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Vegas Nights: LPM 1, Woburn 0

By Michael Reilly

Legalized gambling, the LPM coffers and Tip O'Neil's roulette wheel were all victors in the case of James Poulin, Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts, vs. John Ryan, City Clerk of Woburn.

On May 29, Judge Cullen of the Woburn District Court ruled that the City of Woburn must grant the LPM a license to operate a raffle or bazaar in that Town. The decision came as the result of a suit filed by Michael Reilly, attorney for the Party, in October of 1980. The Woburn

City Clerk had refused to issue a license after it was requested by Poulin; then the Party's state chair. Poulin had hoped to initiate a series of Las Vegas Nights as LPM fundraisers.

The City Clerk had initially ruled that because the LPM was a political party it was not eligible for a bazaar license. The court, in its five page decision, explained that the party was a non-profit organization which was sufficient to qualify it as being eligible for the license.

The decision came after a one day trial earlier in May before Judge Cullen. Attorney Reilly presented evidence concerning the nature and

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WITH MARBLES IN EACH CHEEK

A half-dozen local Libertarians have completed the first of an intended series of Speechcraft courses. Sponsored by the Design Research Corp.'s Toastmasters Club, the Speechcraft sessions were intended to provide a nucleus for the LPM's newly formed Speaker's Bureau.

The course lasted eight weeks, although holidays stretched it to nearly three months, all told. Meeting each Monday in your editor's squalid but funky Brighton apartment, the group learned about such things as speech organization, movement, gestures, and stage presence, while hearing and delivering practice speeches on everything from baseball and sailing to Ronald Reagan's alleged status as a tax-rebel and the need for more LP candidates.

At an awards banquet held at Rocco's Restaurant on June 9, certificates of completion of the course were awarded to Lou Laudani, Barry Lockard, Sue Poulin, Dimitri Rotow, Steve Trinward and Lee Webber. Also at the banquet were Dick and Marilyn Beaumier, who had been unable to attend enough sessions to qualify for certification, but who nevertheless had contributed a lot to the program. (They have vowed that if a subsequent course can be organized in the Lowell region, they will host it.)

The Speechcraft course could not have been a reality, however, without the unflagging efforts of former LPM Chair Jim Poulin. Giving up at least two nights a week for the cause, in addition to making countless phone calls, devising weekly agendas and moderating the meetings, Jim did yeoman's work in keeping the fires burning. He was ably assisted by two of his co-workers at DRC, Bob Connor and John Hoskins. Connor, president of the DRC Toastmasters Club, was always available to Speechcrafters for assistance in choosing topics or evaluating progress, while Hoskins kept us all jumping with incisive comments and a few well-prepared speeches of his own. And both men were introduced to Libertarians and their ideas in the process. Without any of the above it would have been a much less pleasant experience, but again, without Jim Poulin it might never have happened at all.

From here it's on to the lecture circuit, ably led by Speaker's Bureau Coordinator Lee Webber, who showed us more than a few tricks for presenting a subject to an audience, and is prepared to help anyone seeking to hit the rubber-chicken circuit on behalf of the LP. If anyone out there wants to join the fun, contact Lee through the party address.

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Since it worked the last time, a new tradition shall be born at LIBERTY:

NEWS NOTES

random meanderings on a variety of subjects of interest to our readers:

The battle for National Chair is proving to be one of the more heated contests of recent LP memory. At this writing, Alicia Clark, wife of our revered 1980 Presidential candidate, has just cancelled a visit to Boston to sound out the Massachusetts delegation on her candidacy; she intends to arrange a conference call with area delegates in the near future. Kent Guida, the Washington connection's favorite son, sent a thick packet, including a 9-page letter describing his credentials and aspirations for the LP over the next few years.

Meanwhile, the Coalition for a Party of Principle's own candidate, John Mason of Colorado (chairman of LP/10, and a longtime battler on the side of decentralism and grassroots activism) has been drawing strong support throughout the country. I recently spoke at length with John and he gained my personal endorsement; I'd be willing to discuss his candidacy with anyone who's interested. For those wishing more information on Alicia Clark, LPM State Chair Norm MacConnell is regional coordinator, while Lee Nason is stumping for Kent Guida. We are hoping to have a meeting of delegates before Denver to sort this one out and perhaps present all sides of the issues.

