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STATE CAUCUS CALLED

by David Long

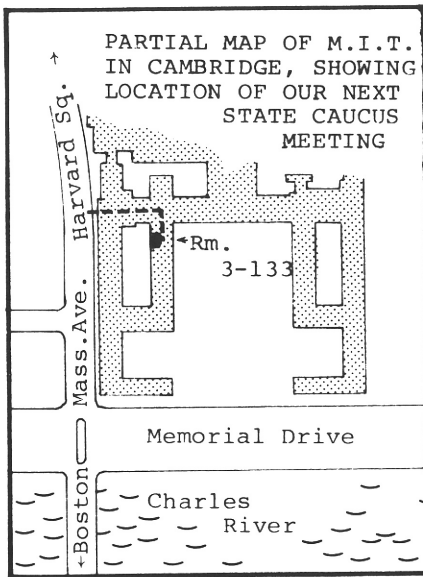
The State Committee of the Massachusetts L.P. has called a general membership meeting for Sunday, January 25. We will meet in room 3-113 at M.I.T. at 1 P.M. Several important items are on the agenda.

First, the members will be brought up to date on Party business. This will include a summary of our financial condition (no money), a briefing on the MacBride campaign (he's running for President), and a general update on state and national Party business (chaos, utter chaos).

A number of rules changes are to be considered which will greatly affect the future growth and operations of the M.L.P. Most important among these is a proposed set of rules to set up the machinery for the chartering of local LP chapters. It is contemplated that such chapters should be required to meet certain basic requirements in order to qualify for affiliation with the state party; once affiliated, each local chapter will be entitled to one representative on the State Committee.

Other proposals include moving some articles of

secondary importance from our party Constitution to the By-Laws, where they may be more easily modified. Every member should receive a copy of the party Constitution and the proposed amendments shortly.



Other matters to come before the membership will be a general discussion of what the focus of the LP should be, both at the national and state levels, and a discussion of the extent to which members of this party wish to support and work for the MacBride campaign in the months ahead. Normally, an

LIBERDATES

Liberdates is a regular column appearing in each issue of LIBERTY. If you know of any events of interest to libertarians, contact David Long, 95 Centre Street, Brookline, 02146 (232-0050) to have them included in our calendar. Please try to give as much lead time as possible.

January 17, 1:30 P.M., M.L.P. Research Committee meeting at Judy Van Wagenen's home, 286 Commonwealth Avenue, Apt. 10, Boston. Contact Judy Van Wagenen 247-1940.

January 19, 8:00 to 9:30 P.M. Listen in to WBUR "What's Right" at 90.9 FM on your dial when David Long, Florian Von Imhof, and Lee Nason will be interviewed about the L.P. Get your friends and neighbors to listen too as this should be suitable listening for the uninitiated.

January 25, 1:00 P.M., M.L.P. State Caucus meeting will be held in Room 3-133 at M.I.T. in Cambridge. Non-members and friends welcome. Contact Don Hunt 864-6497.

January 26, 8:00 P.M. 'til bedtime, Party at Avenue Victor Hugo Bookstore, for Sci-Fi fans only. Featuring Hal Clement, author of *Mission of Gravity*, *Close to Critical*, etc. Contact A.V.H. Bookstore 266-7746.

January 28-30, Anarcho-Alcoholic Caucus meeting in New Orleans for a prayer and fasting session in preparation for weekend Execomm meeting. Contact David Long 232-0050 (*Ed.: but not before noon!*).

January 31-February 1, Libertarian Party National Executive Committee meets in New Orleans. Contact David Long 232-0050.

February 1, 10:00 A.M., Suffolk (Boston) chapter L.P. meeting at Bill Tarnowski's home, 36 Rutland Square (South End), Boston. Open to all interested persons. Contact Judy Van Wagenen 247-1940.

February 7, 2:00-5:00 P.M., Media Workshop #1: Editorial Rebuttals -- how to write them, submit them, perform them. Panel of experts. At Steve Trinsward's home, 19 Caltha Road, Brighton. Contact Steve Trinward 787-3475.

RAICO OFFERS "NEW LEFT" AT NOVEMBER TANSTAAFL DINNER

by Nathan Curland

On the evening of November 19, 1975, Ralph Raico addressed the gathered faithful at the November *TANSTAAFL* dinner on, ostensibly, "Radical Capitalism and Alternate Lifestyles". Under this heading, the speaker limited his speech to the "New Left" and why we may more easily find new libertarians emerging from that quarter than from the disencharnted Right. Though the "New Left" was initially hostile toward capitalism, Mr. Raico maintained that this attitude is changing (or is at least changeable) in light of the obvious repression of individual rights in communist countries. Especially numbing to the Left is the puritanical attitude toward sex prevalent in the Soviet Union, Cuba, and especially Communist China.

