



Colorado Liberty

Colorado Party Adopts Major Policy Shift

By Dwight Filley

In a move that could fundamentally change Libertarian tactics for at least the next few years, the Colorado party at its final strategy session decided to concentrate its resources in order to "elect a Libertarian to the State House by targeting a small number of races." This, the highest priority effort chosen by the group, signifies a major shift from the previous policy of dividing party efforts between many candidates, with most of the emphasis placed on state-wide and U.S. Senate and Congressional races.

Board member Richard Cheek, who chaired the January 16 session attended by Libertarians from across the state, commented, "The bigger races are attractive because people feel important running for say, the U.S. Senate, and all the awesome grandeur that implies, but our chances of winning are small. The local races give us a host of advantages, perhaps the most important of which is the ability to con-

centrate our somewhat limited efforts on a smaller geographic area."

The two other priorities targeted by the session were to "run candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, and (State) Treasurer," and "seek and encourage Congressional candidates."

According to State Chair Ruth Bennett, "Our chances of winning are greatly improved by narrowing our focus to a few State House races. And," she went on, "the bottom line is after all, winning, not running. Look at Alaska. Until (Dick) Randolph (Libertarian Representative to the Alaska State House) announced for the Governor's race, they never even ran for state-wide office."

The group indicated that efforts such as party publications, supporting or opposing specific legislation, and creating county organizations, while important, should gain strength from the support they lend to the various races, rather than because the Party specifically subsidized them at the expense of local campaigns.

Early Start for '82 Campaign

By Dave Wood

1982 may well be the year for a bumper crop of Libertarian candidates in Colorado. With the election nearly nine months away, there are already several candidates making plans.

Phil Prosser, Libertarian activist from Park County, is running for District 61 in the State Legislature. Phil started his campaign in January and has a nine member campaign committee with Jim Glennie as Campaign Manager, Dave Nolan as an advisor to the Advertising

will take off from work for the most active phase of the campaign. The State Board questioned Phil and Jim, offered some advice and voted \$500 to the campaign for preliminary activities.

Phil asked for help from Libertarians in other districts in researching State issues, current bills, legislative procedure and his opponent; incumbent Bob Shoemaker. Those who would like to help or who want to pledge time and/or money can contact Jim at 838-5522 or Phil at 838-7693.

Chuck Mahr, whose slide presentation was so well received at the Convention Banquet, would like to run a campaign to win a seat at the Statehouse from District Four in Northwest Denver. Chuck really wants to win and would leave his job to run a full time campaign if he thinks he can get enough community support. He's been talking to a lot of business leaders and holding pot lucks to try and gauge the market for his campaign.

Stan Larson, who was treasurer for Ed Clark's campaign in Colorado, is making plans for his campaign to win District 40 of the State Legislature. Stan, who lives in Aurora, is identifying popular issues in his District through a telephone survey, getting volunteers ready for petitioning (which starts July 23rd), and looking for donations to his campaign. You can contact Stan at 341-1963.

Wainwright Dawson, longtime Libertarian and experienced candidate, has declared his candidacy for the Libertarian nomination for Governor. Wainwright could not be reached to give details of his plans in time for this issue, but it is known that he is planning a full time campaign.

Paul Grant, 1980 Congressional candi-



Photo by John Williams

ACLU Challenges Election Law

By Paul Grant

The Colorado chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has filed suit in Federal District Court against the State of Colorado and the Secretary of State, Mary Estill Buchanan. This suit, filed on behalf

on how much weight the court puts on the State's "legitimate interest" in preserving the Two Party System, versus the importance of a free and open political process. The courts have not recognized ballot access as a fundamental right of American citizenship. They consider it only

Civil Liberties Union has filed suit in Federal District Court against the State of Colorado and the Secretary of State, Mary Estill Buchanan. This suit, filed on behalf of the Citizen's Party and the Libertarian Party, challenges various aspects of Colorado election law which restrict independent or "minor-party" campaign efforts.



The ACLU rightly contends that existing laws limit the ability of new parties to organize effectively, and thus unfairly discriminate in favor of Democrats and Republicans. Some of the specific legal provisions challenged are:

1. You can't register third-party affiliation, which means voter registration rolls can't be used by new parties to identify their supporters. These lists are very effectively used by the Democrats and Republicans.

2. New, unrecognized (it takes 10% of the vote in a gubernatorial election to qualify as a recognized political party) parties cannot protect their party designation on the ballot — the person who files his petition first can designate whatever party affiliation he wants, except for Republican or Democrat.

3. The 10% requirement is unconstitutionally restrictive.

Among the individual plaintiffs listed in the suit are Ruth Bennett and myself, as well as three representatives of the Citizen's Party.

We don't expect a quick resolution of this case, and the first countermove will probably be a motion by the State of Colorado to move the suit to State court jurisdiction. However, some court actions will occur this year, and it might be possible to get a decision before the November elections.

Our chances for success are not great. There are plenty of other states with equally, or even more restrictive laws than we have here in Colorado. It depends a lot

portance of a free and open political process. The courts have not recognized ballot access as a fundamental right of American citizenship. *They consider it only a privilege.* We all have a right to vote, but we don't all have a right to run for office!

Even if we lose the case, it's important to fight on these points now. In 1981 the
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Ayn Rand
1905-1982

Reason, Purpose, Self-Esteem

By Paul Grant

Novelist and philosopher Ayn Rand was found dead in her Manhattan apartment Saturday morning, March 6, 1982. Best known for her novels "The Fountainhead" (1943), and "Atlas Shrugged" (1957), Miss Rand is also the founder of Objectivism, a comprehensive philosophical system developed to assist her in her primary goals, "the projection of an ideal man . . . as an end in himself."

Miss Rand was not a Libertarian. She has



Photo by John Williams

Phil Prosser Candidate for Statehouse Representative

Committee and Jerry Hatch a advisor to the Finance Committee.

Jim presented an impressive twelve page Campaign Plan to the February meeting of the State Board. The Plan included campaign goals, strategy, organization and issues. Activities during five phases of the campaign were spelled out in detail as were budget expenses. Phil

been, however, the major intellectual inspiration for the libertarian movement. Since the publication of "Atlas Shrugged" in 1957, millions of readers have discovered her philosophy, and they continue to be the primary source for new libertarians.

The occasion of her death would perhaps be an excellent time to reconsider her objections to the Libertarian Party, or to any organized political effort. First, Miss Rand considered libertarianism to be a political viewpoint without a proper philosophical base. She argued that, before a political system based on individual rights could be achieved, society would have to accept the moral philosophy which underlies such a system

nomination for Governor. Wainwright could not be reached to give details of his plans in time for this issue, but it is known that he is planning a full time campaign.

Paul Grant, 1980 Congressional candidate and currently regional representative to the Libertarian National Committee, is also considering running for Governor this year. Paul doubts the value of an all out campaign to get 10% of the vote for Governor and thus win permanent ballot status. Paul points out that the petitioning process in Colorado is still relatively easy while becoming an "official party" would subject us to an array of State regulations. Paul wants to run a campaign for Governor that could be used as an aid or tool for the campaigns on the local level.

— a morality of rational self-interest. The prevalent moral philosophy in our culture — altruism — is compatible with a collectivistic, i.e., statist system, but is inimical to the only politico-economic system consistent with individual rights, laissez-faire capitalism.

Ayn Rand opposed political action because the philosophical basis for success had not yet been achieved. She specifically opposed the Libertarian Party as an example of philosophically unprepared "hippies of the right," and as advocates of anarchism, "the most irrational, anti-intellectual notion ever spun by the concrete-bound, whim-worshipping fringe of the collectivist movement."

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From the Chair

By Ruth Bennett

I'm excited. I see an opportunity that we've never had here in Colorado. I see the possibility of actually electing someone to public office as a Libertarian. While line-holder races are informative and educational and a presidential race is a chance to reach a large number of people with Libertarian ideas they are not the same as a "real" race that we commit money and people to in order to WIN! Maybe you can understand why I'm excited.

