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THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE

America is a democratic republic. This means that the people, through their elected representatives, really are running this country, for good or ill. We, and our forebearers, must accept the responsibility for the current state of the union. We have gotten exactly what we asked for, and what we deserve.

It's easy, and perhaps understandable, to think of politicians as fast talking salesmen who sold us a bill of goods with a disastrous price tag attached. But the fact remains that we are not blameless. We wanted "something for nothing", and we elected those who promised to give it to us.

We have been undone by our own dishonesty and greed. The plain fact is that there's no such thing as a free lunch. One man's benefit is another man's cost. What we've created is a "rip-off" economy where the best among us are mercilessly exploited to buy off the worst among us (I'll have to include our politicians and bureaucrats in the latter group).

America's public programs from social security to food stamps (now available to college students), are the biggest Ponzi scheme in history. Like the little old lady who lost her life savings to a pidgeon-drop con man in her eagerness to share in "found money", we were suckered into a welfare state by our own eagerness to share in someone else's wealth (at no cost to ourselves, of course!). Now we find out it's OUR MONEY that is to be distributed to the parasites.

Though the political establishment has grown almost overwhelmingly vast and powerful, America is STILL (barely) a democratic republic. What the people demand, they get. Maybe not overnight, at this stage of the game, but eventually. We don't need absolute agreement on this. If only 10% of us DEMANDED basic changes, we would get our way. That's over 21 million people demanding an end to the welfare state. We would be the largest lobby in America!

Think about it.

Rene Baxter, Editor

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URGENT NOTICE TO ALP MEMBERS

If you have not yet sent in your subscription (\$3 per year, 12 issues) you will not continue to receive Arizona Liberty. We are now separating the ALP list into two sections: the Active File (those who will support the party, at least in part, by supporting its newsletter); and the Dead File (those who show no continuing interest in our progress). Please act NOW; we don't want (and can't afford) to lose you. Send \$3 (or more) to: Arizona Liberty, P.O. Box 501, Phoenix, AZ 85001. RB

NOTE: Correction to ALP phone number below -- it should be (602) 271-9091.

FROM THE CHAIR

As a political movement, Libertarianism is concerned with political freedom as a sociological phenomena. As a philosophy or educational device, libertarianism is concerned with the psychological makeup of man. Our goal, a "society without coercion", will be achieved when enough people accept the psychological obligations that liberty demands.

I must admit my own constant surprise at a nation of people content with the not so gradual erosion of their liberty. My own thought has long been limited to the nature of political institutions, i.e., the less government, the better "run" the society and the happier the citizenry, a utilitarian argument, and the philosophical question of government, which consideration obliges me to stand on the sovereignty of the individual, a purely contemplative notion.

Both conclusions are, it seems to me, both logical and obvious. The question that then arises is "if both conclusions are obvious, as well as logical, then why the hell are we faced with the political mess that is about us?"

Eric Fromm, in his *Escape From Freedom*, permits us a possible insight. "To understand the dynamics of the social process we must understand the psychological processes operating within the individual..." To further elucidate this point, John Dewey expressed this thought, "the serious threat to our democracy," he says, "is not the existence of foreign totalitarian states. It is the existence within our own personal attitudes and within our own institution of conditions which have given a victory to external authority, discipline and dependence..."

It became clear to me sometime back

that perhaps my discipline of inquiry was too narrow to comprehend the struggle that proponents of liberty now face. In an attempt to broaden my intellectual considerations I began to try to understand the psychological processes of those about me. Such observation before had been limited to those closest to me and therefore to some extent to people who thought as I did. As I began to take note of others about -- indulging in social and psychological observation -- I find most people actually unaware of the demands and responsibility that come with individual liberty. Alas, even in interpersonal relations most are based on common degradation and are grounded in a morass of subjective insecurities. Individual liberty must be met with a posture of individual responsibility. People who lack confidence in themselves abdicate such responsibility in favor of security on a personal basis which manifests itself in a paternalistic form of government in the political consciousness of a country. It should be of no surprise that those who dedicate themselves to liberty are self-assertive, positive and aggressive while enemies of liberty tend to be apologetic, pessimistic, and insecure. (*Then why are they winning? Ed.*)

- by Michael B. Thompson
State Chairman, ALP

Valuable reading on the subject of psychological freedom can be found in Harry Browne's *How I Found Freedom In An Unfree World*, and Ayn Rand's *Romantic Manifesto*, Eric Fromm's *Escape From Freedom* (with Neo-Freudianism removed) and possibly in R.B.'s new publication *Freedom Today* which concerns itself with practical approaches to freedom (sample copy \$1.50, 4045 E.Palm Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85008).

