



Libertarian Party

NEWS

It's Marrou/Lord in 1992

By Jim Hankey

Andre Marrou was chosen on the first ballot to represent the Libertarian Party in the 1992 presidential election.

Marrou, the sixth Libertarian Party presidential nominee, said he will run a campaign closely coordinated with the campaign of the party's vice presidential nominee, Dr. Nancy Lord.

With 453 delegates voting, a minimum of 225 votes was required to win the nomination for president. Marrou, a real estate broker in Las Vegas, NV, garnered 257 votes, and his closest competitor, Richard Benjamin Boddie, captured 155 votes.

"Somebody once said, 'Happiness is not pleasure, happiness is victory,'" Marrou said in his acceptance speech. Then, quoting vice presidential candidate Dr. Mary Ruwart, of Kalamazoo, MI, he said, "We are all winners here. There are no losers here. We do need to coalesce for victory. We do need to come together and fight the statist."

Marrou, the vice presidential nominee in 1988, promised a hard-fought campaign over the next 14 months. "I think we're going to do a lot better than anyone thinks we're going to do," he told the delegates.

He congratulated his four opponents and thanked them for a good campaign.

Boddie, a motivational speaker and professor in Huntington Beach, CA, hugged Marrou after the vote totals were announced.

"I'd like to congratulate Andre Marrou," he said. "I'd like to congratulate all of you who participated in this historic effort for our group, our party, our belief, and our efforts . . . And I want to say, when I said to you before, in the 30 states that I went to, that Andre Marrou is my friend, I still say that at this moment. Thank you all. Thank you, Andre. Let's do it."



NEWS photo by Randy Langhenry

Two more candidates were announced at the convention. Hans G. Schroeder, of Forest Grove, PA, decided to run on the morning of Saturday, Aug. 31, he said. Schroeder, publisher of "The Pragmatist" newsletter, had asked Boddie and Marrou to call for abolishment of all federal, state, and local taxes, he said. "If you're only going to get a million votes, you might as well run a libertarian campaign," he said. He decided to throw his hat in the ring when the other contenders didn't advocate total tax abatement, he said. He earned seven votes in the nomination election.

The fourth candidate, David H. Raaflaub, of Ann Arbor, MI, said he ran

primarily so he could address a television audience on C-SPAN, which carried most of the convention's floor action, including the nominee election process.

Raaflaub talked about five issues: curtailing the power of federal administrative agencies, evening out the unbalanced representation in Congress, evening out the representation on the LP's National Committee, supporting issue petitions and referendums, and putting an end to talk of anarchy in libertarian outreach efforts. Six delegates voted for Raaflaub.

Twenty votes were cast for none of the above.

After the presidential election, Boddie

allowed his supporters to nominate him for vice president, even though he had said many times in the presidential campaign that he would never accept the No. 2 position on the ticket.

After a narrow loss to Lord, Boddie announced that he will run for the U.S. Senate seat in California. He said he felt obligated to run for vice president after Marrou took the presidential nomination.

"I couldn't allow the people who backed me to be disappointed by going straight for the senate race," Boddie said. He also said he'll seek the presidential nomination again in 1996.

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Gingell Takes the Chair

Mary Gingell, the Libertarian Party's immediate past national vice chair, was chosen without opposition to be the party's new national chair.

Prior to the convention, Gingell offered a proposal for improving the LP over the next two years. Her two main themes were: 1) To professionalize the party's efforts—meaning to improve public image, quality control, response time, internal communications, and interactions between the national party and state parties and the presidential campaign; and 2) To focus on political action—meaning ensuring ballot access for LP candidates and helping candidates run effective campaigns.

Tim Schrodel, a high school student

from Ann Arbor, MI, and new member to the LP, was also nominated for national chair, but he withdrew his nomination and supported Gingell.

The new national vice chair is Steve Dasbach. Dasbach has served as a National Committee member as well as chair of the Affiliate Campaigns Committee.

Joseph W. Dehn, III was re-elected to the position of national secretary. This will be his second term in this office.

Bill Redpath, who was appointed to the position of national treasurer earlier this year, was elected to that position for the upcoming term.

All of the national officers were elected without opposition.



Mary Gingell, new national chair, addresses the convention.

Paul Testing GOP Waters

By Randy Langhenry

Dr. Ron Paul, the Libertarian Party's 1988 presidential candidate, has announced that he is testing the waters for a possible challenge to George Bush in next year's Republican primary.

"Regardless of what others may say, and I'm sure I'll get criticism, it may be a good way [to push the libertarian message], and that's the only reason I even think about it," Paul explained

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The Year of Libertarian Women

1991 might be considered the Year of the Libertarian Woman.

Over the last few years, men and women in the Libertarian Party have begun to address some basic questions about the role of women in our organization, as well as trying to answer the question, "How can we get more women to join the LP and become actively involved?"

The interest in women's involvement in the Libertarian Party, and in the broader libertarian movement, peaked this past June when Colorado activist Mary Margaret Glennie sponsored the "Women in Libertarianism" conference in Fort Collins, Colorado.

The participants (both women and men) were so excited by this opportunity to talk over ideas and network with each other that they met a second time on Sunday morning of the Libertarian Presidential Nominating Convention over Labor Day weekend. Plans are in the works for another meeting as well.

What is women's role in the Libertarian Party? And what can men and women do to get more women into the LP? Thinking about many of the women already in the party, I've come up with the following list of some of their best traits to illustrate what women can contribute to the LP:

Libertarian women can be **INSPIRATIONAL**: think of the excitement Alicia Clark inspired during her term as national chair, and look at the recent campaigns of Carole Ann Rand (for governor of Georgia), Miriam Luce (for governor of New Hampshire), Nancy Lord (for mayor of Washington, DC), and others.

Many of the women in the party make it clear through their actions that they are **REALISTIC** about what has to be done in order to move toward a libertarian society. They are **PRACTICAL**, stuffing envelopes, writing letters, handing out literature. They are **ORGANIZED**, heading up committees, chairing state parties, managing campaigns. They are **INVOLVED** in their communities, doing volunteer work, getting elected to public office. They are **CONSENSUS BUILDERS**.

Women can be **NURTURING**, **SENSITIVE**, **CONSIDERATE**, and **SUPPORTIVE** of other LP members with whom they are working. And women can be especially effective in politics when they combine

✓ From the Chair

Mary Gingell, LP National Chair

these supportive traits with their realism, practicality, organizational skills, community involvement, and consensus building. What a repertoire!

Fortunately, women do not have a monopoly on these positive traits. While working at the local, state and national levels of the party, I have known many Libertarian men who display one or many of these same positive traits.

Now, let's look at another question: what are some of the negative traits of Libertarian men that turn newcomers (especially women) off? Here, I am going to draw on comments I have heard women make about some men in the Libertarian Party.

I have heard some men in the LP referred to as **PUSHY**, **MEAN-SPIRITED**, **NIT-PICKING**, **SUSPICIOUS**, **OVERBEARING**, **RUDE**, **INSENSITIVE**, **SOCIALLY INEPT**, and **OVERLY CRITICAL**. That's a heavy burden for Libertarian men to bear!

However, just as Libertarian women do not have a monopoly on positive character traits, so Libertarian men do not have a monopoly on the negative traits. Sadly, I have seen some Libertarian women display these same negative character traits.

Fortunately, with a little work at improving their approach to dealing with other people, these men (and women) can modify their negative traits so that they become parallel positive ones: **ASSERTIVE**, **TOUGH-MINDED**, **CAREFUL**, **CONSCIENTIOUS**, **OUT-SPOKEN**, **BOLD**, **EAGER**, **MODEST**, and **PRINCIPLED**.

It is clear to me that the Libertarian Party has many more men than women among its ranks of activists. Many of the men in the LP, as well as many of the women already in the LP, would like to have more women join with us.

