, amidst cheers of "Hell no, we won't go!"

Students for Freedom, a libertarian

group on the DU campus is organizing a rally for February 29. LP speakers will be present.

Also in the planning stage is a major anti-draft rally scheduled for March 8, at noon, at the Federal Building in downtown Denver. The LP, SLS, and other libertarian groups are active in the planning for this rally, which will include speakers representing over 25 organizations. Coinciding with previously planned activities for International Women's Day, the speakers tentatively include for LP State Chair Jan Prince and Fort Collins activist Cynthia Molson-Smith. It is hoped that Libertarians will turn out in great numbers to the rally, which may prove to be the largest and most important draft protest this spring. Call John Mason at 733-5916 if you would like to help.

All of these activities are building up to the national march on Washington on March 22. The march is being organized by a coalition consisting of CARD and Mobilization Against the Draft (MAD).

Resist the Draft

by Mark David Travis

"... no nation can be constantly prepared to undertake a full-scale war at any moment and still hope to maintain any of the other purposes in which people are interested and for which nations are founded... an indefinite surrender of liberty such as would be required by an all-out war program in time of peace might mean the final and complete destruction of those liberties which it is the very purpose of the preparation to protect..."

(Moreover) the results of war may be almost as bad as the destruction of liberty and, in fact, may lead, even if the war is won, to something very close to the destruction of liberty at home. Even

registration and could ensure with its passage that no young person will ever again be conscripted to die on foreign soil.

As long as the state has recourse to a draft, the authorities will retain the power to suspend constitutional rights on the pretext of protecting our "national interests" whenever U.S. markets are jeopardized in countries guaranteed an endless supply of American conscripts in time of revolution or war. While perfectly adequate to counter any direct invasion threat to the U.S., the all-volunteer military is not suited to such quick mobilization for foreign wars and

NatCom Draft Resolution

In response to President Carter's proposal on February 1st to reinstitute draft registration for 18-20 year old men and women, the Libertarian Party restated its long-held opposition to the draft. In action that same weekend in Phoenix, Arizona, the Libertarian National Committee unanimously passed a resolution endorsing civil disobedience as a tactic to resist registration and the draft.

John Mason, State LP Chair in Colorado and one of three Colorado members of the NatCom, stated, "The action taken by the Libertarian Party should serve as notice to those interests bent on creating a war mentality in this election year that the anti-draft movement is alive, healthy, and ready to pick up where we left off in 1973, and that the LP is ready to play a major role in the

fight against the renewal of slavery in this country." Ed Clark, the Party's presidential candidate, who filed petitions recently for ballot status in Colorado, has been speaking against the draft and registration since beginning his campaign in September.

Efforts are already underway in Colorado to resist registration, with the Libertarian Party, the American Friends Service Committee, and numerous other organizations planning rallies throughout the state in February. A Draft Forum was held on the Auraria campus on the 13th of February, with representatives from both pro and anti positions speaking. Other events are planned for Boulder and other college campuses.

On the 3rd of February, in Phoenix, the Libertarian National Committee

and, in fact, may lead, even if the war is won, to something very close to the destruction of liberty at home... Even more than Sherman knew in 1864, 'war is hell'. War should never be undertaken or seriously risked except to protect American liberty."

—Sen. Robert A. Taft

Last summer, Students for a Libertarian Society and other groups comprising the Committee Against Registration and the Draft (CARD) successfully staged a nationwide series of anti-draft demonstrations. CARD mobilized the entire spectrum of civil rights and anti-militarist groups to form an anti-draft coalition. Congress was pressured to temporarily suspend deliberations on pro-draft legislation.

In September the House of Representatives voted down the draft registration rider to H.R. 4040, the Military Procurement bill. But in a move designed to placate Congressional hawks, the House directed President Carter to commission a study on "U.S. war mobilization needs".

While it appeared that conscription had been defeated, anti-draft activists realized that Congressional action had merely been deferred. The efforts to reactivate compulsory service was a test of the political waters, gauging the strength of the hawks' opposition and consolidating the gains made by pro-draft elements. In view of the President's call for the renewal of registration and the recent escalation of international tension, the clamor for conscription will now resume. With the advent of any real or imagined "national emergency", the appeal of full-scale mobilization for war may soon be irresistible.