IN THE POLLS

"Ronald Reagan leads President Ford 39% to 30% in the latest Field Poll of California Republicans. Matched against Vice President Rockefeller, Mr. Reagan is far ahead -- 51% to 16%. Among California Democrats, Senator Edward M. Kennedy is first choice with 34%, followed by Senator Henry M. Jackson, with 12%, and Governor George C. Wallace, who garnered 11%." (*U.S. News & World Report*, June 23, 1975)

"According to a recent Gallup Poll, only 22% of the voters are willing to identify as Republicans, as compared to 46% who identify as Democrats and 32% who call themselves independents -- the fastest-growing class of registrants in America. There cannot be much doubt that the "independents" represent the lost conservative constituencies of both parties." (*The Wall St. Journal*, June 9, 1975)

A SELLOUT BY GEORGE WALLACE?

"It will come as shock to conservatives who have given Gov. George Wallace their trust and support to learn that he is quietly maneuvering with Big Labor to scuttle Alabama's 22-year-old right to work law. If he succeeds, Wallace will demonstrate anew how presidential ambition corrupts principle.

"By giving his blessing to the lobbying efforts of the labor sachems to impose compulsory unionism on the wage earners of his state -- efforts which have already succeeded in getting the 11-to-3 vote of the Alabama House Labor Committee -- Wallace hopes to win over George Meany and the AFL-CIO, bringing them into his camp in next year's presidential primaries and at the Democratic convention.

"This is the kind of wishful and destructive thinking which in other contexts has compromised Republican candidates in their commerce with liberals.

The bill which Wallace is pushing in a sub rosa campaign embodies that most pernicious institution, the 'agency shop,' and castrates Alabama's right to work law.

"For though the agency shop does not compel actual membership in a union as a condition of employment, it does force the wage earner to pay the full equivalent of dues and assessment to Big Labor.

"This adventure in backroom politics may get Wallace some secret handshakes from state labor bosses. But it will hurt him immeasurably as he makes his next bid for the presidency. Repeatedly, polls have shown that more than two-thirds of the American people -- some 67% -- oppose compulsory unionism, a sentiment that a majority of union families share."

-Ralph de Toledano

(*The Arizona Republic*, June 20, 1975)

FORD OKAYS WARRANTLESS SEARCHES

The Ford administration has asserted that federal agents have the right to break into a citizen's home without a warrant and search for items in foreign espionage or intelligence cases.

A Justice Department spokesman said Saturday (5/19) that the position had been cleared by Attorney General Edward H. Levi and Solicitor General Robert H. Bork, the department's chief advocate before the Supreme Court. It thus represents administration policy.

In such searches without a judge's prior approval, "*there must be solid reason to believe that foreign espionage or intelligence is involved*," Keeney said.

Before agents can conduct a warrantless search, he said, the operation must be authorized by the president or the attorney general.

The Administration's position is in direct opposition to the Constitution's Fourth Amendment, which protects citizens from "unreasonable searches and seizures".

In our opinion the history of the Fourth Amendment and the 200 years of precedent interpreting and shaping the Fourth Amendment do not cast any doubt on the principle that a warrant must be obtained in all cases for the physical search of a citizen's home or office and the seizure of his confidential papers.

BOONDOGGLE-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB

"Tired of the same old legislation? Long for the exciting days of the New Deal? Perk up! And get My Deal: Send me just \$12.98 and I will sponsor for you -- not one, not two, but -- twenty-four bills in the U.S. Senate over the rest of my term. Now you too can have a (dirty) hand in all that fun you've been hearing so much about. I will propose a bill for virtually anything you ask, from aid for arteriosclerotic Andalusians to a Tomb for the Unknown Zwinglian. If you have difficulty in deciding, for an additional \$1

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(*The Illinois Libertarian*, P.O. Box 1776, Chicago, IL 60690)

IN SELF DEFENSE....