I would like to see many more women AND men get actively involved in Libertarian activities, organizations, and campaigns.

There are nice ways of interacting with other people. There are not-so-nice ways, too. Libertarian men and women are each capable of acting in either of these ways. People who are treated less than nicely by members of an organization tend not to get actively involved in that group or that cause.

Libertarians who are concentrating on reaching women can make sure they target women's groups, specifically address issues that are uppermost in women's minds, and explain clearly how libertarian solutions will benefit women, using sensitive, caring, practical, down-to-earth language. This may be a good way to get women initially to join the party.

But in order to keep women as members, and get them involved in our local groups and campaigns, something more fundamental needs to happen. We all (men as well as women) need to work very hard on the way we interact with people.

Whether with existing members, or in interactions with new or prospective members, we need to avoid demonstrating the negative traits that are, to some extent, inside all of us. We need to look inside ourselves to bring out the positive traits that may be buried very deeply, but are probably there somewhere.

We all need to demonstrate by the way we treat people that Libertarians are not only involved in practical politics and resolute in their devotion to liberty, but are also sincere, caring, concerned, sympathetic human beings who want to improve the quality of their own lives and the lives of all Americans by implementing libertarian ideas.

Only then will we get a substantial number of women to be active in the Libertarian Party, and this approach should attract a substantial number of men as well!

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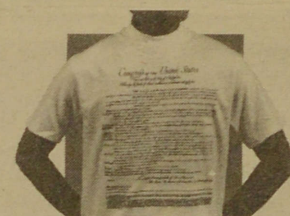
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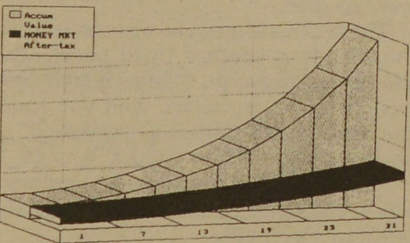


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Marrou/Lord to Carry LP Banner into 1992

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Before the convention, Boddie and Marrou appeared together at about 25 state party conventions, and also often appeared together at media events and gatherings of non-libertarians. Boddie said appearing with Marrou in front of non-libertarians was the best part of the campaign. "It was like a tracer followed by a live round. Usually we talk one against eight. It was fun to be two against 200," Boddie said.

"Dick Boddie is a very likeable person," Marrou said. "What I'd like to see Dick do is run for office and get elected. There's nothing like a little seasoning."

Marrou, who has run five campaigns and was elected to the Alaska legislature in 1985 as a Libertarian, has promised to call on all the seasoning at his disposal. As the party's vice presidential candidate in 1988, he ran a campaign totally separate from that of presidential nominee Dr. Ron Paul. That was Paul's idea, Marrou said. Marrou and Lord will coordinate their campaigns, and possibly appear together in television advertisements, he said.

Marrou said he's counting on television to give his campaign unprecedented strength and appeal. Over 10,000 C-SPAN viewers have called LP headquarters re-

questing more information since the convention opened.

"I've been talking about TV for years. If that isn't proof of the pudding, I don't know what is," Marrou said.

Marrou plans to dedicate a large part of his war chest to television ads, and plans to feature a 900-number on the ads to defray the cost of advertising. An interested viewer would call the 900-number in order to receive a packet of information, and the Marrou campaign would net perhaps as much as \$5 per call, he said.

Marrou traveled to all 50 states in the 1988 campaign, but he will travel less in this campaign so that more money will be available for TV advertising, he said.

Marrou also plans to establish campus organizations at a minimum of 20 universities, and already has groups at nine, he said.

Asked for his impression of the convention, Marrou said, "It's been invigorating. It's always good to see libertarians. I will say the party is maturing. We're bringing in other people besides white, male computer people."

In the vice presidential race, Marrou endorsed Ruwart, a research scientist for The Upjohn Co. But Boddie's surprise announcement of candidacy complicated the

race enough to drag the selection process out an extra day and through three ballots.

As time ran out for the convention's use of a Chicago Marriott ballroom Saturday afternoon, the first ballot left Boddie in the lead, with Ruwart second and Lord a fairly distant third. Candidates Craig Franklin, of North Carolina, and New Hampshire legislator Calvin Warburton drained off enough votes to deny a clear victory to Boddie, Ruwart, or Lord.

When business was resumed Sunday morning, Franklin withdrew from the race. The second ballot failed to yield a winner, and Ruwart withdrew from the race. Warburton had already left the convention, but acting on his instructions, New Hampshire LP Chair Bill Winter withdrew Warburton's name from the race.

On the third ballot, Lord won with 223 votes; Boddie captured 185; six votes went to NOTA; Ruwart received two write-in votes; and one write-in vote went to Winter.

Lord, a physician and attorney in Washington, DC, said she's especially looking forward to working with those states that still need to work on ballot access. Lord is an experienced candidate. In her race for mayor of Washington, DC, in November 1990, she placed fourth in a field of 11 candidates, and her campaign drew considerable media attention.

Lord announced that she will marry Michael Donald Tanner on Oct. 13. She and her husband will soon move to Atlanta, GA, where Tanner will take over a new position as director of research for the Georgia Public Policy Foundation in early November.

After the vice presidential vote total was announced, Marrou told the delegates, "You have made an excellent choice. I commend you for it."

Jim Hankey is a LP member and a reporter for the Harrisonburg (VA) Daily News Record.

The Issue that Wasn't

The main debating point between the two presidential hopefuls prior to the convention was the acceptance of federal matching funds.

Andre Marrou stated that he would accept the matching funds and use them for television advertising. Dick Boddie, on the other hand, spoke out strongly against this tactic.

As it turned out, the matching funds issue was generally moot, as Marrou an-

nounced before the convention that he had not qualified for matching funds. Donations needed to be received in the amount of \$5,000 from 20 states, with no individual donation in any state accounting for more than \$250.

Although there was still some debate at the convention concerning the federal matching funds question, the entire controversy basically became the issue that wasn't.

Paul Testing GOP Waters

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shortly after his intentions were made known through a story in The Washington Post, just two weeks after the LP presidential nominating convention.

"I think that there could be a real chance that some of these Republicans can be nibbled away by the libertarian approach, rather than the conservative approach. They can't trust conservatives," Paul said. "I don't see why, if this did get off the ground, in the fall they wouldn't vote for the Libertarian candidate."

"That's why it was attractive to me, to boost our educational efforts. So I see myself more, not as a political party hack, as much as looking for an angle to popularize what we believe in," Paul explained.

Paul said he had no intention of getting back into the Republican Party in order to form a libertarian wing. "I've been a little bit critical of that," Paul said.

Paul also said he does not endorse those who have left the LP and made disparaging comments about the party and its

members after they have left. "I'm very, very critical of those who want to leave, and do it not in a positive way... this is a positive approach to introduce Republicans to libertarianism, versus I'm leaving because the Libertarian Party is creepy."

"But I've also never pretended that I'm much of a partisan person. I mean Republicans never thought of me as Republican," he said.

There also seems to be no possibility of Paul forming another third party after the primary season. "That thought has never crossed my mind. And you know the label (libertarian) is pretty solid," he said.

"I have one goal and that is to promote libertarianism as I see it. I just pick my battles," Paul said.

Paul said the decision on entering the New Hampshire primary will be made "as late as possible," with the outcome of fund raising playing a major role in his decision.

State-By-State Delegate Vote

State	Marrou	Boddie	Schroeder	Raaflaub	NOTA
Alabama	3	1	0	0	0
Alaska	6	0	0	0	0
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Washington	5	9	0	0	2
Wisconsin	8	0	0	0	0
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Craig Gould, LP candidate for New Hampshire state representative, received 21.4 percent, 201 votes, in a special election on Sept. 3.

The Republican candidate received 497 and the Democrat got 243.

Never in memory has there been such a hard-fought state representative race in the town of Derry. The voter turnout was three times the town clerk's projection.

