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Rebellion Gains Ground

Bea Armstrong, ring leader of the rebellion in the Land of Ill, was sentenced by the major news media in the Land to a conspiracy of silence throughout most of her campaign. Her sentence of ostracism, handed down by the League of Women Voters, contributed materially to the severity of the punishment meted out by the City on the Lake journalists.

Nonetheless, Bea and her band of stalwarts managed to get the word out to enough people to win more votes than ring leaders of the rebellion have won in past quadrennial jousting contests.

Joan Jarosz, leader of a small guerrilla cadre operating in the hills of the Twelfth District, received a similar sentence from the media ones. But this brave warrior, fighting with very limited treasure and only a handful of lancers, brought off a coup by capturing more than three percent of the vote



The co-conspirators, leaders of the rebellion in the Land of Ill--Pat Peterson and Bea Armstrong, campaign manager and candidate for governor who racked up more votes than any previous LPI gubernatorial candidate has.

in that province. And she did it while toiling daily in the Canyon of LaSalle! (Sir Philip of Crane must needs mind his maneuvers on the Potomac henceforth--the provincials will be watching him more closely now that the rebels have sounded the alarm.)

The percentage of the vote Bea got, although far short of what was needed to achieve permanent ballot status for the Libertarian Party of Illinois, was almost five times the percentage of votes cast for the 1978 LPI gu-

bernatorial candidate--and sixteen times that of the 1976 candidate.

One wonders how many votes Bea would have gained if all the media had given space and air time to the following statement she released to them on October 23.

"The debate between Thompson and Stevenson on taxes rarely gets very specific. When it does, it centers on which taxes should be increased. Illinois taxpayers are being told that with luck and diligent effort by the politicians and bureaucrats, they may not have to have their pockets picked even more.

"I believe the debate should be over which taxes to abolish quickly and which taxes to roll back steadily year-by-year. Our proposal calls for rate reductions in both the income tax--from 2.5% to 1.5% in fiscal year 1985 for individuals, and the sales tax--from 4% on general items to 2% by FY 1985, and to abolish the current 2% tax on food and drug items by FY 1985.

"We are also calling for an educational tax credit which would insure that many in Illinois would pay no income tax at all.

"I would sustain the immediate abolition of the Inheritance Tax and abolish the Motor Fuel Tax on July 1, 1983.

"If we are going to cut taxes at initially 45%, we must be willing to explain where we will cut spending--a requirement often forgotten by so-called 'fiscal conservatives.'

"As a Libertarian, I view spending reductions as more than a means to achieve tax cuts--they are a necessary part of getting government out of activities which are at best ineffective and at worst damaging. Key examples are the attempt to mold the minds of our youth, operation of regulatory agencies that hamstringing entrepreneurs and destroy jobs, prolongation of the slow death of the RTA monopoly, and continuing programs which force taxpayers to subsidize favored private businesses at the expense of efficient companies.

"I believe that if the people of Illinois have the opportunity to compare the tax and spending programs of all the gubernatorial candidates, hundreds of thousands of them will choose my program."

CALENDAR

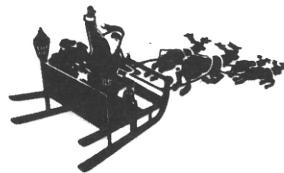
KANE COUNTY LIBERTARIAN CLUB--7:30pm first Wednesday, St. Charles Savings and Loan, St. Charles--Pat Schultz 426-9187.

LIBERTARIAN CLUB OF DU PAGE--8pm first and second Mondays, College of DuPage, followed by Cafe Discussion at Alfie's Restaurant; 8pm last Wednesday, Don Parrish's house--Pat Peterson, H.830-8468, O.832-3130.

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NORTHSIDE DISCUSSION CLUB--7pm third Sunday, Kris Warmoth's house--Kris 327-9681.

NORTHWEST COOK COUNTY LIBERTARIAN ORGANIZATION--Annual Christmas Party, Sunday, Dec. 19--Rich Suter 736-9572.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

ELECTION RESULTS	Compiled by Gerry Walsh			
	Thompson	Stevenson	Armstrong	Roche
Cook County (excl. Chicago)	435,918	278,858	5,626	5,077
Chicago	259,018	723,543	5,182	4,341
DuPage	138,502	51,543	1,974	1,824
Kane	48,513	22,132	477	698
Rockford	20,567	21,736	458	269
Winnebago	17,379	15,010	394	260
McHenry	29,343	10,181	442	374
Lake	72,420	40,757	1,090	803
Tazewell	24,391	21,194	275	246
Peoria County (excl. Peoria)	12,974	12,473	169	165
Peoria	22,027	19,951	248	170
TOTALS:	1,081,052	1,217,378	16,335	14,227

Total votes: 2,328,992

	Crane	DePosse	Jarosz
12th District, Cook	33,599	16,161	1,415
Lake	26,172	12,745	1,555
McHenry	26,716	11,202	1,131
TOTALS:	86,487	40,108	4,101

Total votes: 130,696

LANGUAGE

Research at the American Enterprise Institute indicates that journalist always use terms like "dictator," "bellicose," and "provocative" when referring to right-wing dictatorships or the U.S., but use titles like "leader" to describe Brezhnev and other cads. The study was done by using an extensive computer scan of recent news publications, such as NEWSWEEK and BUSINESS WEEK.---Alf Siewars

STEVE JOHNSON ON BALLOT

Steve Johnson was the first Illinois Libertarian to file his petitions for candidacy in the 1983 municipal elections. Steve is running for a seat on the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Forest Park. He was the twelfth candidate to file for the February 22 open primary in which eight candidates will be selected to be slated on the April 12 election ballot. Only 48 signatures were needed for ballot status in the primary. Steve filed 127 signatures.