The only way to stop the draft and remove the threat posed by draft bills still pending is to take the offensive—by eliminating the machinery needed to implement it, the Selective Service System (SSS).

House Resolution 5134 has been introduced to repeal the President's power to implement mandatory registration and to totally abolish the still-functioning remnants of the Selective Service apparatus. Its chief sponsor is Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX), and co-sponsors include Reps. Robert Kastenmeier (D-WI) and Jim Johnson (R-CO). With sufficient public support we can forestall draft

perfectly adequate to counter any direct invasionary threat to the U.S., the all-volunteer military is not suited to such quick mobilization for foreign wars; and was never designed to support the troop levels essential for preserving global supremacy and dreams of empire.

To mobilize against the draft we must encourage every person in the nation capable of putting pen to paper to contact their Congressmen and House Armed Services Committee members and blitz them with written and oral expressions of support for H.R. 5134. We must expose the enormous threat the SSS now poses to our domestic freedoms and let those in power know that conscription must be ended—completely, permanently.

Focusing on abolishing the SSS will have the immediate effect of pressuring Congress away from even considering bringing back the draft later. If there is wide-spread opposition to compulsory service, returning to the draft will not be politically feasible. Should our trip-wire defense policies precipitate American involvement in a war mandating the reimposition of forced labor, an active anti-SSS movement would be ready and in place to serve as the resistance.

U.S. mobilization plans call for the immediate resumption of conscription upon the outbreak of hostilities involving the U.S.—anywhere in the world. The SSS with its \$8 million budget and plans for "Regional Readiness Centers" is simply a network of draft boards in waiting. It is not there to shuffle papers, conduct studies or consume tax dollars; it is there to draft people when Congress or the President dictates, and sooner or later it will be used to do that.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that the demands of America's global troop commitments are so vast, and our economic "vital interests" to numerous, that they cannot be secured through voluntary action alone. After making this observation in a recent editorial, the *Colorado Liberty* delivered this warning: Unless we succeed in permanently foreclosing conscription as a foreign policy option, some day soon, we'll have actual inductions to face, and the bloody process of resisting them with civil disobedience will have to be gone through for the second time in just over a decade.

up where we left off in 1975, and that the LP is ready to play a major role in the

On the 3rd of February, in Phoenix, the Libertarian National Committee unanimously passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Libertarian Party has a long-standing opposition to registration and conscription, as stated in its national platform and
WHEREAS registration for the draft is nothing more than a prelude to military conscription and
WHEREAS conscription is slavery and poses the greatest threat to the survival of a free society in this decade,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Libertarian National Committee opposes any form of compulsory registration or the draft and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we endorse civil disobedience as an appropriate moral and practical means of resisting mandatory registration and the draft.

From the Chair Now That We're On...

Congratulations and thank you to the over 80 persons involved in our recently completed ballot drive. It was quite an achievement, considering the winter weather and the fact that in 1976, the drive took 10 months. The experience we've gained should make it easy to put our state and local candidates on the ballot this summer.

In the process, however, we have neglected some important programs which we need to develop. Most of these

programs have been suggested by the membership, and we desperately need your help to accomplish them.

I will only attempt here to list the activities that need to be begun. We will discuss the items in greater detail in a later mailing. I urge you to review the list, see where your interests lay, and send in the coupon to give us an idea of where we're starting.