Normally, Republicans and Democrats would put up their candidates, with Republicans winning each time without a contest.

This race was different. With help from Miriam Luce, State Rep. Calvin Warburton, and a crew of other local Libertarians, the Gould campaign identified the likely voters and began mailing campaign brochures.

When the Democratic leadership realized that there was a chance that their candidate could come in third, they poured on the steam. It was eventually enough to pull ahead of Gould by 42 votes.

The Democratic candidate's experienced campaign manager initially managed to get him the endorsement of both pro-life and pro-choice forces.

The leadership of the local taxpayer association wanted to defeat the more fiscally liberal Republican, but threw support to the Democrat. When asked, "Why the Democrat?", the association's president responded, "Because a third party candidate can't win."

That attitude is changing, according to Gould. "These results prove that the Democrats are not the only opposition party."

Gould also vows, "This is the last time a Democrat will beat a Libertarian in this district."

The Republicans are, however, a different story, according to Gould. "The Republican candidate refused to debate, could never be pinned down on any issue, and knows everyone in town. It will take a weaker opponent and a lot more than \$700 to win this kind of race."

When asked what valuable lesson he learned from the campaign, Gould responded, "If you stand at the polls in the hot sun for 12 hours, wear a hat."

Defense Fund For Bill White

By Mark Hinkle

The June issue of the California Libertarian News reported that Bill White, his wife Kathy, and another member of the United Libertarian Fellowship, Will Barkley, were convicted in Federal Court of tax evasion. Sentencing is scheduled for late September. They plan to appeal their convictions.

All three are members of the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County.

A defense fund has been established to help defray legal expenses, now over \$60,000. Kathy and Will used attorneys appointed by the court during the trial, while Bill hired his attorney.

If you would like to help, please send checks or money orders payable to the BILL WHITE DEFENSE FUND, c/o Santa Clara LP, 3249 Stevens Creek Blvd., Suite 207, San Jose, CA 95117.

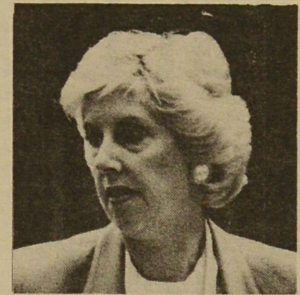


Adolf Hitler
Nazi Dictator

WARNING

WHAT DO THESE PEOPLE HAVE IN COMMON?

- THE BIG LIE (ENDLESS REPETITION OF OLD LIES = NEW TRUTH)
- SALAMI TACTICS (IMPOSE EVIL POLICIES A STEP AT A TIME)
- EXPLOIT EVENTS (JIM BRADY'S VICTIMIZATION BY A PSYCHO)
- DO GOODER IMAGE (WE WANT A KINDER, GENTLER WORLD)
- THEIR VICTIMS HELPED THEM (SOME ARE EASILY DUPED)
- BRUTALITY IS O.K. (DARYL GATES IS A BRADY SOUL-MATE)



Sarah Brady
Chair - Handgun Control, Inc.

Hitler used these tactics to build a "New Order" which led to a "Final Solution" for Jews. Brady's use of Hitler's tactics leads to a "Final Solution" for law-abiding gun-owners.

Hitler knew that a lie - endlessly repeated - can win acceptance. So does Sarah Brady. Hitler won mass support by repeatedly blaming the Jews for Germany's failures. Like Hitler, Brady preaches the big lie that firearms - not criminals - are the root of violence in America.

Hitler at first moved slowly. So does Sarah Brady. Only after eight years of growing brutality did Hitler herd disarmed Jews into ghettos and ship them to death camps. Brady first targeted "Saturday night specials", then "Cop-killer bullets", then "assault rifles", then "access to guns by the law-abiding". What next: midnight warrantless searches by "gun police"?

Hitler exploited events to savage innocent people. So does Sarah Brady. On 7 November 1938 a gutsy Jew whose parents were Nazi victims killed a German diplomat. Two days later Hitler unleashed storm troopers on Germany's Jews: hundreds were killed, maimed, or jailed. Sarah Brady exploits the shooting of her husband, James Brady. Using a handgun he had long owned, the crazed John Hinckley tried to kill President Reagan. Jim Brady, briefly in Hinckley's line of fire, was wounded. Sarah Brady uses this sad event to incite hatred, not against violent criminals, but against the millions of law-abiding firearms owners.

Hitler hid evil deeds behind noble words. So does Sarah Brady. Hitler spoke of "resettling Jews in the East" (= kill all Jews). Brady speaks of "saving innocent lives" (= treat law-abiding Americans the same as violent criminals).

Hitler found collaborators among his intended victims. So does Sarah Brady. Hitler's helpers got some Jewish leaders to select Jews for shipment to death camps and to betray Jews who wanted to resist. Among Brady's dupes are Michael Isikoff and Richard Cohen of the Washington Post and the leaders of major Jewish communal groups. Will these Schumerite Jews - devotees of U.S. Rep. Charles Schumer, champion of the Brady Bill - ever wise up?

Hitler ignored his helpers' brutality. So does Sarah Brady. Hitler's storm troopers routinely tortured disarmed Jews. Brady's buddy, Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates, feels that brutality keeps minorities "in line". Has Brady condemned Gates for minimizing the savage beating of Rodney King? Does Brady accept such evil to keep support from some anti-gun police groups, such as the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) some of whose members have been labeled "police states"?

Adolf Hitler perfected moral perversion, the replacement of good with evil. Sarah Brady is cut from the same cloth. She wants to victimize law-abiding Americans in place of - or along with - the violent criminal minority. To do this, she must first destroy the civil right to own firearms.

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Bringing the Revolution Home

By David F. Nolan

The following excerpts are from the LP convention's keynote speech, presented by David F. Nolan, one of the founders and first national chair of the Libertarian Party. Nolan's speech touches on many of the issues that were repeatedly addressed during the convention, especially the decline of individual liberty in the U.S. and the spread of American ideals throughout the rest of the world.

On Dec. 15, 1991, the United States will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. The importance of this document is hard to overstate; by any measure, it is one of the great landmarks in the advancement of human rights and liberty.

Our forefathers created this staunch bulwark to secure the rights they had won in the American Revolution only a few years earlier. They were keenly aware that throughout history, the greatest violators of individual rights have been governments—and having recently cast off one form of tyranny, they wanted to assure that another would not arise in its place.

Their wisdom proved to be great. Under the shield provided by the Bill of Rights, the new nation known as the United States grew and prospered like no other in human history. Between 1790 and 1890, the population doubled four times—from fewer than four million people to 63 million. And it nearly doubled again, to more than 120 million, by 1930. People poured in at a rate never before witnessed, never before imagined.

Why did this happen? Quite simply, because America truly was the land of freedom and opportunity—the shining example which drew the best and the brightest, yearning to breathe free. They came here by the millions, our ancestors—to escape the taxes, the conscription, and the stifling controls which were the norm throughout much of the world.

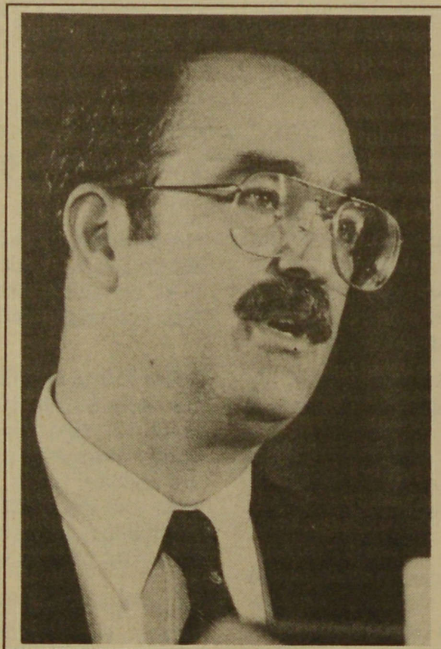
Today, we tend to forget just how powerful a magnet that promise of freedom was a century ago... but it was powerful indeed. The tide of migration to the U.S. was so immense that it literally decimated many parts of Europe, and the effect it had is startling, even now. Today, there are two-thirds as many Americans of German descent as the population of Germany, more Americans of English descent than the population of England, and eight times as many Irish-Americans as Irish!

