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Income Tax is voluntary: Schiff

by Kenneth Prazak

Kiss. Keep it simple, stupid. Author, lecturer, economist, political prisoner, and pied piper in the tax freedom movement, Irwin Schiff has learned to apply this lesson well to the sometimes complicated issues involving economic freedom in this country. Schiff has been fighting economic tyranny and the Internal Revenue Service since 1972, when he wrote his first book, *THE BIGGEST CON: How the Government Is Fleecing You*. Touring the country, Schiff lectures to people yearning for freedom on the voluntary nature of the Income Tax. He hasn't filed a standard Income Tax return since 1972, nor any return since 1976.

Aproximately 150 people heard the message of simplicity at the Chicago Marriott Hotel Sunday, March 20, braving a Chicago spring snow storm to get there. Long-time ta protesters, as well as newcomers to the freedom fight, listened and learned how important it is to "Keep it simple."

In previous years, many lecturers on the tax resistance circuit have delved into esoteric, labyrinthine--albeit correct--theories on how one can legally avoid paying income taxes. These theories were hard to understand and took vast amounts of time and research. But the biggest problem with them was that their complexity prevented an already biased jury from understanding them and ruling on the side of freedom. If it requires months of study to understand a theory and its application, how can one possibly convince a jury of the validity of an argument based on it in an hour or so?

Irwin Schiff, I believe, has come a long way toward solving the problem. He says in his lectures and in his book, *HOW ANYONE CAN STOP PAYING INCOME TAXES*, the Income Tax is based on voluntary compliance, not mandatory compliance. He provides a series of very convincing quotes. "The Irs's primary task is to collect taxes under a voluntary compliance system." (Jerome Kurtz, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Annual Report, 1980) "Our tax system is based on individual self-assessment and voluntary compliance." Mortimer Caplin, IRS Commissioner, Internal Revenue Audit Manual, 1975) "Each year American taxpayers voluntarily file their tax returns and make a special effort to pay the taxes they owe." (Johnnie M. Walters, Internal Rev-

enue 1040 Booklet, 1971) "Our tax system is based on voluntary assessment and payment, not upon distraint." (Flora v. United States, 362 US 45)

The reason the Income Tax is voluntary is not that the IRS and the Federal Government are a bunch of nice guys, as they would have us 'think,' but that the United States Constitution mandates that the Income Tax be voluntary. No one in this country can be compelled to follow any law or adhere to any regulation which violates his Constitutional rights. The Fifth Amendment states, "No person...shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself." The Supreme Court has ruled that, when filing a 1040 form, a person is waiving his Constitutional rights, that he is voluntarily filing, and thus is subject to the tax and all the penalties. Schiff points out that Americans are being tricked into filing and paying, and thus are subject to all the penalties by being intimidated into volunteering into the system. As those who have experienced military service know, don't volunteer!

Very recently, in Federal District Court in Chicago, Schiff's position stood the test of trial in a "Willful Failure to File" case. The defendant, Raymond Garland, having independently arrived at the same conclusions as Schiff, kept his defense simple and was found innocent of the charges by a jury of his peers.

After laying the groundwork on the voluntary nature of the Income Tax, Schiff explained how employees can stop the withholding of the Income Tax by filing exempt on the W4 form. It should be noted that the IRS is arbitrarily levying \$500 fines on some people who fill out exempt on their W4 forms. Schiff said he goes into detail in his newsletter on how to stop the fines and how to combat the ones already levied. Basically, the W4 is an agreement between the employee and the employer to withhold or not to withhold taxes. The employer cannot be compelled to pay the tax on the employee's wages, which is what the IRS tries to intimidate employers into believing. Once the employer understands that he is not subject to the employee's tax, he is free to honor the W4 exempt agreement.

Schiff also touched on the issue of tax liens, declaring them to be extortionist. They are

not signed by a judge, but by an IRS agent. Schiff says the Sheriff of the county should be notified of any extortion taking place, and he should throw the IRS agent in jail. Schiff says some extortionist IRS agents will soon end up in jail. This reporter will keep you posted.

A few caveats are in order. No fight with the Federal Government is an easy one. One must study the issues thoroughly before challenging the government on the Income Tax. Irwin Schiff spent four months in jail (as a political prisoner) after being found guilty of Willful Failure to File for 1972 and 1973. He said that if he had known then what he knows now about the nature of the Income Tax, he never would have gone to jail. He said the Secretary of the Treasury has yet to send him a bill for any subsequent years (which is what is required by law if one doesn't volunteer into the system), and that people who don't file don't receive bills. He wrote HOW ANYONE CAN STOP PAYING INCOME TAXES while in jail, and has now sold over 150,000 copies. He had to make no probationary agreement to get out of jail, he said when questioned by this reporter.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Clark/O'Keefe

It was disturbing to read Jim Johnston's charge in the January ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN that "gathering enough signatures to submit the issue to the judicial committee was met with a barrage of venom from Alicia Clark..."

