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Marrou Nominated President; Lord Vice-President

Former Libertarian Alaskan state legislator, and coordinator for the ballot access organization "51 in '92," Andre Marrou has been nominated for president of the United States by the National Libertarian Party at the national convention, in Chicago, over Labor Day weekend. Marrou's planning and organization held him in good stead as he defeated Dick Boddie relatively easily on the first ballot, receiving nearly 60% of the votes needed for a majority. Prior to the convention, delegates received from Marrou a video tape of prospective television ads and many also received a personal phone call asking for their support. Other candidates for the nomination included David Raaflaub of Michigan, and Hans Schroeder, publisher of *The Pragmatist*. Publisher of *Liberty* magazine, William Bradford, nominated none-of-the-above (NOTA).

One of the main issues that was to determine the outcome of the nomination between Marrou and Boddie became moot as Marrou failed to qualify for federal matching funds. Marrou had run on that issue as a major strategic position. Boddie ran against the use of federal matching funds.

The candidates debated on Friday of the convention weekend in front of live C-Span coverage. Most observers agreed that Marrou won the debate pretty handily. Dick Boddie's trump card had always been his speaking ability, yet he was shown up by strong, quick sound-bite quips by Marrou. Boddie made what many observers considered a tactical error by



Nancy Lord

Andre Marrou

playing to the television cameras instead of his audience, by comporting a subdued "presidential" tone, instead of using what had brought him so far, an unsurpassed ability to excite, inspire, and motivate with stirring quotes and theatrical gestures. Many people consider Boddie the best speaker in the libertarian movement. Indeed, Boddie did present himself very well to television viewers but appeared strangely mum to the live delegate audience. Moreover, he took one position that infuriated many delegates. He soft-pedaled the Libertarian position of repealing the personal income tax and abolishing the IRS (one of Marrou's main campaign promises) stating that to cut off personal income taxes tomorrow would cause an economic collapse. To say the least, this is heresy to most Libertarians.

Marrou sparkled with comments like "charitize welfare."

The real race turned out to be the vice-presidential nomination. The only announced candidate prior to the convention was Michigan's Mary Ruwart, a Ph.D. chemist, who among other things is working on a cure for the Aids virus. Although Dick Boddie had said during the presidential campaign that he wouldn't accept the vice-presidential slot, he stunned the delegate audience by offering himself for the second slot after being defeated by Marrou. A stirred delegate audience assumed an agreement had been struck between Marrou and Boddie, and many delegates were beginning to feel that a truly unified ticket would now become a reality, something that Libertarians many times in the past had failed to do.

Increasing the intrigue, one of Boddie's supporters (in fact she seconded Boddie's nomination for president), Nancy Lord, Libertarian candidate last year for Mayor of Washington D.C., entered the race. Ms. Lord had been encouraged by many Libertarian leaders to enter the race. She had made the decision to run for vice-president prior to Boddie's decision. Also put up for the nomination was 81 years old Calvin Warburton the New Hampshire state legislator who recently changed his political party affiliation from Republican to Libertarian.

Before the vote for VP, the convention suspended the rules in order to let presidential nominee Marrou address the convention for five minutes. This time it was Marrou's turn for a tactical blunder. He urged the convention to nominate his hand-picked candidate, Mary Ruwart, and then proceeded to trash both Boddie and Lord (without naming names) in front of the international television cameras. The trashing was met with many "boos" from the delegation. It is no secret that Libertarians don't like decisions rammed down their throat.

On the first ballot, Boddie led the pack, Ruwart was second, and Lord a distant third with. No one had a majority. The convention recessed until Sunday morning to make room for a wedding on the convention floor that night.

The usually festive Saturday night banquet was subdued somewhat do to the fact that much politicking would be carried out that night concerning the vice presidential nomination. Marrou apologized for his comments about Boddie and Lord earlier in the day, yet still urged support for Ruwart in his banquet presentation.

An impromptu debate was organized that night; Boddie, Ruwart and Lord showed up. It is here were Lord's leadership and speaking ability really became apparent. Lord conveyed poise, strength, integrity, intelligence, and an emotionally pitch from the heart that won over many delegates. Ruwart has some of these same qualities, but some delegates felt that she wasn't as strong as Lord.

The next morning on the convention floor, the candidates again addressed the convention.

On the second ballot, Boddie's support increased slightly, Lord's dramatically, and Ruwart's dropped precipitously. Boddie held a slight edge. Warburton and Ruwart dropped out

gracefully leaving a two-person race, Dick Boddie, and one of Dick's nominees for president, Nancy Lord. Many delegates felt that Lord would be better able to work with Marrou than Boddie, and she was nominated in a close vote.

National LP Election

Four Illinoisans Elected to National LP Positions.