The Village is governed by a mayor and four Commissioners. Two incumbants are running for reelection, and "Only one of them is a shoe-in," according to Steve.

Because the elections are "nonpartisan," Steve won't be running as a Libertarian, but as an Independent. But nothing says Libertarians can't turn out in force to campaign for him. Forest Park, with a mere twenty precincts, should be a snap for Chicago area Libertarians to take by storm (see Pat Natschke's Secretary's Report for numbers). We should easily be able to place "Johnson for Commissioner" literature in every household in Forest Park.

RIGHT NOW Steve needs helpers. There are lots of nitty gritty chores that have to be done before the campaign can even start. Steve is hard at work researching the Village operations--preparing the content of his campaign. Since there are only 36 hours in his day, he needs workers to prepare for building the structure of the campaign by gathering data.

He needs people to make phone calls, do leg work, give him information. Simple tasks like getting precinct maps, registered voter lists, and quotes from printers, locating and contacting organizations, and making appointments can be done by anyone. If you have some time and a little energy, come forward. Call Steve NOW. If you have any knowledge or information which might be helpful, call Steve NOW.

The campaign itself will begin at noon on January 8. Anyone who wants to help should show up at Steve's house the. But give him a call NOW and make a commitment.

Money will be needed too, so start budgeting NOW for your early contribution.

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Gerry Walsh, Dave Kelley, and ? ? ? should have filed their petitions by the time you read this. All the candidates will need campaign workers. Get geared up. The next issue of the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN will cover all the candidates.

from the CHAIR

It looks like we got .8% in the gubernatorial race. In precincts where literature was distributed, we got 4-5% of the votes. We didn't get permanent ballot status; we didn't raise the \$250,000 which was needed to get the message out. We did, however, obtain balance of power--our vote total was about five times the difference between Thompson's and Stevenson's totals. Libertarians realized there was no significant difference between the two, and the vote totals reflect that fact.

In 1976 the Libertarian candidate for Governor got .17% of the vote. In 1978, it was .5%. Slowly but surely we're making progress--and without megabucks to run our campaigns.

The fourth party on the ballot essentially ran phantom candidates--their names were on the ballot and they ran radio ads, but nobody saw them. They received about 20% fewer votes than we did despite the fact that they did " much more advertising.

Some people believe good ideas sell themselves --with no one expending any effort. I've worked at Proctor and Gamble and at Quaker Oats, two consumer products companies. I know you need both a good product and the people willing and able to sell it. We've got both.

I'd like to thank our congressional and state-wide candidates for running active campaigns, and also the hundreds of people who collected signatures, marched in parades, staffed county fair booths, stuffed envelopes, gave money, held coffees, distributed literature, etc.

Special thanks for working on the campaign go to Pat Peterson, who took a 2 1/2-month leave of absence from his job to be the campaign manager for Bea Armstrong. We need more hard workers like him (and Pat isn't even a Party member). Ballot drive coordinator Brian Turton is back in college now. More thanks. And remember, Brian, it looks good on the resume.

IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

First will be the local elections, April 12. It sounds as if we have a half dozen declared candidates for a variety of local offices. Some time in January, LPI will hold a candidates workshop. Contact Dave Kelley for details (815/877-9605).

April 15 is Tax Protest Day. We'll supply a leaflet to distribute at your local demonstration. Start lining up your picketers and making your placards.

The State Convention will be in late April or early May. More details should be available in the next issue of the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN. The presidential nominating convention will be in late August or early September in New York. Rumor has it that four people will be seeking the presidential nomination.

ON THE FIRING OF ERIC O'KEEFE

Who cares!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

At the November SCC meeting I reported current LPI membership as 230 (effective through November, 1982). It was broken down by local club as follows: North Cook, 48; Northwest Cook, 43; South Cook and South Suburban Cook, 36; DuPage, 23; Illinois Valley/Prairielands, 14; Lake, 12; Rockford, 11; McHenry, 6; Kane, 6; DeKalb, 5; Quad Cities, 4; Unknown affiliation, 22. The unknowns include out-of-state members.

The LPI conducted a membership renewal drive with a mailing to 585 former and soon-to-be former members. At last count there were 42 responses, with 19 joint national/state/local memberships, 15 regular LPI memberships, 3 newsletter subscriptions, and 5 contributions. Kathy Kelley temporarily assumed the role of membership coordinator and created a ledger-like record of all LPI members that will make the job very simple for the new membership coordinator.

Also at the November meeting, the SCC commended our slate of candidates in the November election, and in particular, the most articulate Bea Armstrong and the masterful Pat Peterson. The 1983 State Convention Committee was formed, including Tina Johnston, Mel Dahl, Bert Stunkard, Al McKrell, Pat Barth, Tim Griffin, Roger Hosbein, and Gerry Walsh. Kathy Kelley and Scott Tillman expressed their willingness to serve in an advisory capacity. Another recent SCC project has been an advertisement for bids for handling our data base. If you would like to receive a copy of the advertisement for bids, please contact any of the officers.

The SCC has also been seeking volunteers to become candidates in the municipal elections of April, 1983. Dave Kelley sent a recruiting letter to Illinois activists.

In an effort to further improve and update our data base, the SCC has authorized a mailing to people listed as inquirers to find if they want to remain on our mailing list. Kathy Kelley has organized this awesome project.

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