Unfortunately, the blessings of liberty were not to remain undisturbed. Throughout our history, there have been continuing attempts to undo the victories of the American Revolution—to re-impose the ancient order of things, where government reigns supreme and individual liberties are crushed.

Today, our rights and liberties are everywhere under attack. A broad coalition of meddlers, plunderers, and powerseekers is systematically working to take away the freedoms which made America great. Its leaders include the politicians who command both the Republican and Democratic parties, and they are united in their quest for ever-greater power over every aspect of our lives!

The Libertarian Party offers an alternative. We are the defenders of liberty; the only hope for those who stand firm in defense of the Bill of Rights. And if ever a defense was needed, it is now!

Virtually every provision of the Bill of Rights is now being openly ignored. Free speech is all but extinct on many college campuses, as "political correctness" gangs roam the grounds in search of heretics. Search and seizure are performed routinely at the whim of the police. And property rights are trampled in the name of



social justice or "saving the environment."

The most concerted attempt to abridge our rights, however, may be the push to undermine the Second Amendment; the right of the people to keep and bear arms. Republicans and Democrats alike are falling over one another to disarm the American people... and one has to ask why.

The answer is simple enough, and it has nothing to do with preventing crime. The plain fact is that gun control doesn't keep weapons out of the hands of criminals; it simply disarms the law-abiding citizen.

Washington, DC, has strict laws banning handgun ownership, yet 483 people were murdered in the District of Columbia last year. In contrast, North Dakota, with a slightly larger population and virtually no restrictions on gun ownership, had only four murders in the last year we have statistics for, 1989. So much for the theory that gun control prevents crime.

No, the reason that power-hungry politicians want to nullify the Second Amendment is that tyrants and would-be tyrants fear an armed populace. They know that people with weapons are harder to control than people without. This is why the British sent troops out to Lexington and Concord in April of 1775; they had heard that some of the colonists had muskets and rifles, and they set out to confiscate them.

The colonists, bless their hearts, stood firm, and the rest is history. If they had meekly handed over their guns, our national anthem would probably still be "God Save the Queen."

For too long, the defense of Second Amendment rights has consisted largely of guys in hunting caps who talk about the sportsman's right to go out every fall and shoot a couple of ducks. And while I appreciate their concern, I think they are missing the central point. The Second Amendment is not about duck hunting; it is about the right and the ability of a free people to defend themselves against tyranny.

To put it another way: when only the police have weapons, you have a police state.

Is it an exaggeration to say that America is becoming a police state? Here are some

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facts that may shock you. According to the Justice Department, the nation's population of jail inmates grew by 77 percent from 1983 to 1989. We now have more than one million people in jails and prisons, and the United States has the highest imprisonment rate of any major nation: 426 inmates per 100,000 population. In second place is South Africa with 333; third is the Soviet Union with 268.

I find this alarming. And even more alarming, in my opinion, is the nearly unanimous cry by Republican and Democratic politicians to pass more laws, spend more money on police-state schemes, and build more prisons. The problem with this country is not that we have too few prisons. The problem is that we have too many laws!

The truth of this statement is shown by the harassment of Dennis and Niles Gerbaz, recently recounted by syndicated columnist Walter E. Williams. The Gerbaz brothers are two older gentlemen who live near Carbondale, Colorado. Recently, one of their neighbors caused the Roaring Fork River to flood about 10 acres of their land.

They wanted to undo the damage, but the Environmental Protection Agency ordered them not to, on the grounds that their land was now a "wetland." They went ahead anyhow, and now the EPA has levied a \$45 million fine against them. Forty-five million dollars, for practicing flood control on their own property!

To the Gerbaz brothers, and everyone else who has been victimized by these haughty bureaucrats, I say, "Take heart; the Libertarian Party is on your side; vote us in, and we'll throw those arrogant bozos out."

Another horror story, also from Williams. Adam Sparks owns a hotel in San Francisco; it's a tourist hotel, not a residence hotel, and Sparks has never sought long-term residents. But apparently, the people who run the city of San Francisco think that he should be doing just that. Specifically, he has been ordered to set aside 69 rooms in his hotel for low-income housing. Mr. Sparks says this would put him out of business, and has refused; for

his terrible crime of non-compliance, he's been fined \$100,000, and sentenced to 178 days in jail.

These are relatively minor examples of arrogant government gone berserk, however. By far the greatest assault on the Bill of Rights is being waged in the name of the Holy War on Drugs.

There is no doubt that drug abuse is a tragedy... especially when it afflicts our nation's young people, and most especially when its victims are those born addicted to drugs because their mothers are addicts. But drug abuse is a medical problem, and it won't be solved by trashing our rights and liberties.

The so-called War on Drugs is a terrible mistake. By outlawing certain substances, the Democratic and Republican politicians have created a situation where distribution of these substances is totally controlled by huge, ruthless criminal empires. Prices are forced sky-high, making the drug trade immensely profitable. The lure of easy money proves nearly irresistible to inner-city youths, who become the foot-soldiers for the drug barons. Violence escalates, crime of all sorts proliferates, and a terrified public becomes willing—even eager—to accept ever-increasing restrictions on individual rights and greater police powers.

How far have we come toward the creation of a total police state? Today, in America, in 1991, the police are essentially free to go anywhere and do anything, as long as they claim their actions are in some way related to the War on Drugs. They can search your home, your car, and your person without a warrant. They can seize your property on the mere "suspicion" that it was bought with drug money. No proof is required, and if they can't prove their case, they can still keep what they stole from you.

A few naive souls may believe that these police state tactics are used only against "bad guys"—wicked drug dealers who prey on innocent schoolchildren. But that's simply not true. Ask Willie Jones.

Willie is a gardening contractor who lives in Nashville. Last February, he took \$9,600 in cash and went to the airport, planning to go to Houston to buy flowers and shrubs, as he does twice each year. At the airport, he was searched by two police officers, who decided that Willie was a drug dealer—after all, who else carries that much in cash? So they simply took his money away from him. No evidence of wrongdoing was ever produced, and no charges were filed. But Willie Jones never got his money back.

My friends, that's nothing more nor less than armed robbery. And you can expect to see more of it until this War on the Bill of Rights is ended! When agents of the state are given carte blanche to rip people off, they will. Nobody is safe... and nobody will be safe until Libertarians have restored the Bill of Rights to full force and effect.

And to top it all off, the War on Drugs isn't even working. In a recent magazine article, former San Jose Police Chief Joseph D. McNamara states that "It should be painfully obvious... that this strategy has not worked... most people in local law

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Convention Offers Taste of Things to Come

By Randy Langhenry

... the times they are a-changin'...
— Bob Dylan

"The feeling that was most pervasive at the convention was a sudden, real belief at the gut level that really dramatic things can happen, and can happen very suddenly," said David Nolan.

Witness what used to be the Soviet Union. Only days before Liberty Triumphant, the LP's presidential nominating convention held in Chicago, events took place, virtually overnight, which have changed the course of history.

It was "that sense of the possibility of things," as Nolan put it. "Not necessarily the probability, yet, but the very real possibility that major change can occur suddenly, dramatically, and relatively bloodlessly." It "was an incredibly invigorating current that was flowing through the convention the whole time. And that was the one thing that I sensed that made this a very special convention, a very different convention from any we've had before."

To open the convention, past national chair Dave Walter displayed a tri-color, Russian flag (not the "hammer and sickle"), and offered support to the people of the Soviet Union who had just demonstrated their desire for freedom and individual liberty.