If this were so, I would have to alter my opinion of Alicia Clark and warn others of such behavior in the hope that the publicity would cause such venomous barrages to cease. Accordingly, I wrote to Jim Johnston and asked that he supply me with the details of Clark's "barrage of venom" in relation to the gathering of signatures to bring the O'Keefe matter to the Judicial Committee. Knowing of his meticulous attention to research and detail--at least with regard to Robert's Rules of Order--I felt sure that he would have such details close at hand.

Mr. Johnston wrote back that "Alicia Clark's intemperate statements" could be discovered in unspecified memos she wrote in the wake of the O'Keefe firing, and that he was "outraged" with the, again unspecified, "attempts on her behalf to keep the issue from being settled by the Judicial Committee."

But where is the answer to my question? Where can he cite chapter and verse that Alicia Clark made venomous remarks concerning the gathering of signatures? Until he can be specific, and I don't believe that he can be, there is no doubt in my mind that Mr. Johnston owes an apology to Mrs. Clark and to the readers of your newsletter for letting his "outrage" spill over into apparently malicious charges designed to damage Mrs. Clark's reputation.

--David K. Walter
NatCom Representative, Region 14

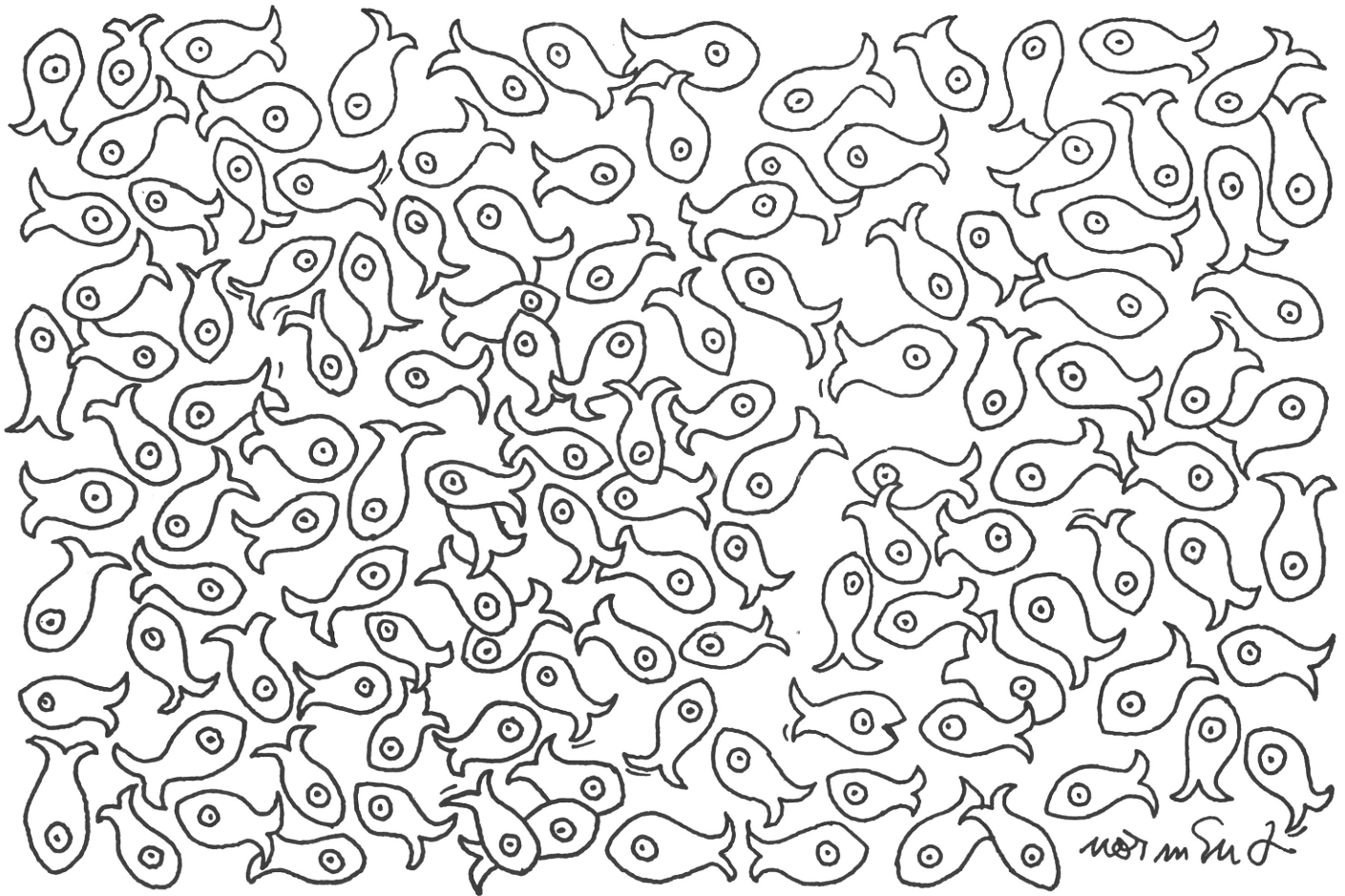
Johnston Replies

First, in typically harsh terms, ex-Chair Anne McCracken takes me to task for not having expelled from the Party another ex-Chair, Ciskey Webb. The slanderous charge she makes is that Webb is an anti-semitic and a dirty trickster. The charges are new but no less absurd than previous charges she has leveled at Webb and Jim Peron. Those who witnessed the earlier ugliness will remember that it was Peron, not Webb, who was supposedly the anti-semitic. Apparently, when McCracken decides you are an enemy, you take on the imagined attributes of all her other enemies. I do not know what dirty tricks Webb has supposedly perpetrated against McCracken, but it was not Webb's elevation to the National Party's Judicial Committee. I was greatly pleased to place Webb's name in nomination for the Judicial Committee. McCracken, by contrast, proposed her own name for that position and also spoke on her own behalf. That Webb was elected and McCracken received only two votes out of 153, attests to the fact that McCracken is no longer able to attract very much support to her point of view. The only dirty trick there is what McCracken did to herself.

The letter from Rick Harvey, while appearing to be helpful, is really not. He admits that he is not acquainted with the circumstances of the O'Keefe firing, nevertheless asserts that Clark probably has such authority. Moreover, he suggests that the correctness of the dismissal should be based on O'Keefe's comparative performance statistics. As I explained to him last year, the only established institution available before the next national convention to settle the dispute, was the Judicial Committee. Indeed Harvey said he could appreciate that my efforts were taken in good conscience, given my understanding of the options, even though he might not have chosen the same course. I wish I could say the same of Harvey's recent letter. The reason for my reservation, is that Harvey applied for National Director position after Clark fired O'Keefe from that job.