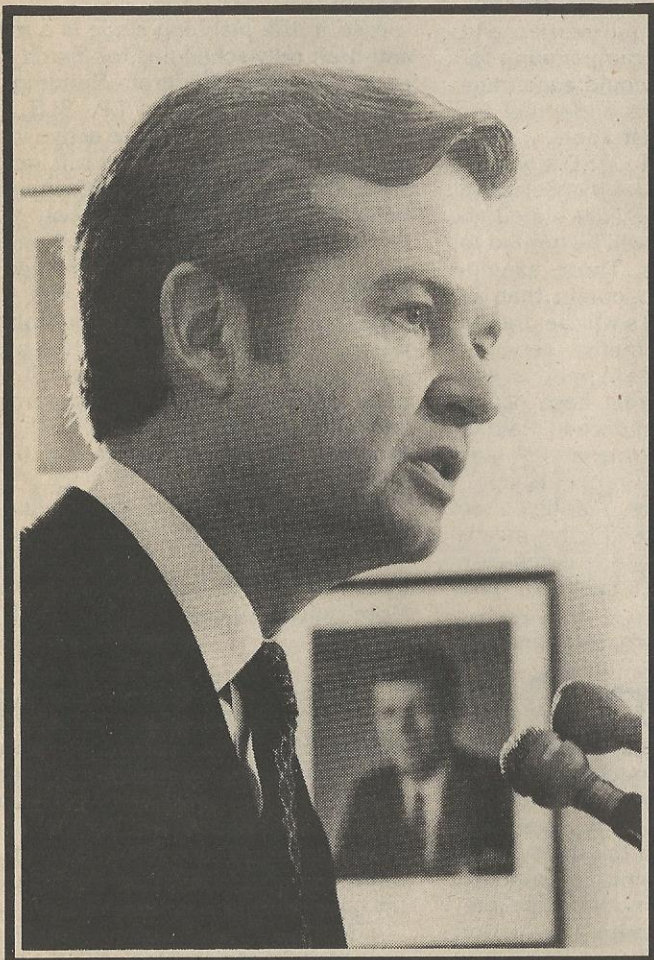
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Following the national media's near-total failure to carry Ed Clark's news release responding to the President's State of the Union message, the Clark for President Committee placed this full-page ad in the 10 February edition of the *New York Times*. Total cost was over \$18,000.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1980



Libertarian Presidential Candidate Ed Clark

Carter's State of the Union Address: A Libertarian Response.

With his State of the Union message and his ill-considered response to the crises in Iran and Afghanistan, President Carter has brought our nation one step closer to war. He has responded to growing international tensions with a plea for renewed draft registration, bigger military budgets, a search for U.S. bases in the Middle East, and the Nixon-style unleashing of the CIA. And twice in the past few weeks, Administration officials and the Pentagon have leaked to the media that they will consider responding to any Soviet invasion of Iran or Pakistan with tactical nuclear weapons.

But it is not only Carter's actions which are dismaying. It is also the bipartisan endorsement which his moves have won

American military presence in the region has in fact played directly into Moscow's hands, weakening the unity of the Islamic people against the Soviet threat.

In short, only by withdrawing from the region can the U.S. help to halt the advance of the Soviet Union. Let the Russians face the hostility of world public opinion. Let *them* face the dedicated resistance of the Islamic people to their naked act of aggression against the people of Afghanistan.

Crisis and Domestic Failures

Time and time again, political leaders have used foreign policy issues to overpower their domestic failures, to distract atten-

A New Alternative

The American people have been angered by the mountainous level of taxation imposed upon them, by the inflation which eats away at their standards of living, by government-created energy shortages, by the policies of deficits and unemployment, of sacrifice and no-growth, of conscription and the threat of war. They want and need a new alternative, a new political vision, a chance to believe once again in the promise, the ideals, and the future of this country.

Libertarians are giving them a new alternative. We are the partisans of a free economy and of economic growth. We are the advocates of drastic tax cuts and of an end to the

will consider responding to any Soviet invasion of Iran or Pakistan with tactical nuclear weapons.

But it is not only Carter's actions which are dismaying. It is also the bipartisan endorsement which his moves have won him. The Republican party has responded to Carter's initiatives with a ringing call for even more of the same. George Bush announced that he favors draft registration, more government spying, and a blockade of Iran. Ronald Reagan has suggested a blockade of Cuba, and the sending of U.S. troops into Pakistan. The Republican National Committee, in its official response to the State of the Union message, has called for "an emergency buildup of American military forces in all areas." And Senator Kennedy, desperate to revive his flagging campaign, has criticized the President's policies, but proposes to respond to the crises by virtually wrecking the American economy — by imposing immediate gasoline rationing, wage and price controls, and a host of other regulations which would send us careening backwards to the failed policies of the Nixon administration.

When the President's counsel, Lloyd Cutler, said of Carter's message that "politically, it was dead center," he was — in terms of what politicians believe — correct. President Carter seems to be seeking his own political salvation in the threat of war, and his opponents are for the most part trying to beat him at his own game. Over the past few years, the American people, their confidence in government long since eroded by events like Watergate and the Vietnam war, had finally succeeded in wresting from the government some degree of control over their own lives. But now the gains of the past few years — the tax revolt and the move toward deregulation, the end of the hated draft and the decline of the foreign policy of global intervention — are all under fire.