"Philadelphia. A 25-year-old woman bit off part of the tongue of an alleged rapist Thursday in an attack at her apartment building, police said. They said the suspect, John Grant, 20, ran to the Mercy Catholic Medical Center. Police said a doctor went to the scene of the alleged rape and found the severed part of the tongue, measuring one inch by 2½ inches. They said it was impossible to sew it back. Police said Grant was hospitalized and charged with rape, burglary, indecent assault and a weapons offense. The woman also was treated at the hospital."

"Massachusetts. A mother and her two children, alone and defenseless, were threatened by a intruder in their home. The woman retreated to the cellar, and the thug followed. The woman picked up a .22 and shot him dead. For her courageous

defense of home, children and self she is in jail under indictment for murder. The judge's comment: That there was a back cellar door through which she might have escaped without killing the intruder."

"Phoenix. A cast-iron skillet was broken over the head of a Gilbert man Tuesday night, deputies said, but he was able to walk out of a hospital early Wednesday morning on his own. Investigators said they were told Everett McCormack, 31, broke a window at the home of his ex-wife, Anna Hall, east of Mesa, and started to climb inside. Mrs. Hall told them that McCormack apparently cut his hand on the shattered glass, and she then shattered the skillet by slamming it on his head. The skillet was broken into a dozen pieces with only the handle left intact, officers said."

(The Arizona Republic, June 5,6, 25)

THE BLUFF

You don't bluff in poker to win money. You win money on your good hands. You must bluff occasionally so that your good hands will be raised or at least called. If you don't lose a couple of bluffs in an evening you aren't bluffing enough.

On the other hand, if you allow your opponents to bluff you all evening and never call them, you lose.

Governmental regulatory agencies are getting away with too many bluffs. They continually pass unconstitutional rules, regulations, and guidelines with impunity. These devices seldom have the backing of law; they are not voted on by our elected representatives, but are blindly accepted as law without being tested in court.

Governmental agencies may threaten

finer or other use of force if their ultimatums are not complied with, but they may be powerless to levy or collect fines. Our whole legal system is based upon the presumption of innocence. They must prove the defendant guilty before imposing penalties.

When their bluffs are called they may issue dozens of threatening registered letters but may be unable or unwilling (lack of funds, indefensible position, etc) to pursue the matter and take a citizen to court.

While it may be risky to call the bluff of "city hall", the defense of life, liberty, and property is not without its perils. The alternative, in the long run, is the greater risk. It is called communism.

- Tom Palven,
New Jersey, LP

WHAT THE MEDIA IS SAYING ABOUT US

"What Libertarians have in common --both from the Left and the Right -- is a basic belief in individual freedom, limited government and a stress on voluntarism."

-*Christian Science Monitor*

"I am thankful, deeply thankful, the Libertarians are trying to give us a Libertarian president."

-William Murchison,
Dallas Morning News

"For the overtaxed, overregulated, overburdened and underpowered millions of the American middle class, Libertarians may be the only people worth voting for."

-Nicholas Von Hoffman,
Washington Post

"Libertarianism has the virtue of consistency -- a quality that is winning it converts from the grays of political moderation."

-*Newsweek*

C A L E N D A R

12 July, STATE CONVENTION, Howard Johnson's Tempe, (across from Grady Gammage) Business - 11:00-5:00 PM \$5.00 Cocktails - 7:00-1:00 AM \$5.00 (save \$2.50) Both -- \$7.50

Offices to be filled:
State Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Chairman Southern Arizona
Chairman Northern Arizona
11 Delegates
Ex-Officio (State Chairman and Platform Committee Rep)

28 August thru September 1, NATIONAL CONVENTION, Statler Hilton Hotel, Manhattan 32nd St. & 7th Ave., New York City. (Preconvention begins August 25th)

Speakers:
Murray Rothbard
Robert Nozick
Edith Efron
John Hospers
David Friedman
Szasz
Jerome Tuccille, and many more.

Thursdays, at 8pm -- The American Taxpayers Association, Macon School, 22nd St. & Virginia, Room 93, Phoenix. Everyone welcome. 956-6741 (recorded message)

30 July, TUCSON MEETING, Areta Johnson's house, 8901 Sierra Street, Tuscon. 885-4877.

Saturdays, at 8pm -- The Arizona Caucus Club, Mesa Women's Club, 2nd St. & McDowell, Mesa. Everyone welcome. 956-6741 (recorded message)

31 July, PHOENIX MEETING, Monica Swift's house, 5614 S. Sailor Reef Rd., Tempe.

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ALP HAS COPIES of Robert Nozick's (Massachusetts Libertarian Party member) *Anarchy, State And Utopia*, reviewed in *Newsweek, Time, etc.*, winner of Best Philosophical Book Award - 1975. Retail \$13, asking \$20, extra goes to Party Treasury. 956-6429.