Now let me turn to Dave Walter's letter in this issue of the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN. He wants chapter and verse concerning Clark's personal attacks on other libertarians. Clearly, I am not going to repeat such unsubstantiated personal attacks here. Doing so would only compound the injury. Instead, I refer Walter to the memos which Clark disseminated last summer to the National Committee, State Chairs, and newsletter editors in the wake of the dismissal. In these memos, she leveled charges against O'Keefe which caused him to incur the expense of mailing out responses defending his good name. In one of the memos, Clark also attacked Gillian Jewell, the well-liked computer operator who had performed such dedicated service in the National Office. The charges were unverified third-party hearsay accusing Jewell of misbehavior when she resigned to protest the dismissal of O'Keefe and the changing of the locks at the National Office. Clearly Walter knew about this because he received these memos.

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"It's my personal opinion that the world nowadays is sadly lacking in leadership."

TAX PROTEST DAY

Tax Protest demonstrations will be held at many Post Offices the evening of April 15. Call your local contact person. In Chicago, the North Side coordinator is Craig Allen--975-7298, Northwest its Dennis Constant--878-2555, and for the Western suburbs its Ed Roth--968-5863.

Come to the rally in the Federal Building Plaza, 230 S. Dearborn from 11:00am till 2:00pm. Ken Prazak is planning theatre skits with the Founding Fathers discussing "The Second Revolution." There will be signs and LPI Tax Protest flyers to hand out. If you work in the Loop but have a short lunch hour, you might want to consider taking comp time or making other special arrangements so you can get to the rally. Plan on being at the Main P.O. from 6:00pm till midnight. Lots of hands will be needed to carry signs and hand out LPI literature.

You're the only Libertarian in town?--Join up with a taxpayer group to put on a Protest.

FREEDOM AND THE FREEZE

Dan Shaw writes in the March/April HAWAII LIBERTARIAN, "Too often we think of freedom as a fragile flower which must be protected for it to flourish. Instead, I say that freedom is a contagious virus which must be continually transmitted to new people lest it die out. The nuclear freeze movement has created a focus for people who are susceptible to new ideologies, and if we don't expose them to libertarianism, they'll come down with something else."

In Chicago on Saturday, April 16, there will be "An evening on Nukes, Consciousness, Thoughts, and Feelings." The meeting will be at the Second Unitarian Church, 656 W. Barry, at 7:30pm. A video tape, "No Other Generations," with excerpts from a recent symposium on Peace and Consciousness at Stanford University. The tape includes statements by Ram Das, Patricia and Daniel Ellsberg, Ken Keyes, and Helen Caldicott. After the tape viewing, there will be a discussion led by Irwin Aloff and music by Rob Kimes and N. K. Khalsa.

The JudComm Ploy

by Murray N. Rothbard

IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT THE Crane Machine would respond in some frenetic way to the firing of National Director Eric O'Keefe by National Chair Alicia Clark on August 8. The decisive ouster of O'Keefe, and the subsequent resignation of his staff at National Headquarters, meant the loss of the Craniacs' major *foco* in the national party. The Crane Machine would now have to fall back on the small handful of state parties that they control, and even in some of these a rebellion is brewing against their rule.* To keep their fighting spirit and their sense of outrage intact, the Machine decided to use what it felt to be its trump card, its only national *foco* still remaining: the Judicial Committee.

