



KOCH COMING SOON

David Koch, Libertarian vice-presidential candidate will be in Alaska from January 23 to 25 to speak for the Council of Competitive Economy, an organization promoting free enterprise backed in part by Koch's brother David. While in Fairbanks Koch will be meeting local Libertarians at the Travelers Inn from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. All Fairbanksans are invited to meet Koch at that time.

Koch will be in Anchorage January 23 and 24. For information about his activities there, call the Anchorage office.

GLEITSMANN IS TOP SPONSOR!

Anchorage Libertarian Peter Gleitsmann was the top sponsor of the Libertarian tax initiative. Gleitsmann turned in 2723 signatures to the office, a total which was 1700 signatures higher than that of the next highest sponsor. The next two sponsors were also from Anchorage. Wayne Hitchings turned in an impressive 906 signatures and Gleitsmann's wife, Ann turned in 855. Other ambitious sponsors from Anchorage include John Maloney with 759, Dianne Iverson with 672 and Curtis Green with 371. Most of these sponsors visited Anchorage malls regularly to obtain these high totals.

Fairbanks sponsors were also busy. Top man was Elder Lebert with 708 signatures followed closely by Dick Randolph with 635. Other Fairbanks sponsors include Steve Oliver with 353, Tim Dove with 311 and Judy Clarke with 227.

Living in areas with much smaller populations did not stop James Sather or Stan Thompson. Sather of Soldotna obtained 313 signatures and Thompson of Kenai obtained 217. These thirteen people turned in 9050 signatures altogether, that is, 6.5% of the 200 people turning in their books garnered 45% of the signatures collected.

New officers

The Fairbanks chapter of the Libertarian Party recently elected Sandi Tarrant as their new chairman. Other new officers are Ron Tarrant, Ways and Means and Tammy Randolph, Membership Activation.

RANDOLPH INITIATIVE SUCCESSFUL!

After months of volunteer effort, sponsors have collected about 20,000 signatures for Libertarian Representative Dick Randolph's tax initiative which, if passed, will effectively abolish state personal income tax.

Well over the 12,800 needed to get the issue on the next state ballot, the 20,000 signatures were presented in Juneau on the first day of the Legislative session to be checked for validity.

Sandi Tarrant, Tax Initiative Chairman for Fairbanks and secretary for the state wide effort reported the Initiative was not totally a Libertarian effort. Many Republicans, Democrats and Independents circulated petitions including state senators and legislators. The 20,000 signatures were garnered even though only 200 of the 1500 sponsors turned their books in.

Session at Sandi's

An executive Board work session will be held at the home of Sandi Tarrant Saturday, January 19, at 7:00 PM. All Fairbanks officers and committee heads are to attend and interested parties are also welcome.

The meeting will be at 112 N. Beaver Blvd., North Pole.

Call Sandi at the office, 456-3812 for instructions on how to reach her house.

Clark on California ballot!

A second spectacular victory to close 1979 with a bang was the success of the California Ballot Access Drive. In order to achieve permanent ballot status, California Libertarians were faced with the task of registering 71,322 voters by Jan. 2, 1980. About 75,000 voters were registered which was short of the goal set by the party but on December 28, the California Secretary of State's office reported 73,000 registered Libertarians and announced that the party would be officially certified.

Last March, when party leaders started their registration drive to get on the ballot, 7,677 voters were registered as Libertarians.

COMING EVENTS

ANCHORAGE MEETING January 28

The Anchorage general meeting will be at the Community Center at 325 E. Third at 7:30 PM, Monday, January 28.

FAIRBANKS MEETING February 13

The Fairbanks General meeting will be in the Arctic Room of the Polaris Hotel at 7:30 PM on February 13.

EAGLE RIVER MEETINGS

Every Wednesday
Eagle River Libertarians meet at the Villa restaurant every Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

KENAI GENERAL MEETING February 14

The Kenai General meeting will be in the Borough Building Thursday, February 14 at 7:30 PM. Call Stan Thompson for further details. 776-8721 or 262-5855.

KOCH RECEPTION February 25

Fairbanks Libertarians are invited to meet Libertarian Vice-Presidential candidate David Koch from 4:30 to 6:00 PM at the Travelers Inn on January 25.

MILTON FRIEDMAN Every Friday

Watch Milton Friedman's "Freedom to Choose" every Friday at 9:00 PM over PBS. Invite friends to watch with you.

The party will therefore have its own primary election in June and its candidates will automatically appear on the general election ballot in November.

The party will remain on the ballot as long as at least one of its statewide candidates receives at least two percent of the vote every four years.

Previously, Libertarians could get on the ballot only by separate petition drives for each individual candidate. Gubernatorial candidate Ed Clark, who received 5½ percent of the vote in 1978 got on the ballot that way.

