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Now More Than Ever . . .

Commentary by Steve Trinward

As you will note elsewhere in this issue, the July 8 Ed Clark visit to Boston was a rousing success, and its effects are just now beginning to be felt.

All the more reason why we need to keep the momentum going, to keep the fires stoked so that the spark of liberty may flourish into a flame of true liberation, and . . .

SLAP!! Oops, sorry about that, folks. I went away, but I'm back now . . .

Seriously, the Clark campaign is threatening to put the Libertarian movement on the map in all its glory, fulfilling—nay, surpassing—our wildest dreams in the process. Consider:

• CBS-TV network, a week *before* our fulltime campaign kicked off, announced the results of a poll it took, which showed that over 40% of the electorate wants someone to vote for besides Carter and Reagan . . . and Anderson! (The old saw

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Cameras whirr as Ed Clark addresses the Boston media on nuclear energy

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Wanted: LP Activists Little Experience Necessary

The LPM is in dire need of volunteer, part-time help in several areas:

First and foremost we need a Media Coordinator to interface with national HQ on a daily basis between Labor Day and November. The job consists of phoning a toll-free number, taping a recorded message, transcribing it and sending copies to media outlets around the state. Once organized, the job shouldn't take more than a half-hour each day. It is also possible that if funds are available, this job may be a (typically low-) paid position.

A second post, of a less formal nature, is that of Feedback Coordinator. This person would attempt to organize letter-writing campaigns immediately following Ed Clark's remaining visits, to correct inaccuracies in news articles, to compliment good stories, and in general to show that there *are* people out there interested in the LP. A subsidiary duty, if time permitted, would involve writing the same people whenever they leave Clark, or Libertarian positions, out of a discussion of the campaign.

Finally, we will need hundreds of volunteers this fall for a massive mailing of Clark literature. We have been assigned 120,000 leaflets to drop door-to-door around the state, and it will take about 2500 person-hours to do this. Anyone who can deliver 500, 1000 or any number in his/her local area should contact the LPM office at 536-5217. Leave a message if you get the tape, and we'll get back to you.

. . . And He's Coming Back!

Ed Clark's July 8 Boston visit was a beginning, not an end, to the LP's Presidential campaign in New England. On Friday, August 29th, Ed will be back in town for the day, and over the September 20-23 period, he'll be storming through the six-state region to spread the word of liberty to the rest of the Yankees, from Hartford to Portland, from Providence to Manchester and beyond.

Now, more than ever, the campaign will need the support and participation of EVERY Libertarian in the Northeast if this trip is to have its desired effect. There will be press conferences, and rallies, and fundraisers. Ed will be appearing on TV and radio, in newsprint, on posters and signposts . . . you name it; his youthful face and calm, reasonable voice will be inundating the area on all fronts.

But in order to coordinate this 5-day, 8-city tour it's going to take a lot of time, money and hard work, and we need everyone's help. If you can donate any or all of the above, please let us know by calling the office at (617) 536-5217, or writing Mass. Committee to Elect Ed Clark, POB 2610, Boston 02208. I can't stress enough the need for ALL libertarians to pitch in and help this time.

A rough schedule follows (further details will be announced on the office phone answering machine as they are available):

Friday, August 29: Boston all day, with a cocktail party scheduled for evening;

Saturday, September 20: Southeastern Mass., with a Providence cocktail party a possibility;

Sunday, September 21: Providence and Portland, ME (Litchfield Fair and a cocktail party in Portland);

Monday, September 22: Portland media in the morning, Worcester in the afternoon, Manchester, NH in the evening;

Tuesday, September 23: Springfield and Hartford, CT (cocktail party in Hartford in the evening).

Media Watch

The Lid Comes Off... For Good?

July 1980 may have been the most significant month in the LPM's history. Thanks to Ed Clark's long-awaited first campaign visit to the Cradle of Liberty July 8th, somewhere between 15 and 25 local media outlets have now publicly acknowledged our existence as a political body. And with rare exception their coverage was both fair and sincere, presented with the respect due to the only rational choice on the November ballot this year.

Those publications and stations which recognized the Clark candidacy as something of more than passing curiosity include daily papers *Globe* and *Herald-American*; TV stations WBZ and WGBH (Channels 4 and 2, respectively); the Brockton *Enterprise*, Providence *Journal-Bulletin* and Taunton *Gazette*; radio stations WRKO, WBCN, WBUR, WCAS, WHDH, WHRB, WCOZ (all of Boston) and WCUW (Worcester); and weeklies *Real Paper* and *Gay Community News*. In each case, a serious news-treatment was given to the Clark campaign, given the bounds of each outlet's time- and audience-constraints.