Mr. Raico proceeded to point out the various libertarian aspects of the "New Left" movement of the sixties. First is the basic anti-war aspect of the movement. Along these lines he quoted "New Left" authors who attacked the emerging Social Science studies as a "way to study how to regiment people." Second, the movement was a "do your own thing movement." It was pointed out that college students had no problem at all in understanding the wrongness of laws against victimless crimes, a statement which could not (and cannot yet) be made about the population in general. Third, the lecturer pointed out the emerging "New Left" attitude that compulsory education should be abolished. In support of this statement various "New Left" spokesmen were quoted. "When you threaten someone with jail, all you find out is if they like what you're doing better than going to jail." He pointed out that growing up is natural; direction and supervision are not needed. What is needed from adults is a rational model and relative freedom to be left alone. In short, "public" education is unnecessary and harmful.

Mr. Raico proceeded to point out some non-libertarian aspects of the "New Left" movement and to advance arguments which could be used in countering these tendencies. The "New Left" is, in general, a critic of the "consumer society", condemning it as a result of the capitalistic "rat race" which engages in "making goods for hollow lives." What is ignored, he maintains, is the observation that people find shopping and buying to be truly pleasurable activities in

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MURRAY WAXES (W)ROTH:
BARD CRIES FOR VICTORY!

by Steven Trinward

For nearly three weeks (ever since Fearsome Editor hissed "take notes! You're covering this for *LIBERTY!*" just as I was settling back for an extended session of Blithering with Bubbles), I've been trying to figure out what to say about the December 11 *TANSTAAFL* dinner. I'm still twitching uncontrollably at the thought of it all, and periodic absences of objectivity and rational discourse must be forgiven, for I think some of the battle lines for the praxis-versus-principle libertarian (?) war were drawn that night.

Murray Rothbard, despite his good intentions and unimpeachable credentials as a Libertarian-before-the-term-was-invented, has lost a lot of personal credibility in the past six months: first his rather questionable attempts to water down the platform, then his obfuscatory role during the Radical Caucus the night before the Veep balloting, and finally the article he authored on the convention in *Libertarian Forum* last fall. Many of us who decided to attend the dinner were not expecting much, but rather came to challenge our erstwhile ally's recent actions.

We had not long to wait. Almost in the introductory passages of his presentation (and a most disorderly performance it was, for even with foreknowledge of the engagement and an awareness of the nature of the audience, Murray was about as prepared to speak as Dukakis is to fulfill his "no-taxes" pledge), Murray showed his hand: "The primary goal of the Libertarian movement," he intoned, "is victory.... We must strive to achieve this goal...using all moral means at our disposal...."

He then proceeded to harangue us about not accepting contradictory measures in order to gain advantage elsewhere, and although he belabored the obvious point that advocating a tax decrease is only good if we emphasize our ultimate aim of no taxes at all, he spoke as if he were soft-pedaling the liberty message to a group of non-initiates, instead of confronting an audience of "left-sectarians" (more on this term later) intent on forcing him to renounce his heresy.

Still Murray meandered through trivial rhetoric and

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FROM THE CHAIR:

The gist of what's coming is that I *will not* be running for the high and honorable office of chair-human at our state convention this April, and I just wanted to give the many hundreds of you who have been covetous of the position fair notice that it will be up for grabs.

I had been intending in this installment of FTC to outline just a few of the virtually endless reasons why *everyone* in the Party should want to be Chair-person (and why *you* should run). Well, my mind seems to have gone blank for the moment...but Lee Nason said I had to crank out *something* officious (I'm sure she meant to say "official") for this issue of *LIBERTY*.

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Ray Strong, former chairthing of the New York Free Libertarian Party (come on, you remember New York... that's where the Brooklyn Bridge is), once summed up the chief glory of chairing a political party such as ours. In a word: POWER. Sheer raw power and the exercise thereof. And he's absolutely right. Think of it:

FINANCIAL POWER: you will have authority to write checks for as much as ten, even fifteen dollars at a time. Not that Walter Ziobro ever *let* me, but the State Committee told me that I could if I wanted to. So there....

POLITICAL POWER: just knowing that the entire far-flung membership of a vital and strong state party is at your beck and call can be a heady experience indeed. And it's even more exciting to try to find some of them when you need them. But once you get them together, you know that they will follow you anywhere...if they're not busy, and if they like what you want to do, and if they decide to help....

