

LP Gears Up To Fight Carter Proposals

By Alan W. Bock

The National Libertarian Party is preparing to wage a sophisticated battle against two of President Carter's major proposals for increasing government control over important aspects of our lives. Carter has offered major programs in energy regulation and in electoral "reform" which do violence not only to libertarian principles but to the common-sense non-ideological views which most Americans hold.

What follows are outlines and libertarian critiques of the Carter proposals on election reform and energy, an outline of the actions already taken by the national LP to fight these proposals, and suggestions for further action.

CARTER'S ENERGY PROGRAM

President Carter's energy program is a complex mishmash of new taxes, new tax credits and incentives, new controls and allocation systems and new interventions

into the energy marketplace. Two general statements seem most relevant to the "program" as a whole. First, it concentrates almost entirely on the demand side of the energy supply-demand equation, seeking to drive down demand by a series of government actions while ignoring the supply of energy almost completely. Second, it places virtually all its reliance on the use of government to manipulate the marketplace through regulation and other coercion, while placing no reliance at all on the ability of the market system to correct, by natural and voluntary means the governmental distortions which have created the current energy problem.

The Carter program includes the following new taxes:

- *A tax on mileage of "inefficient" automobiles and a rebate on high-mileage models.

- *A standby tax on gasoline if certain consumption targets are not met.

- *A wellhead tax on old oil, bringing it up to the controlled price of "new" oil, and eventually up to the "world price."

- *A tax on industrial uses of oil and natural gas.

- *Tax credits for conservation improvements, including insulation, and tax subsidies for non-profit institutions wishing to make such improvements.

All these new taxes will probably be enough to finance the bureaucracy to administer the new controls and regulations, which include the following:

- *Bringing all newly-discovered natural gas under uniform federal price controls, including gas used only in intrastate markets.

- *Stricter environmental controls and new controls on stripmining.

- *Requiring utilities to do away with declining block rates and institute "peak-load" pricing.

- *Requiring utilities to share power with other utilities when their facilities

are not fully in use.

- *Requiring utilities to offer installation of insulation to their customers and financing for such installation.

- *Banning development of the so-called Breeder Reactor.

- *Mandatory conversion to coal by most utilities and industries by 1990.

- *New requirements for reporting by oil and gas producers and stricter enforcement of anti-trust laws.

NEW TAXES

During the campaign Jimmy Carter called the U.S. tax system a "disgrace to the human race." He even seemed to understand that one of the reasons it is in such a shambles is that it has been used for years for so many purposes besides raising revenue. The tax system has been used to manipulate the people into doing "socially desirable" things such as saving money, buying homes and spending on medical expenses. As Congress used the tax system to offer tax penalties and incentives for various kinds of economic behavior, the system became so complex that, now that Wilbur Mills is gone, there is probably no single person in the country who has even a rudimentary understanding of the system as a whole.

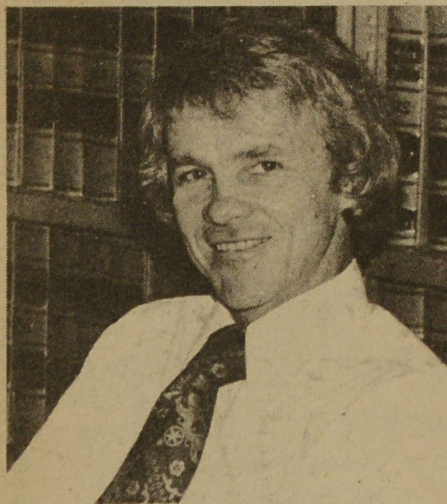
Carter the candidate criticized the system. Now Carter the President is offering a whole new set of taxes whose expressed intention is more to manipulate people than to raise revenue (though they'll raise plenty of revenue as well -- in fact some are accusing Carter of wan-

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Candidates Announce for National Office

WASHINGTON -- With the 1977 National Convention quickly approaching, attention is moving to the leadership which the Libertarian Party will require in national offices and on the Executive Committee in order to continue the momentum which has made the LP the third political party in the United States.

As of the LP News deadline, the following candidates had declared their intention to run for positions in the national LP: Chairman: David P. Bergland, LP Vice-Presidential candidate in 1976; Vice-Chair: Mary Louise Hanson, currently Region Two ExeComm Representative; and Treasurer: Paul S. Allen, currently District of Columbia LP Treasurer.



DAVID P. BERGLAND

David Bergland is well-known to LP members as the party's nominee for vice president in 1976. As nominee he traveled throughout the country as did Presidential nominee Roger MacBride, carrying the libertarian message far and wide.

Bergland attended Law School at the University of Southern California and graduated in 1969 as a member of the

Order of the Coif, the national legal scholarship honor society, and was editor-in-chief of the Southern California Law Review. He has practiced law since 1969, beginning with a large L.A. law firm. He now practices in Orange County, California. He has also been a law professor at Western State University College of Law in Fullerton, Calif.

Bergland has been active in the Libertarian Party since 1973. He was the LP candidate for California Attorney General in 1974 and was chairman of the Orange County Regional Organization of the LP for two years. He contributes a regular guest column to the *Register* a major Southern California newspaper.

Asked about his goals for the LP in the next two years, Bergland stressed the importance of improving organization and political expertise at the local level, so that an effective organization can be built from the ground up. "Speakers bureaus and candidate development programs will make our local candidates more identifiable and creditable in their future campaigns. I would also like to see more aggressive PR efforts, involving making contacts with people in the media who are friendly toward the LP and developing their understanding of our principles. This would improve the reception to our news releases, speakers and other activities."

Asked about the role of the national party, Bergland responded, "I believe that the National LP organization, through the national office, but especially through the Executive Committee, must be more aggressive in assisting state party organizations in their developmental efforts, both in terms of membership recruitment and the formation of projects to work toward realistic goals."

"Given two years of steady building at the state level and timely help from the national level, I would hope that in 1980 our candidates for President and Vice President should be able to attain ballot status in all 50 states with a minimum of

difficulty. If we plan effectively and work consistently, our strengthened state organizations should be able to achieve that goal as a natural outgrowth of their own development as effective political organizations."

Expressions of support or requests for further information may be addressed to David P. Bergland, P.O. Box 2020, Newport Beach, CA 92663.

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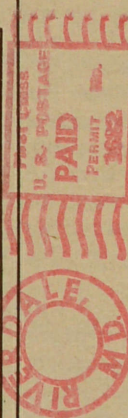
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CANDIDATES

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MARY LOUISE HANSON

Mary Louise Hanson is a member of the National Executive Committee as Representative for the nine states in Region Two. She recently chaired the Rocky Mountain States Regional LP Conference and is involved in building the Region's organization. She is also Director of Finance and a member of the Board of Directors of the Colorado Libertarian Party.

Ms. Hanson is presently Assistant Manager of the Credit Division at First National Bank of Denver and Vice President of the Business and Professional Women of Downtown Denver. She frequently speaks on a variety of topics.

In discussing her goals for the LP in the next two years, Mary Louise has commented, "The first priority is of course to maintain our principles, but due to differences in situations, plans for specific goals in different states may vary. Such activities as identifying and involving activists, media exposure, dissemination of information and running candidates are all valid and important. But each state organization must develop its own plans depending on the resources available to it, its level of development and the political climate in the particular state."

While believing that "the activities of the State parties are the cornerstone for the LP's future," Ms. Hanson hopes for an expanded role for the Executive Committee in helping states to reach their goals. "I see no reason why every member of the Executive Committee, including the Vice Chair, should not be

able to assume a responsible role in providing assistance to the States as part of the duties of their offices. The members of the National Executive Committee could provide training for volunteer staffs, improve organization and initiate workshops. Every Regional and State Conference or Convention is an opportunity for information to be dispensed by experienced leaders, task forces to develop, and for the membership to be motivated."