The *Globe* and *Herald*, for example, each ran solid articles in their political sections. Channel 2 devoted nearly 5 minutes of its "10:00 News" that evening to a piece on the Clark press conference earlier in the day. The *Real Paper's* Sidney Blumenthal, a well-respected political columnist and reporter with writing credentials from *The New Republic* and other major periodicals (and author of the newly published book, *The Permanent Campaign*), did an excellent column entitled "The Fourth Man," with the subhead "If John Anderson can run for President, why not Libertarian Party candidate Ed Clark?"

In addition to all this, the day before Clark's visit the *Globe* ran a Knight-Ridder syndicated piece on the LP and Clark. Although it did not mention the next day's visit by the candidate (this had been done in yet another blurb in the *Globe* the day before), it outlined the party's positions accurately and without noticeable snideness.

Since the original onslaught of coverage, there has been more—beyond our wildest dreams! On July 18, ten days after Ed left town, Wayne Woodlief of the *Herald-American* did a front-page story entitled "The presidential debates: how about Anderson and Clark?" It gave ample serious consideration to Ed's qualifications for consideration for the debates this fall, and represents the first serious coverage (excluding the obligatory "ain't he cute" stuff) we've gotten locally without beating heads to do it... Thank you, Wayne; we'll sure keep in touch.

Further news: On July 23, the *Globe's* Robert McLean, in his "Ad-ventures" column, panned the Clark ads and cast vile aspersions on the whole campaign, belittling its power ("no one locally recalls seeing" Clark's ads) and labelling the 1979 conventioneers as "presumably union actors... the current actors strike might further hamper the promotion..." We corrected him [Gleefully, Steve?—Don] on both counts, citing the Nielsen ratings for July 14-20, which had the Clark ad of 7/20 rated 15th for the week, with a 12.3 rating (Over 9 million households, according to that, saw the anti-draft ad the first time; since national reported over 1200 calls to their toll-free number that night, this is not impossible.). At any rate, McLean ran a retraction in the August 6 *Globe*, and your humble editor's letter to the editor may yet see print.

Meanwhile, on the national scene, things have been a bit quieter than before. The long-awaited *Esquire* article is still awaited, and may have been shelved for the time being. The Nicholas von Hoffman *NY Times* magazine feature on the LP



Ed fields a phone interview

has been postponed, so that it can be turned into a general piece on third-party history. (It seems the *Times*-folk didn't realize how pro-LP Uncle Nicky had become, until a week before the story was due to appear.) Nevertheless, I have the assurance of Clark HQ that the article will still be mostly about the present—i.e., Clark and his tribulations against the Reprocrats and the Plague of Women Vultures. [Whew—that was a stiff one, Steve!—Don] [Just an old Conserv. GOP label, Don—can't take credit myself—Steve]

However, there has been some activity in this area. The *Times* editorial board may have a quisling in their very midst, it would seem: Tom Wicker, noted columnist otherwise posing as the paper's own Associate Editor, devoted his entire Sunday, July 13th, "In the Nation" column to an essay on the Clark bid. Titled "Thriving on Purity," the column's text reads like we wrote it ourselves. Sure, he prefaced every statement with the characteristic disclaimers ("Libertarians believe...", "Clark suggested...", etc.), but there was nary a discouraging word throughout. Can it be that Uncle Nicky's blanket endorsement is only the beginning?

Other articles now allegedly in the works or going to press as you read this include a series of three items in *The New Republic* on "Why I Am Supporting _____ for President," with "Carter," "Commoner" and "Clark" in the blank and respected journalists doing the pitching. (Still unsure whether von H. or *TNR's* own Stephen Chapman will be doing our side's presentation.) Also, a Clark interview is slated for *High Times*, as

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A Campaign Evaluation

One of the problems of following the Ed Clark campaign so far for most of you has probably been getting information on the kind of job his staff has been doing. As Clark's Massachusetts Campaign Manager, I've been in a good position to observe the situation. And as a former worker in some non-libertarian campaigns, I can compare this situation with the norm.

Massachusetts libertarians have traditionally been very suspicious of national libertarian leaders and vice versa. Local autonomy vs. central control has been the issue, and it's been a very divisive one.

This year, however, both sides have buried the hatchet — and not because of any drastic change in leadership. While new people have come into responsible positions both locally and nationally, most of the old activists are still around. No, the change has come about because we've come to realize that you can't run a national campaign without a strong national organization, and the national leaders have come to realize that you can't run a national campaign in a country as large as the U.S. without strong local organization. Simply, we need to support each other.

