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CALIFORNIA ELECTION RESULTS

Final state write-in returns are still not available, although some county returns have been counted and are listed under regional reports. Projections show that John Hospers will probably receive about 2000 counted votes, with Dave Bergland, Bill Susel, and Bill White each getting 40 to 50% of that.

Although the Nov. election results may not have met California Libertarians' expectations, the LPC's 1974 campaign could be considered a success without qualification in one vital area -- news coverage.

The national LP headquarters in San Francisco, monitoring newsprint coverage of party activities through its press clipping service, has reported that California efforts earned more press coverage than any other state and approached the total from the rest of the country.

In northern and southern California, the major dailies as well as the regional press published feature articles on Candidates Hospers, Susel, White, and Bergland. Generally the articles were factual and accurate, although few attempted to tackle the moral base of libertarian philosophy.

At national headquarters, Administrative Assistant Bryan Remer estimated that the volume of media response to the 1974 campaign was approximately triple the amount received in 1972.

NATIONAL EXECOM MAKES PLANS

The 1975 national convention will be held at the Statler Universal Hotel in New York, N.Y. over labor day weekend. This was one of the decisions made by the LP National Executive Committee at their Washington, D.C. meeting over Thanksgiving weekend.

Twenty-two of 25 members were in attendance with about 20 observers present. The meeting was held over a two day period and each session was crammed with analysis of elections and deciding future courses of action.

Concerning the '74 elections, much talk centered around the Tuccille for governor (N.Y.) campaign. Although he received only 10,000 votes there was a tremendous amount of publicity generated as shown by the number of clippings displayed at the meeting (over 80). Tuccille needed 50,000 votes to get the Free L.P. on the ballot.

Kay Harroff of Ohio got 80,000 votes or about 7.8% of the total vote cast running as an independent for U.S. Senator.

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Newsweek had a full page article on libertarianism in the issue which went on sale election day.

John Hospers is still getting follow-up publicity from the election. He was on the Bob Abernathy interview show on KNBC-TV for half an hour on December 14th.

STATE CONVENTION NEARS

All remains on schedule for the State LP convention to be held at the Surf Rider Inn on Ocean Ave. in Santa Monica during Washington's Birthday weekend (Feb. 15-17). Tentative speakers are still being lined up, but one of them will probably be Roger MacBride. Volunteers are needed to help out on various preparations; those interested should contact Bill Westmiller or call (213) 345-FREE.

Each region should chose a representative to the Platform Committee at least a month before the convention. Persons interested in serving on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee should contact State Chairman Ed Clark.

Ed Clark has informed the Caliber that he will not seek re-election to the post of State Chairman.

Delegates to the convention are allocated according to the following formula: Each region receives a basic allotment of 2 delegates. In addition, state officers and regional representatives to the Executive Committee (who are chosen by their regions and may be different from the regional chairman) are delegates. In addition each regional chairman is a delegate. In addition, each chartered region gets one extra delegate for each 1% of state membership in that region, or fraction thereof. Currently, regions have the the following percentages: (1)-5.1%; (2*)-1.3%; (3*)-2.3%; (4)-5.6%; (5)-4.3%; (6)-4.9%; (7)-8.7%; (8*)-.8%; (9)-3.6%; (10*)-3.1%; (11)-11.2%; (12)-8.7%; (13)-6.1%; (14)-6.6%; (15*)-.8%; (16)-4.1%; (17*)-2.3%; (18)-13.3%; (19*)-1.3%; (20)-6.1%. * indicates uncharted regions. Unlimited alternatives are allowed.

Consideration of the Executive Committee's effort to fill a vacancy in the slate of candidates for State

offices by endorsing Peace and Freedom candidate Cory Cassanova for Controller has been left up to the State Convention. There was considerable controversy generated over various aspects of such an endorsement, as well as the technical procedure by which the vote was taken. Bill Westmiller withdrew his original appeal to the Judicial Committee, but it and the whole subject of the LP's relationship to other parties and candidates is certain to be debated at the Convention.

S. I. L. INCLOSURE

Enclosed with this Caliber you will find three leaflets on "Inflation," "Amnesty," and "Libertarianism vs Socialism." Don Atkinson reports that they are being used as part of an LP membership drive in Northern California, and are receiving good responses. Nearly 6000 have been distributed already. Additional SIL flyers on "Human Rights", "Taxation is Theft", "Free Trade," and "Censorship" will soon be available. Bulk quantities of the enclosed flyers may be purchased through Sherman Ball (1615 San Juan Rd., Watsonville, Ca., 95076) for the following prices: 100@\$12., 300@ \$15., 500@ \$18., 800 @ \$22., 1000@ \$25., 2000@ \$47., 3000 @ \$68., or contact our libertarian printer Steve Smith in the San Fernando Valley to get copies printed.