MEDIA POWER: you get to write From the Chair for *LIBERTY*, and you can write other things too, if Lee Nason says it's OK and if your punctuation is alright.

And most important, the POWER OF MORAL SUASION: there is just nothing like getting up in front of a general membership meeting, making persuasive arguments for a morally and pragmatically necessary Platform or rules change, and watching true enlightenment descend upon the assembled throng. I would hope that you

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FROM UNDER THE TABLE ?

Under the bleary-eyed tutelage of (self) proclaimed chairdrunk Steve Trinward, the local chapter of the Anarcho-Alcoholic Caucus held an informal meeting on the evening of Sunday, December 7, at Bette's Rolls Royce. Before dispersing unsteadily into the night, the gathering agreed to endorse wholeheartedly the dixieland jazz and atmosphere to the membership-at-large.



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would not let minor points deter you, such as the historical fact that almost everything I have ever directly proposed has been voted down amidst choruses of points-of-order and motions-to-overrule-the-chair. Of course, this has all been instigated by a bunch of individualist troublemakers; probably part of the same group who do that sort of thing even at *national* conventions. After all, if you can't trust your chairman to know what's right for you, the next thing you know somebody will be trying to pass laws to keep *anybody* from ruling *anybody*....

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Yes, it will be hard to turn all that over to someone else. But I know that you, the membership, in your collective wisdom will undoubtedly elect a person who can handle it all, make all the decisions proper for our welfare, and disprove for all time Lord Acton's dictum that absolute power corrupts absolutely.

In Liberty,
David E. Long



CRYPTOGRAM

Our most popular feature returns: Last issue's solution was "If one wishes to advocate a free society, one must realize that its indispensable foundation is the principle of individual rights." Sorry for the two typo's, but they didn't seem to mess anyone up.

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TRIUMPH IN THE BLIZZARD

by David E. Long

Early in the afternoon of the Friday preceeding Christmas, I received a call from Ed Crane, national L.P. Chairman. "Say, Dave," he began, in his usual urbane drawl, "we have a little problem in New Hampshire, and we were hoping some Massachusetts people might be able to help." He proceeded to explain. A decision had been made, *very* late in the game, to try to put Roger MacBride on the ballot in the New Hampshire presidential preference primary election to be held on February 24, 1976. The *Democratic* ballot. The reasoning behind this move is this:

1) MacBride's people have managed to gain access to the mailing list of all the registered Democrats in New Hampshire. With this list, and with MacBride on the ballot, a very intensive direct-mail campaign can be waged, thus exposing many thousands of persons to the libertarian political alternative.

2) The New Hampshire primary, first in the nation, is one of the most closely watched by the media, the pollsters, and by politically interested persons generally. Many political careers have been made and broken during the New Hampshire primary.

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Pictured below are MLP'er Craig Franklin (on left) and Dean Ahmad (on right) entertaining libertarians at the last Avenue Victor Hugo Bookstore Party while David Reardon looks on with jaundiced eye.



INFLATION? BAH-HUMBUG!

Tired of watching the price of everything go up? Given up on ever seeing a price *decrease*? Well, it's happened right here in the Commonwealth.

In a recent action, the State Committee voted to *reduce* our state L.P. membership dues from the current \$6.00 to \$1.00. Essentially, a new membership class was created, that of *Basic Voting Member*. A basic member does not automatically receive our newsletter, *LIBERTY*, but does receive notification of all conventions and state membership caucuses and is entitled to full voting rights at all such functions.

But there is a little bad news too. The subscription price of *LIBERTY* has been *raised*, from a general rate of \$3.50 to a split schedule of \$5.00 per year for state party members and \$7.50 for non-members. For those of you who are members *and* wish to receive *LIBERTY*, the new total rate is \$1.00 plus \$5.00, or \$6.00 -- identical to the old annual fee. But for couples, or in cases where a newsletter subscription cannot be afforded, the annual fees will be substantially lower.



P.R. WORKSHOPS BEGIN

by Steve Trinward

The Massachusetts Libertarian Party Public Relations Committee will hold its first workshop at 19 Caltha Road, Brighton, on February 7, 1976, at 2:00 P.M. Public Relations Chairperson, Steve Trinward, in cooperation with Lee Nason, David Reardon, and Steve Klein, among others, will be presenting a series of seminars on media rebuttal, newsletter editing and graphics, press-release techniques, etc. They will also attempt to determine a cohesive strategy and consistent graphics approach for future publicity efforts for the Massachusetts Libertarian Party. This first offering will be confined to the various phases of media editorial rebuttal. In an attempt to raise money for the P.R. effort and in order to cover cost of materials at these workshops, a \$1.00 per person fee will be charged. For further information, contact Steve Trinward at 787-3475. All interested persons are welcome.