The JudComm is traditionally appointed by the NatCom at its first session, at the end of the national convention, to last until the next convention. Before 1981, the JudComm's power was virtually limited to ruling during a convention on petitions signed by 10% of convention delegates on whether or not a platform plank or resolution violated the LP's Statement of Principles. Generally, the JudComm consisted of judicious, gray-beard types, and had little or nothing to do. Thus, one year John Hospers and I were on the JudComm together, and we were presented with but one question about whether a proposed plank (I think repudiation of the public debt) violated the Statement, and we unanimously agreed that it did not. All very gentlemanly.

Unfortunately, in an action noticed by no one amidst the dramatic issues and conflicts at Denver, the 1981 Convention passed an unprecedented ByLaw change giving the hitherto quiescent JudComm the absolute power to veto any action of the NatCom, upon receiving a petition signed by 5% of national LP members. And at the Denver NatCom meeting, the one meeting at which the Crane Machine exerted total power over its tired and demoralized opposition, the Craniacs managed to pack the Jud-

Comm with third-rate young Machine hacks, and not a judicious graybeard in the lot. Specifically, of the nine JudComm members, Chairman Craig Franklin was an independent non-Craniac, as was Jim Clarkson and John Mason. The other six were Crane tools, consisting of David Boaz (a Crane employee), Tom Palmer (long-time Crane Machine operative), Gary Greenberg, Ciskey Webb, Frank Horn, and Janet Nelson (Crane employee).

And so the response of the Crane Machine to the ouster of O'Keefe was (in addition to a flurry of frenzied memoranda) to circulate petitions across the country taking the dismissal of the martyred O'Keefe to their kept JudComm. In charge of the petition effort was Howie Rich, Craniac straw boss on the NatCom. By early December, they claimed to have the necessary signatures, and appealed to the JudComm on the basis of Article 8, Section 12 of the new ByLaws: "Upon appeal by 5% of the [National] Party members, the Judicial Committee shall consider the question of whether or not a decision of the National Committee contravenes specified sections of the ByLaws. If the decision is vetoed by the Judicial Committee, it shall be declared null and void." Led by Tom Palmer, the major Crane overseer on the JudComm, the Crane majority on the JudComm tried to push through a quick decision overturning the ouster of O'Keefe, and declaring the martyred ex-National Director *still* the National Director of the LP. They attempted to rush this action through by meeting at Orlando alongside the NatCom meeting on December 4-5, but their attempted kangaroo court was blocked by Chairman Craig Franklin, who insisted on proper judicial proceedings. As a result of Franklin's insistence on due process, the JudComm will not be able to complete its action until late January or February.

The Craniac JudComm ploy, however, involves a series of irregularities, *each one of which* makes any JudComm decision illegal and invalid:

1) Each signature would have to be carefully checked to make sure (a) that every signatory is indeed a national member, and (b) that they constitute 5% of the total. And yet, the Crane Machine has maintained that it doesn't have to check the signatures with those on membership cards, *and* it refuses to make the

names of the signatories public to either the National Secretary or the NatCom itself. In short, Rich and his compatriots are arrogantly demanding that we all accept a pig in a poke: they claim to have the signatories, but these are to remain secret, since apparently Rich has promised some of the signatories their "right of privacy." Indeed! Who in hell has ever heard of a secret petition? Who ever heard of someone saying grandiosely: "I have a thousand names here on this petition, but I can't reveal any of them because it interferes with their right of privacy"? The Richian pretension should be treated for what it is: an absurd and even grisly joke.

At Orlando, the NatCom voted to request that the JudComm turn over the secret names to the Secretary and to itself, but there is so far no indication that Rich or the JudComm will comply with this request.

2) According to any reasonable interpretation of Article 8, Section 12 of the ByLaws, the complaining petitions must cite concrete actions of the NatCom which allegedly contravened specified sections of the ByLaws. The Rich/Crane petitions, however, do not do so. They cite only actions of the National Chair and not of the NatCom, they do not specify contraventions, and they only refer to "discussion" of Alicia's action without specifying the goal of such discussion. Hence, the Richian petitions are invalid.

3) It is improper, in any proceeding purporting to be "judicial," for the judges to declare their decision in advance of any hearing or having the case come before them. Yet at least three of the JudComm members, Craniacs all—Boaz, Horn, and Nelson—have already publicly condemned the firing of O'Keefe as illegal. They therefore should recuse themselves from any vote; they have not, of course, done so.

4) According to various parliamentarians, part of the Denver election of JudComm members was invalid, because many were elected by a plurality rather than by a requisite majority. One view is that all elected except Franklin and Clarkson are invalid; another is that Horn, Mason, and Webb are invalid. Unfortunately, a decree of invalidity was withdrawn from the NatCom agenda at Orlando.