Whatever does happen in Denver, by the way, I think it's clear that some real headway has been made in terms of bringing some sort of accountability into the LP political arena. Unlike the Demopublicans and the Reprocrats, we cannot really afford to come off as the usual eclectic umbrella-group, embracing all manner of opportunism and wishy-washy position-taking. If we are to capture the support of the libertarianish elements of the society, we must do it with hardline intermediate positions, of course, but they must be backed firmly with solid philosophical reasoning.

The movement toward a worldwide Libertarian movement has taken a giant step toward fruition recently, with the planning of a Libertarian Convention for next fall in London. According to a release from Bruce Evoy, Co-ordinating Director for Libertarian International, plans and dates are still tentative at the moment, but there will be an international gathering in the city of King George sometime during the 3rd quarter of 1982. For further details, or a membership form for LI, write: Libertarian International, P. O. Box 190, Adelaide St. Postal Station, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5C 2J1.

The national news media has finally publicly recognized something which the Libertarian movement has known all along: Reason magazine is one of the most worthwhile publications around! There have been a number of Reason stories which have made their way into national circles, but until a few weeks ago, no major media organ had acknowledged the dept over the airwaves.

But now Ted Koppel of ABC News "Nightline" has broken the barrier. On a program aired in late May (originally supposed to run the day Reagan got shot, and thus postponed) Koppel began by describing the way most media had jumped on the Love Canal story with spurs flying, chastising the "evil businessmen" at Hooker Chemical Co. for their callous disregard for human safety in dumping chemical waste near Niagara Falls. He went on to interview Eric Zeusse, the author of the piece, unfolding the story (Hooker had sold property to county years ago, with explicit instructions not to let people build on the land) and tossing bouquets to both Zeusse and Reason in the process.

"Only one publication got the story right," said Koppel. "This one," and he held up the latest issue of Reason for all the world to see. He then spent the rest of the program trying to get a Hooker Chemical representative to give details on the story, but all the fellow seemed to be able to do was to thank Koppel, and Reason, for breaking the true story, with such profusion that even Koppel looked embarrassed. Whatever the case, you can be sure that ABC, and others, will be reading Bob Poole's periodical with much more care in the future!

There's still a long way to go before it will become official, but if the fates and time allow, the LPM may be sponsoring a benefit this fall. The subject would be the draft; speakers would include the likes of Karl Hess, Tom Reeves, Murray Bookchin, Bob Nozick and a few local left libertarians from what used to be BAARD. Also on the program, we hope, would be a showing of the Oscar-winning documentary, "Karl Hess -- Toward Liberty", which was produced by two Boston University graduate students. The primary beneficiary of all this would probably be the Boston Anti-Draft Legal Defense Fund, whose pursestrings are controlled by a triumvirate of local libertarians. It's still too early to tell if all this will actually come about, but I thought I'd pass along the word that things are in the works, anyway.

The subjects of the controversial interview in our last issue, Nora Leyland and Mike Compos, have been rather busy of late. Thanks to tactics on the part of some ex-BAARD members more than vaguely reminiscent of the methods used by the SWP in subverting the CARD convention in Detroit, Nora and several other BAARD activists were purged from the group in May. Such extreme measures as changing doorlocks, cleaning out bank accounts, and packing a meeting with previously-inactive activists were used, and it is still not completely clear what will come of it all. One thing is for sure, though: the ousted BAARD members have taken steps to ensure that the carbetbaggers cannot use the good name of BAARD to evil purpose. They filed the paperwork necessary to protect the name against further use without their permission, and have managed to salvage at least part of the money the organization had for use in future anti-draft "actions", although under whose auspices this will take place it is not yet known. We'll try to keep up with later developments...

Sharp-eyed readers may have noticed that our last issue contained something new: to wit, a dark black patch over a paragraph of copy on page 9 near the end of the CARD Conference interview. There is a reason for this, though not a very good one. The passage in question contained some material which might have been misconstrued if taken out of context, and the subjects of the interview asked that it be changed. Since the issue was already in print, the only thing to do was to black out the paragraph. Those with persistence will no doubt be able to decipher the wording anyway, but it was felt that to leave the section untouched would be to invite possible problems. Although your editor stands by the material contained therein, he apologizes for its form of presentation (without the obvious notation: AWK! AWK! HUMOR!!), and willingly allowed it to be excised.