PHOTOGRAPHIC TUTORING -- Camera techniques, specialties, etc. Contact Joe Masters, 956-6429.

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CRIME AS ILLNESS

"Minneapolis. A sociologist says that medical manipulation could be used to make the United States virtually crime free by the year 2000. But he says he's worried about the 'big brother' implications of the system.

"We are so effective in manipulative medical and technological techniques that criminal behavior can be controlled," said Dr. Richard Moran. Moran, an expert on crime and crime control, who is an assistant professor at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, spoke at the 22nd National Institute on Crime and Delinquency, which ended Wednesday.

"Moran said hospitals and prisons

could blur into one institution where the physically and criminally ill would be medically treated. He said society would have to allow medical intervention to treat a criminal, who would not be judged from a moral or guilt viewpoint but as someone 'who is defective and needs treatment'.

"He warned that when crime becomes no different from other illnesses and is treated medically, it would be easy for coercive government to impose treatment for those who didn't cooperate. He predicted an early warning screening system to weed out potential criminals."

(The Arizona Republic, June 19, 1975)

PATIENT'S LEG CUT OFF DESPITE PROTEST

Pittsburgh -- "Saying he was ruling 'in favor of life,' a judge Wednesday permitted a hospital to amputate the right leg of a critically ill man, despite the objections of the patient and his family.

"Shortly after the court decision, surgeons took off Milko Husar's right leg above the knee. Husar, 67, was in critical but stable condition after the operation, a hospital spokesman said. The spokesman said a medical determination would be made later on whether to amputate the other leg.

"Common Pleas Court Judge Ralph Larsen said after ordering the surgery he knew of no legal precedent in the United States upon which he could have based his decision.

"Larsen made the ruling after testimony from Dr. William E. Novogradac of Shadyside Hospital and from the man's daughter, Sophia Malii. Dr. Novogradac told the court Husar had little chance to survive a gangrenous condition, caused by vascular blockade, with or without the operation. 'I feel the chances of his survival are almost zero without the amputation,' Novogradac said. 'If the disease

process is allowed to continue, he will certainly die.'

"But even with the operation, the doctor said Husar's chances of recovery were slight. The doctor told the judge Husar was against the operation. He described his patient as 'confused and agitated' and incapable of making a competent decision on whether the surgery should be performed.

"He's just not aware of what's going on,' the physician said. 'I asked them (Husar's family) to perform the surgery in an attempt to save his life. They refused.'

"The doctor indicated Husar's right leg would have to be amputated above the knee and his left leg would probably also have to be amputated.

"The daughter testified her father had told the family, 'don't let them cut off my leg.' The judge told the hospital to proceed with the operation 'as soon as possible.'"

(The Arizona Republic, June 5, 1975)

THINGS TO DO

Three areas of immediate action that ALP members can engage in are letters to the editor, T.V. and radio editorial responses, and press releases. The latter

should go out on a continuous basis and are most effective when addressing local issues. Be aware of what's going on in your state legislature and let the public

know what the libertarian alternative is. A number of local LP's have reported surprising success with the simple project of setting up an LP table in a shopping cen-

ter over a weekend. The new blue cards are particularly effective for this type of activity.

WHAT DO LIBERTARIANS WANT?

The American Revolution was dedicated to the belief that a government's sole function should be to protect a person's life, liberty and property from those who would initiate aggression. Today no major political party holds that belief, and our government holds a monopoly on the use of force. Practically all political discussion, left or right, accepts the fact that we exist in some sort of middle ground between the freedom of 1776 and the absolute absence of any individual rights described in Orwell's "1984". "Don't rock the boat", they say. "Maintain the status quo."

The Status Quo Is A Myth

There is no "middle ground". The smoke had hardly cleared when the newborn United States made its first steps toward becoming a giant centralized bureaucracy -- and for 150 years the government grew slowly but steadily. But in the last 50 years, the pace has accelerated rapidly. A point was reached at which the government became the country's largest single employer. Another point was reached when it became impossible for any American to obey, or even understand, all the laws.

