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## The Convention . . .

The convention and conference is almost upon us. And if you aren't persuaded by the enclosed brochure that the convention is something you shouldn't miss, you will be constantly hounded with reminders throughout the rest of the newsletter. This issue is almost entirely devoted to business matters to be settled at the convention: the election of party officers, delegates, State Central Committee representatives, etc. Remember, the business session is open without charge to all Party members.

One aspect of the convention which might tend to be overlooked, due to the absence of political "sex appeal", big-name speakers, and the like, are our political action workshops on Sunday. Entertainment value aside, these workshops are an essential part of what political parties are all about. If you are serious about achieving a libertarian society, come to the workshops and start to learn the basic skills (fund raising, petitioning, campaigning, organizing) necessary to do it. Look at it this way: if we don't learn it, the Richard Nixons, Jimmy Carters and Richard J. Daleys will.

Our panel on Austrian Economics, which includes Alexander Paris, Joe Cobb and David Theroux, is designed help us combat the economic ignorance which afflicts our society. Alexander Paris, who heads our panel, is eminently qualified to speak about Austrian Economics. He is the author of "The Coming Credit Collapse", as well as many other books and articles.

As for the fund-raising and petitioning workshops--need anything be said concerning their relevance? Without the ability to get on the ballot and finance our campaigns, we might as well pack up and go home.

In the long run, the workshop on "Subverting the Public Schools" is perhaps the most important. It is impossible to discuss political, economic or historical issues without running smack-dab into anti-libertarian interpretations that have their source in the twelve years of compulsory indoctrination that our government so generously provides us with. Libertarian scholar Roy Childs will analyze what the schools teach; Jeff Freidman, a genuine high-school student, and Will Kinney will discuss tactics for changing what the schools teach.

Ken Jameson and Richard Suter worked very hard running the Illinois campaign, and Bob Meier worked very hard running the National Campaign. All three are going to share their hard-earned knowledge in the Campaign workshop. Here is where you can learn all the nitty-gritty tactics and methods behind getting media coverage, developing stances on issues, etc.

These workshops are only \$5 dollars if you register in advance.

The convention site--the Holiday Inn of Oakbrook Terrace-- was selected for its easy access for both Chicago people and "downstaters". Everyone is encouraged to stay overnight--there will be enough going on to keep you busy, and we get a special room rate: \$26 single, \$30 double. (When registering, identify yourself as a convention attendee.) Call 312/833-3600 to make reservations.

## There's a National Party Too

The 1977 Libertarian Party National Convention will be held in San Francisco during the closing days of July. San Francisco is a great city, with some of the best restaurants and urban sightseeing in the world.

### A CALL FOR DELEGATES

The National Executive Committee has decreed that Illinois is entitled to eleven (11) delegates to the National Convention and one (1) state-elected Platform Committee member. By National Party rules, the State chairman is automatically a member of the state's delegation, which leaves ten (10) delegates to be elected March 5 at the state convention.

# Candidates for Party Office

As everyone should know by now, the upcoming convention will elect new party officers. And except for Chicago vice-chairperson Jeff Smith, who is running for a second term, we will have a whole new set of officers. Below are the names of the candidates, and short statements from them about their qualifications and goals.

For Chairperson:

MILTON MUELLER

"My official capacities have been as publisher of the newsletter and SCC representative of the North Side Club. In addition to those regular duties, I collected around 600 signatures in the petition drive, put together our campaign tabloid during the campaign, and directed the planning for the convention. I also initiated the "Issues Committee" proposal. I believe that the LP is the advocate of a unique vision of freedom that can profoundly alter society--if only we protect the integrity of that ideal. The LP must attempt to be what no political party has been before: moral and anti-political."

For Chicago Vice-chairperson:

JEFF SMITH

Jeff is the incumbent vice-chair. He has been to every National Convention since 1973, did most of the work on our state constitution, has been active in liason with all the local clubs throughout the state, and was one of the hardest workers during the 76 campaign. Jeff will receive his Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Chicago this June.

For Downstate Vice-chairperson:

WILLIAM DUNKEL

(No statement available)

For Secretary:

JOE COBB

"I believe that I can contribute effectively to the management of the internal communications of the LPI. Our mailing list and postal services need continual updating, just to get the newsletter out, for example. The job of secretary is one that I have held before in 1973-4, and I believe that we should have 'rotation in office'. I am ready to take it over and do the necessary housekeeping work."

For Treasurer:

LAURA KROUTIL

Laura worked often at Party headquarters during the campaign. She also works on the newsletter, helping with mailings and typing. "I have had courses in accounting, and my business requires that I keep accurate books."