The other four parties in California are Democratic, Republican, American Independent and Peace and Freedom.

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BAD hurdles

The spectacular success of the California Ballot Access Drive is all the more impressive when some of the obstacles California Libertarians had to surmount are considered.

The drive slowed considerably with the end of the summer and the resulting end of crowds at beaches and other amusement areas.

When more registration forms were needed in late July, the Secretary of State promised, on a Monday, that the cards would be delivered by that Wednesday. The truck finally showed up a full week later, with no explanation.

Most serious was threatened purges by county registrars. The process of purging involved sending address verification cards to all voters on the rolls and eliminating the names on cards returned by the post office. The presumption of the law is that the mail gets delivered, however, the facts show otherwise. John Robertson of the access drive obtained numerous registration cards returned as "undeliverable" by the Post Office and has gone to the address stated on the card, found it to be actual and taken photographs of these USPS stamped cards placed alongside the mail box that shows the exact same "undeliverable" address.

Actual fraud occurred in some cases in which hired, non-Libertarian registrars submitted invalid documents. Jack Dean, chairman of the Orange County Libertarian Party said the party filed a \$450,000 breach-of-contract suit in Orange County Superior Court charging four since-fired solicitors with turning in invalid registrations.

Libs in NYC

Mike Fieschko, Libertarian lawyer from New Jersey who helped during the campaign that elected Dick Randolph, reports that when 200,000 people assembled in New York City to protest the nuclear power industry, about a dozen Libertarians were there. Libertarians handed out 10,000 SLS fliers and 5,000 Campaign To Repeal The Price-Anderson Act fliers.

WATCH FRIEDMAN ON PBS

Nobel Laureate economist Milton Friedman is hosting a new 10-part series on the merits of free enterprise, built around the premise that "Big government is the problem. It's not the solution."

The program, called "Free to Choose," premiered Friday, January 11, at 9:00 PM and is carried by PBS in the United States and BBC in the United Kingdom. In Fairbanks the program is carried on KUAC and repeats Sunday afternoon at 4:30. In Anchorage the program airs over KAKM, channel 7, Friday at 9:00 PM, Sunday at 4:00 PM and Tuesday at 2:00 PM.

Information for other parts of Alaska was unavailable at press time.

The hour long shows are broken up into two parts. The first half-hour has Friedman addressing a lecture from a location that illustrates his topic. The first show dealt largely with the economy of Hong Kong which Friedman depicts as thriving in free enterprise. Areas blighted by government intervention will also be shown.

The second part of the show has Friedman discussing his views with a proponent of the opposite position, for example, Ralph Nader on consumer protection. Some of the topics to be dealt with are welfare, education, inflation, and international trade.

How to campaign

Here's an idea for politicians or would be politicians that appeared in an article by Vincent A. Drosdik, III in the November *Frontlines*. Says Drosdik, political hopefuls should broaden their bases "away from the narrow confines of political activists (that is, YRs, senior Republicans, Ripon Society, NOW, NORML, etc.)." Instead one should "quietly join your neighborhood civic association (or form one) and do all the mundane work associated with improving one's neighborhood: litter cleanup drives; anticrime measures; block parties; petitioning landlords, businesses, and government bureaus for removal of eyesores, improvement of services, whatever. Keep in mind opportunities to privatize or at least localize government "services" which have been poor or expensive."

"By becoming genuinely involved with people and their community problems and their personal interests, hobbies...you broaden your base of friends and acquaintances far wider than any ideological cliché could...You don't have to change your freedom philosophy, either, to use the formula to win.

Dubious awards

Happy New Year!

The Libertarian Party won some and lost some in the *Daily News-Miner's* "Dubious Achievement Awards." On the minus side was the "I Love A Party" prize given to the Libertarians for proclaiming the October borough elections as non partisan, but "told their cohorts at the Los Angeles party convention they were going to take over the borough." On the positive side, "the 'Stone Walls Do Not a Prison Make' award goes to the Libertarian Party in Alaska which has found that the quickest way to make its principles known is to go to jail for them. The accompanying 'Think Again' award goes to the state judges, who can't seem to figure out whether or not to keep them in jail."

The "Junior Evangelist" award went to Dick Randolph for his time on the road "preaching the word."

One dear to most hearts was the "Media Event" prize which went to the IRS for waiting "half the afternoon for reporters and supporters to gather before forcibly evicting tax resisters Steve and Mona Oliver from their car and towing it away. The IRS timing got nationwide attention."