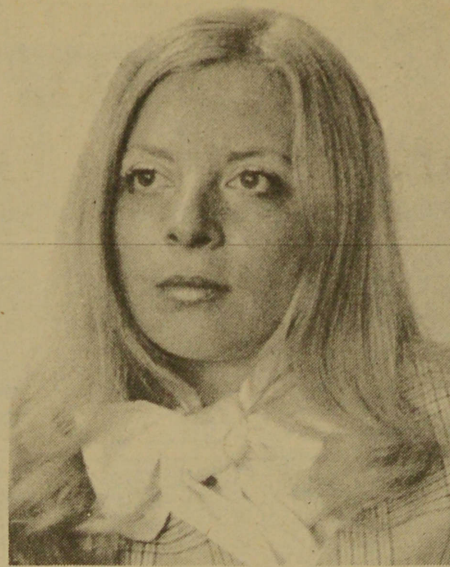
Ms. Hanson believes that key elements in this program are organization, decision-making and planning. She notes that she had a part in developing the organization of the Colorado LP. "The Colorado LP has adopted a functional organization, based on what needs to be done, and then created positions to fill these slots. I would recommend this model as a viable method on the national level. Two benefits have been accountability and the creation of expertise, which are important to a party which seeks to attain its goals."

For expressions of support or further information, you may write to Mary Louise Hanson, 1175 Vine, Denver, CO 80206.

PAUL S. ALLEN

Paul S. Allen was a charter member of the Society for Rational Individualism (which later became the Society for Individual Liberty) and an organizational advisor to the National Taxpayers Union in 1969-70. He is currently Treasurer of the D.C. Libertarian Party and was an active and successful fundraiser for the 1976 LP MacBride Presidential campaign.

Mr. Allen was graduated from the Syracuse University College of Law and



MARY LOUISE HANSON

admitted to the Order of the Coif and the Justinian Honor Society. He is presently an attorney in private practice in the District of Columbia.

As a candidate for national LP Treasurer, Mr. Allen is "concerned about maintaining the accounting and reporting records of the national Libertarian Party so that they not only give an accurate picture of the financial status of the Party, but can be used as a management tool for the improvement of all aspects of the Party's operations."

Those interested in contacting Mr. Allen with expressions of support or for further information may write to him at 1625 K St., N.W., Suite 1010, Washington, D.C. 20006.

Individuals interested in running for any national position should contact national headquarters immediately.

LP Runs in Special Race

Richard Kenney, past Washington state LP chairman and Senatorial candidate against Henry Jackson in 1976 (receiving almost 20,000 votes) is off and running again, this time as a candidate for Congress in Washington's 7th District. The seat was vacated when Brock Adams was appointed Secretary of Transportation.

In a campaign managed by Patricia Artz, Kenney has received considerable publicity for libertarian ideas, including mention in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* concerning his opposition to any new civil or military draft. Other issues in the campaign have included regulation of tankers on Puget Sound and Carter's energy proposals, which Kenney has dubbed "energy fascism."

The Kenney campaign has featured regular, well-written and newsy releases to the local media and appearances by the candidate in shopping centers, in forums with other candidates and speaking before large and small groups of voters. The special election is scheduled for May 17. National Fundraising Chairman Karl Bray urges all LP members to send donations to: Kenney for Congress, P.O. Box 2096, Seattle, WA 98111.

ATTORNEYS

The LP is forming a Political Action Committee (PAC) for the legal profession. Interested individuals should contact national headquarters.

Energy Controls

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ting the taxes to provide back-door financing of more social welfare schemes.)

Is there much hope that these new taxes, rebates and credits will even accomplish what Carter says he wants?

The "gas guzzler" tax, according to the experience of some European countries, will probably have little influence on gasoline consumption, aside from a slight reinforcement of present trends toward better gas mileage. But it will raise money and finance a bureaucracy to administer the complex rebate system. The incremental 5c-at-a-time tax on gasoline will also have little effect on consumption. Worse, the revenues generated will do nothing to encourage the search for new supplies and sources of energy. But the government will enjoy having the money.

The tax on the price of "old" oil will increase costs to the consumer without bringing about any benefits or incentives to the producer. Likewise the tax on oil and natural gas in utilities and industries may speed conversion to coal, but more slowly than would a tax incentive.

NEW REGULATIONS

The new regulations are even less likely to achieve the desired results. The new regulations on natural gas prices insure maximum hardship on consumers and minimum incentive for producers.

The new environmental controls include the requirement that "best available technology" be used even if it isn't needed. Along with new controls on strip mining, these regulations will serve as a negation of other parts of the program designed to encourage conversion to coal. The absolute requirement that certain industries convert to coal will accomplish what most experts feel the market would accomplish without controls, given the reserves of various types of energy, but the cost will be artificially high and the mandatory nature of the plan gives no room for flexibility and efficiency.

The new requirements regarding utility pricing, sharing power with other utilities, and utilities financing insulation improvements are most likely to increase costs to consumers of energy. That seems to be the major purpose of the whole package. But by diverting money to the government rather than present or potential producers of energy, the plan assures that new supplies will not be forthcoming, and new "sacrifices for the common good" will be called for in the near future.

On balance, the Carter program will do nothing to improve the energy shortfall situation in which the United States finds itself. The shortages, high prices and roadblocks have been due to government actions. There is no hope for relief in Carter's program.

A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING?

What is the significance of the Carter program, then? I believe we must look beyond the economic and energy implications and look to the real implications of the Carter program. Here the Carter use of the phrase "the moral equivalent of war" gives us an insight. The equivalent of war, to those who are enamored of the concept, is a society marching in unison lockstep, united by a common purpose and to orders imposed from above. It's becoming obvious that, despite his down home touches, Carter views the ideal American society in approximately this fashion.

ELECTORAL REFORM

The Carter package for electoral "reform" consists of four related proposals: abolition of the electoral college and direct election of the president; universal or "instant" voter registration; public financing of Senatorial and Congressional elections; and relaxation of the "Hatch Act" which limits partisan political activity by federal employees. Let us take them one by one, and then see how they are inter-related.

ABOLITION OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

The electoral college issue is peripheral to libertarians principles, and the amendment has only a slim chance of passage by state legislatures. Individual libertarians may take whatever stand they wish, but the national LP is not going to make a major effort on this issue.

PUBLIC FINANCING

From a libertarian standpoint the most repugnant of the Carter "reform" proposals is taxpayer financing of Senatorial and Congressional election campaigns. These proposals are contained in H.R. 5157 and S.926. The Senate version provides federal subsidies only to Senatorial candidates. The House bill would subsidize office-seekers for both the House and Senate. The House bill would subsidize general-election campaigns but not primary campaigns; the Senate bill would subsidize both.

The House bill would provide matching payments for contributions from individuals up to \$100 per contributor, to candidates whose aggregate eligible contributions totaled at least \$10,000.

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MacBride & McCarthy Convention Banquet Speakers

1976 Presidential Candidates Eugene J. McCarthy and Roger L. MacBride will speak at the Libertarian Party National Convention Banquet on Saturday evening, July 16.

Finishing third and fourth respectively on Election Day, the two candidates pooled their resources several times throughout the campaign in the fight against the Federal Election Commission and the incredibly restrictive, often bizarre ballot requirements of the various states.

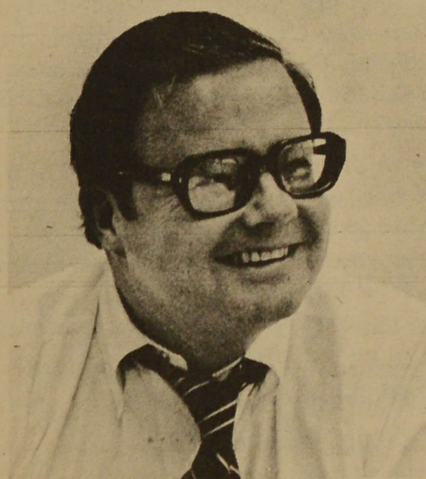
Most notable was their partially successful U.S. Supreme Court suit challenging the constitutionality of the Federal Election Campaign Act which tramples First Amendment rights to free expression and discriminates against new parties. One result of this suit allowed individuals acting "independently" to spend unlimited amounts on behalf of the candidate(s) of their choice.