While in some ways it can be said that we have an up-hill battle to win any race this year, in other ways we may have it easier than other candidates from other parties. At least we know that we have answers to current problems; answers that work! We know what causes low productivity, high taxes, problems in government schools, and the host of other problems that are called insoluble by most politicians. We know what needs to be done.

I have a strategy that I would like you to consider this campaign season. Most of us

have come storming upon people like prophets out of the wilderness to convert people to Libertarianism. Many of us start out with the assumption that the "heathen" out there needs to be converted for their (and our) own good. I propose that we deal with people as if they are already practicing libertarians. I believe that most people are; that is, they lead their lives in a libertarian fashion. They just want to get by in life and really don't want to interfere in anyone else's life. They don't think of themselves as libertarians but that is the kind of life they are leading. Let's try this strategy and see if we can talk to people in terms that they can relate to their every day behavior. After all, the more strategies we try the greater the likelihood of finding the most effective one.

Just one more thing; I strongly encourage you to come out on March 26th for the Colorado Campaigns Kickoff. We can make an impact on Colorado politics this year, but only with the support of all Colorado Libertarians. See you there.

Fire Board Elections

By Dave Wood

Imagine you're in a restaurant one night reaching across the table to light your date's cigarette with a flick of your Bic, when suddenly your arm is grabbed by a stranger and you are arrested for displaying an open flame without a permit from the local Fire Chief. Or you're in your church where as part of the service the congregation is lighting hand-held candles. The meditative mood is broken when the Fire Department raids the church because there is not even the possibility of a permit for this illegal act.

Yes, you guessed it, these stories could come true in your community thanks to our ever protective government which is looking out for "us who don't know any better." Starting last July, H.B. 1320 gave local Fire Protection Districts authorization to adopt Fire Codes, which when

could then campaign as an already elected official.

If you are considering this, please contact Jim Glennie 838-5522 or Paul Grant 989-3409. They have done a good deal of research on this subject and can give you the latest information and tips on winning; Paul is already in the running for the Evergreen Fire Board.

Across The State

By Dave Wood

This report on libertarian activity around Colorado is organized by Congressional District. If you run across something

Colorado Libertarian Party Calendar

1st and 3rd Wednesday every month, Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m., Party Office.
2nd Wednesday every month, CLP Cocktail Party, 7:30 p.m., Party Office. Relaxed, informal, cash bar.
1st Wednesday of every month, Boulder County Libertarian Association, 7:30 p.m., at 1913 Broadway in Boulder. Call Jerry Van Sickel for details at (h) 442-0514 or (w) 443-5578.
4th Wednesday every month, Arapahoe County Libertarians meet, call Stan Larson for details at 341-1963.
4th Thursday of every month, Park County Libertarians meet, call Phil Prosser for details at 838-7693.
Every other Thursday, C.U. Libertarians/Objectivists meet at the C.U. Memorial Center. Call Len Jackson, 665-3413, or Robert Blumen, 444-1410, for details.

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| March 17 | Discussion Group, Party office, 7:30 p.m. Topic: Property Rights. |
| 18 | Adams County Libertarian Party meets, 3315 W. 72nd, 7:30 p.m. |
| 21 | CLP Board of Directors meeting, 11 a.m. at Headquarters. |
| 22 | Deadline for May <i>Colorado Liberty</i> . |
| 24 | Arapahoe County Libertarians meet. |
| 25 | Park County Libertarians meet. |
| 26 | ED CLARK will be at the Hilton Inn South. See article for more details. |
| 26-28 | Wyoming State Convention in Casper. Call Larry Grey, 307/684-9257, or the CLP office for details. |
| April 7 | BCLA meets in Boulder.
Discussion Group at the Office, 7:30 p.m. Topic: Central America with a slide presentation entitled, "Central America: Roots of the Crisis." |
| 14 | CLP Cocktail Party at 7:30 p.m. at the office. Everyone welcome! |
| April 15 | Tax Protest Day |
| 18 | CLP Board of Directors meeting, 11 a.m. at the office. |
| 21 | Discussion Group at 7:30 p.m. at the Office. Topic: The Draft with a presentation by Eric Wright of the American Friends Service Committee. |
| 28 | Arapahoe County Libertarians meet. |
| 29 | Park County Libertarians meet. |
| May 5 | Discussion Group at 7:30 p.m. at the office. Jim Smith of the National Organization to Reform Marijuana Laws will speak.
Boulder County Libertarian Association meets.
CLP Cocktail Party, 7:30 p.m. at the office. Bring a friend!
CLP Board of Directors meet at 11 a.m. at the office.
Deadline for July issue of the <i>Colorado Liberty</i> .
Discussion Group at the office, 7:30 p.m. Call 573-5229 for topic.
Arapahoe County Libertarians meet.
Park County Libertarians meet. |
| 28-31 | Colorado Libertarian Party State Convention at the Broker Inn in Boulder. More information forthcoming. |

District Three (Southern and Western Colorado)

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our ever protective government which is looking out for "us who don't know any better." Starting last July, H.B. 1320 gave local Fire Protection Districts authorization to adopt Fire Codes, which when ratified by the County Commissioners have the full force of law. The authors of this 'Uniform Fire Code' define and regulate every fire hazard they can imagine and where their imagination fails them they just leave it up to the local Fire Chief's discretion. So far only commercial properties are covered, but with 80 to 90% of fire damage coming from residential property, soon it may only seem practical to extend it to residential also.

If you don't want to see police powers given to fire departments and think that personal responsibility is more just than coercive regulations, then you may want to consider getting elected to your local Fire Board to stop them from adopting the code (it's optional). Just go to the Fire Station where you live and/or where you own real or personal property and pick up a petition. Get five signatures and hand it in before April 9th; the election is May 4th. Two or three of the five seats on the Fire Board will be up for election, it's held at the Fire Station, seldom is there any competition and typically three to four percent of the electorate votes.

These are very winable elections especially if you get the support of the fire department (many of the volunteer departments don't want to use police powers on their neighbors). If you are thinking of running in the November elections you

Reason, Purpose

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Miss Rand held that a poorly prepared argument was more damaging than no argument. "When . . . men attempt to rush into politics without such a [philosophical] base, the result is that embarrassing conglomeration of impotence, futility, inconsistency and superficiality . . . We are radicals for capitalism; we are fighting for that philosophical base which capitalism did not have and without which it was doomed to perish."

Libertarians would do well to heed Miss Rand's admonitions. Without challenging the moral base — altruism — of statist action, we will find libertarian arguments are perceived as shallow, unrealistic, and uncaring. Justifying libertarianism on the grounds that it provides for the common good will be unconvincing. Libertarianism

By Dave Wood

This report on libertarian activity around Colorado is organized by Congressional District. If you run across something newsworthy in your District, please call your District representative or the State Board; they can spread the word to interested parties.

District One (Most of Denver)

Chuck Mahr is taking a serious look at running for the legislature from northwest Denver. Organizing efforts for the Denver affiliate are continuing. If you'd like to help, contact District representative Curt Shortridge at 733-3143 or (w) 320-6150.

District Two (Boulder and Jefferson Counties, West Denver)

The Boulder County Libertarian Association meets the first Wednesday of each month. Contact affiliate representative Charles Jackson for details at 665-3413 or (w) 399-5700. February's meeting was well attended and featured a well recieved introduction to libertarian ideas organized by Jerry VanSickle. The emphasis was on bringing newcomers in to see just what we're all about. A statement on the Crisis Relocation Plan was approved to be read before a special meeting of the County Commissioners. The AP and the Denver Post reported our position. Dave Tyson recently won an appointment to the Boulder County Private Industry Council. C.U. Libertarians/Objectivists are meeting every other Thursday, please contact Robert Blumen for details at 444-1410.