RESEARCH COMMITTEE HOLDS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

by Nathan Curland

On Saturday, December 13, an organizational meeting of the M.L.P. Research Committee was held at the home of Lee Webber. The Committee provisionally approved the following goals:

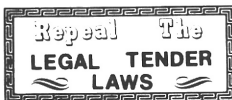
The Research Committee shall be the information collection interface between the M.L.P. and the government. Our long range goal is to keep the M.L.P. membership informed of government activities and decrees both pending and active. We should discover through what avenues such information is available and be ready to assist M.L.P. members in obtaining needed information.

In order to meet these goals the M.L.P.R.C. should concentrate its activities in three areas:

1. Election Laws. Information should be obtained and condensed in orderly form with regard to petitioning, ballot status, and filing procedures.
2. Legislation. An orderly list of issues and actions should be kept on pending legislation, recently enacted legislation, and roll call information.
3. L.P. Positions. Information (articles, laws, etc.) regarding specific libertarian positions should be accumulated.

The Committee agreed to compile and publish a pamphlet on "How to Run a Campaign for Elective Office." It was also agreed that first priority in information gathering was to be given to obtaining information on how to get MacBride and Bergland on the Massachusetts ballot.

The Committee agreed to meet once a month with the next meeting set for January 17 at 1:00 P.M. at Judy Van Wagenen's home. Any member interested in joining the M.L.P.R.C. or contributing material to it should contact the chairperson, Nathan Curland, 332-3184, or any of the members: John Costello, 531-7121, Judy Van Wagenen, 247-1940, Lee Webber, 262-5436, or Walter Ziobro, Jr., 672-5437.



STUDY GROUP ORGANIZES

by Mark E. Weinburg

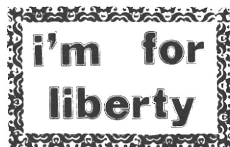
On Sunday, 14 December, a number of people gathered in the Upper Common Room of Harvard's Adams House for the organizational meeting of the Libertarian Study Group sponsored by the Center for the Study of Social Systems.

The meeting opened with brief personal introductions all around and a discussion of the nature of the proposed group. The concept of a forum for the discussion of issues and ideas of mutual interest among libertarians was well received and it was decided to hold these meetings on a regular basis. These meetings will take place on the second Sunday of each month from 2:00 P.M. to approximately 4:00 P.M. in the Upper Common Room of Adams House (Bow and Plympton Streets near Harvard Square).

After these arrangements had been settled, the time remaining was devoted to a discussion by John Hagel of the work that he and Prof. Walter Grinder have been doing on revisionist history of the modern United States and their development of a libertarian theory of state capitalism and imperialism. The discussion which followed was lively and interesting and boded well for the future of the study group concept.

The first regular meeting of the study group will be held on Sunday, 11 January. The topic will be "Problems in the Epistemological Foundations of Austrian Economics." The discussion will be led by Dr. Michael Gorr who recently received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Brown University. All are welcome to attend. Those interested in participating are urged to read carefully the first chapter of Rothbard's *Man, Economy and State*.

For more information, contact Mark Weinburg, 2502 Mystic Valley Parkway, Medford, 02155.



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reminisced much as he had at the Prescon banquet. He spoke of shrinking the State wherever you can (inspired advice, indeed!), of pyramids of power (that brought a chuckle to those of us who were reading *Illuminatus!* at the time), and of internal education for the troops themselves.

He then launched into a discussion of "right-opportunists" and "left-sectarians", presumably using these Marxist terms to indicate his own solid revolutionary posture. He categorized the former as "strategic sellout" advocates; the latter tag was attached to the believers in "living liberty", among which number I proudly include myself. He then digressed to an account of "participatory democracy" as embodied in the Free University of New York; the anecdote was entertaining though hardly enlightening in reference to the conclusions he wished to be drawn by us, the by-now-steaming audience.

He warned against hitting the general public with too much of our vision at once, for fear of "scaring them off": "Libertarians are too glib and therefore not to be trusted" was his cautionary advice in this particular nutshell. He asked that we be "like the hundred flowers blooming: radical in content, conservative in form". He issued a "plea for the importance of professionalism" in Party political ventures (and after Trotter & Vernon, and more recently the near-fiasco of the New Hampshire ballot try, there's no way I'm going to take *that* one seriously!!), and then, with his usual pep-talk finish, he opened the floor to questions.

