

LP News Interview With Dave Bergland

During his June 7 visit to Houston, LP Presidential candidate David Bergland was able to give a two-hour recorded interview with LP News Editor Mike Holmes. Bergland had flown into Houston after leaving El Paso at 5 a.m., and the interview was conducted in the limousine from the airport, during lunch, and at Bergland's hotel suite in between his radio and newspaper interviews. The interview, conducted before the final outcome of the Democratic primary race, covered a wide range of topics and has been divided into two parts. Part I, which appears in this issue, deals primarily with the LP campaign effort. Part II, which

will appear in the September issue, deals with the major campaign issues.

PART I: THE CAMPAIGN

LPN: By all accounts you've been a very successful attorney and businessman. What motivates you to spend weeks and months on the road stumping for Libertarian ideas?

Bergland: My own personal goal of having freedom for me and for the rest of the people of America is really the central element in my motivation. I can't imagine anything that could be a greater adventure for one to look back on in one's future life than to have been the Libertarian Party presidential candidate.

LPN: It's been almost 10 months since you won the LP presidential nomination. What has been the most surprising discovery you've made since you've been nominated?

Bergland: I would say that I've been mildly surprised. One of the things happening in some places is that the party is really taking on more of a grassroots and local flavor. Libertarian Party activists are more involved in their local communities and less at the state level. As I travel through the states and go to a number of different localities and communities, the people are interested in doing the things there, running for office there. Going to a state party convention is not what really turns them on.

LPN: Do you think that's healthy for the party?

Bergland: Yes, I think that's one interpretation of it. I mean that's the optimistic interpretation. I hope it is true. Oh, for instance, I was just in El Paso yesterday and we had a lot of good activism there, there will be several candidates there, we had a reception which was well attended, and a lot of interest in the area. But, as far as I know, only two people from El Paso are going to come to the (Texas) state convention.



LP Presidential Candidate Bergland

LPN: How do you feel about your Nightline and Crossfire TV appearances? Were you nervous? Do you look forward to similar TV interviews in the future?

Bergland: Going into both I think, it's natural to be a little nervous, and I was. I'm always a little nervous going on live television because there isn't anyway to recover or "shore up", in a real effective fashion, if you make mistakes. I don't feel I made any mistakes in those two. The Nightline appearance was brief and I would say I was at an advantage by being the last person asked a question. Everybody--Democrat, Republican, John Anderson and Gus Hall--who appeared

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Willis Debuts in Indiana

Gary, IN - The First Congressional District of Indiana does not appear, at initial glance, to be easy territory for Libertarian Party candidates. In fact, no LP member has ever run for Congress from here before now. It traditionally votes heavily Democratic, is economically dependent upon the blue collar but declining steel business, and is home to one of America's first black mayors, Richard Hatcher of Gary.

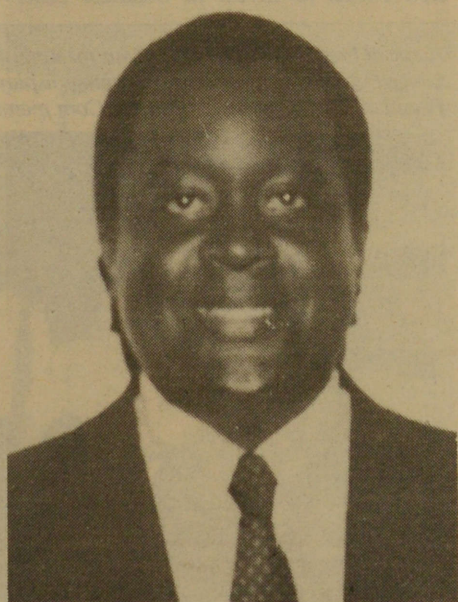
But when Indiana gubernatorial candidate Jim Ridenour began recruiting candidates to fill all ten state congressional seat races, James Willis stepped forward and agreed, although he repeated and honestly tells all who ask that "I'm not a politician, I don't talk tactfully, and I don't talk like a politician." But, politician or not, there are a lot of new listeners to the LP's 1st Congressional District candidate, and a lot of his audience is surprised at his message and impressed with his delivery.

"If I was affirmative, I'd get all the action that I need," Willis noted in a recent news interview, in response to a question about affirmative action, which he opposes. "To us Libertarians, that's nothing but reverse discrimination, reverse racism," he said. Willis said he prefers to be judged on "content of character," not "color of skin". Willis agrees that the government has an obligation to eradicate overt racism, but

notes that its role ends there. "To me, affirmative action comes from within. There are plenty of obstacles in everybody's way, what you have to do is get over them."