Now, if we needed a strong national organization, but all we had were a bunch of amateur incompetents, we'd still be pulling our hair. Fortunately, my opinion is that for the first time in Libertarian Party history we have a large enough group of people knowledgeable about practical politics to insure a professional campaign.

Nobody's perfect, and Clark's headquarters staff has made its share of individual mistakes. Still, on both the strategic and the tactical levels, they've shown that they know what they're doing.

Anybody who's worked on a real political campaign understands that electoral politics constantly verges on chaos (and that's not anarchy). There are a million things that the staff ought to consider, and they only have the time to look at a hundred. Opportunities are missed. Communications are fouled up. Gaffes are made.

The important tests are whether the campaign has a reasonable plan and whether the staff is capable of carrying out that plan.

And Clark's national staff, so far, has passed these tests.

The Clark inner circle realized that the first task of the campaign was to gain credibility with the news media. This was essential to get the publicity to get the voters to take Clark seriously. The way to do this was to be on the ballot everywhere in the country.

Well, they have yet to miss even one state filing deadline, and it looks like they won't. Here in Massachusetts, they poured in all the resources we needed to get our 39,245 signatures.

These successful ballot drives have been our key to the newspapers, radio, and TV. Any responsible news source has to give some serious coverage to a candidate who's on the ballot in all 50 states and D.C. and who's running national TV commercials.

And, in fact, Clark's visit to Boston on July 8th generated more libertarian publicity than the Massachusetts party has received in its whole previous history.

At this rate, by the end of the campaign, Clark may still be a *third-party* candidate but he'll no longer be a *minor-party* candidate. The Libertarian Party will have become a major national force.

We'll also be on our way to becoming a Massachusetts force. Our most important state race will be for Governor in two

BALLOT-STATUS REPORT

By the time you read this, Ed Clark should be on the ballot in some 44 states, and well on target for our goal of 51 (including the District of Columbia). The latest to fall to the LP cutting-edge include Texas, Georgia, Vermont, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Maryland. In Texas and Georgia we filed over twice as many signatures as are needed in either state; the three New England states had very low requirements, but small state parties and slow starts have kept them behind schedule in each case, though all three are now passing their goals.

West Virginia, the home of the most repressive legal code since Torquemada and the Inquisition, nearly squelched our bid. However, with a lot of hard work, the LP managed to collect twice as many signatures as were needed there, and the Mountaineer bureaucrats had to certify us after all. Meanwhile, next door in Maryland the Libertarians have filed over 100,000 signatures to meet that state's requirements, while in Michigan we breezed through that state's bizarre third-party primary with ease.

Still in progress are ballot-drives in New York, Connecticut, Virginia, New Hampshire, Wyoming, the District of Columbia, and Florida. Prospects for all six look very good at this writing, which should mean we will be the first third-party candidacy ever to make all 51 ballots!

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When is Ed Clark?

The Clark for President Committee has purchased the following time slots on network TV for the remainder of August:

August 20,	2:55 p.m.	ABC-TV
August 20,	9:55 p.m.	CBS-TV
August 26,	10:55 p.m.	CBS-TV
August 29,	10:55 p.m.	ABC-TV

years. With 3% of the vote in that election, we gain ballot status. And then we won't have to spend so much of our energy on ballot drives. This is what a powerful Clark campaign can accomplish for us.

But everything that national can do would be useless without local support. They don't have the time to arrange local news conferences and interviews. Thus, I'd like to congratulate our own Steve Trinward for the excellent job he did on the July Clark visit.

Without Steve's tireless efforts, we probably would not have received the nice articles we did in the *Globe*, the *Herald*, the *Real Paper*, and the *Providence Journal*, nor have lured two TV stations to the press conference, nor have convinced the many radio stations to interview Clark.

To summarize, their well-run national campaign allows us to get local press coverage. But our local coverage is an important part of the national campaign. We need national and national needs us.

—Steve Fulchino
Chairman
Mass. Committee to
Elect Ed Clark

State Committee Report

The Clark campaign has officially begun! Ed's first visit to Massachusetts on July 8 was a rousing success. The cocktail parties were well-attended, the t-shirt sales were brisk, and Clark received good press coverage here in Andersonville, U.S.A., at least for one day. Special accolades go out to Steve Trinward and the Clark Committee for the excellent job they did in making this first Clark visit so successful. Clark will be coming again Labor Day weekend, in mid-September, and late in October. I urge all of you to attend the many activities to be planned in conjunction with these visits. It really is exciting, to get caught up in the political race, to meet the candidate, and enjoy the camaraderie of other Libertarians.