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REGIONAL REPORTS

SAN DIEGO

ORANGE COUNTY

Orange County will hold its first annual holiday party on Fri., Dec. 20th, in lieu of its regular monthly meeting. The party will be at the Pinecreek Apartments clubhouse, 2300 Fairview Rd. in Costa Mesa, starting at 7:00pm BYOB.

Region 20 has a couple of projects underway. The "Orange County Libertarian" newsletter will start publishing in Jan. or Febr., 1975. It will have editorial messages, articles, advertising, and other items of interest for both LP members and nonmembers, including all relevant office holders from the Orange County area. Literary contributions are welcome. The editor is Paul Feiger, 13932 Parkway Dr., Garden Grove, Ca. 92640; (714) 638-2265.

An editorial response committee is being formed to monitor newspapers, radio, and TV, and deliver replies. Anything worth replying to should be reported to committee chairman Ray Hedrikson at home (714) 546-5977 or work (213) 547-9251.

John Hospers received 206 votes in Orange County.

SOUTH BAY

A novel approach was taken by Region 16 when it commissioned a telephone survey on Nov. 3rd and 4th, right before the election. 293 respondents, who were randomly selected via the efforts of Rod Van Orden, were asked by a professional answering service to answer three questions: 79% said they were registered voters; 25% had heard of the Libertarian Party; when asked if they would write in John Hospers for Governor if the election were held that day, 4.5% answered yes and 13.5% said maybe. South Bay Region will follow up on the favorable respondents.

Region 20 will make plans for its January Regional Convention and elections at its Dec. 14th regular meeting. Several projects are in the works, including some educational classes on Austrian economics, and a possible libertarian challenger to Republican Congressman Bob Wilson, in the person of Joseph Aldridge. On Nov. 7th Sara Baase spoke on libertarianism at the Sociology Dept. Colloquium at San Diego State. Dean Sandin has been chosen the Region 20 State Platform Committee member. San Diego county recorded 113 write-in votes for John Hospers.

Our apologies for several errors in the last Caliber. The Libertarian Hotline Numer in San Diego is (714) 447-9747, and is handled by Sylvia McGuire, who also arranged much of Dave Bergland's campaign trip in San Diego. Jeannette De Wyze was the author of the "Reader" article on the LP.

VENTURA COUNTY

Bill Stanley came in 7th out of 8 candidates in his race for the Ventura County Parks and Recreation Board. He received 3,500 votes from people who were fully conscious of his views. Bill had leafletted every home in his district and had written the ballot arguments against the school bond issues. On Nov. 14th Bill was on KFI radio's Hilly Rose show explaining why the state's educational monopoly should be ended. John Hospers got 53 votes in Ventura.

SANTA CLARA

Antony C. Sutton hosted a discussion group with an "Introduction to Libertarianism" on Fri., Dec. 6 in the meeting room of the Northern California Savings and Loan in San Jose, near the Westgate Shopping Center. The results were unavailable at press time.

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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

SANTA CRUZ

As voters went to the polls on Nov. 5, Libertarians burned their ballots at the Santa Cruz County Courthouse. Northern California Vice Chairman Don Atkinson told reporters that since most people do not vote, most do not see their vote as representing their views.

Dave Merrick added a pitch for "none of the above is acceptable" to be included in voters' ballot choices. Good press coverage combined for an effective statement protesting the lack of real voter alternatives.

In Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties John Hospers received 86 write-in votes, about 2½ times his total in 1972.

The next regional meeting will be held in Room 310 of the Cabrillo College Social Science Building, where Libertarian panelists will discuss inflation, amnesty, and libertarian alternatives to statism. The Meeting in Aptos begins at 8:00 PM on Fri., Dec. 13.

SAN FRANCISCO

This region's election results were disappointing enough to be incomprehensible as well as suspect. While San Mateo County polled 103 votes for John Hospers, larger San Francisco recorded only 76, despite widespread press coverage, radio talk show enthusiasm and hundreds of phone calls to the national headquarters from people who committed themselves to the Libertarian Party ticket.