A 20-year veteran of the U.S. Steel mills in Gary, Willis speaks out against quotas on steel and other foreign imports. "If a company cannot compete in the marketplace, then it should go out of business. If you don't have the possibility of failure, you can't put forth your best efforts to success. American know-how is

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James Willis — Ind. 1st Cong. District

NatCom Meets in NY

Rochester, NY - The Libertarian Party National Committee, which functions as the LP's board of directors, held a successful meeting in Rochester, NY over the weekend of July 27-29, hosted by LP activist John Sproul and the very energetic Rochester area Free Libertarian Party organization. The meeting itself, one of three NatCom meetings scheduled for 1984, covered a wide variety of routine matters and gave NatCom members a chance to evaluate the progress of ballot drives, the presidential campaign, and party administrative matters.

The NatCom meeting, which was open to the public, was also covered by a local paper, the *Times-Union*, and one of the two major local TV stations, WHEC, on the 6 p.m. news. The meeting was capped with a Saturday evening banquet featuring a speech by 1980 LP Presidential candidate (and 1984 Bergland for President Committee Chair) Ed Clark. Clark's speech was an insightful and thoughtful evaluation of the 1984 ticket's chances. He concluded that a Reagan electoral landslide is probable, which should help generate additional votes for the Bergland/Lewis ticket and help deal with the so-called "wasted vote" problem. Clark's speech pointed out the "libertarian camouflage" of the Reagan administration's words, in contrast to its performance, and analyzed the many shortcomings of the Democratic ticket and phony "independent" efforts, like John Anderson's.

With respect to NatCom meeting business, the LP headquarter report



Ed Clark addresses NatCom banquet

noted the considerable progress made with recent computer improvements. The highlight of the Treasurer's report was news that the ambitious 1984 LP budget, which is approximately 20% higher than the 1983 budget, was slightly above target as of June 30, despite the absence of large donors and considerable competition for funds by national, state and local campaigns as well as expensive state ballot access efforts.

The FEC report noted that the LP and its candidates are still being harassed by the government election bureaucracy. The Finance Committee report observed that the average contribution is \$25 and that the number of contributors has risen from 2,300 in 1982 to over 7,000 this year. It is estimated that they may top 10,000 by year end. A report on Dan Wiener's Libertarian Letters project noted that several hundred letters have been catalogued so far, nationwide, by LP members. Reports were also

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Cong. Ron Paul Speaks at Givot Fundraiser

Chicago, IL - Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate Steven Givot announced on August 14 that U.S. Congressman Ron Paul (Rep.) of the 22nd District of Texas, would be the featured guest speaker for his fundraising dinner to be held at the Chicago Palmer House Hotel on September 7. Rep. Paul, who has been in Congress since 1976, was defeated in his bid for the Republican Senate nomination in Texas earlier this year, and is considered by many to be the most explicitly libertarian oriented politician to hold high office in recent memory. Givot, in his first LP race, faces incumbent Republican Illinois Senator Charles Percy, considered far too liberal by many Republicans and conservatives, and Democratic challenger Rep. Paul Simon, also considered a liberal.

Givot, 34, is a member of the Chicago Board Options Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade and is running the highest visibility campaign in the history of the Illinois LP. The \$50-a-plate fund raiser is expected to draw a large crowd, and the news media have been invited to come as Givot's guests. His previous fund-raising dinner held on May 16 set LP records, drawing a crowd of over 400. In announcing plans for the September 7th dinner, Givot said, "It is a rare privilege to have a man of Ron Paul's stature and prominence come to speak at such an event. It is indicative of the broad support for my campaign by both Republicans and Democrats who are disenchanted with their party's offering this year."

Givot's high profile efforts greatly aided the state's ballot drive effort this year, and public events, such as his July 4th Barrington Hills picnic, drew over 800 friends and supporters who enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks and beer.

The July 4th festivities started out with a suburban Des Plaines parade in which Givot and supporters were cheered as they filed by with signs reading "CHEER IF YOU HATE TAXES."

The LP Senate campaign has been aided by several factors, among which are Steven Givot's high profile and positive reputation resulting from his successful options trading career, and considerable dissatisfaction with the incumbent Republican Senator. In fact, New Right political activists Terry Dolan (who heads the National Conservative Caucus PAC) and Howard Phillips (who heads the Conservative Caucus PAC) have thrown their support behind Givot's campaign as a consequence of their dissatisfaction with incumbent Percy and Simon's reluctance to accept conservative support. An additional factor is Givot's avowed intention to win the "balance of power" margin in the race, a feat which occurred during the extremely close 1982 Illinois gubernatorial race. As Givot puts it, "A Libertarian vote is a vote against the advocates of big government—Percy and Simon."