For those of you who have not yet contributed financially to the campaign, please do so to whatever extent you can. We will make a difference this year and the Libertarian Party will come of age in 1980.

If the law permits, and as of this writing it appears it will, we are planning to hold a Las Vegas night in the near future to benefit the LPM (Clark Committee does not qualify). We will need many volunteers to help out that night as dealers, etc. Please let us know if you can help out in any way. This could be a real money-maker for the Party.

As the campaign heats up, more and more people you know or encounter are going to show an interest in the Libertarian Party. Please work on them as much as you can to join. The more members we have, the more potential campaign workers and financial contributors we have.

In Liberty,
Jim Poulin

COMMENTARY

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about never going broke by underestimating the public intellect seems to have backfired on JBA!)

- As we go to press, the Anderson campaign's petition efforts are falling short of their goals in more than one state. Although the Coalition did manage to subvert the Ohio election rules and get on that state's ballot, and the California drive is going as scheduled, both Texas and Georgia have proved major stumbling blocks to Anderson's chances. In both states the Clark campaign has collected far more signatures, and unless Anderson achieves a better than 80% validation rate, he will not make the ballots in either.

- With the likes of Tom Wicker, the *Boston Globe*, the *Real Paper*, "10:00 News," and other media organs starting to take us a bit more seriously, there is a good chance that a lot more people will be dialing our number (and later pulling our levers) this year than ever before. Add to that the impact of the Clark advertising campaign, and it's clear that the question "Who is Ed Clark?" won't have to be asked quite as often as we might have expected this year. (Good Lord, even Brookline state Rep. John Businger knows the answer to that one, although he's still convinced that Ed is the brother of "American Bandstand's" aging-teen Dick...)

So much for the why; the next question is how? How can you help the Clark campaign?

The first answer, as always, is money. We need it: to pay for the TV ads nationally; to pay for the proposed local radio spots; to fund the office and an occasional staff-worker; to fund the materials needed to construct a billboard or other poster display; to pay for travel and hotel arrangements for the upcoming Clark visits... In short, if there's a reason to need money, we've got it, and only you can help.

Of course, not all of us have money to spare, but there's usually a few hours a week we can donate to the cause. So call the office and volunteer some time stuffing envelopes or addressing them, or calling people for money, or calling newspaper types to tell them about Clark and the LP. If that's not your cup of tea, you can help write or deliver TV editorial rebuttals, or write letters to the editor of any number of publications, asking why they didn't cover Clark's visit last month, or urging them to cover this time around.

Above all, though, you can help with the visibility of the campaign to the voting populace at large. If you have \$10 kicking around send it to the Clark office, along with your shirt-size, and get a "Who is Ed Clark?" t-shirt. Then wear it around, and any time someone takes up your gambit, stick a card or brochure in his/her hands. You say you don't have any cards or brochures to give? So ask us for those when you order the shirts. We're ordering more from national this week. (By the way, any extra contributions—even a couple of bucks here and there—would also help defray the costs of mailing and shipping.)

You say you want to help, but you don't have a sawbuck to spare? Okay, how about hosting a TV party on one of the nights Ed's ads are running? Gather a few friends and neighbors, along with a couple of articulate LPers, and have a party; raise a few bucks for the cause perhaps, while exposing your skeptical friends to a serious alternative to their usual Prexy fare. Or get involved with some special-interest activity, like the anti-draft movement, or CLT and Prop. 2½, or NORML and the drug-decrim fight. Every bit you do for these causes will maximize freedom somewhere, and it can't help but snowball. (Besides, a stronger libertarian presence in these groups may help to keep them steadfast in their adherence to the issue,

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A Rebuttal

Delivered by Sue Poulin, LPM State Committee, July 22, 1980 over Channel 5, WCVB-TV:

In advocating that Cong. John Anderson be included in the 1980 Presidential debates this fall, Channel 5 has overlooked an important alternative candidate. Ed Clark of the Libertarian Party will be the only third-party candidate ever to have achieved ballot-status in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Meanwhile, the Libertarian Party itself will be running over 550 candidates nationwide for public office, in only its 9th year of existence. This is more than any third party has done in this century.

As public awareness of the Clark message of less government, lower taxes, civil liberties and non-interventionism abroad grows with the start of his fulltime nationwide campaigning this month, the Libertarian Party will rapidly merit the same forum for its programs which the debates provide for the GOP and Democrats.