Mary Gingell, formerly vice-chair of the National Libertarian Party has been elected to the position of national chair. Mary brings her organizational talents to the job in the tradition of previous chair, Dave Walter. Steve Dasbach was elected vice-chair, Joe Dehn secretary, and Bill Redpath as treasurer. At-large national committee representatives elected include Steve Givot, Geoffery Neale, Don Ernsberger, Ken Prazak, and Tamara Clark. Maggie Kohls was elected national committee representative from our region, region seven. Helen Heyden was elected to the Judicial Committee.

from *On the Duty of Civil Disobedience*

"I heartily accept the motto—'That government is best which governs least,' and I should like to see it acted up to more rapidly and systematically. Carried out, it finally amounts to this, which I also believe,—'That government is best which governs not at all;' and when men are prepared for it, that will be the kind of government which they will have." *Henry David Thoreau*

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North Cook County Libertarian Club Calendar of Upcoming Events

Effective 9/21/91, the NCCLP will be meeting at 1772 W. Greenleaf, Chicago, IL 60626, the new location of the Henry George School. The school's new phone number is 312-338-6690. The location is 50 yards north of Metra's Rogers Park Station and 50 yards west of Clark Street and the number 22 bus.

October 10: "Road Show" with Jeanette Clinkunbroomer—an experience in libertarian outreach, bring your non-libertarian friends. 7:00 PM.

November 14: Video and Audio tapes of the 1991 National LP Convention. 7:00 PM.

December 12: Annual Christmas Party—\$7 buys you all the food and drink you can eat. Please RSVP to Sue Walton at 708-475-0391 before 12/10/91. 6:30 PM.

January 9: "Election Strategies" with Doug Wichman and state representative candidates Glenn Olofsen and Ted Beckman. 7:00 PM.

Questions about club activities: please call Mike Woloshin, club president, at 312-525-0846.

Platform Committee Report

by Ken Prazak

As a member of the platform committee for the national LP, my main concern was in condensing the platform so that irrelevant minutiae and details that wouldn't turn off a political novice would be eliminated. Another concern I had was that portions of planks where there wasn't anything close to a consensus Libertarian belief, I thought should be eliminated. One detractor to my outlook on the Platform Committee, Bill Evers, termed our caucus the vague generalities caucus. I then named his group the minutiae caucus. Evers believed that every public policy issue that has come up since the last national convention should be addressed in the platform. I countered that this assured the platform would have something that everybody could hate.

The major accomplishment the committee made was to condense the foreign affairs platform that had referred to specific middle-eastern countries. The plank was condensed enough so that no specific allusion was made to any country. Therefore, Libertarians couldn't be accused of having a platform that played favorites in the world. The convention floor voted to accept the changes. The rest of the platform had relatively minor changes.

The predictable heated debate on abortion took place. At one point, a plank that reflected the differences in the Party on the abortion issue fell just one vote short of passing in the Platform Committee. However this minority report failed more substantially on the convention floor.

Many LP members would like to remove the strident language "cult of the omnipotent state" from the Statement of Principles. I introduced a change penned by Illinois' Eric Banfield that replaced the language with a less strident one. The Platform Committee approved the change by a vote of 16 to 3. However, to change the statement of principles, it takes a seven-eighths vote of the registered delegates on the convention floor. The votes were not there.

Forming LP Scrapbook

Maggie Kohls is maintaining a scrapbook of press clippings from Illinois publications pertaining to the LP or the LPI. Until now, the LPI has not maintained any historical record of our press coverage. If you have any clippings, send them to Maggie at 9350 Maple Lane, Des Plaines IL 60016-4222.

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The Purpose of Foreign Aid

by Christopher Maxwell

Opponents of foreign aid generally explain the motives of Congress in one of two ways. They claim either that the U.S. government is trying to buy the friendship of foreign governments (alliance-building being important to U. S. security) or they claim that there is strong support in Congress for redistributing wealth from the First World to the Third. Although both of these explanations contain some truth, neither is entirely correct.

Foreign aid is a form of corporate welfare. Money is taken from U.S. taxpayers and given to foreign governments so that these governments can purchase heavy equipment, expensive machinery, and armaments from U.S. corporations. The strongest supporters in Congress of foreign aid are therefore neither those concerned with U.S. security nor the compassionate, but those people who receive large contributions from big corporations.

There are many countries in the world where poverty is widespread. Any rational observer would say that what is needed most in the form of aid are schools and medical clinics and a climate favorable to the development of small businesses and farms. How much of U.S. foreign aid is devoted to such purposes? Very little. Foreign aid is devoted to the building of huge hydroelectric dams, international airports, and large armies and air forces. Projects of this type necessitate the purchase of billions of dollars of Caterpillar tractors and McDonnell Douglas airplanes. Buying pencils for school children simply will not do.