The first to rise, of course, was Harvard Professor Robert Nozick, at whom many of Murray's accusations (though veiled) had been obviously directed. Bob raised a "hypothetical" question about the LP selling racist literature to gain money/influence/allies. He further hypothesized that the group sponsoring this practice opposed forcible exclusion (by law, that is) of blacks from any activity, but would favor private separatism, thus avoiding conflict with the *letter* of Libertarian canon.

Murray sidestepped this poser adroitly by positing such platitudes as "Money isn't everything" and by claiming that such a move would *not* advance the LP position. David Long, our esteemed should-be Hiz-zoner, rephrased the question. "What if a self-

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WHAT FOR?

by Craig Franklin

The following is an article which describes four basic positions as to what the purpose of the Libertarian Party should be. Since there seemed to be general interest in this topic, it has been added to the agenda at our upcoming state caucus. So read carefully and decide where you're at.

"What for?" was Francisco d'Anconia's favorite question. I think it's time to ask that question again about the Libertarian Party in general and the Mass L.P. in particular -- not because the question hasn't been asked and answered before, but because different people have different and, to some extent, incompatible answers.

When David Nolan founded the L.P., the first question he answered was "What for?". He said that the course of future events will be shaped by ideas; to change a culture's ideas requires education; and (this is the crucial point) the most efficient way to spread new political ideas is via a new political party. Sanford Cohen, one of the most successful L.P. political activists to date, succinctly summarized this viewpoint in his Reason Profile (*Reason*, July 1974, p. 37):

"We already have the philosophers and the philosophical base for building a Free Society -- for the rest of us, actions speak louder than words. That's why I'm in politics -- it enables one to reach the most people in the shortest period of time.... Our campaign reaches 300,000 to half a million people a week. That's an impressive educational effort right there, plus getting elected will give me a chance to change the system from within."

I call this view of the L.P. the "educational-political" viewpoint.

There is another position that I call the purely "political" viewpoint. Proponents of this position (I believe Dave Long is one) give the following arguments: within the libertarian movement, there are a great many organizations and institutions; the function of the Libertarian Party is to be the political arm of the movement. It should concern itself solely with political activities per se, for example, running candidates for office, working to change bad laws, opposing especially bad candidates,

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themselves. Just as many find driving a car an enjoyable pastime. Furthermore, in condemning the consumer society, the Left puts Advertising in the villain's role to such an extent as to "elevate it to a godlike position" capable of making people do things against their will. The speaker countered this appraisal with the observation that "at least [advertising] makes the consumer the be-all and end-all of creation" as opposed to the clod that the liberal would make of him. In conclusion, the speaker attributed the New Left anti-capitalistic attitudes to a basic lack of understanding of the marketplace in which profit is assumed to be a sur-charge. We should, however, see past the statist rhetoric displayed in the Black Pride and Women's Lib movements and accept these movements as being basically libertarian in nature.

Mr. Raico next contrasted this view of the "New Left" with Conservatism which he felt is far less promising. Basically, he said, conservatives "want to go to Caesarism." This theme was amplified and brought to a peak in the question and answer period with the statement, "The "New Left" believes in individualism. The Conservative believes in original sin." Mr. Raico's disparagement of conservatism led to his discussion of the evils of Nationalism. Nationalism, he said, is not natural. It is "a fantasy created by the State" as the "greatest status 'hype' in history."

Mr. Raico concluded with the observation that what attracted intellectuals to the socialist camp were the utopian aspects of their movement. To draw intellectuals to the libertarian camp we must create a "libertarian utopian ideal."

During the question and answer period a number of libertarian members with conservative leanings took issue with Raico's premise that the Left is a better "hunting ground" for libertarians than the Right. The arguments on both sides seemed to wind down to pointlessness as the English Language failed to supply sufficient superlatives for the discussion.

[Your editor was so impressed with Prof. Raico's appraisal that she has requested Prof. Raico to send her a copy of his text. Prof. Raico has agreed and copies will shortly be available at repro cost. We regret that the length of the text prohibited its publication in LIBERTY.]



BUDDY, CAN YOU SPARE A BUCK

For any and all interested M.L.P.'ers, let it be known that Sharon Nelson is acting chairwoman of the Finance Committee. Any ideas on fundraising, general thoughts and ruminations, and especially *money* should be sent to her, in care of the L.P., at Box 2610, Boston 02208. She is trying to create a fund to cover such things as lobbying for the elimination of victimless crime laws, rent control regulations, and taxes. Also, any Libertarian candidates who decide to run for office this year will need money. So, c'mon people ... she needs your brain and your inflated dollars!