Columnist Jack Mabley of the *Chicago Tribune* wrote, "I heard more ideas from Ed Clark in 25 minutes than I've heard from Carter, Kennedy, Reagan and Anderson in the past four months." The *Washington Post's* Nicholas von Hoffman says, "Between Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter there is scarcely a hair's difference. The real debate is between them and Ed Clark."

The American people deserve a chance to see and hear for themselves. We join these columnists and thousands of others in demanding the inclusion of Ed Clark in the Presidential debates.

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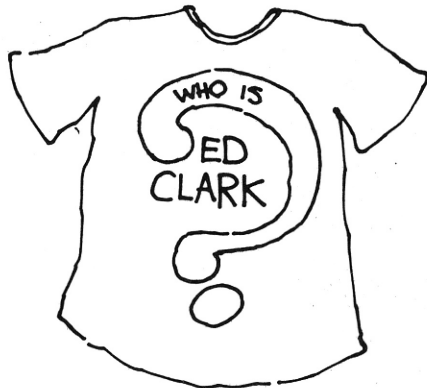
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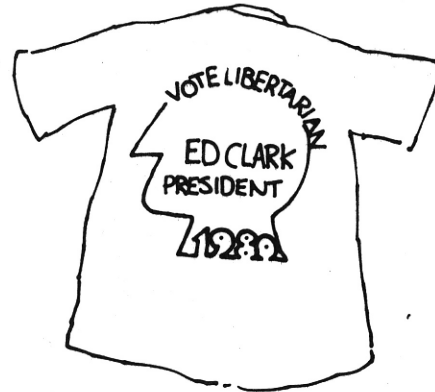
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Playing Post Office for Keeps or How I Became the LPM's First Political Prisoner

Commentary by Bill Hurst

(On Monday, July 21, Bill Hurst became the first LPM-member political prisoner. His arrest was brought on by his participation in the anti-draft protest at Post Office Square, where he was one of nine demonstrators who occupied the second-floor registration-area of the U.S. Postal Service main branch office. On August 8 he was found guilty, along with seven others protesters, of "unreasonably obstructing the usual use" of the draft-registration area, although sentencing was continued until September 4. He is a member of the Boston Alliance Against Registration and the Draft (BAARD), a local affinity group dedicated to stopping the registration process. The following is his account of the events of that day, with a few notes on radicalism and civil disobedience in general:)

The rally before the demonstration featured several speakers. First up was a young blond-bearded bespectacled fellow named Gregg Dowd who publicly proclaimed his intent to defy and counsel others to defy the registration order; as he spoke, the self-proclaimed "Polish freedom-fighter," Joseph Mlot-Mroz (no, that's not a typo), made his customary appearance with his anti-Jewish placard with miniature Old Glory perched atop. Other sign-bearers tried to block out his sign, then a few others tried to maneuver Joe to the edge of the crowd. Ultimately a couple Boston cops took hold of the man and began to drag him across Congress Street, thereby playing into his "martyred Christian patriot" persona perfectly. As he left the scene, Joe bawled, in his most pathetically and stridently sincere tones, "God Bless, America."

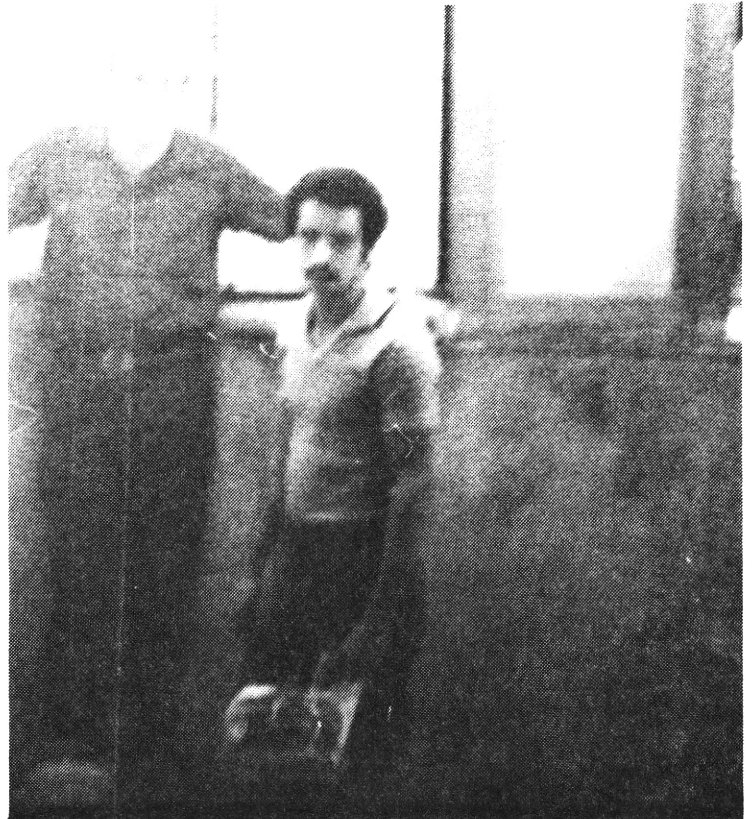
Gregg condemned the police actions from the podium, and the protesters concurred with vigorous applause.