5) Even if all the above points were set aside for sake of argument, the JudComm, even under the new ByLaws, has absolutely no power to command; all it can do is to veto. At Orlando, the National Committee reconfirmed the firing of O'Keefe by an overwhelming vote of 17 to 3, with 9 abstentions. (At Billings, it had not done so directly. The Natcom

*Best estimates are that the Crane Machine only controls seven state parties, with total delegates of 125 out of 719 at the 1983 convention, for 17% of the vote. These are Alaska, Arkansas, District of Columbia (where Craniac employees are concentrated), Kansas (the Koch fiefdom), New Jersey, New York, and Wisconsin (the Leslie Key machine). And rebellions are reportedly brewing in their two major strongholds of Alaska and New York.

had confirmed the right of Alicia Clark to fire O'Keefe and had approved the hiring of Honey Lanham in his place.) So that even if the JudComm illegally decides to veto the Billings actions, it cannot *also* set aside the Orlando action at the same time. In order to do so, the Craniacs would have to get *another* petition, with 5% of member names signing it, and present *that* new petition for another JudComm hearing. Even if the membership is willing to sit still for another round of pestering for signatures, it is doubtful whether the JudComm could even hear the new petition before the August convention, when the whole affair will be moot.

It should be noted that even under the ludicrous and absurd proposition of the Crane Machine—that a two-thirds vote of the NatCom is needed to fire O'Keefe—the Orlando vote meets that test, and with plenty to spare.

Despite this quadruple or quintuple invalidity, reports are that Tom Palmer, Craniac straw boss on the JudComm, has set forth a "loose construction" of JudComm powers that would make the power-hungry John Marshall look like a strict constructionist. According to Palmer, once any field of discussion has come under the official notice of the JudComm, it has total, absolute, and unquestionable power to interpret its own powers, and to interpret the ByLaws setting forth such powers.

It is absurd to think that libertarians would sit still for a JudComm, this mere creature of the NatCom in the first place, getting away with claims to absolute power and total obedience. Having this sort of mindset, it is likely that the Craniac majority on JudComm will eventually declare all actions of the NatCom at Billings and Orlando to be invalid. It will proclaim the martyr O'Keefe to be past, present, and eternal National Director entitled to back pay, and perhaps even call upon Ms. Lanham to return her back salary to the LP.

Libertarians will not sit still for a shameless *coup d'état* by a runaway JudComm any more than they would for the Supreme Court of the United States. If the Crane/Palmer JudComm should make such a decision, there is only one proper action for Alicia Clark and the NatCom to take: to ignore the illegal and demented acts of a power-hungry JudComm and to go about their business unperturbed. In effect, to say as Andrew Jackson did of the Supreme Court: "John Marshall has made his decision; now let him enforce it." If the NatCom takes this firm and principled course, the Craniac JudComm will fade away and take its deserved place in the dustbin of history.

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JUDCOMM DECLARES
O'KEEFE FIRING NULL AND VOID

by Jim Johnston

On February 26, the Judicial Committee decided by a vote of 6-1-1 that the firing of National Director Eric O'Keefe by Party Chair Alicia Clark was "null and void ab initio from the beginning and of no force or effect."

It further recommended that "the Chair of the Party should not exceed her authority as provided for in the Bylaws and should follow regular procedures as set forth by the Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised."

While the Judicial Committee felt that it was not entitled to award damages for actions which were either negligently or deliberately in violation of the rules, it nevertheless observed that "other institutional arrangements and the passion of libertarians for justice will be sufficient in this regard." This was an apparent reference to civil court and the National Convention which begins at the end of August.

Despite the claim in a brief submitted by 15 members of the National Committee (Bergland, Franzi, Evers, Rothbard, Hanson, Monroe, Pratt, Hall, Pilcher, Walter, Crussell, Emerling, Eddy, Bogel, and Grant), the Judicial Committee voted unanimously that it indeed had jurisdiction to take up the question, according to a statement by Craig Franklin, Chair of the Committee. With the exception of Pilcher, who was not a member of the National Committee at the time of the illegal firing, all of those trying to block the resolution of the question had previously voted to uphold Clark's action.

The members of the Judicial Committee who joined in the majority ruling drafted by David Boaz were Jim Clarkson, Frank Horn, Janet Nelson, Tom Palmer, and Cissy Webb. Gary Geenberg abstained from the vote and Craig Franklin voted against. John Mason did not vote because of a mistake on the part of Franklin, who provided the conference call operator with an incorrect phone number.

Greenberg and Franklin have drafted a minority report which will be made available along with the majority report by the National Office. The fee and the ordering instructions will be announced in the next issue of the LP NEWS.