Anyone interested in getting involved in the fledgling Jefferson County affiliate can call Neil Halprin at 423-7411. The District representative to the Board is Len Jackson, 665-3413.

is the only political philosophy which is based on *inalienable, individual rights* — and that can't be justified with collectivist arguments.

Altruism allows for, indeed calls for, the sacrifice of the individual for a greater, common good. If we, as libertarians, don't challenge such a morality, we'll never become effective advocates of individual liberty.

To be successful "requires your total dedication and a total break with the world

District Three (Southern and Western Colorado)

Phil Prosser's campaign for the statehouse is up and running. District representative Gale Arch, 486-3980 or (w) 486-0580, reports that lead work for Phil's campaign is being done so Phil will get a warm reception in Lake County where Ed Clark, Jim Glennie and Stormy Mon have all received good percentages in recent elections.

Park County Libertarians meet every fourth Thursday. For details call Phil Prosser, 838-7693.

District Four (Top one-third of Colorado plus Adams County)

At the most recent Larimer County meeting it was decided to have separate Ft. Collins and Loveland affiliates. Ideas for organizing Weld County were also discussed.

The sales tax in Ft. Collins went up recently ¼% to a total of 6¼%. A good election issue may develop with talk of another 1% to be needed soon for capital improvements. At a previous meeting Councilman Knesovich addressed the group on his idea for strict gun control. The discussion was 'heated.'

In Greeley, Ron Swerline is preparing an initiative to amend the city charter to prevent the council from raising taxes without a vote of the taxpayers.

In Adams County, Penn Pfiffner won a seat on the County Housing Authority Board. Adams County is getting organized and will have a general meeting Thursday, March 18th at 7:30 p.m. at Mike Kruse's real estate office at 3301 W. 72nd in Westminster. Recruitment of new members and consideration of candidates for the Northglenn city council are on the

of your past, with the doctrine that man is a sacrificial animal who exists for the pleasure of others. Fight for the value of your person. Fight for the virtue of your pride. Fight for the essence of that which is man: for his sovereign rational mind. Fight with the radiant certainty and the absolute rectitude of knowing that yours is the Morality of Life and that yours is the battle for any achievement, any value, any grandeur, any goodness, any joy that has ever existed on this earth."

Thank you, Miss Rand. And good-bye.

agenda. Contact Sara Fulton at the State office for details, 573-5229.

Wainright Dawson, who resides in Aspen (925-6288) is considering running for Governor. If you have news about District Four or want information, please contact District Four's representative Cynthia Molson, 226-4339.

District Five (Some Denver Suburbs, East Central Plains)

Stan Larson has decided to run for the statehouse from his Aurora district. He and Craig Green have organized an Arapahoe County Libertarians group which meets the fourth Wednesday of every month. Contact Stan, 341-1963 or Craig at 798-4124.

District representative Pat Lilly, 632-7346 or (w) 636-1500, reports that tax protest activities are being planned for the Colorado Springs area. Persons wishing to help organize the Castle Rock area can call Ken Burgess, 688-3137 or Carolyn Phelps at 773-0994.

Whenever someone gets something for nothing, someone else gets nothing for something.

— Anon

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Libertarian Campaign School

Believing that it is essential to the success of the Libertarian Party for our candidates and campaign workers to obtain real world political skills, Paul Grant has organized a Libertarian Campaign School. About a dozen people from differing backgrounds will present the course. Included will be people working in the print and TV media, experienced 'major' party political organizers and even some Libertarians who have run before.

Areas to be covered include Media and Advertising (the second session) with representatives from the media presenting a chance for "hands-on" experience with modern video and audio equipment, Speech-making (again with audio and video so you can see what an audience sees), Campaign organization and Fundraising, Issue selection and Research, Polling and Surveys, Candidate Development and Campaign Techniques.

The course will be covered in six Saturdays starting March 13th and skipping March 27th. The first Saturday will be from one to five p.m. and will be an overview of all areas of campaign skills. The remainder of the school will be full day sessions. The cost for the entire course is \$50 with individual sessions probably costing \$15. Again the emphasis will be on real world political skills that are needed to actually elect a candidate and anyone planning to work on a campaign this year should benefit. If for some reason the direct mailing (via U.S. Snail) that went out March 1st didn't reach you please call Paul Grant for details, 989-3409.

Movie Review

Reds (and Libertarians)

By Bob Sheffield

"Reds" is the true story of John Reed, communist activist, and Louise Bryant, writer, played by Warren Beatty and Diane Keaton. The love story is interesting, but to political activists, the background of the story might be even more interesting. It is a portrait of minority political activism and government oppression. I say portrait because the movie does not attempt to resolve any of the background issues.

It is a picture of governments and politicians — American, Russian, and Finnish — and it is uniformly unflattering. Here are some of the featured items. Woodrow Wilson promises to keep America out of World War I. The Russians draft an unwilling Reed into propaganda service while he is in Russia on another errand. When he escapes to Finland, the Finns imprison him without trial as a spy. The U.S. State Department refuses to help him because he left the U.S. without a visa and passport. U.S. customs confiscates his notes. The Russian government, after withdrawing from the war, turns its armies against its own people.

And it is a portrait of the political life of activists. Reed, political opportunist, extemporaneously promises a labor rally that the workers in the U.S. will follow them in revolution. Bryant and Reed argue about how to manage volunteer workers after Reed browbeats a man who misses a critical appointment because his wife is vomiting blood. After the Socialist Party in America ejects the communists, the latter split over tactics and egos. Reed, in frustra-

tion, walks out on endless strategy debates over whether the communists should bring the revolution to the U.S. through the small, ineffectual, pro-communist IWW or the large, powerful, anti-communist AFL.

It is a portrait of the personal life of activists. Reed's conflicts between his political and personal goals are a central theme of the movie. They reach their peak when he goes to Russia on party business despite Bryant's threat to leave him if he does. He fails in his mission and gets kidnapped besides.

It is a portrait of philosophical metamorphosis. In the beginning Reed is anti-war. In the end he argues that a disillusioned friend is naive to think that the revolution can be achieved without bloodshed and oppression.

It is not a portrait of just communists. In fact, Emma Goldman, a supporting character played by Maureen Stapleton, was a libertarian. (Look it up!) It is a portrait of the world of all political activists and of the hazards they face.

Toward Liberty
Colorado Libertarian Party
State Convention
Broker Inn, Boulder
May 28th-31st



Clark to Headline Colorado Campaign Kickoff

With success in sight for the first time, Colorado Libertarians will be kicking off the 1982 campaign season with a reception for Ed Clark, the 1980 Libertarian presidential candidate.

Clark, whose campaign sparked the biggest growth in Libertarian history will be making an appearance at the Hilton Inn South at I-25 and Orchard Road. In addition to Clark, candidates for office in Colorado in 1982 will be present.

The evening's festivities are to begin at

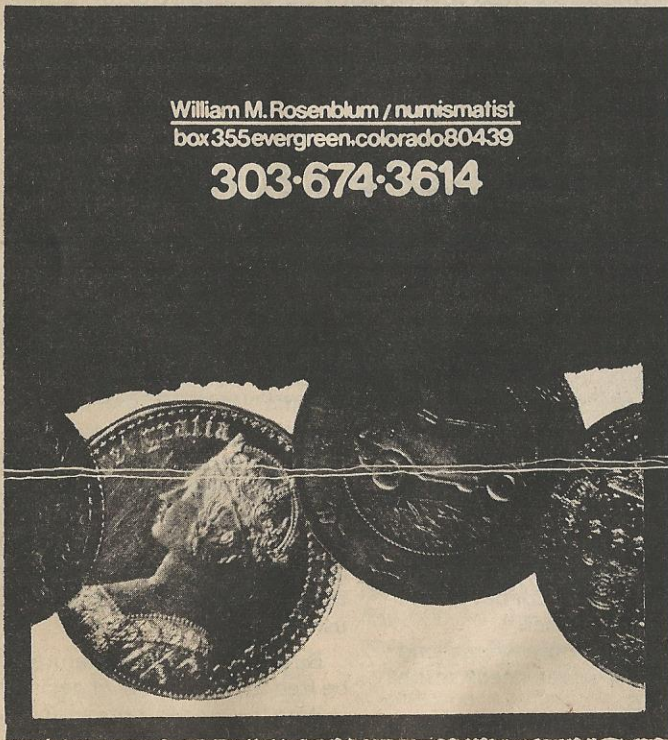
7:30 with drinks and hors' d'oeuvres, and the cost is only \$15.00 per person.