For Treasurer:

ELLYN POWELSON

Ellyn was the Party's candidate for Secretary of State last year. She is running for Treasurer as part of her desire to stay involved in Party affairs. She is active in the Rockford local club, where she was recently involved in a petition drive to get herself on the ballot as a candidate for alderman.

## Proxy Voting

LPI members who cannot attend the state convention's business meeting (9am-Noon, March 5), can make arrangements to vote by proxy. The person to whom the proxy is granted, and the conditions attached to it, can be written on the enclosed form and sent to the Party mailbox (P.O. Box 1776, Chicago, 60690) c/o Party Secretary Will Kinney. The proxy must be received by February 25 to be counted.

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# The "Issues Committee"

## A Proposal

by Milton Mueller

Quick--what's the Libertarian position on Governor Thompson's proposal to use old mental health facilities as prisons, in twenty five words or less? What's an appropriate libertarian response to the racial problems in the Marquette Park neighborhood in Chicago--answer right now! How do we feel about Carter's cabinet choices? What do libertarians have to say about the workmen's compensation program in Illinois, the relationship between the Korean CIA and the United States Congress, etc, etc, etc?

If you have difficulty responding to these questions without reaching for your copy of For A New Liberty and doing two weeks of research, then consider the problems our candidates must have had during the campaign. Worse yet, consider the problems our candidates will have in the future: the more seriously the media takes us, the more our opinions will be solicited. This means that we must develop libertarian approaches to a wider range of issues, and be capable of responding to current events as they happen, not after some libertarian professor has studied it for six years. Looking even farther ahead, the day will certainly come when we will be defining issues, not just watching them break. This requires lots of hard-nosed planning and research that candidates and their campaign managers do not have time for.

The solution, as I see it, is to create a special division of the State Central Committee that is empowered to define Party stands on state issues. We have outgrown our "delegation by default" system, in which the Party chairperson (or whoever picks up

the phone) serves as political scientist, philosopher, sociologist and historian to any inquisitive newsman. In its January meeting, the members of the SCC agreed, and appointed me as coordinator of a meeting to determine the structure of such an "Issues Committee".

Setting up the committee will not be an easy task, nor an inconsequential one. Remember, as Libertarian Party members, the Issues Committee will be speaking for us in the future. Therefore, its structure must be democratic, and subject to influence from any member who takes an interest. Yet, it must not be so broad as to be sluggish and unworkable. In any event, the Issues Committee, like everything else in the Party, is likely to reflect the opinions of those people who take an interest in running it.

Every member of the Party is welcome to attend the organizational meeting of the Committee. If you won't be able to attend, but have ideas about how it should be set up, call me at 312/525-6231 evenings, or 312/332-7676 ext. 239 during the day.

THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HOME OF DON PARRISH, 5536 E. LAKE, IN LISLE (DU PAGE COUNTY) ON FEBRUARY 20TH (SUNDAY) AT 2:00

The Libertarian Party is practically bursting at the seams with bold new ideas. But the "body politic" rarely votes for "principles" in the abstract. People will take us seriously as a political force only when we are directly addressing the issues which affect them everyday--as they happen.



## SCC Notes

The SCC meeting for January was held at the home of Tom Cain in Oak Park. The Treasurer reported a \$600 balance in the party treasury; ballot committee treasurer Rich Suter reported a deficit of \$2,500.

### NEW BUSINESS

Tax protest plans include cooperation with NTU and an unnamed anarcho-pacifist group; Bob Randall offered to help rewrite the brochure, Milton Mueller suggested revamping the graphics.

The SCC voted unanimously that the nominations committee should hold public meetings, and that whenever two or more people want to run for an office, the nominating committee should not take sides. The purpose of the nominating committee, it was agreed, was simply to find people for offices when no volunteers were forthcoming.

A proposal to create an Issues Committee was passed unanimously. Milton Mueller agreed to set up an organizing meeting. (Feb. 20 at Don Parrish's).

A motion to initiate impeachment proceedings against the Chairperson (Richard Suter) was considered next. After a long session of charges and counter-charges, the motion was tabled; but Richard Suter reiterated his desire not to run again, if someone "acceptable" would agree to serve as chairman.

The next meeting was set for Feb. 13, at the home of Lyn and Richard Latimer, at 2pm.

