



Tax protest April 13

Anchorage Libertarians are staging a tax protest rally on Saturday, April 12, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at 310 K Street. All local Libertarians and sympathizers are urged to attend. A work party to make the picket signs will be held at 3413 Wesleyan Drive, April 2nd at 7:00 pm. Bring poster board stakes, paints and marking pens.

Kohler and Wammack busy

Libertarian Assemblyman John Kohler has not been idle up in Fairbanks. Thursday, March 27, Kohler, with the support of fellow Libertarian Assemblyman Bruce Wammack, was able to pass an ordinance repealing the tax on automotive fuel including gasoline, diesel fuel and kerosene (used in some light aircraft.) The ordinance passed by a vote of 7-4 with the major objection being that property taxes would have to be raised to make up for the \$500,000 deficit caused by the loss of income from gasoline tax. It was suggested that a budget cut might be in order.

Other actions passed by Kohler include abolishing the tax on heating fuels including oil, wood, coal, propane and electricity used for heating. Kohler also was instrumental in passing an ordinance abolishing the tax on sewer use, water charges and sewer maintenance fees.

Kohler estimates that all told, his cuts have saved taxpayers about \$700,000.

One action of even more interest to Libertarians was the limitation of the power of the borough attorney. Before the new ordinance, passed last fall, the borough attorney, after losing a case in court, could appeal the case to the superior court and on to the supreme court on his own initiative. Now approval of the borough assembly is required before the attorney can appeal a case.

Eagle River elects

Eagle River Libertarians have elected Phil Matlock, Chairman; Larry Hamilton, Vice Chairman; Midge Hamilton, Secretary/Treasurer and Lee Sullivan, Membership Chairman.

The Eagle River chapter is planning a fund-raising box social in the early spring.

EUGENE MCCARTHY CONVENTION KEYNOTER

Curtis Green, Vice Chairman of the Alaska Libertarian Party has announced that former senator Eugene McCarthy, anti-war activist and civil libertarian from Minnesota, will be the featured speaker at the Saturday night banquet during the Libertarian State Convention in Anchorage. Green looks toward a most successful convention with a possible "surprise guest" also at the Saturday night banquet.

Besides the usual committee meetings, exciting workshops have been planned by the busy convention workers. Bob Thwing will present a workshop on bartering, Lew Beyer will discuss taxes and Judy McGuffin will present "Libertarian Primer" for those just becoming acquainted with the party.

Other speakers will include Libertarian Representative Dick Randolph on Sunday morning, Tom Fink on Saturday Morning and Bruce Boyd.

The Alaska State Convention will be held at the Anchorage Westward-Hilton from April 18-20.

Alaska fights census

The Alaska House Rules Committee introduced a resolution, HCR 62, Wednesday, March 19, calling on Governor Hammond to protect Alaskans' right to privacy by bringing an action to force the federal government to comply with the "right to privacy" section of the State Constitution.

The resolution requests the governor and attorney general to inform federal officials "that the state intends to protect the rights of all Alaska citizens to responsibly refuse to answer questions on the federal census that unnecessarily interfere with their private affairs and their right to be left alone."

It was suggested that the federal government revert to the 1790 census form which asked name, age, race, sex, residency and number of slaves owned. It was opined that the last question could be omitted.

COMING EVENTS

CONVENTION April 18, 19 & 20

The Alaska State Libertarian Convention will be held at the Anchorage Westward Hilton in Anchorage, April 18-20. Come meet Eugene McCarthy, Ed Clark (maybe), Dick Randolph and "X."

EAGLE RIVER MEETINGS

Every Wednesday

Eagle River Libertarians meet at the Villa Restaurant every Wednesday at 7:30 PM. For further information call Phil Matlock at 688-2522.

FAIRBANKS MEETING

April 9

The Fairbanks Libertarian Party will be meeting in the Arctic Room of the Polaris hotel April 9 at 7:30 PM.

ANCHORAGE MEETING

April 28

The Anchorage Libertarian Party will be meeting at the Community Center at 325 E. Third at 7:30 PM, Monday, April 28.

KENAI MEETING

April 10

The Kenai General meeting will be in the Borough Building, Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 PM. Call Stan Thompson for further details, 776-8721 or 262-5855.