Now that the Cold War is over, the explanation that foreign aid is for alliance-building purposes does not sound as credible as it once did. The U.S. and the Soviet Union are no longer competing for the friendship of third-world countries. Large U.S. corporations have thus been deprived of one of their best covers. Their other cover, that we need to help all of those poor people, has never carried much weight since it is obvious that foreign aid has never done much good in raising living standards in the countries where it is applied. The real purpose of foreign aid is thus exposed.

Some might say that what is good for large corporations is good for the country. This is not true. The burden on U.S. taxpayers is tremendous. People are being deprived of the ability to spend their money in ways they see fit. How can forced taxpayer-to-corporation transfers be seen as beneficial?—especially when one considers that corporate shareholders and corporate workers tend to be relatively well off as compared to the working poor and small business people upon whom the tax burden is most onerous.

It should therefore come as no shock to anyone that President Bush has come out in favor of giving billions of dollars in aid to the Soviet Union, even when many have been warning that such aid will only delay rather than speed up the process of reform. 1992 is fast approaching, and President Bush must remain loyal to those people who finance his campaigns.

As a passing thought, have you wondered who is going to pay for the rebuilding of Iraq?

Informed Jury Finds 17 Tax Resisters Not Guilty

by Ken Prazak

Unbeknownst to mainstream America and even most libertarians, there was a stunning victory for tax resisters on July 9 in a Memphis, Tennessee, courtroom. 17 people were charged with conspiracy to evade payment of income taxes and failure to file federal income tax returns. Although the jury knew that these people didn't file, they found all defendants not guilty. Not a word of this was reported in the establishment press, even though the case represented one of the most expensive in west Tennessee history, and one of the longest investigation by the Feds—six years.

One of the leaders on the tax resister side is C. Franklin Sanders Jr., who wrote a novel about a tax resister in a totalitarian state back in 1987 called *Heiland*. Previous to that publication, Sanders published a newsletter in which he carried an interview with former IRS official Paul des Fosses who made public a plan by the IRS to create a computerized dossier on everybody in the country. This is when Sanders "troubles" with the IRS began. A month later the IRS announced that Sanders was under criminal investigation.

Sanders is also a precious metals dealer and operated a small gold warehouse banking system.

Two of the seventeen defendants died during the prosecution of the case, one being a suicide.

Coup Comparisons

The recent coup attempt in the Soviet Union gives us cause to reflect on the chances of success a coup would have if it took place in our country. Coup leaders would know that they faced sixty-five (or more) million armed citizens. Most members of this "militia" remain as unregistered as are their weapons, and many have prior military service and know how to use a gun. The odds against a successful coup would be insurmountable; no move could prevail against these numbers of armed citizens.

On the other hand, would the American coup leaders may be smarter than their Russian counterparts? They may roll out the tanks in the name of the "War on Drugs." If so, perhaps they would have no political opposition. Ninety-nine percent of the news media would be on their side. Americans by the millions would support the coup and praise its leaders, if for no other reason than for "the sake of the children."

Hey... wait a minute..., what's the big green thing parked down on the corner?

Robert Verran Jr.

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September 29

- **La Salle County Libertarians** meeting Sunday 7:00 PM, at Hardees, I-39, Oglesby, IL. Meets here every last Sunday of month. More info: call Paul Salander, 815-539-7839.

October 7

- **DuPage Libertarian Club**, Monday, 6:30 PM, at the Fox Restaurant, formerly called the Minuette, Ogden and Main St., Lisle, IL. Meets first Monday of every month same place and time. For more info: Steve Nelson, 708-969-1088.

October 10

- **North Cook County Libertarian Club** meeting, "Road Show" with Jeanette Clinkunbroomer—an experience in libertarian outreach, bring your non-libertarian friends. 7:00 PM. Thursday, at the Henry George School, 4536 N. Ravenswood, Chicago; just south of Wilson on Ravenswood on the west side of the tracks. More info: call Mike Woloshin, 312-525-0846.

October 15

- **North West Libertarian Club** meeting, tape on ex-CIA agent, Phillip Agee. Dinner at 7:00 PM, speaker at 8:00 PM. Location: Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee/Mannheim St., (one quarter block south of Algonquin Rd.) Des Plaines, IL. Call Jeanette Clinkunbroomer, 966-0565 for more information.

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Northwest Libertarian Club Announces Meeting Dates

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Honor Roll

Our radio advertising blitz on WLS-AM Talk Radio 89 from August 26 to August 31 was a great success. These ads and the resulting radio conversations generated 40 calls to the LPI. An unknown number of people called the 800 number after watching the convention because of the ads. The following made contributions to support the ads.

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