The response by the National Committee at its meeting on March 12 was to adopt a job description for the Party Chair which asserts, contrary to the ruling by the Judicial Committee, that she has the

authority to dismiss the National Director. Moreover, the National Committee selected members for the Convention Committee on By-laws and Rules (which will address the relationship between the officers and the National Committee) and specifically excluded the authors (Jule Herbert and I) of the brief which persuaded the Judicial Committee to rule the O'Keefe dismissal null and void. Apparently, a balanced discussion of the relationship, if it takes place, will have to be done on the convention floor.

A copy of the Judicial Committee ruling will be sent without charge to Illinois Party members who call 856-6553 during regular business hours.

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One should realize that Walter is not exactly a disinterested party in this regard. He not only supported Clark's illegal firing of O'Keefe, he tried to block resolution of the question by the Judicial Committee. Since Walter is raising questions I have one of mine which he should answer. In the wake of the O'Keefe firing, the national office was relocated using \$900 in unbudgeted Party funds. Even though Walter is the Chair of the Audit Committee, there is as yet no report from him on the details of that expenditure to the National Committee even though the Party's By-laws in Article 8 indicate that the National Committee alone is vested with responsibility for "the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party."

Finally, a word about the anonymous letter writer who is so fed up with the intra-Party controversies, that only dissociation from the Party seems reasonable. I must admit that the same thought has crossed my own mind more than once. However, to this point I have always rejected the idea. Why should I give up and leave the Party in the hands of those who flout the rules and then cover up their indiscretions with slander against the victims. It is simply a cop-out to remain aloof when controversies arise and not work for resolution through institutions established for that purpose. Libertarians of good will must speak up when personal attacks are being leveled. Otherwise, the silence lends credence to the slander.

I am reminded of the words of Edmund Burke, who said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

--Jim Johnston

MEL DAHL IN TRIB

Stephen Chapman's column in the CHICAGO TRIBUNE Sunday, April 3, was about homosexuals and the military. He reported Mel Dahl's discharge from the Navy for stating he is gay, his "impeccable record," his lawsuit, and his plan to walk from New York to San Francisco to raise funds for the legal battle. He proceeded to demolish the Navy's arguments re the "security risk" of an openly admitted homosexual and "other dangers cited by the Navy which are more vague." He con-

cluded with, "...the ban on gays looks less like hard-headed realism than blind prejudice."

Tina and Jim Johnston are heading up an effort to raise \$2,500 for Mel's legal fund. Call Jim at 856-6553 during business hours to pledge your contribution.

EDITORIAL

Article 9 of the Bylaws assigns to the Judicial Committee the responsibility "for hearing appeals regarding...(d) voiding of National Committee decisions (Article 8, Section 12)"

Article 8, Section 12: "Upon appeal by 5% of the Party members, the Judicial Committee shall consider the question of whether or not a decision of the National Committee contravenes specified sections of the Bylaws. If the decision is vetoed by the Judicial Committee, it shall be declared null and void."

The petition: "Being a member in good standing of the national Libertarian Party, I hereby petition the Judicial Committee to take up the question of whether or not the August 8, 1982 dismissal of the National Director should be voided as provided for in Art. 8. Sec. 12 of the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party."

The petition 1) does not state the decision of the NatCom petitioners are appealing to the JudCom, and 2) does not specify which sections of the Bylaws petitioners believe were contravened by the unidentified decision of the NatCom. The "dismissal of the National Director" was an action taken by the Chair.

I believe Jim Johnston is a man of good will who has honorable intentions. However, something strange seems to happen when he talks about this subject. Insistent as he is that rules be followed, he seems to become peculiarly ignorant of a fundamental set of rules which make civilized discourse possible. I am referring to the basic rules of language. Words have meanings. An otherwise rational, articulate, and sometimes eloquent man, Jim turns into a veritable Humpty Dumpty when the Clark/O'Keefe "controversy" comes up.

The petition does not meet either of the two requirements given in Bylaws 8:9 for a "question" to be considered by the JudCom. It is devoid of meaning so far as that "rule" of the Party is concerned. Jim, apparently blind to this obvious fact, enthusiastically circulated the petition instead of rewriting it to conform to the "rule" before sending it abroad.

I received Alicia Clark's mailings (I did not receive any from Eric O'Keefe). Below I quote the "calumny" Alicia heaped upon Eric.

From her August 9 news release: "Clark specified that she considered him O'Keefe a 'dedicated Libertarian activist,' but she opposed O'Keefe's failure to provide office sup-

port for Libertarian Party internal education and fund raising and his lack of assistance to many State Party organizations. Clark also stressed that O'Keefe had repeatedly failed to aid the work of and implement the decisions of Libertarian National Committee Subcommittees, as well as some important goals of the National committee."

From Alicia's September 21 memo: "During the time I worked with Mr. O'Keefe I supported and encouraged all his ballot drive and campaign activities. I am and have been enthusiastic about helping all states that needed it to make the ballot. The problem with Mr. O'Keefe was that he was not taking good care of other duties of the Natl. Director: administration, finances and support of other important policies, goals and programs of the Party.