A bit later a group of ironworkers on lunch break crossed the street to offer their own version of Kate Smith's theme song, along with obscenities and a few punches aimed at nearby demonstrators. Again, the Boston Police Department broke things up.

Succeeding Gregg on the podium was a Viet Nam vet and Agent Orange victim, who gave his own reasons for opposing the draft; to wit, what they did to us, they'll do to you...

Rev. Victor Carpenter of the Arlington St. Church followed with an exhortation to join in obstructing the registration process, invoking the spirit of the abolitionist and libertarian William Lloyd Garrison: "I am in earnest, I will not equivocate, I will not excuse, I will not retreat a single inch... and I will be heard..."

A little after noon, as Carpenter harangued the troops, a group of nine (soon to become "the McCormack Nine"), along with this journal's doughty editor (impersonating a photojournalist for the day) crossed the street, entered the building and rode to the second floor, where registration was already in progress. We collected registration cards for appropriate purposes, and attempted to counsel people who'd come to register,



The scene at the MacCormack Building July 21.

but after ten minutes or so, a Federal officer ordered us to leave. This was the cue to plant our butts in the doorway. After a few seconds, one of the Fedcops grabbed my wrists and tried to drag me away, but my companions locked arms in mine to prevent this.

Your editor, who was not directly involved at this point, then tried to photograph the proceedings, and was ordered to put away the camera by another Fedcop. Steve challenged this order, and was immediately surrounded by three cops who began forcing him back toward the elevators, using word and gesture to intimidate in the process. Several of my companions shouted encouragement to Steve, and accusations of First Amendment infringement to the cops. Finally, Steve raised the camera overhead and snapped off a shot, which was partially blocked by the hand of one of the cops (see picture). With the confusion and pressure and uncertain of his rights, Steve allowed himself to be escorted by the arm, rather forcibly, down the stairs and out of the building.

Someone else came up the elevator a bit later, but was shoved back by a cop. A lawyer who was present to safeguard our (protesters') rights, seeing our would-be cohort under attack, leaped onto the elevator to help. We did not see him again all afternoon, but later learned he had been booked for assault on an officer; he later told us it was he who had been beaten while trying to help those blocking the Milk Street entrance of the building.

Meanwhile, over a stretch of 40 minutes we were formally warned three times to leave or face arrest; one of us was threatened with "I'll break your head" by a cop (formally known as

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An Open Letter

Dear Fellow Libertarians:

My name is David J. Oley. As a fellow Libertarian I am pleased to announce to you my candidacy for the office of state representative from the 27th Middlesex district in North Cambridge.

For the last six of my opponent's 14 years in office as a state representative from my district he has run unopposed in both the September primary and the November general election. This year I am putting an end to that. In the 1978 election 60 out of 160 state representative seats went *uncontested* and 30 to 50 percent of the ballots for each office, on the average, were left blank by the voters. This year 93 out of 160 state representative seats, 29 out of 40 state senate seats, 3 out of 12 congressional seats and 6 out of 8 governors' council seats will go *uncontested* in the November general election. Does this mean the people of this state are not interested in becoming active participants in the electoral nominating process of our democratic republic? Whatever happened to the principle of "rotation of office?"

In the last biannual election I wanted very much to be a candidate for state representative. But unfortunately I did not have the time, people, support or money that is needed to run a campaign. This year I have the time, very few people, negligible support and little money. Therefore, I am asking you to help me, any way you can, in my race for state representative.

My main lines of campaigning will involve going door-to-door and meeting the voters so that they will have a chance to talk to me and know who I am. I will also use five different one-quarter page advertisements, running one each week for five weeks, in my local weekly newspaper and mail out approximately 5000 pieces of literature describing my position and opinions on many political issues. These mailings will be targeted to selected neighborhoods and persons of particular socioeconomic backgrounds.

On election day I want to have coverage at the polling places. This means having a person with a sign who will hand out cards at each of the 19 precincts throughout the district at either the opening (8 to 10:30 a.m.), to catch the early morning voters, or in the evening (4 to 8 p.m.), to solicit the after-work voters. If any of these times is convenient for you, give me a phone call at 864-4346. If you would like information about the issues and opinions that I will be discussing during my campaign, please feel free to call me and ask for them.