McCarthy is well aware of the Libertarian Party and its goals. Sympathetic to the legal obstacles faced by the LP, he has suggested that libertarians, his own supporters and others concerned with the preservation of free political expression work together wherever possible to disentrench the current two-party stranglehold over American politics.

At one point near the end of the 1976 campaign, McCarthy was asked whom he would choose for President were he not also a candidate. His answer: *Roger MacBride*.

Roger MacBride

Roger MacBride first gained the attention and respect of LP members in 1972, when he was chosen as an uncommitted Republican Presidential Elector from Virginia.



ROGER MacBRIDE

He made history when he refused to vote for Nixon and Agnew and instead cast his vote for LP candidates John Hospers and Tonie Nathan, thus bringing wide-spread recognition to the then newly-formed Libertarian Party.

MacBride is a former Vermont state legislator who served previously in various town offices. He entered the Vermont Republican gubernatorial primary in 1964 and received 25 percent of the vote in a three-way race.

A lawyer by profession, MacBride is the author of two books: **The American Electoral College** and **Treaties Versus the American Constitution**. Upon graduation from law school, he was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to study comparative constitutional law.

Subsequently, he has edited three books and be-

Turning Point: Rothbard

Murray N. Rothbard will deliver the keynote address to open the first session of the 1977 Libertarian Party National Convention.

Turning Point — 1977 is the title of his address, reflecting the theme of this year's convention.

The theme was selected because it follows naturally from last year's theme: *The Second Libertarian Revolution*.

Historians appear to agree that 1777 was the turning point for the first libertarian revolution. Thus the analogy is being carried further, reflecting the sincere hope of all libertarians that history repeats itself two hundred years later.

In his remarks, Rothbard will develop some of the parallels of this historical analogy, as well as present his perspective of the libertarian movement to date and its prospects for future success.

An historian and economist, Rothbard is a prolific writer and the foremost American exponent of the Austrian School of Economics.

His books include the classic economic treatise *Man, Economy and State*, *America's Great Depression*, *Power and Market*, and the popular introduction to Libertarianism, *For a New Liberty*.

His articles have appeared in scores of professional and political journals, ranging across the spectrum from *National Review* to *Ramparts*.

A native of New York City, he pursued both undergraduate and graduate studies at Columbia University, receiving his PhD in 1956.

He is presently Professor of Economics at the Polytechnic Institute of New York.



EUGENE MCCARTHY

come actively involved in television production. He was instrumental in the creation of the NBC-TV series *Little House on the Prairie* and produced a movie special for television called *The Young Pioneers*.

In 1976 he was chosen as the Libertarian Party's Presidential nominee. He campaigned actively for more than a year, crisscrossing the country with numerous campaign tours, making hundreds of personal appearances.

An articulate spokesman of the Libertarian political philosophy, he won the respect of the often skeptical, sometimes hostile news media. Through the medium of television, he reached literally millions of Americans previously unaware of the LP.

Perhaps most significant, he convinced LP members everywhere to believe in themselves and in what they could do. As a result, the MacBride/Bergland ticket appeared on 32 state ballots — more than any other party or individual (except the Reprocrats), an incredible achievement considering the limited resources available and the obstacles involved.

Thanks to MacBride and the individual efforts of Libertarians across the nation, the Libertarian Party became the third largest political party, based on MacBride's fourth-place showing in the election.

Eugene McCarthy

Eugene McCarthy was a United States Representative from Minnesota throughout the '50's, winning a Senate seat in 1958. He quickly earned a reputation as a thoughtful maverick — certainly not an average politician.

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Russian Dissident to Relate Experiences

Julia Boski, an activist in the dissident movement in the Soviet Union through September 1975, and now a California resident, will relate her account of life in Russia to libertarians attending the 1977 LP National Convention.

Asked to contrast her new life in the United States with her experiences of the past, she replied, "Contrast! It's night and day. For the first time in my life I feel really free."

Ms. Boski was quick to point out that she does **not** consider herself a dissident in the sense of a Solzhenitsyn or Bukovsky. "I am not famous," she said, "nor was I persecuted for my writings or other activities. I did what I could to help."

Help included translating dissident writings originating both inside and outside of the Soviet Union, aiding and abetting the cause in any way possible, and communicating openly over the telephone and in person whenever necessary — despite the risk of imprisonment.

While hoping the government would grant her request to leave the country, she said, "I knew that eventually I'd be either sent East (to Siberia) or West (to freedom)."

Asked why she risked so much when the prospect of leaving Russia was so poor, she said, "I just couldn't stand it anymore. And I was also very concerned about my son's future."

Ms. Boski recalled once being asked to translate some of Solzhenitsyn's writings. "I was nervous as I carried them home with me in my purse," she

said. "If I was stopped and searched for any reason, it was an automatic minimum 7-year sentence."

Ms. Boski is presently a lecturer in Russian and in Teaching Methods at UC-Berkeley. Prior to coming to America, she was a journalist, a lecturer in French and a translator.

She speaks to groups whenever she has the opportunity because she has discovered that most Americans are unaware of what is really going on in the Soviet Union. She feels this is one way to continue to support the dissident cause.

She and her seventeen-year-old son live happily and freely in San Francisco.

Illuminatus Author Wilson to Speak

Robert Anton Wilson, co-author of the libertarian fantasy thriller trilogy **Illuminatus** has been confirmed as a speaker at the convention. He will speak on Brainwashing and Hedonic Engineering, a subject he has written several magazine articles on since publication of his trilogy.

Wilson has been writing for libertarian publications since 1959, and was an associate editor of *Playboy* for 5½ years.

Illuminatus has also been made into a ten-hour play, which is running in the National Theatre in London, the longest science-fiction play in history. Plans are currently underway to produce the epic play in this country. His latest book, **The Cosmic Trigger — the Final Secret of the Illuminati**, will be released in July.



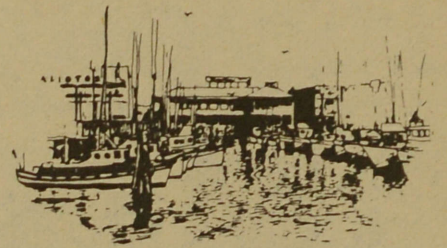
lished numerous essays on the fine arts, and his articles on art and aesthetics appear in both the **Encyclopedia of Philosophy** and **Encyclopedia Britannica**.

An Evening on San Francisco Bay

The Convention Committee has arraigned an Evening on San Francisco Bay for all those attending the LP National Convention.

Featuring a dinner cruise on a boat specially chartered for this purpose, departing from Pier 43½ from colorful Fisherman's Wharf, you may enjoy your dinner as you pass under the Golden Gate Bridge and steam by romantic Alcatraz.

Tour buses will provide transportation to and from the hotel and the Wharf. After the cruise, spend an hour or so sightseeing before boarding your return bus. The Cannery, Ghirardelli Square and Fisherman's Wharf are all close at hand.



Fisherman's Wharf

What, Where & How of The City

Visitors to San Francisco for the Libertarian Party National Convention will have a wide range of sights to see and things to do — that is, if they have any time left over from Convention activities.

Actually, the Convention Committee recommends that delegates and visitors take at least an entire week to enjoy San Francisco, and plan their vacations around the trip to the *City by the Bay*.

San Francisco is a combination of old and new — early California and modern urban development. All aspects work together to create a unique charm, making San Francisco an ideal place to vacation, even if there were no Libertarian Party Convention to add extra attraction.