"Since his discharge he has said very clearly in his letters and elsewhere that from the time I was elected Chair he was opposed to the plans and ideas I presented during my candidacy for Chair, ideas and plans that were supported by a majority of the delegates to the National Convention and a majority of the members of the National Committee.

"The honest thing for him to do would have been to resign and explain why. Not to pretend for eleven months to be working with the Chair while trying to obstruct the Chair's plans to help the State Parties, to raise money for the LP, to increase the membership, and to establish and expand an Internal Educational Program.

"Again, the issue is a simple one. Shall the Lp follow the wishes of the majority or the policies of an employee?"

When Alicia took office, the Party was very much in debt. By August, 1982, the debt had been reduced by approximately 6%. In the next seven months, with Honey Lanham serving as National Director, the debt was reduced by 40%. Now what is slanderous about saying Eric did not perform in the area of finances and fund raising?

Here is Alicia's "attack" on Gillian Jewell: "In relation to Ms. Gillian Jewell, the computer operator and Liberty Services employee, she says that I tried to force her to sign a contract. I wonder how anybody calling by telephone from Los Angeles, Ca., can force another individual in Washington, D.C., to sign anything. I was interested in Ms. Jewell continuing as the computer operator either as a Liberty Services or as an LP employee, with or without a contract, not because she was the only one who could operate the computer, as this was not totally true, but because she has been a hard-working, dedicated libertarian." Alicia then described Gillian's behavior on August 9.

Jim says "unverified third-party hearsay" (sic). Alicia was there. Perhaps Jim would like a sworn statement from George Burns "verifying" the eye-witness report.

"Webb was elected and McCracken received only

two votes out of 153" in Jim's letter calls for some clarification. There were 22 candidates. The 8 who were elected got from 10 to 13 votes each (Cissy got 10), for a total of 89. The 14 who were not elected got from 1 to 9 votes each, for a total of 64.

I am annoyed that I have succumbed to wasting time on this busy-ness, but I believe an amended version of Burke's statement is true --and applicable. "The only thing necessary for foolishness to prevail is for reasonable people to tolerate it."

LPI STATE CONVENTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

Friday Open House--6:00 to 10:00pm. Cocktail party, etc. Bring your friends and get help with converting them.

Saturday, Day--workshops, panel discussions, and debate. Hear from, discuss ideas and strategy with some of the best.

Saturday, Evening--cocktail party and banquet. Roger McBride, 1976 Libertarian presidential candidate, will be the keynote speaker.

Sunday, Morning--breakfast with Dave Nolan, cofounder of the national Libertarian Party.

Sunday, 10:30 to 4:30--Annual meeting of the Libertarian Party of Illinois. Election of officers, consideration of proposed Constitution and Bylaws changes (published in March ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN), and selection of Delegates to Presidential Nominating Convention in New York August 29 to September 5.

TO VOTE, you must be a member in good standing (have signed the pledge and your dues are current) as of April 15. You must also be there at 10:30am to be certified eligible to vote, or give a signed proxy to a member who will be there and who holds no more than one other proxy.

If you wish to run for office, you must notify the Secretary, Pat Natschke, in writing of your candidacy by April 15.

CLOWES ENDORSED BY HERALD

"Three candidates are vying for two seats on the Mount Prospect Park Board.

"For the first seat, we strongly endorse write-in candidate George Clowes, who would emphasize more careful planning and would work to control costs. Clowes is justifiably critical of the way the park district is going about rebuilding the Lions Park Pool. He echoes the concerns of many residents who believe that the district's plans were based on inadequate information and that the project has become too grandiose. If elected, he would take a careful, studious approach to park issues--a quality that many Mount Prospect residents say is lacking on the current board."

--Editorial, The DAILY HERALD, March 28, 1983

The editorial continued with a paragraph of instructions for how to write in George's name so the vote will be counted.

"INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES: What has been learned?" is the title of a symposium planned by the Chicago Planetary Initiative Council for Saturday, April 16. For more information call Bob McClellan--312/864-2272.

NORTH SIDE LIBERTARIAN STUDY GROUP will be discussing environmental issues at its April 24 meeting. The topics will include privatization of commons, pollution-engendered torts, chemical and nuclear waste disposal, and imposed risk controversies.

THE INVISIBLE HAND (subtitle: How free trade is choking the life out of America) is a book being peddled by Kroch's & Brentano's. Its author, J.I. Olnik, has received high praise from top echelon people in Dan River, Inc., the Apparel Manufacturers Association, the Shipbuilders Council of America, the American Sugarbeet Growers Association, and of course, the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

CORRECTION: In the last issue I reported that Alicia Clark had announced she will run for reelection as National Chair. She has not said she will run again.

300 WORD LIMIT--Beginning with the May issue, letters to the editor in excess of 300 words will not be published.

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by Joe David

"(The novel) which exposes public 'education' for the fraud it really is-- a coercive institution of indoctrination," says Alicia Patti for Libertarian Digest.