"Everywhere people yearn to be free, because liberty is good and liberty is right," Walter said.

He also urged television viewers learning about libertarianism for the first time to "abandon your political habits and join us."

Many people around the country viewed the proceedings on television over C-SPAN, the Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network, and the Libertarian message must have been clearly heard. More than 10,000 people have called the party's 800-number requesting more information about the Libertarian Party.

Throughout the convention, there was a feeling of anticipation in the air. And not just for the business at hand—nominating a presidential candidate—but that the Libertarian Party was truly on the verge of being recognized by the American people, and especially the media. There was a feeling that something big, important, even state-shattering can happen in the not-too-distant future.

At the same time, there was no exaggeration of what was to come. There was no talk of an LP presidential victory in 1992. There was, however, a belief that greater LP victories on the local level are just around the corner. There was also a belief that the LP will see unprecedented growth very soon.

"We need to caution people that, yes, it's coming, but it's not coming this election or next election. So don't get all psyched up and then burn out when it doesn't happen in the next few years," Nolan said. "We are going to have to hang in there, we are going to have to build, we are going to have to extend our network, we are going to have to grow, and we are going to have to be there as the alternative when things collapse. Think early 21st century. Think of it as a long-term process with a long-term pay-off."

On the opening day of the convention, Nolan's keynote speech, entitled "Bringing the Revolution Home," was a "barnburner." The best way to get an idea of what it was like attending the convention may be for you to read Nolan's speech which is printed on page 6.

Of course the main event of the convention was the presidential nomination, and campaigning by Andre Marrou and Dick Boddie and their staffs, and some arm-twisting of the delegates, went on right up to the last minute when Marrou was nominated.

The vice presidential race proved to be much more interesting than expected. Coming into the convention only one candidate had announced, and by the end a last-minute entry, Dr. Nancy Lord, had persuaded the delegates that she was the best person for the second spot on the ticket. Lord, who placed third on the first ballot, managed to change the minds of a lot of delegates Saturday night. By Sunday morning, she was the top vote-getter on the second ballot, and clearly won on the third.

There were a lot of new faces at this year's convention, many state delegations were made up of at least half new members who had never attended a convention before.

Attendees seemed to not only be caught up in the excitement of the convention, but also to truly enjoy themselves.

Steve Givot, a NatCom member from Illinois and a member of the Convention Oversight Committee, offered humorous

opening remarks about "Chicago—The Cradle of Politics." Givot said in preparing his speech he had looked up the derivation of the word "politics" and found that it came from the words "poly", meaning "many", and "ticks", meaning "little fat bloodsuckers." Givot's speech set the tone that while the LP was meeting for serious business, we could also look forward to a good time.

A show by Chicago's Second City Traveling Troupe and a theatre performance, entitled "Do the White Thing," which just happens to be very libertarian-oriented (the word libertarian is used throughout and the image of Milton Friedman takes on a very significant role) and the longest-running play in Chicago, offered those who attended an opportunity to relax and enjoy their "vacation."

The serious business of changes in the platform and bylaws occupied the delegates for several days. There was only one word changed in the bylaws. Before the change, the bylaws had stated that a national convention could be held anytime between July of an odd numbered year and June of an even numbered year, with the LP NatCom making the final decision. The change makes it possible to hold a convention as late as August of an even numbered year. This change was recommended for several reasons, but mainly "to give us standing to challenge in court some of the ballot access laws," according to Toni Black, chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee.

Most of the platform changes reflect the changing situation in the world, most no-

tably in those areas dealing with world affairs. A new plank was also added, entitled "Family Life." Look for more information on the platform changes in next month's NEWS.

At the banquet on Saturday night, Dr. Ron Paul offered his views on the upcoming campaign. "1992 is going to be a good year for Libertarians," he said. "I'm optimistic there are going to be a lot of Libertarian votes." Paul, however, warned that an economic crisis is at hand, but said the LP has been given the opportunity to offer some real solutions. "Our job is to get the message of libertarianism out," he said. A fund-raising effort at the banquet collected over \$30,000 for the Marrou campaign and ballot access.

The convention appeared to run smoothly and very much on time. Party officials were keenly aware of the television coverage and made every attempt to stick strictly to the schedule.

The Libertarian Education Institute, Ltd. (LEI), the convention organizers, were very pleased with the outcome. "The impression of the LEI board is that we think we did a professional job, and we'd like to continue to do this," said Sue Walton, a board member of LEI.

Overall, the convention set the tone for what should be a great year for the LP. Members seemed anxious to welcome new Libertarians, in what most certainly will be record numbers, to the party.

"It is going to be a real interesting year. A real interesting year. I'm excited," Nolan said.

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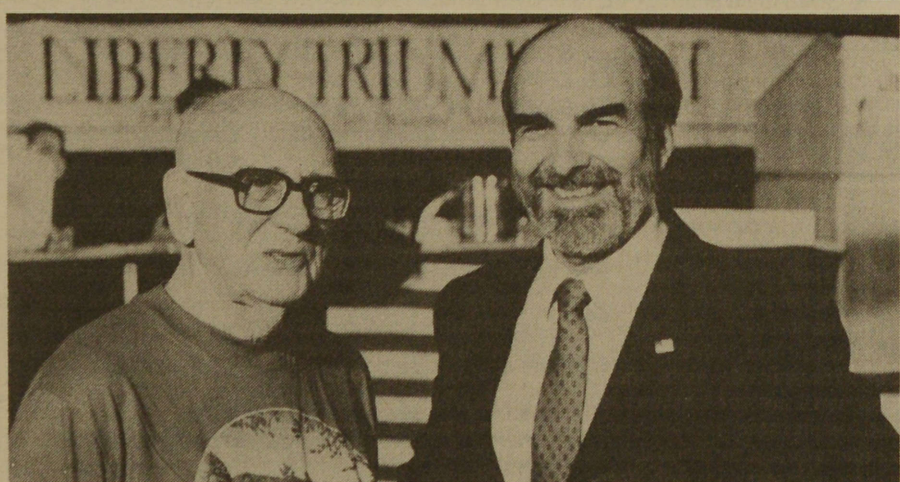
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One of the most popular delegates at the convention was Calvin Warburton of New Hampshire, left, shown here with Andre Marrou. Warburton is the NH state legislator who recently joined the LP. Warburton was so popular, he received a number of votes for the vice presidential spot on the 1992 ticket.

Bringing the Revolution Home

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enforcement feel drug abuse has increased." Later in the same article, he says "history shows that greatly increased arrests and incarceration for drug crimes in the United States do not solve the problem."

The solution should be obvious. We must acknowledge that the War on Drugs is a hideous and colossal failure. The short-sighted and vindictive policies enacted by Democratic and Republican politicians have created a criminal monopoly on the distribution of drugs, with all the attendant problems of crime, corruption, and violence. The Drug War must be ended—now! Drug abuse must be recognized for what it is—a medical and social problem—and its victims must be treated with compassion, rather than abandoned to the tentacles of a criminal syndicate. We cannot save the American Dream by forsaking our heritage of liberty!

Yet another area where our rights are fast being revoked is in the economic sphere. There was a time when working Americans could keep what they earned. No more. Today, thanks to the greed and ambition of Republican and Democratic politicians, Americans have more than one-third of their earnings confiscated from them each year by governments at various levels. Every year, government spending grows, the politicians vote themselves raises and special perks, and working Americans get stuck with the tab.

This goes on under Republican and Democratic administrations alike. Federal spending rose faster under Reagan than under Carter, and it's rising even more rapidly under Bush. Anyone who thinks that the Republicans are the party of low taxes and fiscal restraint must have been living under a rock for the last 20 years!

There is no fundamental difference between the Democratic and Republican parties. They both believe that government can and should do everything imaginable; they differ only on how to grab our money and who to give it to.