Candidates Susel and White and others finished just under Hospers' vote count, all of which suggests to Bay Area Libertarians a substantially incomplete election return.

In the face of this perplexing outcome, Chairwoman Carol Cunningham and

Region 11 will hold its reorganizational convention and elections on Jan. 14th. A special speaker is planned for the Dec. 17th meeting: Elizabeth Carmichael, president of the 20th Century Motor Car Company, will talk about how "Car building is easy if you can untangle the red tape." The meeting will be at 7:30pm in the East-West Ballroom of the Sheraton Universal Hotel, 30 Universal City Plaza, North Hollywood, Ca.

20th Century Motor Car Co. will start producing a revolutionary new 3-wheeled car called the Dale in June, 1975. It's designed to get 70 mpg, is built of structural resin 9 times stronger than steel, is safe and non-polluting, and will sell for under \$2000.

Naturally the government is not going to let a company get away with something like that, and Mrs. Carmichael will discuss the harrassment and impediments that are placed in the way of innovators. She is an advocate of laissez-faire capitalism.

Michael Morrison is starting the "13th Ammendment Committee" to oppose all forms of involuntary servitude. It's first project will be compulsory jury duty. Dues are \$2 per year, or a limited offer of \$5 per life membership until Jan. 31, 1975. Mike had three editorial replies on KNX radio for propositions 4, 12, and 15; and he had a letter published in TV Guide regarding media coverage of the Libertarian Party.

Los Angeles County gave Dr. Hospers 605 write-in votes in the November elections.

her husband Ray have begun the planning stages for the Libertarian Supper Club of San Francisco, the first of which should be held in either February or March.

Other candidates throughout the U.S. received between 1 and 5%.

Various excom members and a few State chairmen present reported good growth in their areas as evidenced by the fact that five new parties were affiliated (Ore., Ind., Ark., Kan., Conn.)

In other matters, the L.P. decided to go ahead with the monetary seminar in March at New Orleans as a fund raising project and we established an L.P. information service in Washington, D.C. Eric Garris was appointed a national organizer to assist state parties in getting on the ballot. He estimates a 90% chance of getting ballot position in 20 states and a 50-50 or better chance in 8 or more.

Ed Clark, L.P. of Cal. state chairman was elected platform chairman and Bill Howard, excom member from Texas was appointed rules and bylaws chairmen for the national convention.

Excom member-at-large Eric Scott Royce resigned for personal reasons so the excom will elect a new individual to that position at the next excom meeting over Memorial Day weekend in Chicago. Contact Bill Westmiller if you are interested in such a position.

ELECTION NIGHT CELEBRATION

Election night saw another Libertarian Party party, this time in Santa Monica at the Surf Rider Inn. About a hundred people attended, which wasn't quite as many as were expected, but still enough to enjoy themselves in spite of the unexciting election results (with the happy exception of the defeat of the mass transit tax).

ELECTION NIGHT PARTY (Photos by Bruce Lagasse)--TOP, crowd stands around TV for returns; MIDDLE, Bill Webster and Earl Gottlieb; BOTTOM, John Hospers, Kathy Kenny, Arlene Berry.



TRANSIT TAX DEFEATED

A tremendous victory was achieved in the Nov. elections, principally through the efforts of Libertarian Alternative chairman Charles Barr, when the Southern California Rapid Transit District's 1% tax proposal was defeated. In spite of intense campaigning by many politicians including LA mayor Tom Bradley, and the expenditure of nearly a million dollars of public funds by the SCRTD, the measure was defeated 963,861 to 832,423. Charlie got heavy media coverage in his efforts to halt this boondoggle.

ECONOMICS BY TELEPHONE

Santa Clara Region reports that Dr. Gary North offers a weekly Gold and Inflation telephone report. A new 3-minute report begins every Monday and continues 24 hours a day, at (213) 422-1266, so distant callers can take advantage of cheap night rates. The report covers the fundamental economic factors and government actions influencing inflation and the price of gold, as well as promoting the Remnant Review, which he edits.

ECONOMICS SPEECH SET

Dave Templeton of the Institute for Humane Studies in Menlo Park has announced that Dr. Milton Friedman will be in the SF Bay Area, sponsored under the auspices of the Northern California Economic Seminars, on Wed. Dec. 18th, 1:30pm to 4:30pm at the A.P. Giannini Auditorium, 555 California St. in San Francisco. The topics will be:

1. Inflation and the Capitol Market
2. The International Economy
3. Inflation and the Domestic Economy

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