STATE EXERCISES ITS MONOPOLY

by Lee Nason [Source: *Caliber*, the California L.P. Newsletter]

Karl Bray, tax rebel, was sent to jail for, believe it or not, "possession of I.R.S. seizure stickers." What a "crime"! But while he has been in the hoosegow, he is preparing an appeal case on another conviction, failure to file a tax return, so his time is not completely wasted. He is also reading, studying, writing poetry, and acting as elected spokesman for the prisoners who are trying to obtain more humane treatment in prison. Moreover, given his "captive" audience, he has apparently converted several prison-mates to libertarianism!

If you would care to send reading material (must be direct from publisher or bookstore), or letters of condolence, his address is:

Karl J. Bray
c/o Salt Lake City County Jail
450 South, 300 East
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Please bear in mind that mail will probably be reviewed by prison officials.

Hank Hohenstein of the California L.P. has recently had his car and bank account attached, apparently on an I.R.S. jeopardy assessment.

Jack Willis, Hosper's '74 gubernatorial manager and a tax rebel, under the "Freedom of Information Act" requested all the information in I.R.S. files concerning him. Get this; the I.R.S. officially replied that, though they had information on him, to disclose

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issue of this importance would be reserved for the annual Convention, but in this case, time is of the essence. If we are to put Roger on the ballot here in Massachusetts, we will have to begin petitioning early this April and planning for the petition drive will have to begin immediately.

Plan to join the Anarcho-Alcoholic Caucus following the meeting for some Very Serious Business (but no rules, no agenda, and no moderator).



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3) Why the *Democratic* primary? Several reasons: the Republican primary is essentially a contest between Ford and Reagan, two men with clear public images and strong individual followings. A third man in that race would probably do about as well as a roller skater in the Indy 500. But the Democratic race is another matter. To date, about a zillion Democrats have entered the scramble, and will be falling all over each other trying to attract the attention of the New Hampshire voter. Most of them are old, tired left-of-center pols, with an old, tired message: more gummint is good fer what ails yuh. MacBride, obviously, would carry a somewhat different message. The hope is that the old pols will divide up the (hopefully limited) leftist vote, and give the rest to Roger. If MacBride beats even one, let alone several, of the old liners, he would be in a good position to capitalize on this through the rest of the campaign.

On Saturday, December 20, Lee Webber, Tom Alspaugh, and myself drove up to Concord, N.H. to assist in organizing the petition drive to put Roger on the primary ballot. About a dozen other Bay State libertarians had agreed to join us on Sunday for a full day of petitioning. Bob Meier, Chairman of the MacBride committee, had flown into Concord on Friday to secure petitions and make contact with the New Hampshire Libertarian Party.

The big problem underlying all this urgency was that we had *less than one week* to raise the required 1000 signatures needed to put MacBride on the ballot. After some initial thrashing, we drove down to Manchester, all six of us. Lee, Tom, Art Ketchen and Barbara Zajac (former and current N.H. chairpersons, respectively), Bob Meier, and me. At just about the

Below: Libertarian Literati posing for publicity at the recent Avenue Victor Hugo Bookstore party. From left to right: David Reardon, guest of honor and author of Anarchy, State and Utopia Prof. Bob Nozick, Charley Ryan, Vince McCaffrey, and Chairperson Long.



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proclaimed bigot from...say, Southie, were running for...say, Mayor of Boston (crowd noise, crowd noise) -- would the Libertarian Party be justified in supporting his or her candidacy, bearing in mind, of course, that this candidate is utterly against the use of force to attain this separatist objective?"

Rothbard replied that he "would work with bigots...to raise their consciousness [sic]", thereby eliciting chuckles from the less-aware members of the audience and a groan of frustration from us "leftists". A further elaboration on the issue (by Dave Wood) was similarly evaded, and the remainder of the session degenerated into such non-issues as minarchism-versus-anarchism and the value of situation ethics in determining one's position.

CONCLUSIONS??? If at this point anyone needs a summation they haven't been reading very carefully, but how about: R.I.P., Mr. Libertarian....



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same time, the snow started to fall. And fall. *And fall!* (Set an all-time record for the month in Boston.) Most of you have petitioned at some time or other (like last summer?). But how many of you have tried it during a certified, grade-A blizzard? The damp shoes, the purple fingers, snow-covered petition sheets, frozen pens -- aren't you sorry you missed it?