After the reception there will be a very private dinner with Clark at \$100.00 per person which also includes the reception. The number of people for the dinner is limited so please let us know by March 20th if you would like to attend.

1982 is the year when Colorado Libertarians can make a difference so be sure to attend this Campaign Kick-off for Colorado.

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Karl Hess Here April 25th!

Denver Free University will be hosting "An Afternoon with Karl Hess," Sunday, April 25, 1982, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Karl will be discussing self-sufficiency — its benefits and how you get there. A cocktail party will follow, giving participants a chance to talk to Karl on a one-to-one basis.

The fee for this event will be \$5. Those interested in attending may call DFU for reservations or call Jan Prince at 934-1352 -evenings.

Karl Hess has been called "America's leading drop-out." Formerly active in both "left-wing" and "right-wing" politics, in recent years he has directed his energies toward developing ways to achieve personal freedom through self-sufficiency and "community technology."

His home, which he designed and built himself, was written up in *30 Energy-Efficient Homes*. He has authored several books, including *Community Technology*, *The Death of Politics*, and *Dear America*, and his work has appeared in numerous publications ranging from *Playboy* to *Co-Evolution Quarterly*. In 1981, the film *Karl Hess: Toward Liberty*, portraying his evolution as a thinker and doer, won the Academy Award for Best Documentary Short Subject.

VIEWS and NOTES



Welcome Strategic Shift

When the CLP decided to focus its resources on a few Statehouse races, rather than diffuse them over quantities of candidates, educational efforts and lobbying, it made an excellent choice. Look at some of the advantages:

- People are more likely to "risk a vote" on a Libertarian in a local race.
- Lack of name recognition is less of a problem in a smaller district.
- Incumbents in smaller districts are often unopposed or complacent.

Our chances of electing a governor are slim, but a State Representative? Now there is a much better shot. Think of the boost to the Party: Second state in the Union to win a Statehouse seat. A spokesman who will be in the spotlight continuously for at least two years. A chance to demonstrate Libertarian ideas actually working.

Listen, when someone wants to know about Libertarianism, don't they always ask "But who have you elected?" And don't you always mumble something about candidates with 2% of the vote, or about some guy in Alaska who won?

We need a win *here*, and we won't get one by running only line-holding speech makers who get to appear on TV debating some statist clown from Washington. But we can by running in our own Statehouse districts, or getting out and helping someone else run.

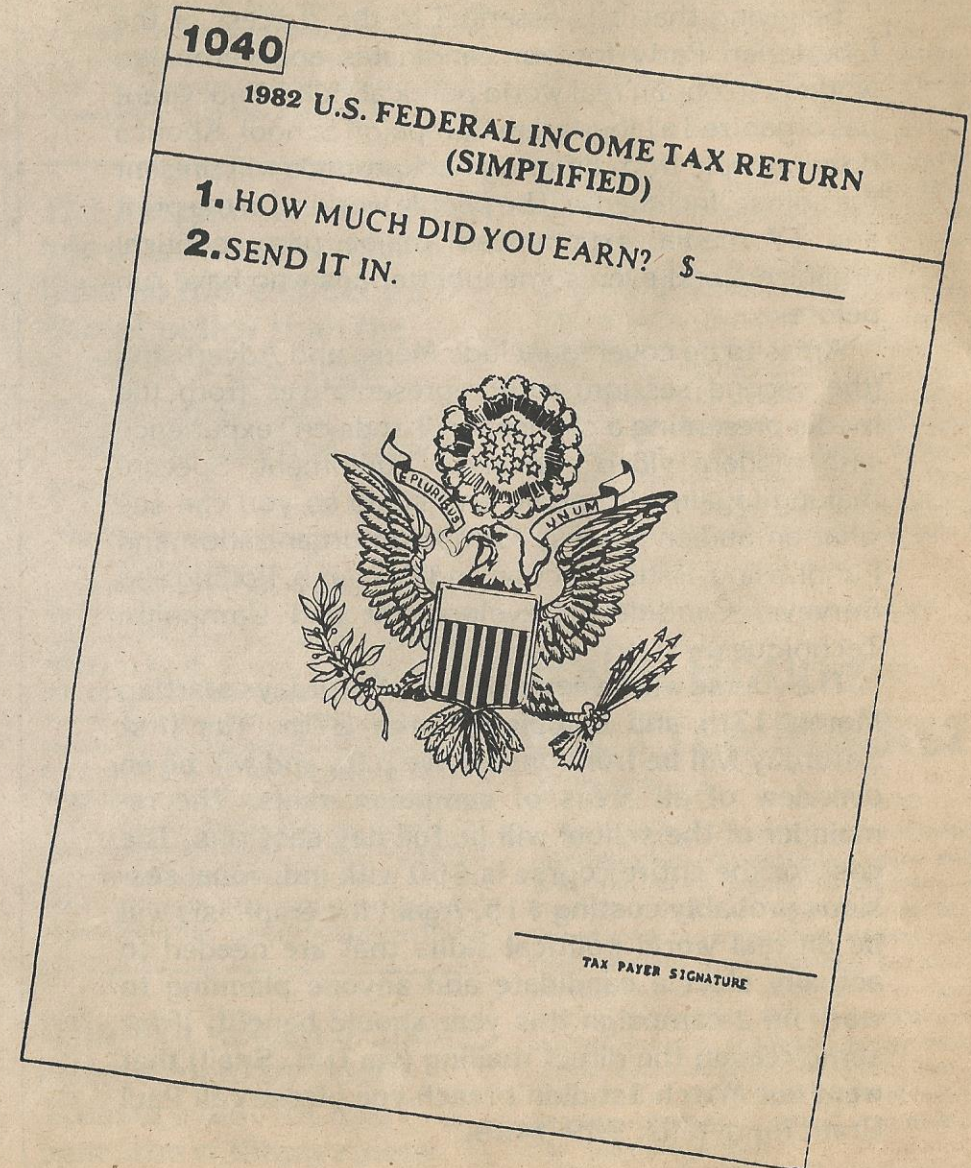
So stop sitting there reading this newspaper, get up out of your chair, and DO IT!

Legalization Does Not Imply Support

Like kids in a candy store, Libertarians have an unfortunate tendency to get a gleam in their eye when discussing civil liberty issues like prostitution or drugs.

Whereas it is legitimate to push for the legalization of say, marijuana, because one could then get it more cheaply and use it with impunity, we will win much more support by making it clear that favoring decriminalization of victimless crimes does not imply our approval of them.

A Libertarian can be just as opposed to heroin as a Republican; it's just that a Libertarian feels that the use of force (i.e., government) to



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them.
A Libertarian can be just as opposed to heroin as a Republican; it's just that a Libertarian feels that the use of force (i.e., government) to control it merely makes the problem worse.

Letters to the Liberty

Editor:

Politicians, economists, the man on Main Street are in an uproar over the "deficit" & "the debt." Why?

Isn't it a fact that it is denominated in a kind of paper certificate, made a legal tender by Congress — at a cost of 1-2 copper pennies on a printing press?

The Fed. Reserve Bank of Chicago booklet *Modern Money Mechanics* says a . . . "dollar" bill is just a piece of paper. Deposits are merely book entries." This is the only kind circulated today (except for token base-metal coins). So what is the deficit all about?