Live long, healthy and prosperous.

Sincerely yours,
David J. Oley
20 Washburn Avenue
Cambridge

MEDIA

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well as the abovementioned hold-items. (Still no word on the postponed *Penthouse* piece, but readers would do well to write: Bob Guccione, Publisher, *Penthouse Magazine*, 909 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022, urging him to run the interview.)

A final national note: CBS News has run two pieces on Ed Clark in the last week before we go to press: a traditional baby-kiss, dog-pat clip (8/1) and an interview (8/6). And August 18 was a big day for the LP: Clark appeared on "Today" (NBC) and NBC Nightly News did a "Special Segment" on the Party and its candidate, sandwiched between Clark's own ads on Saturday and Wednesday. Meanwhile, *Playgirl* did a piece in

the August issue on "What Every Woman Ought to Know About the Presidential Race," with Clark being considered alongside JBA, EMK, RAR and JECII... Of course so was Barry Commoner, but half a loaf...

Among the local LP newsletters there's not much to report at this juncture.

The Maryland LP has an interesting dilemma: like the California party, they have qualified for official party status. But in order to conform to the state's complex legal system, they would have to go through some bizarre organizational gymnastics and effectively undo several years of hard work. And if they get less than 6% in this fall's race, they'd be disenfranchised. So they came up with a unique solution we all should bear in mind for that wondrous day when some poor soul whose arm got twisted into running for Governor of this blighted wilderness gets the magic 3% and we become official. To follow Maryland's lead we would form a second organization, the LP Club of Mass., to have a fallback (the real group) behind the officially constituted party. Ex-LPM activist Imad-a-Dean Ahmad helped arrive at this solution for the crabeaters.

The July issue of *Frontlines* has some thoughtful pieces on the New Hebrides island independence movement (backed by Phoenix Foundation entrepreneur Michael Oliver), the LP ad campaign kickoff, and the reappearance of Andrew J. "Don't Quote Me" Galambos. Veteran activists may recall Galambosian lore from earlier years; this allegedly brilliant libertarian theorist and his "Knowledge Symposia" have only recently re-emerged from the dustbins of our memories. Given that the man will not allow his ideas to be circulated generally, however (attendees at symposia must sign "nondisclosure contracts"), there is nothing to go on but hearsay—which is what the *Frontlines* article provides from a reporter's non-account of the proceedings. (It seems he can't say anything, but he bought about \$200 worth of books while he was there... Hmmm.)

Finally, in the realm of "media is a plural," there's the paid advertising, which has thus far been quite successful in bringing the LP/Clark message home to the rest of the world. I'd like to compliment the Clark HQ people for the high production qualities shown in the first national TV ad. (The anti-draft quality was due to a rush-job with a jinxed production crew.) I hope that more of the same is forthcoming in later versions. My only real criticism is of Ed's own presentation: it looks as though he could have used at least one more runthrough before the actual taping; his delivery is a bit stilted and obviously coming from rote memorization. Either the producers need to consider taping some impromptu interview sessions and just using the questions, or Ed needs a lot more coaching on his stage-presence. (I'd opt for the former, by the way, since his one-on-one interview technique is one of the most natural, casual, relaxed presentations I've ever seen—and in the face of the same old tired questions every time.) At any rate, I trust this is a small, temporary bug which will be worked out soon.

Closer to home, we in Massachusetts are now at work trying to get a billboard produced, though plans have changed with each sunset. Through one of our newest supporters we obtained (as a contribution) a sizable chunk of building-frontage which overlooks the Southeast Expressway, the Mass. Pike, and several other heavily travelled arteries, reaching an estimated one million people every day. It was ours to do with as we wished, but since the red tape of getting permission to erect a sign will take at least two months to untangle, we have had to cancel the idea. There is a chance that national may produce some signs, and that we may be able to buy billboard space during October, but at present the dream is still on the drawing board...

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"Federal Protective Officers"; no comment necessary); it seems his "protective" sensibilities were aroused by the sight of the protester wearing both a fatigue cap and an anti-recruitment t-shirt, and the threat came after he was told that the protester in question had served four years in the Marines, two of them in Nam. (Fortunately the cop couldn't deliver on his threat; he was replaced with another officer by a superior.)

Two more photojournalists came up to try to cover the event, but were evicted before they could get any pictures. Then, around one, our "hosts" decided to move the "party" upstairs.