Libertarians believe that this is a dangerous and frightening turn in American politics. The Democrats and Republicans seem to have lost sight of what is really at stake in our foreign affairs. We must never forget that in this crisis, our lives and the lives of our children are on the line. Long after the election is over, long after the "tough" poses have been struck and the debating points made, we Americans — not the politicians — will have to pay for their policies in taxes and in blood.

Libertarians believe that the abhorrent Soviet invasion of Afghanistan must *not* be used as a pretext for increased militarism on the part of the United States. With the lesson of the Vietnam tragedy so fresh in our national memory, it is shocking even to consider taking military action that may include the use of nuclear weapons to "defend our interests in the Persian Gulf."

Libertarians believe that far from advancing our true national security requirements, such interference in the Middle East will actually threaten and harm those interests.

We should remember that American interference in the Middle East and Southwest Asia is opposed by the Islamic people themselves. At the Islamic summit conference held in Pakistan recently, thirty-four countries condemned the brutal Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and are taking strong steps to meet the Russian threat. At the same time, they flatly oppose *any* American intervention in the area.

Libertarians agree. We believe that the policy of the U.S. should be one of noninterventionism, and that we should withdraw from the area completely, leaving the Islamic people free to unite and solve their own problems, as they wish to do.

Crisis and Domestic Failures

Time and time again, political leaders have used foreign policy issues to overpower their domestic failures, to distract attention from failed economic policies. And our domestic problems badly need to be addressed in an honest way. Productivity is dropping, unemployment is rising, and inflation has hit 13.3 percent, the highest level since 1946. And in a guns-and-butter budget reminiscent of Lyndon Johnson, President Carter proposes to spend more than \$615 billion over the next year — including a massive increase in the defense budget, a budget which largely goes to defend other countries (such as Western Europe and Japan) which are clearly capable of defending themselves. Finally, we are facing the consequences of the energy policies of both the Democrats and Republicans, which have led to shortages and growing dependence on foreign oil — the consequences of controls on our economy which have done more than anything else to cripple domestic energy production.

Libertarians believe that the time has come to dismantle the regulations which shackle our economy. If we need more energy, then what we need is an offensive against the Department of Energy, not another war in Asia.

The Draft

We believe that the new calls for conscription must be forcefully opposed by all Americans concerned with the liberty and well-being of our young people. Those leaders who think that a new draft can be imposed may find that the young people have something to say about it themselves. Already demonstrations have erupted on campus after campus in opposition to a renewed draft, and its suggested revival is being met with the echo of resistance. Clearly the time is long past when the government can blithely decide what is to be done with other people's lives.

At a high school in East Los Angeles, teenagers about to reach draft age were asked what they thought of the crisis in Iran and Afghanistan, and they showed more wisdom in their answers than any of our current political leaders. The new generation of Americans is justifiably unwilling to let others — particularly politicians — do their thinking for them. "We just don't trust the government any more," one student said. "Nobody does." They equate reinstatement of draft registration with "fighting a bunch of Russians on the sands of the Persian Gulf." Why don't you want a draft? they were asked. And they answered: "It's just oil and money that they want. Oil takes precedence over people. They just use national honor as a front. We don't want to die."

Shall we really send these young people to fight and die for oil, because of bankrupt energy policies supported by both major parties? Have we forgotten the carnage of the Vietnam war so soon? Have we forgotten the nightly newscasts which showed young people dying in foreign jungles? Is there anyone other than a few politicians who wants to go to war over Pakistan, Iran or Afghanistan?

Is it any wonder that our young people today have no respect for our government? And when the President of the United States claims that what he himself has called "the most serious threat to world peace since the second World War" is really "an exciting enterprise that will unify our people," is it any wonder that the gulf between the American people and their self-proclaimed leaders widens with every passing day?

vision, a chance to believe once again in the promise, the ideals, and the future of this country.