Relax; as long as your friendly grocer will take that paper you call money or a check, everything is fine; the mirage won't be discovered for a while.

C. J. Dachstader
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Editor:

What is the stand of the Colorado Libertarian Party on the subject of the so called "Financial Responsibility Law" passed by

the Colorado Legislature in 1981. This is the law that almost makes it a Crime to drive an Automobile unless you have Insurance, etc.

Personally, I don't wish to make any move, in an Auto, without having Insurance but I resent the State of Colorado telling me I have to carry Insurance. This is a decision that should be left up to me not dictated by the State.

It's possible that the Supreme Court of the U.S. may have voided this law when it handed down the decision in *Aptheker vs. Secretary of State* (1964) 378 U.S. 500. I understand this decision established that driving an Automobile is a 1st Amendment right and that a State may regulate but may not Control.

Please comment on this matter.

Lester Tinker
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Editor's Note: The Party opposes the financial responsibility law, as it does all legislative efforts to reduce individual responsibility.

Today's Logic

By
James
W. Phelps



Unlimited Freedom

The extreme of almost anything is usually bad.

Freedom is one of the greatest concepts in the world, but, without limitations, it can become evil.

The most important limitation on freedom is that one must not initiate force or fraud against anyone else.

Even that excellent rule requires exceptions, however.

One exception might be where a person is drowning. In order to save his life you might have to knock him out so he wouldn't thrash about and take you down with him.

Or you might have to push someone aside in order to keep him from being struck by a car or a bullet.

The biggest exception I see to the limitation, however, is in regard to children.

A parent must, in my opinion, frequently initiate the use of force against his immature child.

Most of what children learn comes from the school of hard knocks. Nevertheless I

would consider a parent derelict in his duty if he didn't try to teach his child how to use his freedom without hurting himself or others.

How much force one initiates against his child is a matter of discretion. I don't feel that a child should be abused, but I don't feel he should run wild, either.

One child can learn from words and examples and almost never needs to be physically punished.

There are other cases, however, where a "blow on the bottom will let knowledge in the top" more efficiently than any other method.

Every child must learn to use his freedom to benefit himself and others. And it is the duty of his parent to teach him how to use his freedom wisely.

Notes

Your Government at Work:

1. The Government, in its infinite wisdom, helps the dairy farmer by buying up all the cheese he can't sell at an artificially high price. (Using your tax money.)

2. The government has a cheese glut.

3. The government spends more of your money to distribute it free to "needy" families.

One of the reasons these folks can't afford cheese is that its price is kept artificially high by, you guessed it, the government.

Tax Time

There is a little box on the infamous 1040 which allows you to send \$1 to help elect a president (excluding, of course, Libertarian candidates). If that little box makes you angry, why not send \$1 to the Libertarian Party instead? Not only will it not increase your tax, it might just help reduce it.

Plumber's Lament

How come all four recent letters to the editor of *The Rocky Mountain News* on the dangers to homeowners if plumbers were no longer required to get plumber's licenses, were written by licensed plumbers, not homeowners?

An immature child should not have the right to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke cigarettes, smoke pot or use drugs. Parents should, if necessary, initiate force against the young child to keep him from hurting himself with these things. And they should teach him about the results of using them.

But, when the child matures, he should be free to make his own decisions.

With the proper training and instruction while young, most of them will make the right decisions when the time comes.

But the most important thing in life is that each adult must be free to make his own decisions, even if he harms himself in the process, so long as he doesn't harm others.

Facts on Defense

By Jay Hilgartner

The one final excuse in America for government spending, federal deficits, billions in taxes, and for the continued existence of a large State apparatus will probably be "national security" or, more to the point, "the Russians." With the military budget skyrocketing, U.S. military advisors in El Salvador, the return of military conscription on the horizon, and Utah and Nevada about to be buried under by the MX missile system, it is important that libertarians be able to counter the near hysterical fears that the Reagan Administration is voicing over our defense and the Soviet threat.

What about the allegations of "Soviet expansionism?" Just to make it clear from the beginning, the libertarian foreign policy of non-intervention in the political affairs of other countries is not, in any way, predicated on the behavior of the Soviet Union or any other country. It makes good sense in and of itself. But it is illuminating to take a closer look at the charge that Russia is gobbling up major portions of the world. History and a respect for the facts show something quite different.

When the invasion of Afghanistan was just getting started an organization called the Center for Defense Information (122 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002) and headed by retired Rear Admiral Gene R. LaRoque and retired Army Brig. General B. K. Gorwitz worked up a definition of "influence" and applied it to the Soviet Union. CDI defined "Soviet Influence" as "periods in the history of a country when a high level of Soviet involvement and presence are accompanied by a close and cooperative relationship with the Soviet Union." Special attention was paid to Soviet military involvement, Soviet dominance as an arms supplier, and the relative role of the Soviet Union as the major foreign partner of a country.

From that study, CDI concluded that Soviet influence in the world has declined from a peak in 1958. "At that time Soviet influenced countries had 31% of the world's population and 9% of the world's GNP, not including the Soviet Union. In 1979, the Soviets are influencing only 6% of the world's population and 5% of the

United States has 9,500 strategic warheads, the Soviet Union 6,000. when you add on to that tactical nuclear weapons (weapons placed on short-range delivery systems) the U.S. has 30,000 warheads to the Soviet Union's 20,000. In fact, the elimination of all 2,150 of our dangerous and potentially vulnerable land based ICBMs would still leave the U.S. with a 1,350 warhead advantage over the Soviets.

The Soviet Union's nuclear forces are far more vulnerable than ours. Seventy-four percent (74%) of all Soviet strategic warheads are mounted on vulnerable land based ICBMs while only 23% are so mounted in the U.S. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of the Soviet Union's nuclear weapons are on non-alert bombers, submarines in port, or ICBMs on land, while the U.S. maintains 3,000 warheads in submarines on the open sea, at all times, where they are virtually undetectable. Just one U.S. Poseidon missile submarine carrying 16 Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles (SLBMs) with 10 to 14 warheads on each is capable of delivering a 40 kiloton bomb to each of 224 targets in the Soviet Union. We have 31 such submarines in addition to 10 Polaris missile subs. (It is estimated that just five of these subs could kill 40 million people in the Soviet Union outright — within a *very* short time of impact.)

The bean counting continues.

It is charged that the Soviet Union's medium and heavy bomber force now outnumber the U.S. B-52 force by 675 to 414. But these figures count medium range (capable of reaching targets in Europe and Asia, but not the U.S.) Soviet Badger and Blinder bombers equally with the long range U.S. B-52. The 348 U.S. B-52 bombers and 66 FB-111 bombers are capable of delivering 2,700 nuclear weapons to targets in the Soviet Union. The Soviet heavy bomber force carries only 300.

The Kremlin has had

counted in the 14 carriers listed above). The aircraft carrier, of course, is the nucleus of modern naval power projection.

What about NATO? The removal of all 200,000 U.S. active duty combat and support troops from Europe (we have an additional 100,000 non-combat military personnel in Europe) would not result in a military disadvantage for Western Europe, in terms of numbers of troops. Western European active duty combat and support troops number 823,000 NATO plus 270,000 non-NATO French troops totaling 1,093,000 troops. When we remove all U.S. forces from Europe, Western Europe would still have 893,000 troops opposed to the Warsaw Pact's 899,000 troops. Add to this Europe's GNP, twice that of the Warsaw Pact, a far greater technological sophistication, and anti-Soviet feelings in the Warsaw Pact itself (as exemplified in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and more recently, Poland). Could the Soviet Union seriously count on these countries to help them foolishly invade Europe?

