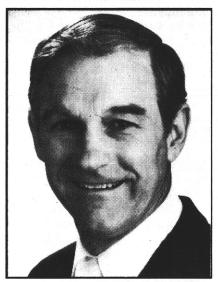


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Ron Paul sells libertarianism to JBS



Dr. Ron Paul

By Scott Bieser

Former LP Presidential candidate Dr. Ron Paul brought a broad libertarian message to an estimated 300 members of the John Birch Society at their annual Concil meeting in Costa Mesa on Feb. 27.

As the featured speaker at the Saturday night banquet Paul alerted the group to the danger of civil asset forfeiture: the government's seizing of property without due process upon mere "probable cause" a crime

may have been committed.

Paul noted the rapid increase of such seizures in recent years and explained that government has discovered this legal loophole from the Civil War era as a funding alternative to taxes. They can use seized real estate for law enforcement training or operations, seized automobiles for police use, or auction everything for cash to state coffers.

Focusing his speech on "The Eventual Collapse of the Welfare State," Paul drew frequent applause with his pointed barbs directed at President Clinton's economic plans, and his general critique of the welfare state. But the members seemed a bit taken aback when Paul forcast a possible Fascist dictatorship, rather than a Communist one, in America's future.

Just as the Socialist state structure collasped in Eastern Europe and is in disprepute around the world, so someday will the modern welfare state in the West eventually collapse under the weight of its failures, Paul said. But until then we are in for increased government regulation and income redistribution under the Democrat Party, he added.

Paul was introduced to JBS members as a former Republican Member of Congress from Texas and the 1988 Libertarian Party candidate for President. Paul publishes an investment newsletter and continues his obstetriciangynecology practice in Lake Jackson, Texas.

It is noteworthy that Paul kept his audience interested and enthused throughout his talk and did not once mention the word "conspiracy.

Long-time JBS observer Gene Berkman notes that many of them, especially the younger members, are becoming more interested in economic libertarianism and less concerned with Cold War contentions.

After the dinner Paul spoke breifly to Free Orange County. He said the disappointing presidential election results in 1992 are much less important than the growth of recognition and credibility the party is enjoying.

New Chair plans a year of growth and progress

I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Mark Murphy, the new Chair of the Libertarian Party of Orange County. There's a new team of officers in the LPOC I'd like to introduce as well; Richard Boddie - Vice Chair, Geoffrey Braun - Secretary, Gale Moore - Treasurer, and Brian Schar - Excom Rep. This new team is dedicated to the growth of the Libertarian Party in Orange County!

The mission of the LP is to elect libertarians to office. In order to do this, we must raise money, and build relationships within the community such as the press, business organizations, and, of course, the voters.

"We need a vehicle through which our efforts of outreach and electing libertarians can be financed."

Libertarian Growth Fund

A new Political Action Committee (PAC) which will finance local Libertarian campaigns and public events.

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Money is crucial to building our organization. We need to pay for materials and services our volunteers cannot provide.

We need to walk the precincts. One of the most effective ways to get in touch with the voters of our community is to meet face to face. There's

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no replacement for meeting in person where ever we can. Meeting a Libertarian in person allows the voters to see we are not just some "fringe" group they read about. We're right there in their own neighborhood, working side by side, buying groceries, and concerned about how little money the government leaves us after taxes!

I think Orange County is ready for Libertarianism. Orange County has always had a "hands off" attitude when it comes to government interference in our personal lives. The Republicans speak of limited government when it comes to economics, but don't deliver. The Democrats speak of social freedoms, but strings are always attached.

With all these facts in mind, I appeal to each and every libertarian to get involved in the Libertarian Party! If you are a member of the LP or are registered Libertarian but have not been active lately, your help is needed! If you are a libertarian in the Republican party and tired of no action on libertarian principles, or a Democrat who believes in Jefferson's principles of government, please join us in making those principles come true!

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Meeting Time & Place

The Orange County Libertarian Party meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the art gallery next to Randell's Jazz Club, located at 3 Hutton Centre Drive in Santa Ana (see map).

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This month's meeting will feature a social mixer with cash bar following a brief business meeting. This should be a great chance for new members and activists to get better acquainted with party officers and longtime libertarians.

The April 20 meeting will feature Federal Judge Ronald W. Rose speaking on drug relegalization. The May 18 meeting will feature Tamara Clark speaking on "Voting Fraud in America."



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