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Publicity stunts have been an integral part of Lowell, MA politics for years. A Lowell city council candidate a few years back collected over 3000 petition signatures to put himself on the ballot -- he needed only 50. The year before, another local candidate ran a full-page ad in the Lowell Sun, featuring his own picture with a mustache and goatee drawn in; the copy read, "Some people don't like George because..." and went on to paint everyone by George as evil. He then reprinted the ad in a leaflet. Both of these candidates were elected by a healthy margin.

Now Dick Beaumier, LPM member and 1981 candidate for the Lowell City Council, is hard at work on his own PR ploy. And even if it doesn't get him elected, it should go a long way toward creating a receptive climate for Libertarian ideas in the region.

Beaumier intends to sponsor a float in Lowell's Octoberfest Regatta Parade, which will be launched on September 27, a week before the city's primary election. The construction will be papier-mache, the motif will be red-white-and-blue, the theme will stress patriotism as the handmaiden of liberty. The entire float will be mounted on a Vega station wagon.

"In spite of Paul Tsongas," says Beaumier, "Lowellians are pretty conservative, and they'll drool over a float with a patriotic theme. All the issues aside, the theme of this float and its appearance will leave a positive impression about libertarianism." He cites the 5-foot bust of the Statue of Liberty slated for the bow, figures of Thoreau and Jefferson on either side, and messages like "Still Speaking Out For Liberty" to be splashed all over the float as evidence for this conviction.

The actual sponsor of the display is the Greater Lowell Libertarian Club, formed by Dick and his wife, Marilyn (herself a former area candidate) and a handful of fellow liberty-lovers. Among its members is the owner of the Vega in question, Dave Brewer, a local carpenter, who has devised the method for mounting the device the morning of the parade. Meanwhile, Dick is busily sculpting the

Statue of Liberty bust, while others create the rest of the ornamentation.

In addition to creating a favorable climate for the LP in Lowell, of course, the float will promote Dick Beaumier's own candidacy for City Council. Dick has been through it before: several years ago he ran as a Republican for State Representative; later, he managed his wife's campaign for public office. And when the GLLC float rolls down Merrimack Street with red, white and blue banners flying, Dick will be perched atop the Vega's hood, urging people to get out the vote the following week.

As Dick himself puts it, "It's amazing what a candidate will do to get votes. You see, I'm afraid of heights."

(Anyone wishing to contribute funds, ideas or energy to Dick Beaumier's campaign should call 458-3752.)

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purpose of the LPM. Poulin, Walter Ziobro, Jr., and Steve Trinward all testified concerning the goals and structure of the Party.

The highlight of the trial was probably the testimony of John Ryan, the Woburn City Clerk, who explained that he had not granted the bazaar license to the LPM because of his fear that the City of Woburn would end up with Tip O'Neil running a roulette wheel and Ed King dealing cards (highly unlikely since the odds in their game are even more in favor of the house than what they get in Las Vegas).

The City chose not to take an appeal. Attorney Reilly speculated that they may have wished to avoid having a damaging precedent confirmed at a higher court.

Current plans of the Party's State Committee are to search for a suitable site for Las Vegas Nights, with an eye toward beginning them in the Fall.

FROM THE CHAIR



This year's National Convention in Denver should be a great success. Any LPM members planning to go should contact me (749-3993) or Dimitri Rotow (492-5611), as we are looking into reduced air fares.

Local Chapters are being organized within the Party by former Chair Jim Poulin (935-1509). Anyone interested in helping with a local chapter should give him a call, or write care of the LPM address. These local organizations are the most important part of the party, in terms of applying libertari principles to local problems, recruiting new members and support, obtaining and maintaining permanent ballot status, etc.

Richard Winger, who is National's expert on ballot status, has recommended that the LPM sue the Massachusetts Secretary of State over some of the points in our petitioning requirements. WE are looking into the possibility of changing the deadline for submitting petitions to August, permitting the Party to petition in its own name (that is, not having to show the candidates' names on petitions) and permitting substitution of candidate names, among other strategies.

One of the Party's major goals of the next year is to place a candidate on the ballot for the 1982 Gubernatorial race, then obtain the necessary percentage of votes to secure permanent ballot status in 1984. This will require strong local organizing, serious effort and a lot of money. Now is the time to show your support for the Party and its goals. Let's not let all the work we've done so far go to waste!

Norm MacConnell,
LPM State Chair

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For veterans and newcomers alike, LP/10 will be an exhilarating and memorable experience. Plan now to be there.

Details to follow.



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