To residents of surrounding areas, San Francisco is known as "The City." What other city is there?

Cable cars, Fisherman's Wharf, the Golden Gate Bridge — these are a few of the world-famous sights to see. And most of these sights can be seen at little or no cost.

By all means, take a few hours out of your schedule to cruise the Bay on one of the sightseeing boats. Ride up Powell Street on a cable car. Look out upon *The City* from Coit Tower. Stroll along the Wharf.

And, if you do nothing else, take advantage of the incredible variety of restaurants. Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Mexican, Filipino, French, Indonesian, Greek — these are a few of the choices you have, and all within a few blocks of each other.

Surprisingly, fine examples of these specialty foods may be found for comparatively low prices — or, if you're a high roller, for comparatively high prices. But San Francisco is adaptable to the strictest budget. Between the low-priced attractions and congenial Bay Area libertarians, visitors to the LP National Convention can enjoy themselves regardless of budgetary limitations.

Some tips for the first-time visitor to *The City*:

1. Don't bring exclusively light-weight clothing. Just because the Convention is in California in the middle of July, don't expect to swelter. You won't. In fact, you may freeze in the evening breeze or the morning fog. Average temperature, even in July, will be in the low 60's, and will be lower than that at night.

2. If you're driving, be prepared for some of the damndest hills you ever saw. If you're parking on one of these grades (some get up to 30 percent), the law requires you to check your wheels against the curb. And common sense will require you to make sure your brakes are in good working order.

3. Don't look for a gold-colored bridge. The famous Golden Gate is painted red-orange.

4. Don't call it "Frisco!"

See you at the Convention.

John Hospers to Speak on the Arts

John Hospers, 1972 LP Presidential Candidate, 1974 LPC candidate for Governor, distinguished author and Professor of Philosophy at USC will make a lunch-time presentation on Friday, July 15.

His topic will be "Libertarianism and the Arts," an area in which he has written extensively and is an acknowledged expert — both within and outside of the libertarian movement.

According to Hospers, on the matter of state subsidy to the arts there is little to say other than "there should be none."

In a short paper written for the LP titled "Arts and the State," he said, "Certainly the arts deserve our support — our voluntary support, not coerced support. But not one penny should be taken by force or threat of force from the pocketbook of a person who didn't care to support them voluntarily, to force him to support them whether he wanted to or not."

Commenting on the results of government support of the arts he said, "It is doubtful that Mozart or Mahler or Gauguin or Cezanne or Shelley or Keats would have won any government awards. On the contrary, incompetents with political pull would have received the subsidies, and the real artists would have to pay more taxes to support these incompetents. That's how government always operates."

Hospers is the author of **Meaning and Truth in the Arts** (now in its sixth printing) and **Artistic Expression**, and edited the two anthologies: **Introductory Readings in Aesthetics** and **Artistic Expression**. In addition, he has pub-

Convention Summary

The Libertarian Party National Convention is shaping up to be a galaxy of attractions for libertarians from all over the U.S. — and several other countries. The convention officially is from July 14 to July 17 — but even early arrivals will find plenty to keep them occupied. Committee sessions are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, July 12 — starting times to be determined by the respective chairs. Economist Walter Grinder has the difficult, but rewarding job of chairing the Platform Committee. Cotton broker John Hix heads the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

The convention program is expected to get underway Wednesday evening, July 13, with details of these initial activities yet to be finalized.

Thursday's events start with a bang as Timothy Leary, recently interviewed by Reason magazine, speaks just prior to the convention's opening session.

Chairman Ed Crane will call the convention to order at 11:00 a.m. and invite keynote speaker Murray Rothbard to the podium. The title of Rothbard's speech is Turning Point — 1977, the theme of the 1977 National Convention.

Thursday's lunch break offers a choice: food for thought or food . . . In fact, the lunch break each day will offer a similar alternative — everyone being expected to fend for one's self.

Thursday's food for thought offers two options. Julia Boski, an activist in the dissident movement in Russia through September, 1975, and now a resident of San Francisco, will talk about her experiences. Simultaneously, Australian Tony Sullivan will report on the discriminatory and bureaucratic practices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, particularly as applied to the sexual preferences of "resident aliens".

Following a full afternoon's work overhauling the LP Constitution and Bylaws, Thursday ends with an Evening on San Francisco Bay, a dinner cruise departing from colorful Fisherman's Wharf.

Friday morning's breakfast speaker is Earl Ravenal, top foreign policy analyst and advisor, who will examine Jimmy Carter's foreign policy.

Following a morning convention session dealing with platform issues, the lunch break offers philosopher John Hospers speaking on Libertarianism and the Arts.

Platform deliberations continue in the afternoon. After a break for dinner, a cocktail reception is scheduled to honor LP standard bearers John Hospers, Tonie Nathan, Roger MacBride, and Dave Bergland. Dave Nolan will act as host and MC the activities.

Psychologist Nathaniel Branden completes Friday's program with a late evening informal presentation of his theories and insights into psychology and philosophy, followed by an open discussion session.

Other Hotels

If you think this small type means we want you to stay at the Sheraton-Palace, you're right. That's where the action is and where most attendees will be staying! For the budget-conscious, however, we have listed below several less expensive hotels within walking distance or a short bus ride (\$.25) from the Sheraton. Room reservations should be made at least 30 days in advance to ensure a room. San Francisco is a favorite town for conventions and tourists. YMCA — 351 Turk Street, S.F., CA (415) 673-2312: Single, \$7.00; double, \$11.00, triple, \$15.00. YWCA — 620 Sutter, S.F., CA 94102 (415) 775-6500: Single w/o priv. bath, \$8.50; single w/ priv. bath, \$11.00; double w/o priv. bath, \$13.00; double w/ priv. bath, \$16.00; triple w/o priv. bath, \$19.00; fours w/ priv. bath, \$29.00 PSA HOTEL SAN FRANCISCAN — 1231 Market St., S.F., CA (415) 626-8000: Single, \$24.00 to \$34.00; double, \$28.00 to \$38.00; triple, \$32.00 to \$42.00; family suites, \$38.00 to \$42.00. OXFORD HOTEL — Mason at Market, S.F., CA 94102 (415) 775-4600: Single, \$20.00; double, \$23.00; twin, \$25.00; triple, \$28.00; family suites, \$30.00 SUTTER HOTEL — 191 Sutter, S.F., CA 94104 (415) 781-3060: Single, \$20.00 to \$24.00; double, \$27.00 to \$29.00; twin, \$27.00 to \$29.00. Roommate matching is not offered for these hotels; you'll have to find your own. Also, you must make your reservations directly through the hotel.

Saturday morning's breakfast speaker is John Marks, an expert on CIA covert activities and coauthor of The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence. Saturday's lunch break features a solution-oriented panel discussion on the issues and problems of our society that have particularly adverse impacts on women, but are of concern to both sexes. The Saturday afternoon convention session will hopefully complete the LP platform, consider convention resolutions, and begin the process of electing national officers and committee representatives. After the convention session, Robert Anton Wilson, coauthor of the 3-volume satire Illuminatus, will speak on brainwashing and hedonic engineering. The Convention Banquet on Saturday evening features 1976 presidential candidates Roger MacBride and Eugene McCarthy.

Sunday morning's breakfast speaker is yet to be confirmed, but will be a major speaker of interest to libertarians. All convention business will be completed during the final session on Sunday morning, and most of the delegates and observers will begin to make their way home. However, the newly elected national officers and executive committee members will meet immediately following the close of the convention. An extensive program of seminars and workshops, on such topics as tax shelters, tax resistance, free market economics, children's rights, the draft, civil liberties, ecology, conservation, campaign management, and preparing political literature, will supplement convention sessions for non-delegates and alternates. In short, the 1977 Libertarian Party National Convention will be an exciting and action-packed event, filled with activities of interest for all libertarians.