Today we have *lost our right* to send our children to schools or our choice, *lost our right* to pursue our own professions freely, *lost our right* to spend as we choose almost 40% of the money we earn -- and today the rate of change is faster than it has ever been in history. It is such a cliché to say that 1984 is almost upon us that few people realize that it's true.

Why A Libertarian Party?

If you believe that the time has come to *roll back* the government's size and power, then you have no major political party to turn to-- not the Republicans, not the Democrats -- not the conservatives, not the liberals. To fill that vacuum, libertarians of all kinds, from the right and from the left, and from the ranks of

independents, have formed their own party -- the Libertarian Party.

Who Are We?

We are former liberals who have seen the Liberal Establishment become a power base that causes more oppression than it tries to cure -- creates more injustice than it tries to correct -- and makes us more and more slaves of the state in the name of freedom.

We are former conservatives who believe in personal liberty as well as economic liberty -- and are therefore opposed to the draft, opposed to censorship, opposed to drug laws, sex laws and other victimless crime laws.

We are former independents who for years have felt that we were voting for the lesser of two evils -- that no matter which party was in power, the end result would still be more corruption, more power in the hands of the state, and more loss of personal freedom.

We are people from all walks of life who are tired of losing more and more of our money to ever increasing taxes and government induced inflation.

We are all libertarians who have finally found that by banding together as free individuals, we can do something to reverse the trend toward statism.

What Are We Saying?

In a phrase -- "Leave us alone". And we're saying it in a lot of ways. Some of our books are becoming national bestsellers. Others are becoming approved texts in many of our universities. Each time we run a political campaign we reach millions of people through TV, radio and print. Respected news analysts and columnists are presenting our views to their listeners and readers. At various times our candidates have received endorsements from liberal and conservative organizations simultaneously! We are making waves.

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Is Anybody Listening?

Already major party candidates are finding it advisable to give public consideration to the Libertarian point of view. Already the national and local press are starting to give to Libertarians the space we deserve. Yes, people are listening. Our growth rate has been phenomenal and our impact increasing.

A few years ago we were thinking in

terms of freedom for our children, perhaps. Now, we're thinking in terms of freedom in our lifetimes. Do we dare yet to think of freedom by 1984? We cannot let ourselves be content with anything less than total liberty.

It's either the concept of freedom as envisioned by the first American revolutionaries or it's the total state control as predicted by George Orwell -- THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND.

THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY IS:

- FOR - The rights of each individual, based on each man's right to his own life -- and the repeal of laws and executive powers that make us anything less than free citizens.
- FOR - Free private enterprise -- The foundation of personal liberty, and the source of economic prosperity, a system of *laissez faire* capitalism.
- FOR - The elimination of all government spending not supporting defense or law.
- FOR - Reduction and eventual elimination of welfare and all redistribution programs -- to be replaced by private, voluntary charity.
- FOR - A sound dollar redeemable in gold -- The citizen's best protection against inflation, and the best basis for international trade.
- FOR - The elimination of all taxation as a long range goal -- to be replaced by a system of voluntary fees as a method of financing government.
- FOR - The citizen's right to keep and bear arms -- As guaranteed by the Second Amendment.
- FOR - The elimination of all laws restricting free trade.
- FOR - A nuclear defense designed to deter totalitarian aggression.
- FOR - The elimination of all laws creating "crimes without victims".

- AGAINST - Government guaranteed annual income in any form.
- AGAINST - Foreign aid -- No foreign nation has the right to claim the resources of the American Citizen, and trying to buy friends is a foolish policy which we have lived to regret.
- AGAINST - Our participation and support of the United Nations -- We are a nation of sovereign individuals and we will NOT subordinate our interests to any international body.
- AGAINST - Government control of education and enforced busing of students -- Education is a matter for parents to deal with on an individual basis.
- AGAINST - Government control or censorship of the communications media in any form.
- AGAINST - Any form of involuntary servitude -- specifically the military draft or any other national service program.
- AGAINST - Granting legitimacy to any form of totalitarian government -- We oppose all dictatorships, whether they be Communist, Fascist, or of any other coercive political persuasion.
- AGAINST - Involvement in foreign wars that do not serve the self-interest of the U.S. citizens.

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