Shelly leads Juneau

Robert Shelly became president of the Juneau Libertarian Party in a recent election in the capitol city. Cheri Johnson became Secretary/Treasurer while Howard Mallory became membership chairman. Don and Sue Plummer are sharing responsibility for Fund Raising and Ron Kotyk is Campaign Chairman.

Clark on ballot

Judy Clarke has announced that Alaska Libertarians have turned in over 4000 signatures to get Ed Clark and David Koch on the ballot in Alaska. Only 3800 signatures are needed but Mrs. Clarke estimates that at least 1000 more are required to make sure the 3800 valid signatures are obtained. Says Mrs. Clarke, "If each Libertarian would turn in only five more signatures we would be well over the top; so how about putting out that last little bit of effort?"

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Randolph spends least

Pay and expense reports for legislators during the 1979 session show Libertarian Legislator Dick Randolph was the low spender. The amounts spent include \$11,750 salary plus \$4000 for postage and expenses. Travel and per diem are also included. Randolph spent \$22,350 while the highest amount spent from the Fairbanks area was 27,875 by Charlie Parr.

Clark visits Alaska

Libertarian Presidential candidate Ed Clark spent two days in Alaska in almost constant activity two weeks ago. On Tuesday, March 11, Clark spoke to Commonwealth North in Anchorage in the morning and attended a luncheon reception with local Libertarians arranged by Peter Gleitsmann. Tuesday evening Clark met with Fairbanks Libertarians and other interested people at the Tiki Cove for a cocktail party and question-and-answer session. He met with the Fairbanks news media Wednesday morning before flying back to California. Though noticeably fatigued, Clark drew good crowds and received excellent coverage both in newspapers and on television.

OINK!

By Chatty Cathy

Lately Fairbanks Libertarians have been asking, "whatever happened to Janet Upton?" Judy Whitson's latest newsletter from Anchorage tells the tale. Janet is helping with the convention housing, the Anchorage pot luck on April 4 and worked on arrangements for Clark's visit. I guess Janet deserted us for the big city where she seems to be working as hard as ever.

See you at convention, Janet!

In the office it was mentioned that a navy ship with 51 women aboard had recently returned to the United States with two of the women pregnant and one married. Said male chauvinist pig, Ron Tarrant, "and the other 48 were millionaires." Humph!

Support our guys

Bruce Wammack and John Kohler, Libertarian Assemblymen from the Fairbanks North Star Borough, are urging local Libertarians to give them support at the Borough Assembly meetings. The Assembly meets the second and forth Thursdays at the Borough Building at 7:30 PM. There is frequently quite a bit of excitement at the meetings especially during tax repeal hearings and all Libertarians are invited to join in. "We need your physical and vocal support," said Wammack.

CONVENTION A BARGAIN!

A few surprises may be in store for participants at the Libertarian Convention in Anchorage this year. According to Curtis Green who is in charge of the event, there is a possibility that Ed Clark will be appearing on Saturday for a short time. The schedule also shows a "surprise guest" at the banquet on Saturday night. When questioned by the Alaska Libertarian, Green indicated that the guest's identity was for him to know and the rest of us to find out. The convention is offering a number of activities including movies, workshops, cocktail parties, speakers, meals, banquet, celebrities and conviviality not to mention a chance to be a part of the most important movement in the United States.

A mere \$15.00 will pay the delegates fee and provide admission into all workshops. The McCarthy banquet will be \$25.00 and an additional \$20.00 will buy the remaining three meals and a chance to listen to three exciting speakers (one of whom might be Ed Clark.) After April 1, the prices will go up \$5.00 for each type of activity for a grand total of \$75.00 for the whole convention which, as Green points out, is still a good deal.

Yes, Virginia

Yes, Virginia, not only is there a Santa Claus, but there is also a mythical place where private individuals get to own private pieces of land. In fact, Virginia, in almost every country in the world private people are allowed to own land. It's easier to list those where less than 1% of all lands are privately owned than it is to list all those where more than 1% are privately owned. The short list reads: Mainland China, Alaska.

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Anchorage has new office

The new Anchorage Libertarian office at the corner of Spenard Road and Benson should be open by the time of publication of this newsletter. Carl Whitson converted a large empty space into a comfortable, attractive office with the help of Ray Wiberg, Vicki and Dan Arnold, Janet Upton, Judy Whitson, Bill Clay and George and Vi Homolka.