# LOCAL CLUBS TO ELECT SCC REPS

Elections for representatives to the State Central Committee (SCC) will be held this month. SCC members will represent Congressional Districts, but will be elected at the local club meetings listed below. The local club meeting listed for your Congressional District is only a suggestion; any member may vote (for a representative from his or her own Congressional District) at any local club meeting. No member may vote more than once.

Because of the large proportion of LPIers there, the 9th and 10th Congressional Districts will get two representatives each. This means there are 26 positions available on the SCC in addition to the regular party offices, so everyone is encouraged to run.

If you can't make any of the local club meetings, you can vote on the enclosed mail ballot. Members are strongly encouraged, however, to attend the local club meeting in their Congressional District in order to meet the candidates, and the people with whom they will be working in the 1978 Congressional elections.

The Congressional Districts, their congressmen, and the local club meetings in those districts are listed below:

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT & CONGRESSMAN	MEETING
1 (Metcalfe)	Southside CD will meet at 5616 So. Blackstone, Chicago, (the Theroux's) on Feb.11th (Friday) at 7:30. Call 955-2442.
2 (Murphy)	See # 3
3 (Russo)	Friday, Feb.18, 8:00pm, at the home of Jim Jones, 11123 5 St. Lawrence, Chicago. Call 468-8805.
4 (Derwinski)	See #3 or #6
5 (Fary)	See #1
6 (Hyde)	Saturday, Feb. 19 at the home of Tom Cain,.163 N. Harvey, Oak Park. Call 383-8359
7 (Collins)	See #9
8 (Rostenkowski)	See #11
9 (Yates)	Sunday, Feb.20, 1 pm, at the McCaffrey's, 1960 Lincoln Pk. West. Chicago. Call 528-9083.
10 (Mikva)	Monday Feb. 14, 7:30 pm at the Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln, Winnetka. Call Everett Moffat at 446-3669.
11 (Annunzio)	Friday, Feb.18th, 7pm at the home of Wayne Openlander, 3132 N. Lowell, Chicago. Call 283-1690.
12 (Crane)	See #10, #13, or #14
13 (McClory)	Sunday, Feb.20, 2 pm at the home of Bob & Carolyn Randall, 91 East St, Crystal Lake. Call 459-4929.
14 (Erlenborn)	Wednesday, Feb. 23, 8pm, at the home of Don Parrish, 5536A Lake Dr., Lisle. Call 852-2844
15 (Corcoran)	Sunday, Feb 27, 2 pm, at the home of Mark Swanson, 807 Ridge Dr, #1009, De Kalb. Call 758-4073. Or see #14
16 (Anderson)	Thursday, March 3 at the home of Dr. Dunkel, 1821 So. Alpine, Rockford
17 (O'Brien)	See 14 or 21
18 (Michel)	See 19, 20, or 21, or vote by mail.
19 (Railsback) & 20 (Findley)	Details unavailable

- 21 (Madigan) and 22(Shipley) Monday, Feb 28, 7pm, at Illini Union,(probably room 319) Univ. of Ill, Urbana. Call Jeff Dehn, 217/359-3583.
- 23 (Price) Local organizer Bill Brockus has announced a meeting at the Round Table Restaurant, Highway #157, on Thursday, Feb.17, at 8:00
- 24 (Simon) Saturday, Feb 19 at the home of Bill Mitchell, 1108 So. Main Street, Benton.

NW SUBURBS organizer Bill Bartels is moving to Atlanta. Anyone interested in serving as the organizer for that area call Jeff Smith at 947-0129.

BLOOMINGTON local club has set up a meeting on the campus of IU; details were unavailable at press time. Persons interested in contacting the local club there call Lisa Kroutil at 309/827-8328.

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In addition to electing Party officers, the State Convention will also select two members of the Judicial Committee and delegates to the National Convention in July.

The terms of Judicial Committee members Joe Cobb and David Theroux expire at the Convention. The new terms will be for three years. No one may serve simultaneously on the Judicial Committee and the SCC. Joe Cobb has announced his candidacy for LPI secretary, so he cannot run for reelection, and David Theroux will not be running either.

The Illinois Party is allotted eleven (11) delegates at the National Convention...Each elected delegate will be responsible for the selection of his or her own alternate. Whether for a few minutes during the convention, or for the entire convention, the delegate appoints an alternate if he or she cannot attend an event. Anyone attending the National Convention will upon request be given the status of alternate delegate for the purpose of receiving the convention floor.