Libertarians are giving them a new alternative. We are the partisans of a free economy and of economic growth. We are the advocates of drastic tax cuts and of an end to the regulations and controls which are leading the American economy to stagnation. And, most important today, we are opponents of the new conscription, militarism, and foreign intervention which will lead us into a war which will see our sons — and possibly our daughters as well — lie dying in some foreign nation in the name of a disastrous foreign policy. Libertarians reject that policy. We are the party of nonintervention and peace.

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N.Y. Times Story Captures Essence of Clark Campaign

On Monday, January 21, LP Presidential candidate Ed Clark held a national press conference in Washington, DC—his first since the nominating convention in Los Angeles last September.

This event generated considerable media coverage, including a story by Warren Weaver, Jr. in the next day's *New York Times*.

Headlined "Government Elimination Is Goal Of Libertarian Party's Candidate," Weaver's story accurately captured the main thrust of the Clark campaign. The text of that story follows:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21—Most Presidential candidates this year are talking about reducing the cost of government. Many are talking about reducing government itself. Edward E. Clark is different. He is talking about eliminating government altogether.

The elimination would be accomplished gradually as the public school system was replaced with private facilities, the courts eliminated in favor of private fee-charging arbitration companies, the antitrust laws abolished and all political boundaries between states and localities

wiped out.

Mr. Clark, a 49-year-old company lawyer from California, is the Presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party, a relative newcomer to national politics that regards virtually all government activity as an unwarranted intrusion on the personal freedom of the individual.

"Ultimately," the Libertarian said at a news conference here today, "we believe in the complete privatization of society," with a "vastly restricted" government and a corresponding huge reduction in the taxes that finance that Government.

Mr. Clark told a questioner that eventually he advocated returning highway and street systems to private ownership, "the way they used to be" under Colonial toll-road practices.

In foreign affairs, the Libertarian candidate advocates a "noninterventionist policy," letting other nations defend themselves, reducing defense expenditures substantially and withdrawing from the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, while maintaining extensive social and cultural relations abroad.

Study Echoes Smith's Ideas

A recent report by the Carnegie Council on Policy Studies in Higher Education on the problems faced by "youth" has made recommendations which closely parallel statements made by *Colorado Liberty* columnist L. Neil Smith two years ago.

In February of 1978, a brunch sponsored by the Colorado LP featured a panel discussion on children's rights in which Smith participated. The CLP Platform plank on children's rights was at that time in the proposal stage, and Smith was called upon to defend the psychological and developmental logic of the plank's radical tone.

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spoke of the ability of the mind of a typical twelve-year-old to manipulate intellectual concepts frequently deemed to be the exclusive ability of physical adults.

Now, the Carnegie study, in discussing how many social problems have moved down from college populations, first to high schools, then to junior high schools, and now even to grade school children, says "We have greatly prolonged youth. We have created what might be called 'compulsory youth' . . . We have created a new stage of young adulthood".

Although conspicuously avoiding coming to principled libertarian conclusions, the report corroborated what libertarians have been saying for years

The Libertarian Party, founded in 1972, ran its first Presidential candidate, Roger MacBride, in 1976, and he got 174,000 votes in 32 states. Mr. Clark said he expected to be on the ballot in at least 46 or 47 states and to receive "several million votes," or more than the difference between the two major party candidates.

Mr. Clark ran for Governor of California on the Libertarian ticket in 1978 and received 378,000 votes, or more than 5 percent of those cast.

One of his major goals for 1980, the Libertarian candidate said, is to be able to participate in Presidential debates between the major party nominees. Federal Election Commission regulations on debates, now pending before Congress, leave the question of including third-party contenders largely up to the sponsoring organization.

In a "fact sheet" distributed today, the party acknowledged that obtaining "more extensive and serious national media coverage" of candidates was a major 1980 goal, replacing past experience of "'feature' or 'human interest' stories, if they are covered at all."

not assured quality"), but the best experiment the study could recommend was education vouchers. It did, however, suggest eliminating compulsory education—for people over 16, as Colorado law now provides. An end to "tracking", in which students are locked into stratified achievement levels, was also recommended.

"Special protective legislation in the employment of youth" was also cited as a negative influence, restricting work opportunities for adolescents. In the same vein, the study touted the selective elimination of Social Security taxes on the employment of young people.