Again they went for me first, for some reason. They pried me loose and dragged me across the dusty floor of the corridor (I've really got to bitch about the P.O.'s custodial service...) and onto an elevator. Two others followed close behind. During our ride up we clasped hands and looked into each other's eyes in mutual reassurance and encouragement.

We were led off the elevator to a cell block. When I entered I decided to sit on top of the partition between the cell-toilet and washbowl. I hoisted myself up and allowed my heels to bang against it; a cop pointed at me and shouted, "Book him first!" (It gets progressively cornier.) I was booked, shaken down, photographed with and without the arresting officer. While enduring this, I noticed some of my more boisterous comrades being brought in to go through the same procedure.

We spent the next hour-and-a-half in our cells singing and telling jokes with and to our captors, and then were brought upstairs to our arraignment. It was a long and tedious process so I'll just note that we were all eventually released on personal recognizance. In passing I also note that press harassment did not end with the sit-in: a *Gay Community News* reporter was barred from the arraignment proceedings; a Fedcop explained, "We're not letting any of the freaky press in."

Meanwhile, out in the street, the BPD cops were not behaving all that well, either. A friend and former housemate of mine, an absolute pacifist of gentle and harmless demeanor, was punched twice in the face, utterly without provocation, by one of Boston's "finest." And several members of his current household, likewise all pacifists, were seized by their long hair, dragged across the street and heaved into the BPD meatwagon. Meanwhile a mounted cop menaced demonstrators sitting in Devonshire Street by making his horse flail her hooves at them.

Finally, I have been told that some libertarians have expressed concern about the demonstration tactics; that is, by blocking the entrance to the registration site, we were somehow violating the rights of those wishing to transact ordinary postal business.

I would point out to them that it was Congress, not BAARD or Clamshell, who determined that Post Offices were to be the battleground for this confrontation. The situation is analogous to barricading a street in your own town when you know a band of invading marauders is about to launch an assault by that route. People who can't transact peaceful business because their access is blocked have the marauders, not the barricade-builders, to blame.

[Editor's note: It is also worth pointing out that the demonstrators inside the building occupied an isolated office, not the front lobby of the stamp-buying area, and that the sit-in there did not progress until their peaceful, non-coercive, non-

obstructionary counseling activities were forbidden by the Federal officers there present. They were pushed to the wall, and they responded with resistance, something any freedom-fighter should do in similar circumstances...]

I hope the foregoing explanation will ease the apprehensions of those who question our actions, and that the next time more Libertarians will join us on the barricades.

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instead of wandering off into some statist "agenda" or another.)

For those seeking immediate gratification for their efforts, there is one cause which demands our attention: getting Ed Clark into the League of Women Voters' debates this fall. In that regard I urge everyone to write to the three networks and the League headquarters in Washington, as well as local stations and the Mass. LWV office, pointing out Clark's obvious assets as a candidate (51 ballots, 600 candidates nationally, third-largest party, 45% of people in CBS poll want "None of the Above" given JEC, RWR and JBA choice) and demanding that he be included in the debates. The addresses for these organizations follow:

Ruth J. Hinerfeld
President
League of Women Voters
1730 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

Burton Benjamin
President
CBS News
51 West 52nd Street
New York, NY 10019

Roone Arledge
President
ABC News
1330 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10019

William Small
President
NBC News
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10020

And if all this leaves you cold, sit down and write a letter or commentary for LIBERTY (POB 2610, Boston 02208), and save me some writing-time which I can spend on the Clark campaign directly.

Meanwhile, talk up the LP and Clark's campaign with anyone who will listen. Mention the date, time and network of any upcoming paid ad spot. (Schedules will be announced over the office-phone tape as they are available.) Tell your friends, neighbors and colleagues at work about the LP alternative, and emphasize that we're the only real choice on the ballot, the only candidacy which offers something different in a positive sense of the word. Give these people a rundown of the Clark positions: anti-draft, anti-subsidized nuke, pro-freedom, pro-serious tax and spending cuts, pro-growth economy, anti-imperialism abroad, pro-civil liberties... And then ask them who else offers this range of positive programs for a stronger, saner American society! If they say "Reagan," point out his dismal record as a California governor, and his inflationary plans for the 1981 budget; if they say "Carter," ask them to look at Iran, and double-digit inflation, and high unemployment, and resumption of the draft; and if they say "Anderson," ask them how they feel about a man who has been on more sides of more issues (from nukes to campaign financing to the draft itself) than anybody since Hubert Humphrey.

We have the issues, we have the positions, we have the candidate. If we can get this across to the voters, there won't be any more references to the "Libertine" or "Liberation" or "Librarian" parties, ever again.

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