Convention Order Form

Item	Date & Time	Event Description	No. of	
			Tickets	Price Total
R	Thursday thru Sunday July 14 thru 17	Convention Registration — Includes Access to the Convention Floor, Rothbard Speech, etc.	_____	@ \$15.00 = _____
1	Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	Remarks by Timothy Leary	_____	@ \$ 3.50 = _____
2	Thursday, 12:00 noon	Your Choice: Julia Boski — Russian Dissident, or Tony Sullivan — Immigration & Naturalization: A Case Study in Bureaucratic Oppression	_____	@ \$ 3.50 = _____
3	Thursday, 8:30 p.m.	An Evening on San Francisco Bay — Dinner Cruise	_____	@ \$16.00 = _____
3X		An Evening on San Francisco Bay (no dinner, cruise only)	_____	@ \$10.00 = _____
4	Friday, 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast — Earl Ravenal — Carter's Foreign Policy	_____	@ \$ 8.00 = _____
4X		Earl Ravenal (no breakfast, program only)	_____	@ \$ 4.00 = _____
5	Friday, 12:00 noon	John Hospers — Libertarianism and the Arts	_____	@ \$ 3.50 = _____
6	Friday, 7:00 p.m.	Presidential Cocktail Party: Hospers & Nathan; MacBride & Bergland (Speeches and hors d'oeuvres)	_____	@ \$ 5.00 = _____
7	Friday, 9:30 p.m.	An Evening with Nathaniel Branden	_____	@ \$10.00 = _____
8	Saturday, 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast — John Marks — Government Secrecy & Spying	_____	@ \$ 8.00 = _____
8X		John Marks (no breakfast, program only)	_____	@ \$ 4.00 = _____
9	Saturday, 12:00 noon	Panel Discussion — Women vs. the State: Past, Present & Future	_____	@ \$ 3.50 = _____
10	Saturday, 6:00 p.m.	Illuminatus author Robert Anton Wilson	_____	@ \$ 3.50 = _____
11	Saturday, 8:00 p.m.	Convention Banquet — MacBride & McCarthy	_____	@ \$17.50 = _____
11X		MacBride & McCarthy (no dinner, program only)	_____	@ \$ 7.50 = _____
12	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast — Major Speaker to be Announced	_____	@ \$ 8.00 = _____
12X		Speaker (no breakfast, program only)	_____	@ \$ 4.00 = _____
S	Various times, competing w/ convention sessions	Seminar/Workshop Pass — Your choice from at least 15 events (A \$30.00 minimum value)	_____	@ \$10.00 = _____

SPECIAL CONVENTION PACKAGES

P1	Thursday thru Sunday	The Whole Thing! All events, registration, & Seminar/Workshop Pass (A \$115.00 value)	_____	@ \$95.00 = _____
P1X	Thursday thru Sunday	The Whole Thing — Less Food! (The 'X' Option) (An \$87.00 value)	_____	@ \$71.00 = _____
P2	Friday Evening thru Sunday	The Long Weekend! All events, registration, & Seminar/Workshop Pass starting Friday evening with Item 6 (An \$80.50 value)	_____	@ \$68.00 = _____
P2X	Friday Evening thru Sunday	The Long Weekend — Less Food! (The 'X' Option) starting Friday evening with Item 6 (A \$62.50 value)	_____	@ \$52.00 = _____

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Arrival Date & Time _____ Departure Date _____
Reservation requests must be at the hotel prior to June 10, 1977 to assure room availability. All rooms are held until 6:00 p.m. unless previously notified. \$6 per rollaway placed in room for third party. Rates do not include local tax. Checkout time — 3:00 p.m.

Help! Please refer my completed room reservation request to your Sheraton-Palace Roommate Matching Service. (Deadline for Roommate Matching is May 20, 1977.)

An Evening With Nathaniel Branden

Nathaniel Branden, best selling author and revolutionary psychological theorist, has agreed to give an informal presentation of his philosophical and psychological theories and insights at the 1977 National Libertarian Party Convention.

Titled "An Evening With Nathaniel Branden," his talk is expected to be a fast-paced and broad-ranging discussion of various matters of key interest to libertarians.

Scheduled for late Friday evening, July 15, the Convention Committee is planning a theater-in-the-round format for the event, both to heighten the informal atmosphere desired and to afford maximum audience interplay during the question and answer period to follow.

Noted as an accomplished and captivating speaker, Branden's presentation is expected to be one of the major highlights of the convention.

Branden has lectured in philosophy and psychol-

ogy in major cities throughout the U.S. and Canada.

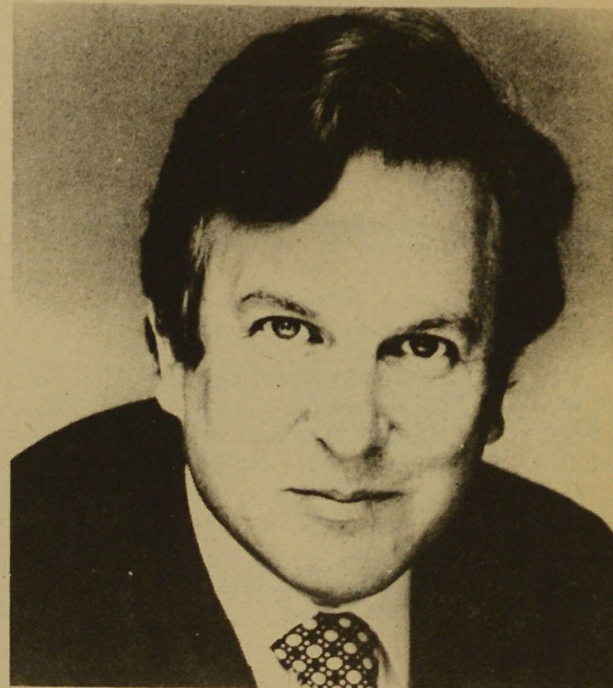
He is well known to many libertarians through his numerous articles in *The Objectivist* (formerly *The Objectivist Newsletter*), a journal of ideas which he co-founded with novelist-philosopher Ayn Rand and co-edited from 1962 to 1968.

He is the author of several books, including **The Psychology of Self-Esteem**, **Breaking Free**, and **The Disowned Self**.

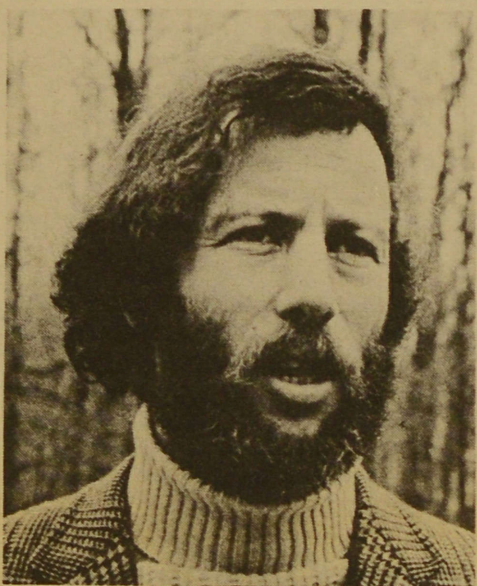
For some years he was Consultant in Psychology to the Neurophysiology-Biophysics Research Unit at the VA Hospital in Boston.

More recently in the School of Philosophy at USC, he has lectured to graduate and undergraduate students on the philosophical foundations of the biological and psychological sciences.

He is presently in private practice in the Los Angeles area and is Executive Director of the Biocentric Institute.



NATHANIEL BRANDEN



JOHN MARKS

Covert CIA Actions to be Examined

John Marks, Director of the CIA Project at the Center for National Security Studies, will examine the foreign polity implications of CIA covert actions at a breakfast speech scheduled for Saturday, July 16.

His remarks will also address President Carter's unfortunate attitude toward the CIA and the effects this may have on future CIA activities.