Where's Ray?

The Alaska Libertarian Party is trying to find Ray Duboise. The last address the party has is Cape Newenham, AK. Mr. Duboise sent in a change of address but it was unfortunately with the records that were stolen when the Randolphs went to Juneau. If anyone knows how to reach Mr. Duboise, please send his new address to the office, 1105 Cushman, Fairbanks, AK 99701.

Boehle runs Rendezvous booth

The Anchorage Fur Rendezvous booth garnered 900 signatures for Ed Clark and sold Libertarian bumper stickers, buttons and books. Carolyn Boehle organized the very successful booth and manned it with the help of Vicki and Dana Arnold, Larry Boehle, Betty Caulfield, Curtis Green, Anne and Peter Gleitsmann, Larry Hayden, Jim Hickey, Wayne Hitchings, Dianne Iverson, Glen Keeler, John McGraw, Stan Simpson, Lee Sullivan and Judy and Carl Whitson.

Here's how your money was spent:

- \$64,000 - for a study of the mating habits of fiddler crabs.
- \$100,000 - to study why hermit crabs pick one seashell over another to live in.
- \$640,000 - went to Gay Community Services for "education about gay life styles and gay people's problems."
- \$93,000 - to teach Navajo Indians to be medicine men.
- \$29,100,000 - on advertising for the Federal government.
- \$47,800,000 - for salaries of individuals administering the Selective Service System (the draft) which has been out of existence since July 1, 1973.
- \$3,300,000,000 - to print forms, directives and reports created by the government.
- \$2,000,000,000 - to file and store all of these accumulated papers.

Randolphs visit Chicago

By Lydia Randolph

The new Libertarian Supper Club of Seattle invited Dick to speak on March 19th. Don Feder of the Second Amendment Foundation gathered a group of eighty, about half of whom were Libertarians. Dick's address was mainly general Libertarianism with many of the questions being "how did you get elected," and, "how does the lone Libertarian function in the State House?"

Bob Ellison of the Gold Bond Council enthusiastically "passed the hat," a portion of which was given to the Randolph campaign fund.

The Seattle Times sent a reporter and photographer to cover the event. Everyone appeared delighted with the crowd and the media coverage.

Friday it was on the Chicago for the Illinois Convention. The state there has about 200 members which is about what we have. We joined Ed Clark and attended a draft rally of approximately 100 people in Daley Square. This event was sponsored by the Anti-draft Coalition. Many of the participants were getting on busses and traveling to Washington, D.C. for the draft rally on Saturday.

Next was the Clark for President cocktail party which was attended by about 75 people. Following the cocktail party there was a film festival as an outreach program to potential members. They were delighted by the turn out of about 150 people. Ed Clark, Dick and Bruce Green, a Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate from Illinois spoke at various times between films.

Saturday evening Dick was the keynote speaker at the banquet with about 100 people in attendance. His speech became entitled "There's nothing to it, but to do it." Seems as though that phrase is becoming the theme in many Libertarian circles.

We saw many folks in Seattle and Chicago that attended the National Convention in Los Angeles. They all said to say hello to the friends they had made. They all remembered our T-shirts and were very interested in what is going on in Alaska.

Census resistance

The Census Resistance 1980 movement is getting into high gear. Libertas Review, published by the Society for Libertarian Life writes that "April 1 has been designated as Census Protest Day. We urge all libertarians and groups to set up voluntary census committees and hold a press conference (to burn or shred real census forms) or stage a demonstration at the local census office."

25% of American households will be getting the "long form" which it is estimated will take a few hours to fill out and asks about such things as air conditioning, insurance payments and the number of toilets in the house.

"For libertarians the worst part of the census is its involuntary nature. If a citizen refuses to give the government personal information, a fine of \$100 could be levied.

Alaskan Libertarians should watch for notice of demonstrations against the census in their local areas.

**ATTEND !!
CONVENTION !!**

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Some set up, headlining and layout can be done, but don't expect miracles. Line drawings are fine, but photos cost \$6.00 extra and may not come out too well.

If you would like an ad, send in the copy and the payment to Alaska Libertarian, 1105 Cushman, Fairbanks, Ak, 99701.

Taxes get you down?

Americans have it bad? Here is what Canada lives with - taken from Bulletin, the newsletter of the Ontario Libertarian Party.

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