CLARK CAMPAIGN

Judy Clarke reports that about 2000 signatures have been collected to put Libertarian Presidential candidate Ed Clark on the Alaskan ballot in 1980. Mrs. Clarke said her goal is 6,000 signatures to make sure the required 3876 valid signatures are obtained. She hopes to have the signatures by the end of January and urges all Libertarians to fill their sheets and turn them in to the office at 1105 Cushman, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

Randolphs off again

On their penultimate trip to the south before the opening of the legislative session, Dick and Lydia Randolph visited Wasilla and Anchorage still spreading the Libertarian word.

Randolph spoke before the Wasilla Chamber of Commerce, had breakfast with the Board of Realtors and spoke at an afternoon meeting of FREE, an Anchorage women's association dedicated to free enterprise.

Altogether, Randolph reached about 100 people.

By Chatty Cathy

The Ontario, Canada, Libertarian Party has more fun than anyone judging by their newsletter, Bulletin. The calendar they send out shows a party every Friday night labeled simply "B.Y.O.B." accompanied by an uplifting thought such as "TANSTAAFB (there ain't no such thing as a free beer)," "Be a liberty lush" and "I drink therefore I am."

For Ayn Rand's 75th birthday which must fall on or around February 2, they are throwing a party featuring readings from her works. Why don't we do that? Your chatty reporter is definitely available for Dagny Taggart (Judy Whitson can have the Anchorage rights to the part). I'll even comb my hair and make sure my bra straps don't show.

What about Hank Reardon? I've never met Stan Thompson of Soldotna or John Ward of the Mat-Su area but they sound great over the phone. Curtis Green in Anchorage and Bob Shelly in Juneau would make fine Hank Reardons, I'm sure, and Phil Matlock in Eagle River can have the part in that area. I'm not sure there are any parts available that are old enough for Lew Beyer to play. I guess Ellsworth Toohey or Wesley Mouch will have to do.

Who is John Galt? Any suggestions for John Galt or Dominique Francon will be published later. Just let your chatty little friend know care of this paper.

KENAI ACTION

The Kenai chapter of the Libertarian Party is now having regular meetings at the Borough Building on the second Thursday of each month. The 31 people at the December meeting had Jack Erwin speak on Libertarian philosophy. The chapter also raffled off a gold nugget.

Upcoming activities include another gold raffle and a search for Libertarian candidates for the upcoming election.

A BENEFACTOR?

How's this for a benefactor? According to Ripley's Believe It or Not, "Andrew Carnegie, the multi-millionaire steel magnate, to shame the U.S. Congress into action, in 1912, offered to provide a \$25,000 annual pension to all former presidents-out of his own funds."

Canadians veto spending

In a record high turnout to the polls Nov. 28, the Calgary electorate voted NO to a proposed bylaw to borrow \$210 million for a new civic center.

The final count (62,568 against, 59,165 for) astounded critics and experts. Apparently a high turnout (in this instance approximately 38% of the 320,000 voters) generally indicates support of the issue.

The average turnout to a plebiscite is about 10-15% of the electorate.

This vote represents a bad blow to Calgary mayor, Ross Alger, who supported the civic center energetically. The municipal government spent \$25,000, and the group that backed the mayor, GO Calgary, spent \$50,000 to enlighten the voters to the virtues of the project.

The following is quoted from a story covering a public debate between Wayne Kollinger and Ross Alger in the Calgary Herald Oct. 25, 1979.

"Alger, remarked that when he lunches with Prince Philip today it will have to be at the Convention Center because it would be 'embarrassing' to host such a dignitary in the cramped city hall.

Kollinger (who helped bring the issue to a plebiscite) retorted that The mayor should be "more embarrassed to explain to people on fixed incomes why their taxes will be going up."

A RACKETEER?

Believe it or not, Ripley reported the following in his column in the December 16 Anchorage Daily Times funnies.

"The first protection racketeer - Marcus Licinius Crassus (115?-53 B.C.) Roman financier and politician organized Rome's only fire brigade and only extinguished fires for those who paid him."

Believe it or not, Ripley, that's not a protection racket, it's free enterprise!

Find the ferret

Because of the 1973 Endangered Species Act, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is spending \$3.5 million to try to find a black-footed ferret. The last wild ferret was seen in 1975 and the last known ferrets died last year after an unsuccessful breeding experiment. The \$3.5 million expenditure is deemed necessary because as one biologist said, "we have to find a ferret before we can save it." Noted in the Wall Street Journal, Dec. 5, 1979.

Drug search limitation

In a 6-to-3 ruling, the Supreme Court placed strict limits on the power of police to search citizens. The court held that privacy rights were violated by laws in 12 states allowing police armed with general search warrants to enter public places and frisk everyone for drugs - even persons they had no cause to suspect. Chief Justice Warren Burger dissented, saying it would be "foolhardy" for police on a drug raid to assume that persons were "unarmed and uninvolved." From U.S. News and World Report., Dec. 10, 1979.



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