A specialist on covert operations, Marks has done exposes on the CIA's use of the media, church groups, lawyers and various other groups, as well as the improprieties utilized by CIA agents in carrying out their activities abroad.

Marks is co-author of **The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence** — the first book ever to be legally censored by the U.S. Government.

In this work he said, "In the high councils of the intelligence community, there was no sense that intervention in the internal affairs of other countries was not the inherent right of the United States."

Marks is also co-author of **The CIA File** and has written numerous articles for *Rolling Stone*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Foreign Policy* and *Ramparts*.

A graduate of Cornell University, Marks served in the State Department from 1966 to 1970, initially as a Foreign Service Officer in Viet Nam, and subsequently as staff assistant to the Director of Intelligence.

Prior to joining the Center for National Security Studies, he was executive assistant on foreign policy to Senator Clifford Case.

Top Foreign Policy Analyst Invited to Speak

Earl Ravenal's speech to the 1976 Washington, D.C. National Convention delighted his LP listeners to an extent that few speeches by nonmembers of the LP do. Here was a witty and articulate speaker, a person with direct policy-making experience, and a distinguished scholar — who fundamentally shares the LP's attitude toward foreign policy questions.

Not only that, but Ravenal's obvious rapport with the audience was strengthened by his express admiration for the accomplishments of the LP and his sympathy for the values that had led the LP to its noninterventionist stance.

At the San Francisco convention, those attending will have an opportunity to hear Ravenal once again. This time, Ravenal will discuss foreign policy of the Carter Administration. He brings to this topic an intimate knowledge of the personalities and policy options that will figure in the Carter Administration's actions.

Ravenal was a division director in systems analysis in the office of the Secretary of Defense from 1967 to 1969. He is now a professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C.

In Ravenal's speech before the 1976 convention, he argued that Americans should consider in debates over military spending how costs are connected to objectives.

The costs of an open-ended effort to preserve and extend U.S. influence throughout the world should be compared with the lower costs of a U.S. military that simply provides physical security and a diplomacy that respects the independence of other nations.

Ravenal stressed that the slogan of "Second to None" has led to the acquisition of expensive and unnecessary weaponry, while greatly increasing the chances for war. For deterrence, all one needs is enough to deter. "Enough is enough," Ravenal emphasized.

The lack of awareness on the part of most Americans of the full costs of American meddling abroad was one of Ravenal's central points in his 1976 speech. He estimates that over 70 percent of the \$120 billion defense budget goes to defend other nations. American military presence in Korea, for example, costs taxpayers \$5 billion a year.

Ravenal is an important figure in academia because of his work in international relations. He is an important figure in policy-making circles because he

is one of the few policy consultants willing to advance the option of political and military nonintervention combined with commercial and cultural interchange.

In addition, Ravenal's own political perspective and his experience as a businessman make him skeptical of the automatic egalitarianism of socialist critics of American foreign policy. Ravenal is sensitive to the effects of high tax burdens and inflation on capital formation and productivity. He is alert to the need to differentiate between justice and envy.

MacBride & McCarthy

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He also earned a reputation as a confirmed liberal, a reputation that was tarnished somewhat in his recent bid for the Presidency.

McCarthy spoke out against such programs as the Humphrey-Hawkins bill, a proposal which would have guaranteed jobs for all who were unemployed. McCarthy labeled it "phony."

McCarthy's initial race for the Presidency was in 1968, when he challenged incumbent Lyndon Johnson, using opposition to U.S. involvement in the Viet Nam War as his major issue. He quickly became a hero to many college-age voters, some of whom have since found their way into the ranks of the Libertarian Party.

By taking over 40 percent against Johnson in the 1968 New Hampshire primary, McCarthy precipitated Johnson's retirement as President.

After losing the 1968 Presidential nomination in the Democratic Party, McCarthy retired from the U.S. Senate in 1970 and devoted himself to speaking and writing. He retained his popularity among those who felt disenfranchised by the Democratic Party.

In 1976, he chose to run for the Presidency again, this time as an Independent. Without party structure or running mate, McCarthy won ballot status in 29 states, 3 less than LP candidate Roger MacBride (including the District of Columbia).

McCarthy attracted about 750,000 votes nationwide, placing third among all candidates.

His remarks will address the accelerating threat to independent political expression posed by the FEC and emerging campaign "reform" law, as well as other areas of interest to libertarians.

State Activities Diversified

ALABAMA

The Alabama Libertarian Party is considering running a candidate in a special state representative election.

For more information about the ALP, contact Harvey N. Crumhorn, Box 3204, Huntsville, AL 35810 (205) 859-1705 (h).

ALASKA

The Alaska LP just completed a very successful convention and is already actively planning for the 1978 elections with particular emphasis on the gubernatorial race. For further information, contact Tom Olson, 534 Craig St., Fairbanks, AK 99701 (907) 452-555 (o), 452-3480 (h).

ARIZONA

The Arizona Libertarian Party will hold a general meeting for Maricopa County May 22. Contact Helen Stevens, 6331 N. 83rd St., Scottsdale, AZ 85253 (602) 948-1006 (h).

ARKANSAS

For information on Arkansas LP activities and plans, contact Warren Massengill 6603 Asher no16, Little Rock, AR 72214, (501) 562-0312 (h).

CALIFORNIA

California activities center around preparing for the national LP convention. For further information on the convention and related activities contact Ms. Venita Baldwin, Box 2617, San Francisco, CA 94126 (415) 285-2886. (LP).

COLORADO

The Colorado LP is in the process of forming a coalition of different groups to fight President Carter's energy proposal's. For information on this and other CLP activities, contact Janice Prince, 7545 Bradburn Blvd. no293, Westminster, CO 80030 (303) 320-4344. (h).

CONNECTICUT

The Connecticut LP will exhibit on libertarianism at the Shad Derby May 21. For additional information on this and other CLP activities, please contact Bob Loomis, Box 252, East Granby, CT 06026 (203) 653-3939 (h) or 688-6426 (o).

DELAWARE

The Delaware LP is holding general meetings the 15th of each month. For time and place and information on other state activities please contact William E. Morris, Box 9014, Wilmington, DE 19802. (302) 475-7060 (h) or (601) 299-5000 (o).

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The D.C. Libertarian Social Club is continuing to meet, with more than 90 people in attendance at some of the banquets. For information on DCLP activities, contact LP national headquarters, 1516 P St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20005 (202) 232-2003.

FLORIDA

For information on Florida LP activities contact Thomas E. Nay, Box 1727, Orlando, FL 32802 (305) 849-0111 (o) or (904) 761-3082 (h).

GEORGIA

The Georgia LP state convention will be held June 4-5 in Rome, GA. On the agenda are panels, speakers, political action workshops, and films. For information please contact Jim Clarkson, 4 Coral Ave., Rome, GA 30161 (04) 235-2181 (h) or 234-9471 (o).

GUAM

For information about libertarian activities on Guam, contact James L. Joyner, Box 3417, Agana, Guam 96910.

HAWAII

For information on Hawaii LP activities, contact Mark Coleman, Box 4541, Honolulu, HI 96813 (808) 735-2191 (h).

IDAHO

For information on Idaho activities and plans, contact D. Allen Dalton, Box 5012, Boise, ID 83705 (208) 344-9697 (h).

ILLINOIS

Current activities are revolving around Greg Vavra's race for Mayor of Chicago. For further information contact Milton Mueller, Box 1776, Chicago, IL 60690. (312) 525-6231 (h).

INDIANA

For information on Indiana LP activities, contact Sally Heistand, 1430 N. Capitol, Indianapolis, IN 462-02, (317) 923-9227 (h), 639-6579 (o).

IOWA

Current activities include organizing the state LP on a region by region basis, increasing party membership and member participation, and preparing for the 1978 state elections.