The Libertarian Party has a different vision. Libertarians believe that people have a right to keep what they earn. When a Libertarian majority is elected to Congress, we're going to restore the Bill of Rights, repeal the federal income tax, and make America an inspiration to the world once again!

The choice is clear and simple. The Democrats and Republicans are the parties of search and seizure, taxation and conscription, socialism and war. The Libertarian Party is the party of freedom and prosperity, liberty and justice, hope and opportunity.

The failures of collectivism and big government are clear, all over the world. Com-

munist and socialism are everywhere in retreat—clinging to power, where they still do, only through force, fraud, and terror. The people of the Earth have seen through the sham. They know that the hollow promises of a workers' utopia lead only to dungeons and empty shelves.

Fortunately, we are not doomed to repeat their mistakes. The United States need not experience the horrors that have so terribly stained the world this century. The Libertarian Party can lead this nation out of the dead-end it is fast approaching; with our help, the 21st century will be the Century of Liberty.

The task is formidable; the challenges are great. But we have seen that the desire for freedom is strong, and getting stronger, around the world. The ideals of the American Revolution have spread to every corner of the Earth; let us bring them home again.

Convention Humor

Below are some of the delegates' comments during the casting of ballots for the presidential nomination.

- Michigan, whose senior senator, Don Riegle, was a major player in the S&L ripoff . . . we look forward to putting a Libertarian in the White House and Mr. Riegle in jail . . .

- North Carolina, the first state to declare for freedom; but we wonder where it went . . .

- The Republic of Texas . . .

- The pretty great state of Utah; well, it's OK if you like that sort of place, I guess: the beehive state, symbol of collectivism . . . home of Republicans for higher taxes and bigger government; home of Democrats for censorship and drug testing . . . the state with the nation's lowest per capita consumption of alcohol and tobacco, and the highest per capita consumption of ice cream and Jello . . .

- The delegates of the state of Washington—the other Washington—the GOOD Washington, where we all wish we'd been named Jefferson . . .

- The state of Alabama, where we have every conceivable tax, and where our new Republican governor, the first since the War of Northern Aggression, just outdid all previous Democrats at raising taxes . . .

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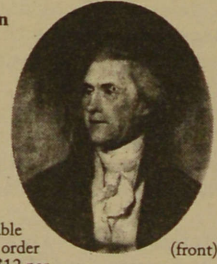
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Boddie Thanks Supporters, Plans Future Campaigns

By Dick Boddie

I sincerely appreciate all the support for our presidential efforts and thank you so much.

On less than \$50,000, which was our projected goal to Sept. 1, 1991, we were able to make a showing in Chicago that few believed we could. We were successful in winning some 40 percent of the delegate votes to the 60 percent by those who voted for Andre. I believe that's quite a showing for a campaign that wasn't supposed to be, in the opinion of so many in our movement. More important, however, was that our efforts were very effective considering our budget, our inexperience, and many of the obstacles we faced.

We had a spirit, a magic, a quest that made it work. "Carpe Diem" (seize the day!), "Let's Make History," "Vote Your Conscience," etc. that generated excitement and idealistic commitment, supplementing our lack of traditional political approaches. Frankly, I would do it the same way again even with 10 times more money. There was music, friendship, voluntary efforts one could never have dreamed of... laughter, openness, poetry, jazz, art, and much, much more. Thank you all!

It was my desire to be the candidate for president for our party, in order to make "Libertarian" a household word, which it is not yet (as evidenced by my dad's comments in his nomination speech for me). As we said repeatedly since July 1990, "If you always do what you always did, you'll

always get what you always got."

I accept the results of the convention (though I truly believe we may have lost an opportunity that may never come again). However, I will continue the quest to communicate our message to the millions of politically homeless (not apathetic) Americans who don't yet believe us.

I will be running for a seat in the United States Senate from California as a Libertarian, immediately. I believe that I can win that seat or at least make a great impact with our message. I will also be developing and enhancing our organizational efforts, developing local organizations of all sorts, continuing to appear on radio, television, audio and video, distributing our message nationwide, speaking nationally and internationally for the cause of liberty, running for governor in 1994, should I not win the Senate seat, seeking to be a local, state, national, and international spokesperson (if it is the will of our membership), and finally returning to seek our party's nomination for president in 1996—and WIN that office, as the first Libertarian president since Thomas Jefferson.

In the meantime, I will support Andre and Nancy, speak anywhere to enhance ballot access, and do whatever I can to insure that my great-grandchildren live in a freer society than we have had to endure in this 20th century.

I believe we need a Frederick Douglass in this "Neo-Abolitionist Movement." I believe that is me. I will need your continued support and encouragement now and



over the next few years. As you might have guessed, I am in this for the long haul.

Let us continue to build a political movement that allows all people to take back the power to be free. Let's teach and share our ideas and ideals with the world, letting them know by deed as well as word, as Charles Manhart has said, that a Libertarian is a person who works at being a good neighbor.

Dick Boddie is now organizing a U.S. Senate campaign in California. If you would like to help Boddie retire his presidential campaign debt, you may send a contribution to Boddie for President, 8855 Atlanta Ave., Huntington Beach, CA 92646. Contributions to his Senate effort can be sent to the same address, but make the check payable to Boddie for U.S. Senate.

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The 1991 LP Convention in Chicago sent Dick Boddie and all his supporters a serious message. An overwhelming majority of the delegates on hand voted for Dick's opponent who compiled a sincere record of achievement within the LP. Dick's campaign was built on what he, along with what his backers felt was a break from the traditional Libertarian candidate's strategy; our theme being: "if you always do what you always did, you'll always get what you always got." Yes, the concept of selling Libertarianism to mainstream utilizing passion and even a little comedy at an attempt to reach the hearts of America is theory... one which remains unproven, empirically. However, so remains the Libertarian Platform of government when taken as a whole program!

Thus, everyone in the Boddie Organization senses a bit of irony emanating from our Party. It seems mildly unreasonable for us to expect the whole populace to reject today's PC thinking and alter their lives into accordance with our capacity to be political/social visionaries... all while simultaneously acting concrete-bound when we select our marketing methodology. This isn't to diminish the value of gathering empirical proof to confirm our theories... and at Boddie HQ, we've already begun the job!

Dick Boddie is running for U. S. Senate in California in '92. LP Cal will surely give Dick the nod as he is anxious to build up a track record of success. We want to garner evidence; not rely solely on speculation and dreams. We need your help. We're convinced we can do it without spending huge sums of YOUR money... Charisma sells itself in most corridors.

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Convention Seminars Addressed Hot Issues

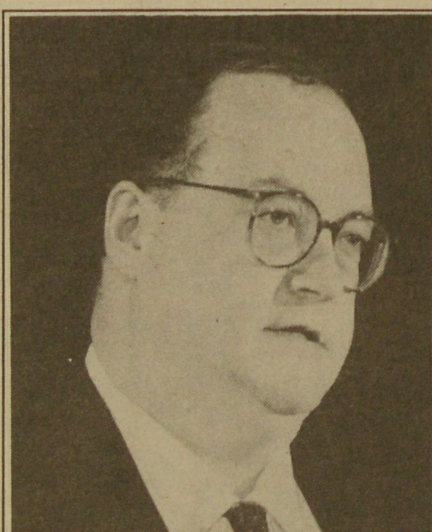
The nearly 700 Libertarians who gathered in Chicago for Liberty Triumphant, the LP's 1992 presidential nominating convention, heard speakers from both inside and outside the party declare that it was time to pull together to stem the tide of growing government and save the Bill of Rights.

Larry Pratt, former executive director of Gun Owners of America (GOA), spoke at a breakfast on Thursday morning about the attacks on the Second Amendment and the need to work together to protect the citizens' right to keep and bear arms. Pratt said, "I appreciate the fact that you as a party have been very supportive of the Second Amendment," and said he hopes the GOA and the LP can work together in the future.