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The success of the Rockford Libertarian club with outreach programs featuring speakers Tom Verkuilen and Steve Nelson inspired Kathy Kelley, LPI Treasurer, to suggest that a trading post column be published regularly in the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN, listing available assets of local clubs and individuals and requests for materials. The purpose of the column will be for information exchange. Negotiation of loans or trades will be conducted privately by the parties involved.

If you have anything that might be considered a Libertarian-related asset, or need of one, please send a description or a request with the name, address, and phone number of the person to contact to the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN. Watch for the new column.

Ed.: Here it is.

LP/10 CONVENTION RECORDINGS..Kathy Kelley has the whole set, including talks by Rothbard, D. Friedman, both Clarks, Randolph, O'Keefe, and many others. Some are the theoretical, and many others. Some are theoretical, some action oriented. Call Kathy or write her at 3220 Louise St., Rockford 61103.

"WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS"..Pat Peterson has a 16mm copy. Call or write him at 1287 Spring Valley Dr., Carol Stream 60187.

SPEAKERS..no specific offers, but most Libertarians only have to be asked. Don't be shy.

LPH WINS FIRST HALF OF VICTORY

Lobbying efforts of the Libertarian Party of Hawaii have won passage in the State Senate by a vote of 22-3 of a bill which, if passed by the House, will give the Party ballot status for 10 years. The current requirement for retaining ballot status is getting ten percent of the vote for an LPH statewide candidate. If the new bill becomes law, any party which qualifies for ballot status in three consecutive elections will automatically retain it for ten years. The party could then requalify by filing petitions signed by one percent of the registered voters.

The bill was sponsored by Democratic State Senator Neil Abercrombe. Are Illinois Libertarians willing to seek out such a sponsor in the Illinois General Assembly?

RAND DEVOTEE WINS TAX FIGHT

by Kenneth Prazak

Raymond Garland, a 44 year-old freedom fighter and insurance salesman from Sycamore, Illinois, won a couragous court battle March 9 when a jury of his peers found him not guilty of Willful Failure to File an Income Tax Return for the years 1976 through 1979. Garland, acting as his own counsel, convinced the jury that filing a tax return is voluntary. Jury verdicts in criminal trials are not appealable.

Garland demonstrated to the jury that the 1971 1040 Instruction Booklet states that U.S. citizens voluntarily pay their taxes every year. He then showed a 1982 return which provides a space to voluntarily pay to reduce the national debt. He asked the jury, "What is to prevent the government from going after you in the future for not voluntarily paying to reduce the national debt?" Garland also said the Income Tax is based on voluntary compliance to insure a citizen's Constitutional right not to be a witness against himself. He also asserted his Ninth Amendment right to privacy. Garland says he would be willing to file an Income Tax return if the government could show him how to do so without waiving any of his Constitutional rights.

Ray Garland, acting as his own attorney, quite possibly has exploded a popular myth perpetrated by lawyers (to promote their own financial enhancement?), "A person acting as his own lawyer has a fool for a client." By going Pro Se, Garland was able to project the sincerity of his beliefs in the opening and closing arguments. That would be impossible if an attorney represented him. Garland told this reporter he doesn't see how a jury could rule any other way but to acquit a sincere and honest person.

Garland, whose two favorite books are THE FOUNTAINHEAD and ATLAS SHRUGGED, said he wanted to be a writer when he was young so he could "write the truth about life." After he came across the writings of Ayn Rand, though, his yearning to be a writer left him. He thought all he would be able to do would be to plagiarize her.

Garland has declined interviews with "Sixty Minutes" and the "Phil Donahue Show" because he doesn't want to sanction the manipulative nature of those programs. Asked about the Libertarian Party, he said he doesn't believe in political parties since forming a political party, by definition, requires compromise of personal principles. Along these same philosophical lines, he added that he has no intention to write any books because, being a growing person, he doesn't want to risk being enslaved to his own previous writings. Garland also isn't a member of any "tax protest" groups.

Garland says he is ready if the government decides to go after him for any other years he hasn't filed.---Howard Roark would be proud.

CALENDAR

BOLINGBROCK STUDY GROUP--7pm alternate Sundays--Anne McCracken 312/739-6240.

COOK COUNTY SOUTH--8pm every Tuesday, Ida Noyes Hall, 1414 E.59th St., Chicago--Tim Griffin 445-5296.

ILLINOIS VALLEY LIBERTARIAN ASSOCIATION--3pm second Sunday, 725 E. Kansas, Peoria--Scott Tillman 382-2892.

KANE COUNTY LIBERTARIAN CLUB--7:30pm first Wednesday, St. Charles Savings and Loan, St. Charles--Pat Schultz 426-9187.

LAKE COUNTY LIBERTARIANS--fourth Sunday, 6pm pot luck supper, 7:30pm discussion--Bill King 312/662-3959.

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