But it was not in vain. During the following week, a few more carpetbaggers, including Ed Crane Himself and Andrea Millen Herself, straggled in to help, and in a last-minute cliffhanger...we made it! Roger will be on the Democratic ballot in the primary election. So keep your eyes on New Hampshire -- the '76 campaign is underway!



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February 8, 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M., Norfolk (Newton, Brookline, and environs) chapter L.P. organizational meeting at Nathan Curland's home, 56 Halcyon Road, Newton. All welcome. Contact Nathan Curland 332-3184.

February 11, 7:30 P.M., Massachusetts L.P. State Committee meeting at the Henry George School, 1318 Beacon Street, Brookline. Open to all members and non-members. Contact David Long 232-0050.

February 13-15, BOSKONE 13, Sheraton-Boston Hotel. Poul Anderson Guest of Honor. Contact Steve Trinward 787-3475.

February 14, 1:00 P.M., Middlesex-Essex chapter LP organizational meeting at Carol Steinberger's home, 18 Alden Road, Marblehead 631-2583.

February 24, New Hampshire Pres. Primary Election.

March 2, Massachusetts Primary Election.

April 11, Ayn Rand at Ford Hall Forum. Topic to be announced.

April 13, Thomas Jefferson birthday party at Avenue Victor Hugo Bookshop. Theme and speaker to be announced. Contact Vince McCaffrey 266-7746.



CYNICAL CYRIL IS DEAD;

LONG LIVE SARCASTIC STEVE

by Steve Trinward

A few days after the last issue of LIBERTY was mailed, I received the following letter from Jack Waldron.

I want to cancel my subscription to the Mass L.P. Newsletter & have my name removed from your mailing list.

The paragraph "Cynical Cyril" wrote about me was the most obnoxious & insulting item ever written about me & it bears no relation to my comments about Galambos on that night. I will not give market support to any newsletter which prints such trash & does not have the basic integrity to identify the author.

Please convey to "Cynical Cyril" that I hope in the future he or she will get in touch with me personally to discuss any questions as to where I stand. I despise people who irresponsibly sling mud behind a mask of anonymity.

I was naturally upset, but I had a chance to discuss this matter with Jack at the last Avenue Victor Hugo Bookstore party. At that time I was adamant about continuing the Cynical Cyril column - I felt (and I still do feel) that gossip, humor (even if it's pretty black) and a little partyarchy-baiting should be a legitimate function of LIBERTY. But on considering Jack's comments regarding anonymity, I had to agree that his point was well taken.

Well my dilemma was easily settled. Steve Trinward leaped into the breach and offered to do a non-anonymous version of Cynical Cyril. So here goes our first edition of SARCASTIC STEVE -- relatively unexpurgated.

P.S. Cynical Cyril, whomever you were, please contact Jack -- he really wanted to talk to you. Ed.

...First, our favorite topic, Round Roger (sorry Joe, but that's the way he comes across) and his merry band of "professional" campaign staffers, who have achieved their goal after all -- getting MacBride on the ballot for the New Hampshire Democratic primary in February (a good idea, for several reasons, not the least being exposure as something besides another Reagan!). The absurdity is that they somehow managed to wait until six days before the filing deadline to begin the attempt, with the only weekend available

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speaking out on current political issues. It should engage in non-political activities, such as inviting speakers or holding social events, only when these activities have a political purpose, such as raising money or attracting new members to the Party. The function of groups such as the *TANSTAAFL* dinner series is to educate; the function of philosophers is to settle the limited state vs. anarchy dispute; the function of private parties is to provide social activities; and the function of artists is to provide freedom-oriented works of art, etc. The sole function of the Libertarian Party is political activity, and it is proper that this should be so by the Law of Comparative Advantage, which is the justification for specialization and the division of labor.

Another view is that the Libertarian Party should be an umbrella organization, a sort of holding company for the libertarian movement, much as General Electric is actually a holding company for many related but specialized profit centers. The "umbrella" position holds that there are economies of scale in having one mailing list, one publication, etc., and that this need not inhibit diversity of activity. To some extent, we currently simulate this situation with cooperation: cross advertising, interlocking directorates, even exchange of mailing lists with suitable privacy safeguards.