The list can go on. Not enough in this space can be said of the myths and falsehoods expounded in the name of "national security." The important point for libertarians when addressing the public is not to dismiss the Soviet Union but to put that country's relationship with the world in perspective. We should always point out that whoever wants to pay for or fight for the defense of another country should be perfectly free to do so. But no one has a right to compel others to follow. Of course, we should emphasize that the libertarian foreign policy is good for the prosperity and security of America *regardless* of the actions of the Soviet Union in the future.

Jay Hilgartner was the research director for the Clark Presidential Campaign, and has been published in the *Libertarian Party News* and *The Libertarian Review* (now *Inquiry*).

CLP Board Meeting

By Dave Wood

The Board of Directors met February 21st at the Denver office with seven of its ten members in attendance. After making his report as Finance Director, Craig Green presented two resolutions to the Board for consideration. Both resolutions were amended and approved by the Board. The first resolution called for a competitive cable TV market in Denver, pointing out the violation of individual rights that occur when any monopoly is granted and remarked on the general superiority of free market competition in serving consumers' desires.

Craig's second resolution protested the recent tragic shooting of Donald Collier by a Denver Vice Squad Police Officer. It called for strict liability for the actions of public officials, elimination of "victimless crimes," and abolishment of the Vice Squad as an interim measure.

Later in the day a television crew from Channel Four and a reporter from The Rocky Mountain News arrived and the Board meeting recessed while the press interviewed Ruth Bennett, State Chair. Ruth read a press release based on the resolutions and then fielded a variety of questions from the reporters. Ruth's answers were well constructed, gave insight into the many facets of libertarianism and revealed a brilliant talent for ad-lib thinking. We made the TV news that night and the next day other stations and papers jumped on the bandwagon.

Len Jackson gave a status report on the upcoming State Convention in Boulder. Len has signed a contract with The Broker Inn in Boulder for Memorial Day weekend, Friday thru Monday, May 28th thru the 31st. Room rates at the Broker will be \$37 single, \$44 double if arranged by May 14th.

Len is in the process of filling in the schedule and she reports that Stormy Mon will speak and Alicia Clark is confirmed. And Saturday's business session will be over at 2:00 p.m., leaving a generous bit of

world's population and 9% of the world's GNP, not including the Soviet Union. In 1979, the Soviets are influencing only 6% of the world's population and 5% of the world's GNP, exclusive of the Soviet Union." The study concluded, "Nothing that has happened since has really made up for the decline in the power of the Soviet bloc relative to the rest of the world that occurred when the Soviets lost China." Today in Africa and the Middle East the Soviet Union dominates Angola, South Yemen, Ethiopia, and Mozambique, four of the poorest countries in the world. Within the past ten years, however, within the same region, the Soviet Union has been kicked out of Egypt (in 1972 after \$2.7 billion in military assistance), the Sudan (in 1972), and Somalia (in 1977 after \$1 billion in military aid). Twenty years ago the Soviet bloc included North Korea, Indonesia, Albania, China and Algeria. Today all of these countries are either passive or openly hostile to the Soviet Union. Twenty years ago socialism appeared to be the "wave of the future." Today it is an idea discredited around the world. One of the demands of the striking students in Poland is an end to compulsory courses in Marxism-Leninism, the ideological foundation of the Soviet state. In short, regardless of their intentions, the Kremlin has had about as much success at trying to influence the world through force as has the United States.

Okay, but what about the charges of Soviet military superiority? For the sake of brevity I'll play the same game of "bean counting" as the militarists frequently do to drum up hysteria for higher military budgets. By bean counting I mean the method of comparing the U.S. arsenal bomb for bomb, missile for missile, etc. as if that is supposed to provide some accurate measure of our true defense capability. Even ex-Secretary of Defense Harold Brown termed such comparisons "enormously misleading," but, what the hell.

In terms of nuclear weapons, the U.S. far outnumbers the Soviet Union (again, for the sake of brevity, I'm setting aside the important questions regarding the morality or efficacy of nuclear weapons as a deterrent). The Soviet Union outnumbers the U.S. in total number of launchers by 2,500 to 2,284. But the U.S. outnumbers the Soviet Union where it counts — in total number of deliverable warheads. The

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The Soviet Union leads the U.S. two to one in ballistic missile submarines. True, but the U.S. subs carry more warheads giving the U.S. a three to one lead over the Soviet Union. U.S. subs carry a total of 5,000 warheads compared to the Soviet Union's 1,200.

Of course, bean counting really isn't all that helpful, one way or the other. The existence of large numbers of nuclear warheads, regardless of which "side" can deploy them, is frightening by itself. Even if only a *very small percentage* of the warheads in the Soviet arsenal were to reach their targets in the U.S., American society would be destroyed. The same goes for the Soviet Union. Of course, whichever side launched first would also suffer an equally devastating counter-attack within hours. Nuclear overkill is a reality.

Bath Ironworks, a shipbuilding company, has been trying to drum up subsidies lately by purchasing full page ads in the *Washington Post* pointing to Russia's "five to one lead over the U.S. in surface combat ships." This is an absurd comparison which includes everything from aircraft carriers to PT boats. The Pentagon reported in 1980 that "With regards to larger oceangoing surface combatant ships (over 3,000 tons) the U.S. Navy has deployed more than twice the number of platforms as the Soviet Navy." The U.S. Navy has 524,000 personnel compared to 433,000 for the Soviet Navy and 1,500 naval and marine combat aircraft, the U.S.S.R. has 870. The U.S. has 14 aircraft carriers, each boasting a crew of 5,000 and a complement of 100 aircraft. The Soviet Union has none (unless one counts their four small carriers for helicopters and vertical take-off and landing aircraft. These are incapable of launching high-performance aircraft and are dwarfed in significance by the fact that the U.S. has 12 similar class helicopter carriers (not



In a totally inadequate tribute to her continuous efforts to further freedom, we dedicate this issue to:
Ruth Bennett

IN HONOR OF THE UPCOMING CONFRONTATION ALL OF US FACE WITH THE IRS, WE REPRINT DAVE TYSON'S LETTER PRINTED IN THE DENVER POST A YEAR AGO.

APRIL 15, Tax Day — this country's annual celebration of the communization of the United States. The 16th Amendment to the Constitution, passed in 1913, was a victory for Marxist visionaries.

In the Communist Manifesto it is declared that "the proletariat will use its political supremacy to wrest, by degrees, all capital from the bourgeoisie, to centralize all instruments of production in the hands of the state." Measures to be taken — "a heavy progressive or graduated income tax." (The coup d'etat came in this country in 1943 when withholding was instituted to overcome the unwillingness of the American worker

to be robbed by the federal bureaucrats.) And Saturday's business session will be over at 2:00 p.m., leaving a generous bit of time for general merrymaking over indulgence carousing discordian ritual deep-relaxation hottubbing — you name it — it's around the corner in Boulder!

Charles Jackson was appointed Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee that will report to the delegates at the Convention. Curt Shortridge was appointed Chair of the Platform Committee. Each committee has ten delegates excluding the Chair, five coming from the five Congressional Districts and five from the five largest affiliates. Membership Director John Mason is determining the five largest affiliates. A single affiliate in a Congressional District simply selects its District delegate, if there is more than one affiliate in a District a Caucus of all affiliates picks the delegate.

The possibility of an official State LP tax protest was discussed and it was decided instead to encourage individuals and local groups to make up their own protests.

The Board voted to empower Ruth Bennett to negotiate a financial arrangement with Ed Clark that will benefit both the young Wyoming State LP and the Colorado LP by helping bring Ed to Denver for a fundraiser and then on to Sheridan, Wyoming for the Wyoming State Convention. If it all works out Ed Clark should be in Denver for Friday night,

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to be robbed by the federal bureaucrats.)

How does the income tax communize a people? A direct tax implies that not the citizen but the state has property entitlement to the fruits of his labor. It is an emphatic denial of private property. The state allows the worker to keep some of his earnings, it is true, but he keeps them only as a need and not as a right; the amount is decided by the state. The progressive income tax embodies the communist tenet, "From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs."