A seminar on "The Bill of Rights—200 Years Later," which was broadcast over C-SPAN, began with a reading of the Bill of Rights, one by one. Each amendment, as it was read, was met with cheers and applause by the attendees. The enthusiasm of the crowd charged up the panelists, Dr. Nadine Strossen, president of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU); Michael Grossberg, director of the Free Press Association; Red Beckman, author and "father of the Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA)"; and moderator Jarret Wollstein, director of the International Society for Individual Liberty.

Each panelist addressed one or more of the amendments, describing how the amendments are currently under attack by government and what needs to be done to protect individual liberties.

Strossen made the exciting announce-



Richard Dennis, of Chicago, addressed the convention on several occasions.

ment that the ACLU was setting up an internal task force to re-evaluate the group's position on the Second Amendment.

Wollstein spoke of the attacks on privacy and the danger of a police state in the U.S. Harkening to the recent changes in the Soviet Union, Wollstein said, "If the Russian people can overthrow 74 years of tyranny with bare hands and courage, surely we can stop the emerging Police State."

Also on Thursday, Dr. Yuri N. Maltsev, a fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, DC, spoke on economics in

the Soviet Union, and more specifically on the recent coup attempt and where we might expect the Soviet Union to be headed.

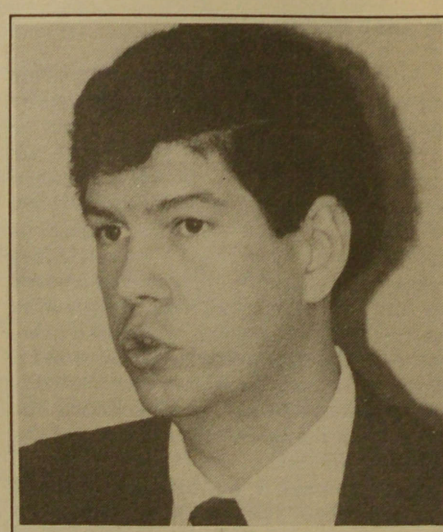
Maltsev said, "The USSR is the best example of what government can do to people." He explained that while the problems in that country are immense, there is still some hope for true free market politicians to come forward. In addition to the Libertarian Party, which has organized there, Maltsev said the Democratic Union Party, which is more highly regarded, "is very close to libertarian and the best chance to move ahead."

Maltsev said he was strongly against foreign aid from the U.S. government going to the USSR. However, he encouraged private aid. Maltsev suggested that members of the U.S. Libertarian Party should provide free market, as well as individual liberty-oriented publications, including specifically a translated version of the U.S. LP platform, to members of both the Soviet LP and the Democratic Union. (Watch for related Soviet articles in an upcoming NEWS.)

One of the best attended seminars was entitled "Drug Reform Debate: Should Drugs Be Re-Legalized." Richard Dennis, a legendary Chicago futures trader and long-time advocate of drug re-legalization, and Daniel Polsby, a law professor at Northwestern University, both spoke in favor of re-legalization. Anton Valukas, an attorney and former U.S. attorney, and Mark Kleiman, a lecturer and research fellow at Harvard University, spoke against re-legalization. Stacy Taylor, a talk show host at WLS-AM radio in Chicago, served as moderator.

At one point, Dennis said, "I have to ask the gentleman of prohibition persuasion, 'Why do you wreak this havoc on us?'" While Kleiman offered a reasoned argument for keeping drugs illegal, Valukas stuck to the hard-line "no drugs, no way" attitude. Considering the audience, this approach by Valukas came off as vicious, mean, and down-right illogical.

On Friday morning, Karl Hess, NEWS editor emeritus and, according to introducer Jim Lewis, a "quasi-scientist-poet," spoke at a breakfast gathering. In his usual casual, conversational manner, Hess had the large audience hanging on his every word. While covering a variety of topics, from Green politics to internal LP doings, Hess mainly discussed the topic of making friends outside the LP. Hess encouraged LP members to find the "common ground" for discussion when approaching non-members. He suggested dealing with non-members from their point of view, rather than pushing libertarian philosophy on them immediately.



Jim Lark, of Virginia, offered advice on building successful libertarian groups on college campuses.

Another interesting and well-attended seminar, "From Right or Left—All Roads Lead to Libertarianism," matched Richard Dennis, again, with Joseph Sobran. This seminar was also broadcast on C-SPAN. Dennis has been attracted to libertarianism from the "left" of the political spectrum, while Sobran, syndicated columnist and National Review editor, arrived from the "right."

While both men expressed some positions which might not be considered purely libertarian, both agreed that libertarianism, as a political philosophy, offers the best hope for the future.

A seminar on "Privatization: A Growing Trend," featured James Mercer, president of a management consulting firm; Louis Schimmel, Jr., executive director of the Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan; and moderator Jacob G. Hornberger, president of the Future of Freedom Foundation. The panelists discussed a variety of current privatization programs, and also discussed the future growth of privatization as a means of reducing government.

Many other seminars and workshops were held during the convention, covering such topics as tax freedom, educational choice, FIJA, campus outreach, the hemp issue, marketing and fund raising, community outreach, Advocates for Self-Government, the "police state," cable TV access, ballot access, and more.

Most of the seminars seemed to be well-attended. However, as is always the case during conventions, when "important" items were being addressed on the convention floor, delegates found it hard to break away to attend simultaneous events.