For additional information, please contact John Ball, R.R. 4, Marshalltown Iowa 50158 (515) 754-3117 (o) or 753-5269 (h).

KANSAS

Kansas libertarians are now making plans for their state convention in July. For more information, contact Gus Campuzano, 8201 East Harry no402, Wichita, KS 67207 (316) 681-2793 (h) or 265-7701 x 63 (o).

KENTUCKY

For information on Kentucky LP activities, contact Ernest McAfee, 20 Spurlin Ct., Richmond, KY 40475 (606) 623-0196 (h).

LOUISIANA

Louisiana LP activities include lobbying against a bill in the state legislature that would increase the number of signatures a third party needs to get on the ballot. For information, contact Dr. Jeremy Millett, 112 Havton Road, Lafayette, LA 70503 (318) 984-6012 (h).

MAINE

The Maine LP is in the process of affiliating their organization with the national LP. Persons interested in becoming founding members should contact Mark Fitzgerald, 20 Ash St., Waterville ME 04901.

MARYLAND

The Maryland LP now has a phone: (301) 459-0003. Interested parties can also contact Ramon Baumgartner, 4927 71st Ave., Glenridge, MD 20784 (301) 459-1075 (h).

MASSACHUSETTS

For information on the LPM, please contact Lee Nason, Apt. 11-D, 929 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139. (703) 573-8555 (h).

MICHIGAN

For information on Michigan LP activities, contact James Hudler, 308-1/2 S. State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48108 (313) 665-4343 (h).

MINNESOTA

For information on the LP of Minnesota, contact Dale Hemming, 5720 E. River Road no303, Minneapolis, MN 55432, (612) 561-1234 (h), 378-6494 (o).

MISSISSIPPI

For information on Mississippi LP activities, contact Charles Clark, Box 143, Perkinston, MS 39573 (601) 928-5211 (o).

MISSOURI

The Missouri LP is beginning a systematic, statewide organizing effort. For information, contact Tony Haenni, Box A, Grover, MO 63040 (314) 227-1477 (h).

MONTANA

The Montana LP annual convention will be held May 14 in Bozeman at the Darigold Building on North 7th. For further information, contact Chris Mullin, 224 N. Pattee no17, Missoula, MT 59801.

NEBRASKA

For information about Nebraska LP activities and plans, please contact Gale Arch, 3510 Dodge St., Omaha, NE 68131 (712) 232-4550 (h), (402) 344-2411 (o).

NEVADA

The Nevada LP has formed a committee to show the film The Incredible Bread Machine throughout the state. For addi-

tional information about the NLP please contact James L. Burns, 809 Cartier noK, Las Vegas NV 89030 (702) 642-7717.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

For information on NHLP activities, please contact Bill Hunscher, Box 48, Milford, NH 03055 (603) 889-5152 (o), 673-8283 (h).

NEW JERSEY

New Jersey libertarians are working hard on Frank Primich's gubernatorial campaign and on other state and local elections. Contact Robert W. Ryley, 235B Main St., Orange, NJ 07050 (201) 823-3288 (h), 678-4998 (LP).

NEW MEXICO

The New Mexico LP is in the process of planning its summer and fall activities. For further information please contact Robert Foster, 9213 Cherokee, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111 (505) 296-8262 (h).

NEW YORK

Preparations are underway for the mayoral campaign of Ann Weil. Further information is available from Carl Hastings, Capricorn Trading Corp., 200 Madison Ave. suite 1904, New York City 10016 (212) 686-9182 O), 378-6494 (h).

NORTH CAROLINA

The upcoming North Carolina Libertarian Party annual convention will be held June 11 and 12 at the Charlottetown Inn, Charlotte, N.D. Featured speaker will be noted libertarian psychiatrist Dr. Peter Breggin. For further information contact Bert Wiener, 1412 Park Dr. no4, Charlotte, N.C. 28204, (704) 376-3221 (h) or 374-5002 (o).

NORTH DAKOTA

For information on North Dakota LP activities and plans, please contact Lowell Anderson, Route 1, Grafton ND, 58237 (701) 352-1072 (h).

OHIO

Ohio activities include establishing a network of YLA chapters across the state, and creating a film and audiotape lending library for use by LPO members. For additional information, please contact Robert E. Lehman, 1701 E. 12th, no18J, Cleveland, OH 44114, (216) 621-1854 (h), 442-8375 (O).

OKLAHOMA

The Oklahoma Libertarian Party will hold its annual convention June 12 in Oklahoma City, OK. Featured speaker will be national LP Director Bob Meier. For additional information, contact John Aynesworth, Box 852, Nicoma Park OK 73066 (405) 769-9270(h).

OREGON

Oregon LP activities include gaining ballot status for the 1978 elections, forming YLA chapters on college campuses, and issuing regular press releases. For information, contact Vivian Baures, 33 N. Central, Medford OR 97501 (503) 776-7525(o), 846-6628(h), or 928-5271 (LP).

PENNSYLVANIA

Libertas '77, regional libertarian conference and convention of the Pennsylvania LP, will take place May 21 in Philadelphia at the Independence Mall Holiday Inn. For information on this and other LPP activities, contact Joanne Chernow, 12G Lark Circle, York, PA 17404 (717) 972-1750(h), 767-6602(o).

RHODE ISLAND

For information on RILP activities, contact Stew Engel, 14 Elm Street, Newport, RI 02480 (401) 846-6045(h).

SOUTH CAROLINA

Bob Meier, national LP director, and Jim Clarkson, chairman of the Georgia LP, will speak at the SCLP annual convention May 15 at the Wade Hampton Hotel in Columbia. The convention begins at 1 p.m. and includes an evening banquet. For further information, contact Charles Blackwell, Box 732, Yor, SC 29745 (803) 684-6455(h).

SOUTH DAKOTA

For information on SDLP activities, contact Dave Ellis, 3914 W. Maine, Rapid City SD 57701 (605) 394-4839(o),

348-5107(h).

TENNESSEE

For information on TLP activities and plans, contact Mary L. Joyner, 404 Meadow Lane, Kingsport, TN 37663 (615) 239-9394.

TEXAS

The Texas LP convention will be held June 3-5 in Houston. For further information on Texas LP activities, please contact William Howell, Box 12618, Dallas TX 75225 (214) 692-6068(h).

UTAH

The first Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, held in Salt Lake City April '9 and 10 and hosted by the Utah LP, drew LP members from five states. Information on current ULP activities is available from George A. Chapman, Box 15506, Salt Lake City UT 84115 (801) 485-2485(h) or 486-9207(o).

VERMONT

For information on Vermont LP activities, contact George Trask, Hearthstone Village, S. Londonderry, VT 05155 (802) 824-6893(h).

VIRGINIA

For information on Virginia LP activities and plans, please contact Steve Beckner, 1603 A North Van Dorn St., Alexandria, VA 22304 (703) 393-1150(o), 671-8086(h).

WASHINGTON

Principle activities among Washington State libertarians are Richard Kenney's congressional campaign and a freedom of speech defense campaign being waged against pro-censorship forces in the state. Contact Patricia A. Artz, at Box 2096, Seattle, WA 98111, (206) 852-0525(h) or 285-0704(LP).

WEST VIRGINIA

For information on WVLP activities, please contact Harold E. Harvey, MD, 214 Professional Park, Beckley, WV 25801 (304) 252-5343(o), 253-6254(h).

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin libertarians recently held their annual convention and are now forming chapter LP organizations in Janesville and other major municipal areas in the state. For further information, please contact Dan L. Endsley, 1333 Fish Hatchery Road, Oregon, WI 53566 (608) 835-5979(h), 328-5833(o).

WYOMING

For information about Wyoming LP activities and plans, please call Gary Roberts, 230 E. Jefferson, Cheyenne WY 82001, (397) 638-3077(h).