Repeal the 16th Amendment.

DAVID B. TYSON

Boulder

5th Year for Cato Institute's Summer Seminars

This summer the Cato Institute will mark its fifth consecutive year offering week long seminars in Libertarian Theory with a return to the Dartmouth and Stanford campuses. The seminar at Dartmouth College is scheduled for the week of July 3-10, while the Stanford University seminar will be held the week of August 7-14.

These seminars have always been popular with libertarian activists and thinkers because they provide a comprehensive overview of the philosophy of liberty along with an opportunity to discuss ideas with well-known and knowledgeable libertarian intellectuals. A week at one of these seminars also seems to instill that elusive feeling of comradeship among the participants which can be so hard to come by in the typical workplace or classroom setting.

This year, noted libertarian lecturers Israel Kirzner, Roy Childs, Earl Ravenal, Ralph Raico, George Smith and Leonard Liggio will return to give an intensive series of 24 lectures in economics, ethics, foreign policy, American history and policy issues.

The fee is \$395.00 with a reduced rate of \$150.00 for students. Enrollment is on a selective basis. More information on how to apply can be obtained by writing to:

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The Hypocrisy Over Poland

By Patrick L. Lilly

The recent announcement that the U.S. government would pay interest due to U.S. banks on Polish grain loans fits right in with the sum total of past U.S. policy on Poland in particular, and with "our" government's mixed-premises, no-results approach to the Soviet bloc in general. A careful look beyond simplified headlines does a lot to explain why the policy decisions made by the Reagan administration have accomplished so few of their stated purposes (and are likely never to), and why European "allies" have shown so little enthusiasm for structuring their own policies so as to reinforce the effectiveness of Washington's.

Although the craziness of U.S. taxpayers paying the Polish military govern-

U.S. government pays the banks so that the banks will continue to consider the foreign government not in default, so that they will loan them more money the next time, so that the American producers will be able to make more sales to the foreign government — even though it is bankrupt.

All of this amounts to an enormous subsidy to American exporting interests (like agriculture), which is why they oppose things like grain embargoes, even to brutal military dictatorships. It is also a not inconsiderable subsidy to American banks in international money markets, which is why they love it, even though they are helping to prop up bankrupt, brutal military dictatorships. And, of course, it is a big, big subsidy — a life saver — to the

political doctrine [which states] that when any threat to the continued power of the State to run everything arises (or even seems to arise), there are NO LIMITS to what the State (and its agents) may do to preserve the State's power.

Listen to the pronouncements from Jaruzelski's government in Poland; take out the peculiar grammar required by Communist ideology (and replace it with the equally distinctive grammar used on this continent) and they are interchangeable with the kind of pronounce-

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ments one hears from American officials when police occupy whole sections of cities to put down riots in places such as Miami or Watts. To hear them tell it, both are opposing "hooliganism" and "anti-social" (or "anti-state") activities. Both blabber on piously about restoring "calm" or "order" and holding at bay "anarchy." What they both really mean (i.e., what they really do) is eradicating all dissent or resistance to their policies, even symbolic or verbal dissent, and destroying all possible resources for opposition to continued State rule. And in both cases this is

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sion goes on and on, here just as much as there.

So how can anyone really be surprised that nothing is getting any better in Poland in the face of all the tough talk in Washington? With \$71 million of their interest paid by "our" Treasury just for this year, the military rulers there should be able to go on smashing doors, heads, and liberties for some time, "sanctions" notwithstanding. And even if the U.S. government's posturings in situations like this were not so laughably ineffective, they would still be transparently hypocritical. Western, non-communist governments, including that of the U.S., have accepted the Soviet-imposed dictatorships in eastern Europe as legitimate for 35 years and never once have the Soviets promised not to indulge in military rule crackdowns. And Western, non-communist governments all claim a right to do to their people all the things that the Polish government is now doing to its people, should events start to go against them. Although perhaps on a smaller scale, Western governments do do these things to their subjects, although most would surely deny it. But then, the Polish and Russian rulers deny it, too.

Rally Round the Free Market

By Dave Wood

Have you ever felt a little nauseous in the morning when you open your paper and read that some politico is claiming a victory for "free enterprise" because he's forced some big company to release their trade secrets (monopolistic) to other companies so they can compete more "fairly," or bragging about his rescuing a failing industry through government guaranteed loans, price supports, etc., thus proving that cooperation between government and business is what makes the "free market" work?

Well, you're not alone. Libertarians Bryan Erickson, Curt Shortridge and Paul Grant know that feeling and have decided to do something about it. They want to formulate accurate free enterprise positions on current issues with a perma-

little enthusiasm for structuring their own policies so as to reinforce the effectiveness of Washington's.

Although the craziness of U.S. taxpayers paying the Polish military government's debt interest remains, some of the

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outrage directed at Reagan must be mitigated by the fact that this is simply what "our" government — then staffed by other people under the Carter, Ford, Nixon, etc. administrations — had *already promised* to do in this situation. This is what it means to have the national government "guarantee" loans to foreign governments (at subsidized interest rates) to buy goods from American producers under "export licenses": When the Government to which the American banks loaned money fail to make their payments, the

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banks in international money markets, which is why *they* love it, even though they are helping to prop up bankrupt, brutal military dictatorships. And, of course, it is a big, big subsidy — a life saver — to the rulers of places like Poland, which, despite its brutal Communist regime, has for years been graced by the U.S. government with "most favored nation" status in officially-sanctioned trade. After all, if *you* were operating an economic system that didn't work, wouldn't you like to have someone else virtually give you money and grain so you wouldn't run out?

But that's just the kind of thing "our" government has been doing about Poland and the rest of eastern Europe for 35 years. And that's why complaining about specifics such as martial "law" in Poland is an exercise in futility, and why all the hard-nosed-sounding sanctions imposed and threatened by the Reagan administration will likely have no more effect on Soviet policy than the rhetoric of any other recent American president has had, to wit, none. The early February statement by Secretary of State Haig that "the cost to the West could exceed that to the East" if Poland were to be considered in default on its massive debts is simply an open admission that decades of lunatic policies towards governments like Poland's have indeed succeeded in turning logic upside down, and putting "the West" in a disastrous position which was, once, completely avoidable.

Consider: Sanctions, such as they are, are being invoked against Poland and the U.S.S.R. because of the imposition of military "law" in Poland. But it is the pot calling the kettle black! "Our own" government, like all others, claims for itself the same "right" that the Polish rulers exercised on the 13th of December, namely, the arrogated "right" to impose "martial law," which means to impose whatever rules are deemed useful, on any- and/or everyone, for as long as deemed useful (including forever), by force of arms, anytime the survival of the State seems in serious doubt, with the Army as the government's last-ditch weapon. It is true but irrelevant that a difference exists between Poland and the U.S. in that, in Poland, the existence and security of the State are strongly linked to the preservation of the Leninist-Socialist parlor game that they use instead of an economy. But whether it has any economic significance or not, "authorities" in both countries follow a

on smashing doors, heads, and liberties for some time, "sanctions" notwithstanding.

accomplished by stationing soldiers (even if they call them something else) in the streets and in buildings, imposing curfews (violating people's right to come and go as they please), searches and seizures without warrants (or culpability of any kind), arrests without trials, charges, or *habeas corpus*, spontaneous shootings and summary executions, censoring of news coverage, seizure of industries, forced closings of businesses and places where people might meet, overt violation of people's right to free assembly, interference with travel . . . the litany of aggres-

Bryan Erickson, Curt Shortridge and Paul Grant know that feeling and have decided to do something about it. They want to formulate accurate free enterprise positions on current issues with a permanent organization that the press can come to for the "real stuff." Coloradans for Free Enterprise (CFE) is a non-partisan citizens group formed to promote free enterprise in Colorado. There is no connection with the Libertarian Party.