In addition, the ten states with the most Party members automatically receive a seat on the National Platform Committee. Illinois will almost certainly qualify, so selection of this member will be made at the State Convention. So far, the only announced candidate for the platform committee is Milton Mueller. Joe Cobb and David Theroux have already been elected separately to the platform committee by the national Executive Committee, so Illinois will probably have three members on the 20 member committee. Platform committee members need not be convention delegates.

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Any member of the Party is entitled to be a delegate at the convention, if they are a member of the state Party at the time of their nomination. Nominations for delegate can be made from the floor at the state convention. Being a delegate is an all-day and sometimes all-night affair. Candidates for delegate should commit themselves to take part in most of the proceedings of the convention. Candidates should also know that they will be responsible for all their own expenses, including the convention registration fee.

By prior resolution of the State Central Committee, all Illinois Party members who attend the San Francisco event will be designated alternate delegates. Regular delegates leaving the convention floor will choose their alternate from this group.

Illinois is also entitled to one member on the National Platform Committee. Nominations for this position will also be accepted from the floor of the State Convention. Anyone desiring this post should be prepared to be in San Francisco the entire week prior to the official commencement of the National Convention.

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THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE collects dossiers about the political beliefs of private citizens! Paul Stout, LPI member from DuPage County, has obtained the file on himself through the Freedom of Information Act. The file contains several copies of two letters to the editor he sent to Chicago newspapers. The letters do not advocate illegal acts, nor do they pertain to Mr. Stout's tax affairs. They are simply critical of the IRS.

Mr. Stout has prepared a document to substantiate these charges, and with the help of the DuPage County club, he has made 500 copies, which are being sent to Senators, newspaper columnists and the like, across Illinois. Copies of the 30 page document can be obtained from him for \$3.00.

Collecting dossiers is a serious charge. If we can succeed in making it stick, the public will be enlightened to a considerable extent about the nature of the IRS. Everyone knows about the CIA, the Red Squad, and the FBI files, but few put the IRS in the same category--yet.

3RD ANNUAL TAX PROTEST plans are in the works. This year, the National Taxpayer's Union plans to participate, in addition to the LPI and NOTA. As usual, the protest will be held outside the Main Post Office (Canal and Van Buren) on the evening of April 15th, around 6:30. All participants are invited to a dinner before the protest at Orlando's, 332 So. Wells (a few blocks east of the Post Office), at 5:00. Two poster parties are planned: call John Howland, 724-5506 to find out about one; Bob & Carolyn Randall have set a tentative date of Tuesday, April 12 for people in their area. Call them for details. We urge everyone to attend; a large turnout is necessary if the "powers that be" are to take notice. The coordinator of this event is Jim Tobin, who can be reached at (eve's), 287-0969, or (weekdays) 763-5122. Call him for details about rides, times, etc.

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NOTA TALK for this month will be given by Ann Baldrige on the topic of education. Ms. Baldrige, who was a teacher in the public schools for seven years, started a Montessori school in 1971. Her talk will focus on problems in education, and consider alternatives to the public schools. The discussion will be held at Christ Church of Chicago, 701 W. Buckingham, Chicago.

A reminder that Alan Reynolds, Vice President of the First National Bank of Chicago, will be the speaker at the Economic Education and Research Forum's dinner/seminar on February 15th. Admission is \$15 for members and \$17.00 for non-members. The dinner starts at 6:00. To make last-minute reservations, call 312/736-9572.

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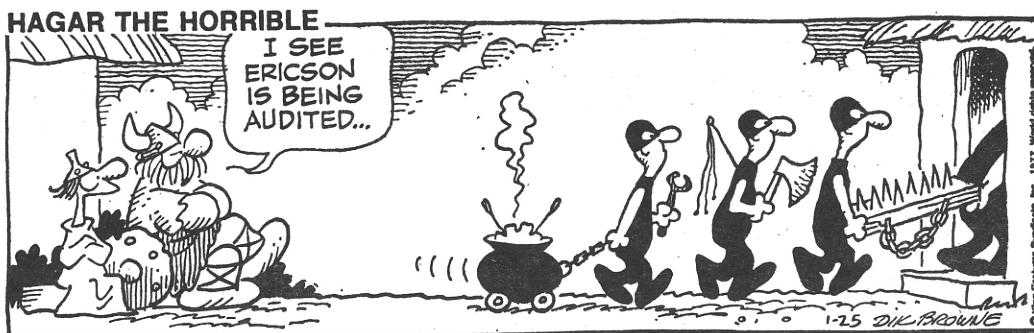
SENATOR PROXMIRE of Wisconsin will be here to receive the "Fiscal Integrity Award" from the National Taxpayer's Union in April or May. Watch for more details later.

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