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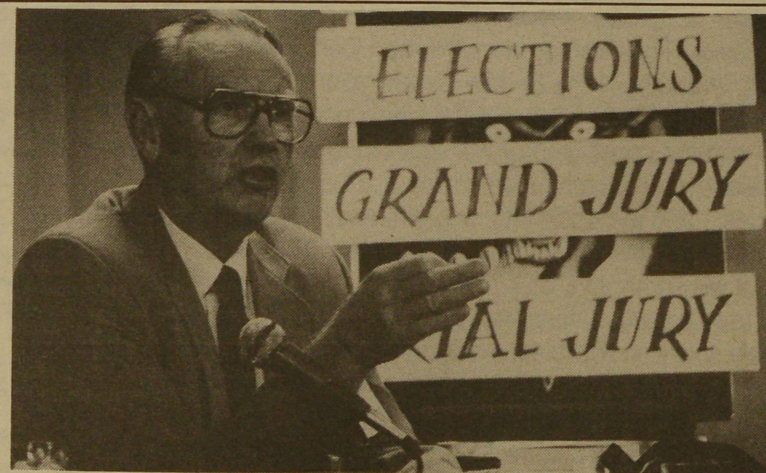
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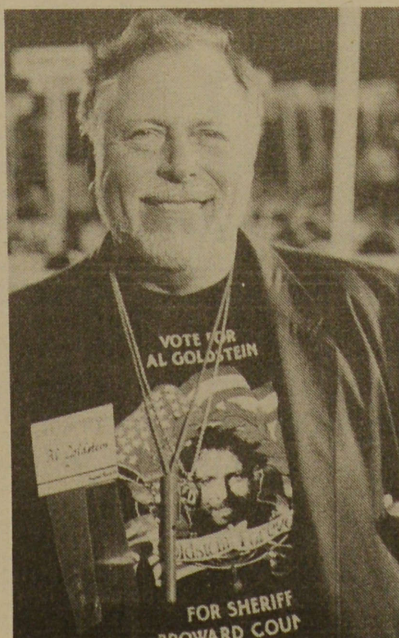
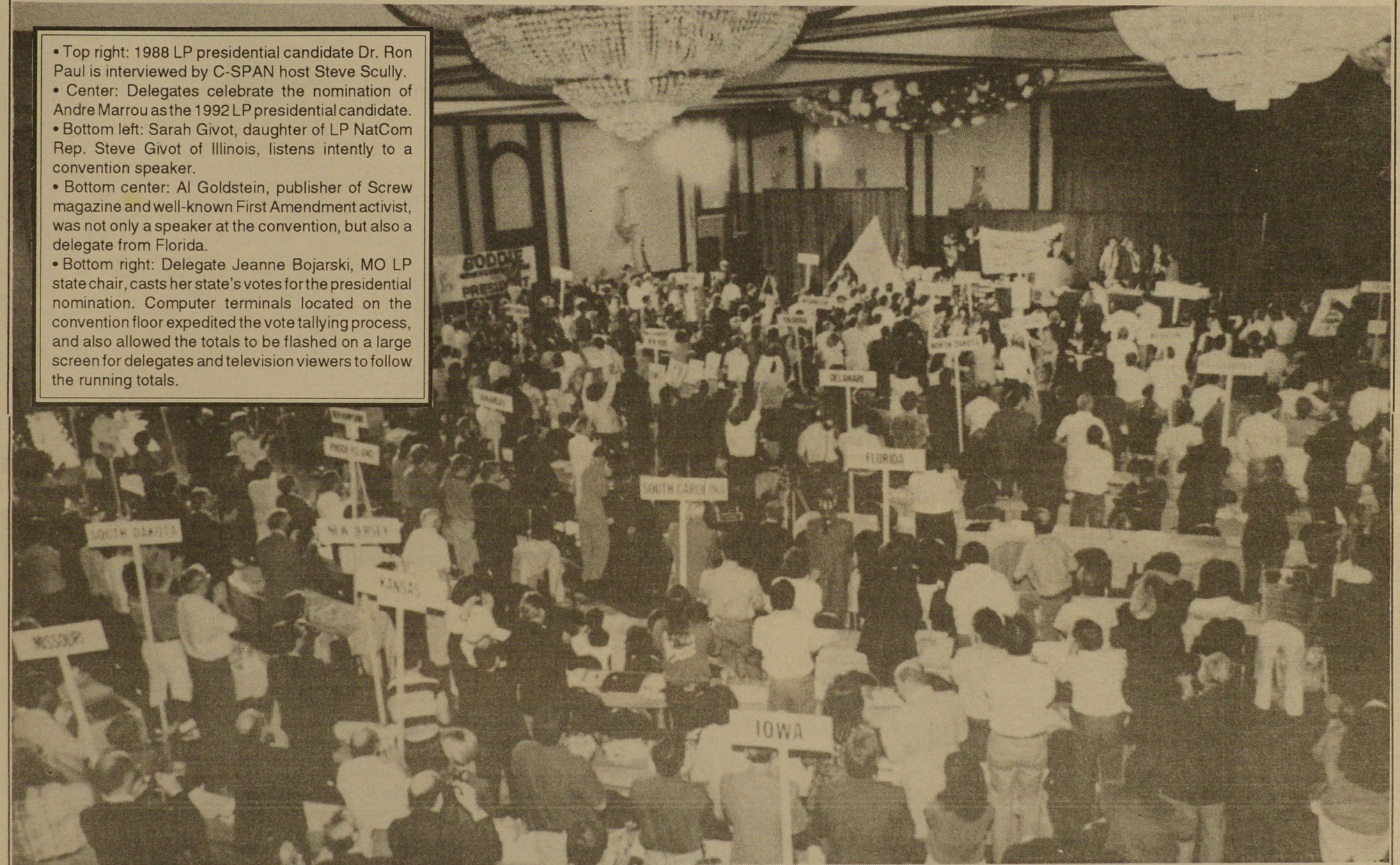


Red Beckman speaking at the FIJA workshop.

Convention Snapshots



- Top right: 1988 LP presidential candidate Dr. Ron Paul is interviewed by C-SPAN host Steve Scully.
- Center: Delegates celebrate the nomination of Andre Marrou as the 1992 LP presidential candidate.
- Bottom left: Sarah Givot, daughter of LP NatCom Rep. Steve Givot of Illinois, listens intently to a convention speaker.
- Bottom center: Al Goldstein, publisher of Screw magazine and well-known First Amendment activist, was not only a speaker at the convention, but also a delegate from Florida.
- Bottom right: Delegate Jeanne Bojarski, MO LP state chair, casts her state's votes for the presidential nomination. Computer terminals located on the convention floor expedited the vote tallying process, and also allowed the totals to be flashed on a large screen for delegates and television viewers to follow the running totals.



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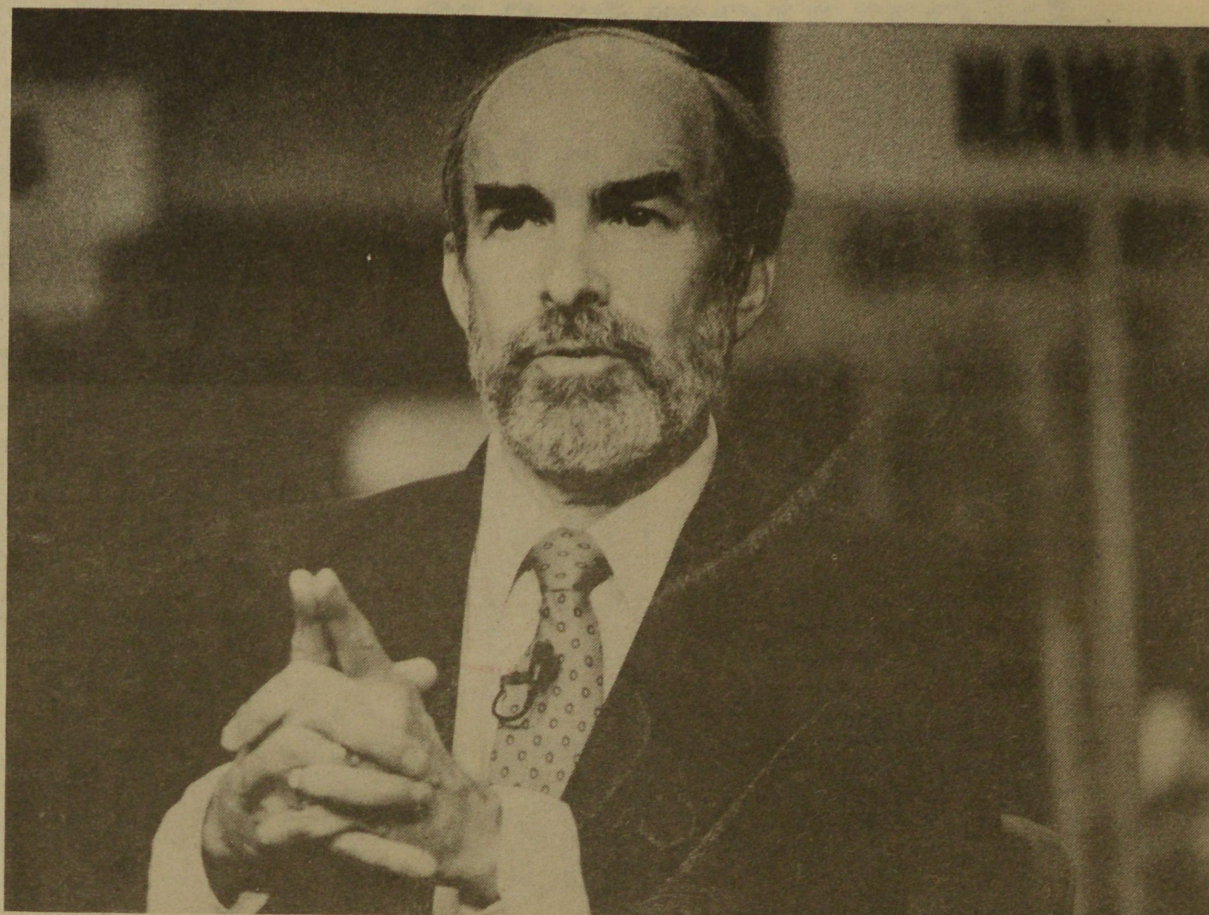
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