They plan to research relevant Colorado political issues, give public testimony and lobby for and against legislation and regulations which are pertinent. They are also holding regular supper club meetings, bringing knowledgeable experts to the Denver area to speak and get local media coverage. The first supper club will meet at Stouffer's Inn-Airport on March 10th with French economist Henri Lepage as featured speaker. For more information contact Bryan Erickson at 893-2211, ext. 5140.

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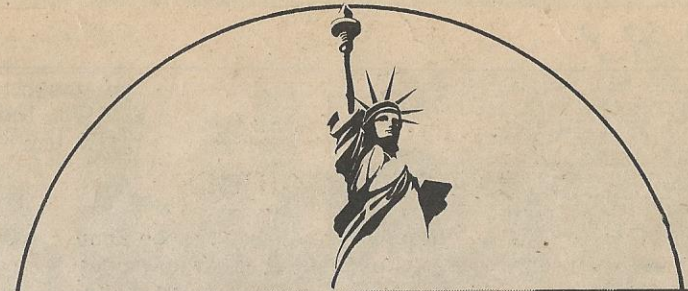
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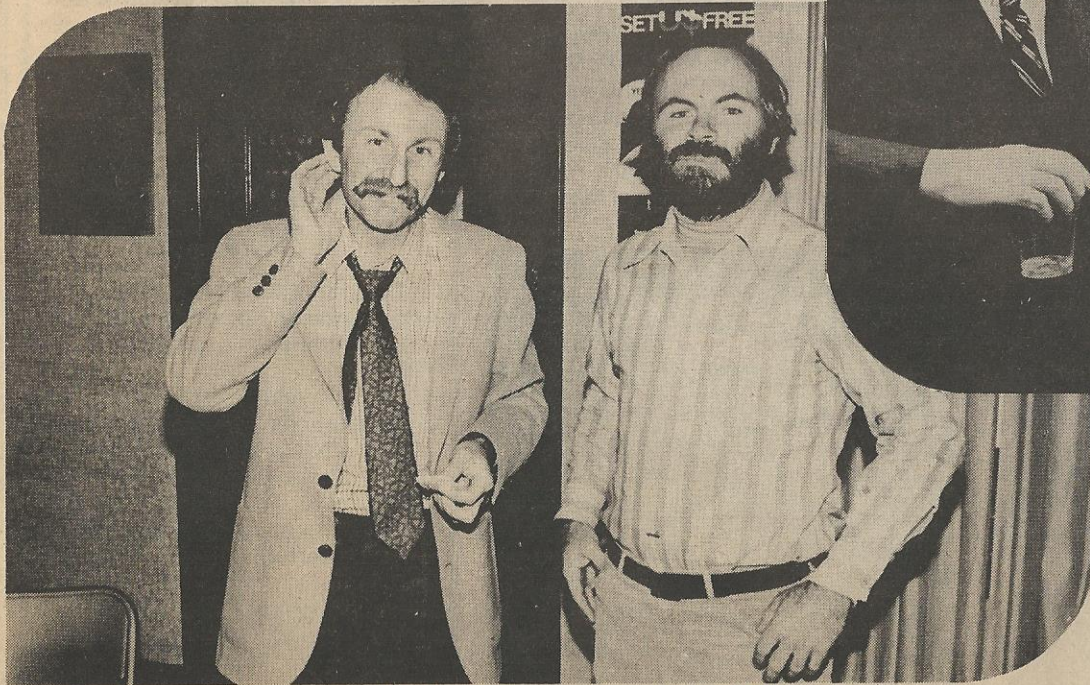
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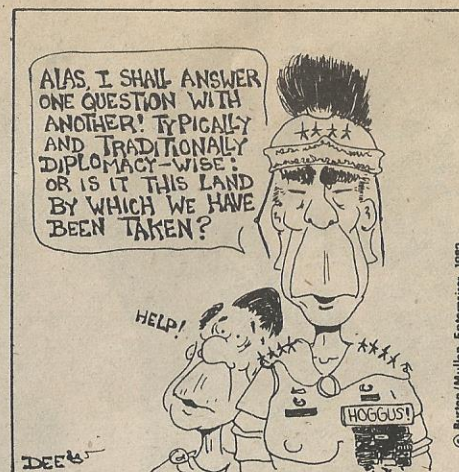
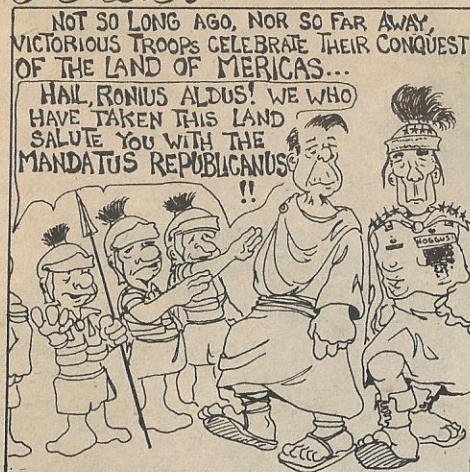
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Why not enjoy yourself while you change the world? Your next chance to let it all out for Liberty occurs Wednesday, April 14th at the Colorado Libertarian Headquarters 1401 Cherokee St.

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J.P.L.R.?



In High Places . . .

(We will try to report on Libertarians in appointive government positions, where they are working to reduce statism. We do this partly so that you will go out and get on one yourself.)

PENN PFIFFER is on the Board of Directors of the Adams County Housing Authority. Appointed by the County Commissioners for a 5 year term, he and the Board oversee HUD money for rehabilitation loans, low income housing units and a small solar project.

DAVE TYSON is on the Private Industry

Council, an agency which provides liaison between CETA (the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) and private industry. He applied to the Boulder County Commissioners and was appointed to the position.

PHIL PROSSER is on the Citizen's Advisory Group to update the Park County Master Plan. Phil feels the group "might just self destruct," partly due to his pointed and disturbing questions about the conflicts and contradictions between master planning and freedom.

CLP Board Meeting

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March 26th and possibly Saturday morning too.

The Board, after hearing and commenting on Phil Prosser's campaign presentation, voted to provide \$500 for

Phil's campaign as reported in more detail elsewhere in this issue of *The Liberty*.

The March board meeting will be held Sunday, March 21st and the April meeting will be held Sunday, April 18th. Both meetings will be at the party office, 1041 Cherokee, and will start at 11:00 a.m.

Grant Sweeps Steamboat

Paul Grant spent two days of back-to-back speaking engagements in Steamboat Springs recently. Various schools, the Rotary Club and an open house were on the program set up by Bob Jahelka, a Steamboat Springs Libertarian.

More of us ought to do more of this more often.

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ACLU Challenges Election

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Colorado Legislature considered a Republican-sponsored (and Democrat-supported) bill to increase ballot restrictions against minor party efforts. The bill died because it ran into a committee chairman sympathetic to our cause, not because we had the votes to defeat it. The more successful Libertarians and other new parties are at running candidates and getting votes, the more likely the Demopublicans will try for new restrictions. We must demand more freedom now in order to be effective at defending the freedom [sic] we already have.



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- I don't want to run anyone else's life and I don't want anyone else to run mine.
- I want prosperity for myself, my family, and my children, which can't be assured in any regulated economy.
- I want sound currency, which can't be had if a government controls the money supply.
- The free market is the only economic system which respects human rights, and the only economic system which doesn't have to be imposed on people by force.
- Taxation is theft — and governments that engage in it are not legitimate.
- Conscription is slavery, and can't be tolerated under **any** circumstances.
- I believe in the individual's right to self-defense, a right routinely violated by governments, who offer only inadequate substitutes.
- I'm tired of militarism and war, which come from letting governments believe that they can do anything which seems necessary to protect their power.
- I believe that rationality is the greatest force in the universe, and must be unleashed if humanity's creative potential is ever to be realized.

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