There is also the purely "educational" position, which is advocated by Ayn Rand and others. What follows is my understanding of her position. Ideas, fundamental ideas, determine the course of a culture. It is earlier than you think for political activity, as shown by Barry Goldwater's disastrous campaign. The Americal people are pro-freedom in their sense of life, but a sense of life can help choose the right path only in an emergency situation. The battle must be won by replacing the ideas of the present culture with better ideas -- and the battleground is the university campus, not political rallies. It is worse than futile to win a battle against zoning in some suburb after an exhausting effort only to see your children go off to college and turn into hippies, your savings dwindle more rapidly every year from currency debasement, and your life being poured down the rathole of global altruism as your ever-increasing taxes go to feed starving populations around the world, whose corrupt leaders spit at you in return, in the forum

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you pay for, the United Nations. If you want to kill weeds, you can't do it one weed at a time -- you have to invent a weedkiller. The only way to kill ideas is to replace them with better ones -- and you have to change the whole culture if you want to change its political manifestations, because people in a free country get the government they think they want. If you want to do something to reverse the present trend, the most effective action you could take is to introduce other people -- your friends and neighbors -- to libertarian ideas. The most effective way to do that is to sell them a copy of *Atlas Shrugged*. After all, how did most libertarians become libertarians?

There may be still other points of view. I would like to see them advocated in print. My purpose in presenting these is to begin a debate within the Mass L.P. about what we should be doing. I am an almost pure educationist: see my position paper which I distributed at the last Mass L.P. convention. All of the other members of the State Execommm seem to be purely political. There is no conflict here, in the sense that different tactical views are perfectly compatible in a purely voluntary organization, but I would like to know what the members think. How would you categorize yourself? Write in and tell us, even if it's only to be counted one way or the other.



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for petitioning being just before Christmas, with its infamous six-foot snow flurry! I hope this is not an example of the strategy planning for the rest of the campaign!.... Another note on RLM (Gad, those *initials* are no help either!) concerns the CPPAX caucus of early December, in which Roger received one (1) vote out of the seven hundred-odd present (well, he got a tenth-of-a-percent, so it might have been two -- at most!). The interesting thing is this: the week before the caucus, the Boston *Phoenix*, in listing the candidates for the ballot, excluded Roger entirely! (To top that, when the results were announced, this same bastion of radicalism and political awareness referred to MacBride's affiliation as the *Liberation Party*!! I think our P.R. gang had better straighten out their leaflets or something.... Speaking of candidates, when is old DEL, our esteemed chair-beast, going to decide whose job he wants next

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at the State House? I trust he won't delay as long as last time.... The identity of the next M.L.P. Chair is still a mystery. At present it seems to be between a well-known cute little Munchkin whose presence occupies the fantasies of more than one L.P.'er (just joking, Pete!), a wheeling-and-dealing commodities broker/student/bon vivant who is already playing the Ted Kennedy role, and a couple of experienced Partyarchs who are desperately trying to avoid being drafted in April. Time will tell, but my money's on the Volkswagen.... The recent *Reason* atrocity masquerading as a Tibor Machan commentary on the Prescon did not go unchallenged; both David of Long and your esteemed columnist composed scathing diatribes against the good Doctor's rantings. David's is apparently being printed in a forthcoming *Reason* issue; my own offering has thus far merited only a snide retort from Tibor's malevolent pen. He seems unwilling to accept the possibility that it might *not* be necessary to play by the rules if the game itself is crooked. Ah well, what can he do with us left-sectarians, anyway.... The Committee for Radical Libertarian Politics seems loath to expose itself as yet, even to the extent of organizing locally to investigate the fumbblings of the MacBride campaign in New Hampshire. How about it, guys.... I understand the Suffolk County Libertarian Chapter has its problems: seems the lack of organization has created one of those "participatory democracies" where volume and lung-power outdoes logic and reason ten times from Sunday. I hope the S.C.L.C. (wait a minute, wasn't that Abernathy's gang? No wonder they want to call it the Mass. Libertarian Alliance instead!) can somehow iron out its problems soon (One suggestion would have meetings during *normal* waking hours!).... I also hear that certain Dorchester native with Irish-red locks and a divorced, dashing, debonair Newtonian are currently being railroaded into running for public office on the L.P. ticket. I hope they are able to get *their* organizations to run a thorough campaign this time around....



LAST MINUTE NEWS FLASH

Just as we were putting Liberty "to bed", we got a call from Sarcastic Steve. It seems that MacBride has withdrawn from the Democratic Primary in N.H. No more information was available at press time; details will be available at the membership meeting on January 25. I guess David's and Lee's and Tom's efforts were in vain after all.



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same might "...disclose the identity of a confidential source..." and, further, that the information being maintained related to "...meetings of the Libertarian Party of California and the Tax Rebellion (*sic*) Committee."

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Doug Kennell, Peace and Freedom activist, was taken into custody on a 1971 indictment, alleging violations of the Selective Service Act, by the F.B.I. For information contact P.O. Box 1202, Venice, California 90291.

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