In a final spasm of ambiguity, the study recommends "keeping the draft voluntary."

New Supreme Court Rulings

The Supreme Court handed down two decisions in January with a detrimental impact on civil liberties.

A 5-3 decision, with the majority opinion authored by Justice Lewis Powell, upheld the power of military commanding officers to prohibit military personnel under them from circulating petitions addressed to members of the Congress. Arguing that "discipline" was the paramount consideration, the Court majority ruled that soldiers must get officer approval before asking fellow soldiers to sign such petitions.

Thus, soldiers can now be prosecuted under military law for attempting to exercise the Constitutionally guaranteed right to petition the government for the redress of grievances. The court apparently set no standards for a commanding officer's refusal to allow a petition to be circulated, leaving the matter entirely up to the officer's discretion.

In a case brought on appeal from a trial court in the District of Columbia, the Court ruled 6-2 that prisoners can be prosecuted for escape, even if escape was the only possible relief from inhumane or intolerable prison conditions. Judges can now block any testimony about the conditions from which a prisoner has fled from being introduced into his trial on a charge of escaping.

This ruling has the effect of creating a sort of doctrine of "separate covenants" for prisoners and prison officials, analogous to the law in some states which allows a landlord to go on demanding full and timely payment of rent from a tenant, even if he has been demonstrably remiss in complying with the obligations ascribed to him (the landlord) under the lease. Prisoners are now similarly supposed to file a separate action to challenge prison conditions which do not meet minimum Eighth Amendment standards but, no matter how bad or life-threatening the conditions are, are not allowed to give themselves any relief from them until and unless a court rules in their favor. The ruling is expected to cause a veriti-

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Book Review

Wheels Within Wheels

Wheels Within Wheels by F. Paul Wilson. Doubleday Science Fiction, \$7.95.

There aren't many writers of fiction who consciously identify themselves as libertarians just yet, but **F. Paul Wilson** is one of them. And it's not without good reason that a blue ribbon selection committee of libertarian activists and science fiction buffs voted his most recent novel, *Wheels Within Wheels*, the winner of the Prometheus Award for the best work of libertarian science fiction published last year.

Wheels, like its predecessor, *Healer*, is set in the LaNague Federation, a loose confederation of planets sometime in the indefinite future which is governed by the LaNague Charter. Wilson doesn't set forth the Charter explicitly, but the reader finds out in bits in pieces that it is a limited-government libertarian's dream. It limits the central federal government to basic justice and defense functions in no uncertain terms, and is absolutely prohibited from undertaking any economic activity.

The only exception is in time of war, and Wilson tells us that even this exception so enraged Peter LaNague, the father of the Charter and the revolution which spawned it, that he disowned it after the emergency clause was added.

In *Wheels*, the LaNague Federation has been running smoothly for about three hundred years, but a regulationist opposition movement known as "Restructurists" has emerged. They are plotting to provoke the imposition of the "temporary" emergency provisions of the Charter through a complex scheme involving the threat of war with another race, and the economic bungling and subsequent nationalization of a new breakthrough in spaceship drive.

The plot is cracked by an irascible old entrepreneur, who understands what's going on but lacks the direct means to expose and counter it, and an ingenuous young businesswoman who has the resources, but has to be convinced that anybody would seriously try to interfere with the market ("Sales taxes!? I find it incredible that any population would put up with such abuse. There'd be rioting in the streets...!")

Together, they discover how the leader of the Restructurists launched his political career by having the heroine's father murdered and expose his hidden financial connections to the technological breakthrough. That finishes him and ends the internal threat to the Federation, but it sparks the beginning of the long-awaited interstellar war, apparently reserved for treatment in the next book of the series. (That will be *Enemy of the State*, scheduled for release in June. With a title like that, how can it lose?)

Wilson's style is lucid and unpretentious, and the plot is reasonably complex and well-delineated for a book of less than 200 pages. His major characters tend to be a little stereotypical, but they don't lack depth or presence as people.

The not-quite-chronological order in which Wilson unfolds his action is interesting and easy to follow, and contributes to the jacket's description of the book as a "science fiction murder mystery". In it, Wilson deals not only with the political aspects of interstellar trade, but racial prejudice, the autonomy of clones, privacy, and the right to die. There are some real gems of libertarian theory here.