Special Reminder On Airfare Savings

From most cities to San Francisco, if you purchase your round-trip "excursion" ticket two weeks in advance and agree to stay a minimum of 7 days, you can now save 20% on the price of a regular tourist class ticket.

In addition, the CAB in its benevolence has just recently approved a "supersaver" fare from New York City, Boston and Philadelphia to Los Angeles and San Francisco at 40% off the tourist class rate! The requirements are: purchase tickets 30 days in advance; fly on a weekday (Tues., Wed., Thurs.), stay 7-45 days. This saving is such that it makes it well worthwhile for libertarians on the East Coast to travel to one of these three cities to take advantage of this special fare. Further information on the new "excursion" and "supersaver" programs is available from your travel agent.

See you at the convention.



ECONOMIST APPEARS IN TENNESSEE — Dr. William MacReynolds, professor of economics at Ohio State University and former chairman of the Ohio MacBride for President Committee is pictured in his recent debate with Dr. Rendigs Fels of Vanderbilt University. He supported the free market on a broad range of issues and while in the state had a series of media appearances.

MacBride and Branden to appear in Canada

The Ontario (Canada) Libertarian Party will hold its first annual convention May 20-23 at the Hotel Toronto. Featured speakers are former LP Presidential Candidate Roger MacBride and author-psychologist Nathaniel Branden. In addition to libertarian films, workshops, an art exhibit and a babysitting service, there will be a special Brunch With Branden on Monday, May 23, featuring a three-hour seminar/workshop on the "biocentric approach" and the psychology of self-esteem.

The Saturday night dinner/dance featuring Roger MacBride and the Monday Brunch With Branden are designated as fundraising events, and Ontario taxpayers will be eligible for Official

Receipts for these events which qualify them for tax credits. For those taking advantage of this credit, separate checks are required from each individual for each event.

In addition to the special events, the Convention will hold workshops on and adopt an OLP party platform and Constitution. The agenda offers the opportunity for maximum participation by all in attendance to contribute to those documents. Officers for the party will also be elected.

Along with social events which will provide a chance for informal getting acquainted among libertarians, the program will also feature a presentation on the fundamentals of libertarian philosophy and several films including "The Incredible Bread Machine."

At last year's Libertarian Party of Canada convention there were over 100 registered delegates. Organizers of the Ontario convention look forward to having 200 registrants. Interested libertarians from both Canada and the United States are cordially invited to attend.

Basic Registration for the Convention is \$6.00. A Sunday luncheon and speech by Nathaniel Branden is \$13.00 (\$6.50 without lunch) and the Saturday Banquet/Dance is \$30.00. The Monday Brunch With Branden is \$50.00.

For further information on the convention and on possible "early-bird" discounts, you may write or call Anne Mollon or Marilee Haylock, Ontario Libertarian Party, 4866 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2N 5N2. Telephone: (416) 223-1900 or 223-8661.

Election "Reform" Package

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Total matching payments could not exceed \$50,000. The Senate bill has a total expenditure ceiling of \$300,000, or 20 cents times the state's voting-age population.

Libertarian objections to public financing and contribution and spending limits are numerous. There is the obvious threat to free speech involved in limiting contributions and spending. The financing of politicians with money confiscated from taxpayers, most of whom could care less about the politicians, is repulsive (and the dollar check-off on the income tax form is a fraud -- every taxpayer pays higher taxes because of the check-off, so there's no choice involved).

Spending limitations tend to work to

the advantage of incumbents who, according to a study by Americans for Democratic Action, already have a taxpayer-financed advantage amounting to about \$488,000 per year.

The new proposal makes it slightly easier for minor parties to get public money than the 1974 law providing public financing of presidential campaigns. But this does not help the Libertarian Party, whose principles do not allow it to accept taxpayer money.

In summary, public financing of Congressional elections amounts to nationalizing the expression of political thought. Few prospects could be more frightening.

HATCH ACT RELAXATION

The Hatch Act is a measure passed in

1939 which limits the extent to which federal employees may participate in partisan politics, particularly as candidates or campaign managers. It was passed after widespread evidence of coercion of WPA employees in Kentucky, including firing those who didn't declare themselves to be loyal Democrats, forcing employees to attend political rallies, and forcing employees to change their party registration.

A person who takes his place at the public trough has a different status than an honest, productive citizen. A bureaucrat is by definition a leech on society, and in addition has a large vested interest in increasing the power and scope of government intrusion.

The Hatch Act doesn't keep bureaucrats from voting. It simply proscribes certain kinds of partisan political activity. Supporters contend that it protects government employees from political coercion while protecting the public from the dangers of an even more politicized bureaucracy.

INSTANT REGISTRATION

Opponents of instant registration point to the possibilities for widespread election fraud inherent in such a system. They also note that voter turnout has declined in the last 15 years as registration has been made progressively easier. Thus there must be some other factors causing the decline in voter turnout.

From a practical standpoint, nobody seems to know what effect this legislation would have on the current election laws of the 50 states. Would it make minor-party registration and ballot status automatic? Probably not. Would it make it easier for minor parties to get voters registered? Would it make it easier for minor parties to get voters registered? What effect would it have on the requirements now current for minor parties to achieve ballot status. Nobody seems to be sure. It is likely that many of these issues would be fought out in the courts for years to come, creating great chaos among those trying to establish viable minor parties.

THE POWER IMPLICATIONS

The entire Carter election reform package is calculated to increase the political power of organized labor, which hardly bodes well for the chances of libertarian ideals in the political arena. Instant voter registration would free up millions in union money for more direct political activity. Hatch Act relaxation would greatly increase the power, especially, of public-employee unions, which (not surprisingly) are more militant than the rest of organized labor in demanding ever-increasing power for the central government. Public financing would let the IRS take over the burden of raising money for political candidates from unwilling taxpayers.

LP ACTION

AGAINST PUBLIC FINANCING

The national LP is concentrating its efforts against public financing of elections, a proposal in which there is a clearcut libertarian vs. anti-libertarian issue drawn.

In addition to its own activities against public financing, the national LP is working with two different coalitions which have formed to fight various aspects of the Carter reform proposals. The Emergency Coalition to Save Free Elections is officially opposed to the entire Carter program with the possible exception of electoral college reform.

Another coalition has emerged in opposition to the public financing proposal. This is largely composed of former Eugene McCarthy supporters, libertarians and some conservatives. McCarthy has pledged his active personal involvement in this campaign. The LP is keeping in touch with this effort as well.

BATTLE PLAN

The most important thing you can do now is to contact your state LP party chairperson and get involved in their formation of broad-based coalitions to fight Carter's energy fascism and electoral reform. The North Carolina LP has already gained statewide publicity for its coalition of organizations working for a free market in energy. Other state parties are already at work. Help from every LP-member is needed for crystallizing the issues, informing the public, writing letters, public speaking and all the tasks that are part of a concerted effort to sway public and Congressional opinion.

The question of energy especially is likely to occupy public attention for many months to come. It is an issue where the libertarian position is particularly strong in light of the fact that the energy crisis is directly due to past government actions (see D.T. Armentano's article in the Jan.-Feb. issue of *LP News*). Time and effort invested now will repay enormous dividends in effective LP organizations, practical political experience and increased public awareness of the practical superiority of libertarian ideals to the patchwork confusion of government manipulations.

Editor's Note -- The National LP has just released its first Issue Kit "The Case for a Free Market in Energy". This kit contains carefully selected reprints, booklets, foundation studies, the definitive book "U.S. Energy Policy -- A Primer" by Edward J. Mitchell and an extended LP Fact Sheet on the Carter energy program. The kit also contains advice on public relations, press releases and instructions on how to properly form single issue coalitions. Orders for the kit will be immediately filled. A donation of \$3.00 per kit is requested to help defray costs. The Issue Kit on the Carter election reform proposals will be available shortly. All serious activists should immediately order these impressive and thorough Issue Kits.

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