In fact, if *Wheels* has a serious flaw, it

is simply that it is such *blatant* pro-liberty propaganda. Wilson knows how to write good science fiction, and has woven his free market theme very well into his scenario of the future. But it may come on a little too strong to non-libertarians who pick it up expecting just another novel. The message is unmistakable, and obviously comes directly from the author.

For libertarians, however, it's refreshing to see this kind of book ac-

The changes endorsed, as elements of governmental policy, were estimated to cost at least \$1.4 billion dollars per year.

Amendment standards but, no matter how bad or life-threatening the conditions are, are not allowed to give themselves any relief from them until and unless a court rules in their favor. The ruling is expected to cause a veritable tidal wave of prison administrations rushing to eradicate unlawful conditions in their institutions, owing to the speed with which suits filed by inmates wend their way through the courts.

by Patrick L. Lilly

tually being published, and more on the way. As John Hilberg pointed out at the Prometheus Award presentation ceremony, science fiction is the literature of ideas and, as such, is read by people still forming their values and ideas about the real world. The availability of books like *Wheels Within Wheels* will be a great aid to them in understanding the material and moral value of liberty.

Hallmarks of a Free Society

To the extent that the following conditions are approached in any given society, the people of that society are free. To the extent that these conditions are absent, the people are oppressed.

No Conscription.

No Taxation.

No Censorship.

No Spying.

No Restraint of Trade.

No Registration
of Citizens.

No Travel Restrictions.

No Laws Against
Victimless Acts.

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Calendar & Announcements

MARCH 8: Anti-Draft Rally, noon, Federal Building, Denver.
Contact John Mason, 733-5916.

MARCH 12 (2nd Wed.): CLP Cocktail Party, 1624 Market St., Suite 400 (above Wellington's), Denver, 7PM-9:30PM. Announcements of LP activities, relaxed conversation with fellow Libertarians. Bring guests. Cash bar.
Copy and ad deadline for April/May *Colorado Liberty*.

MARCH 26 (4th Wed.): CLP Board Meeting, 1818 S. Jasmine, Denver, 7PM.

APRIL 9: CLP Cocktail Party, 1624 Market St., Suite 400, Denver, 7PM-9:30PM. Cash bar, refreshments. Get the details on the 1980 State Convention and other news.

APRIL 23: CLP Board Meeting, 168 S. Emerson St., Denver, 7PM.

MAY 3,4: National Committee Meeting, Texas State LP Convention. Contact John Mason, 733-5916.

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MAY 24,25: Colorado Libertarian Party State Convention, Colorado Springs, Nomination of candidates, Election of Officers, Platform, Constitution, speakers, workshops. Details soon. Mark your calendar now.

The CLP Platform Committee and Constitution/By laws Committee will be forming and holding meetings during March and April. Contact John Mason for dates and locations.

The February issue of OUI Magazine contains a giddy, but lengthy article on the Party and the 1979 Convention, complete

"By-line", a radio production of the Cato Institute, can be heard Monday through Friday at 5:58 PM on KDEN radio (1340 on the AM dial). The program features Libertarian commentaries.

Flash - March 1st issue of Saturday Review and March issue of TVAs in-flight magazine have excellent articles on the LP.

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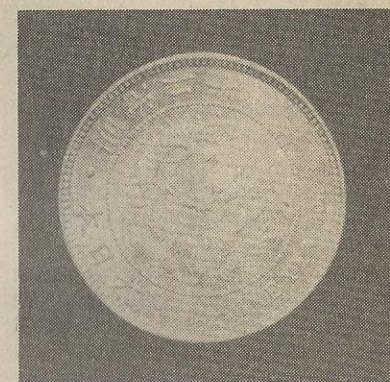
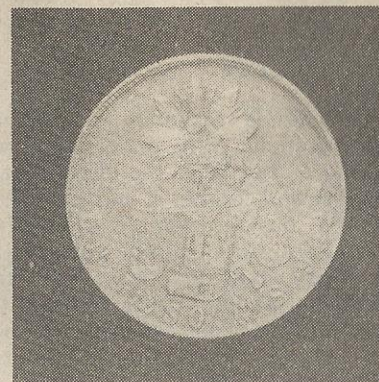
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