The Givot campaign is also aided by its well-run professional media campaign, spearheaded by Media Coordinator Jeanne Kipp. This effort has yielded an impressive number of press releases, nearly one a day, and has resulted in a valuable presence in the state's news media. One of the recent developments has been the weekly award of Givot's "Big Screw" award, complete with a large screw impaling a taxpayer, which has been bestowed to Percy, Simon, Mondale and the International Trade Commission, among others.

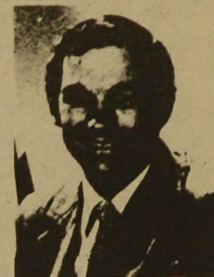
Other targets of Givot's press release barrage have included Treasury Secretary

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During the past decade, Congressman Ron Paul has emerged as a dynamic spokesman for a truly American political philosophy. His articulate and consistent advocacy of sound money, economic and civil liberty, a strong defense, and a non-interventionist foreign policy have brought him national acclaim.

Dr. Paul ran for Congress and won a special election in April 1976. He was sworn in for his first full term in January 1981, and was unopposed in November 1982.

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Mont. Candidates Wow AFL-CIO Members

Helena, MT - The headlines carried by the state AP wire service said it all: "Dodge Blasts Government Intervention" and "Libertarian Brings Unions to Their Feet".

Larry Dodge, LP gubernatorial candidate, and Neil Halprin, Montana LP senatorial candidate, were invited to speak at the state's annual AFL-CIO convention in Helena on August 17 and 18 and received a surprisingly good reception, according to press reports. For the first time in recent memory, a non-Democratic political candidate received a standing ovation from the convention, complete with whistles and sustained applause, which was the result of Halprin's impassioned speech denouncing the Reagan administration's dismal record in labor relations. Halprin's reception exceeded that given to the Republican challenger and even for incumbent Democratic Senator Max Baucus.

Halprin's speech pointed out that the Reagan administration has done everything it can to break unions and to balance the federal budget on the backs of working people. Halprin noted that union members cannot expect to get help from the federal government, and urged union members to "take control of their own destinies" by using large union pension funds to invest in business enter-

prises which support organized labor's goals.

Larry Dodge said he stands "for removal of government from the realm of employer-employee relations, except where aggression or deception occurs." He went on to note that Libertarians support all voluntary relations contracted for between employees and employers, that they oppose state laws forbidding union shops, closed shops or laws providing for "right to work" or "yellow dog" contracts. "I find any of these arrangements permissible if contracted voluntarily between employers and employees without interference from the state," Dodge told the AFL-CIO audience, "but none of them should be specified in the law as legal or illegal."

Following the strong applause for LP candidate Halprin, Republican Attorney General candidate Doug Kelly told the convention he was glad he wasn't a preacher having to follow Halprin's "hellfire and brimstone" speech. Kelly, in fact, has been a pastor for the past several years.

Halprin, who was involved in Democratic Party politics prior to his Libertarian Party activity, said he was amazed by the positive reception he received. ■

NatCom Meets in Rochester

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presented on LP News and by the audit committee.

The Bergland for President Committee reported that they had relinquished their leadership role in the 1984 LP ballot access efforts as of July 23. They reported that they had done all they could do for ballot access, had spent a large proportion of their available funds on ballot access, and believed they also had a major responsibility to direct their attention and resources to other important aspects of the Bergland/Lewis campaign. National Chair Paul Grant authorized the National LP to pick up the leadership role in ballot access efforts, to be directed on a day-to-day basis by the National LP staff. The National Committee authorized an additional \$40,000 in loans to cover immediate short term ballot access costs. In an impressive show of confidence, over \$10,000 in loans and \$1,000 in gifts was raised on the spot for this effort. The

National LP has continued this "emergency loan" effort and approximately 75% of the needed amount has been raised to date. National Director Honey Lanham, assisted by LP consultant Marshall Fritz, has spearheaded this effort.

Other matters discussed included recent legal victories, two of which (Wyoming, Oklahoma) were the result of efforts by Tulsa attorney Jim Linger. In response to discussion about the role of the National LP, New York Chair John Francis volunteered to coordinate suggestions from NatCom members and State Chairs as to what should be considered for 1985 goals and strategies for the LP.

The annual setting of National LP goals and objectives, budgetary matters and other national party business will be on the agenda at the December NatCom meeting, to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. ■

A social break at the July NatCom meeting. (l) Author Alan Burris and LP Vice Chair Mary Gingell visit in front of a newsclipping display. (r) David Walter, LP treasurer, talks with SIL President Don Ernsberger and NatCom member at large Ruth Bennett.



Willis Surprised with Campaign Reception

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the best. I believe we will compete and can compete with the best," he observes. He ends up this by asking, "Should we buy what America builds, or build what America buys?"

And while he disavows any prior speaking experience ("except for speaking in my church") Willis manages to get off some good one-liners. "The question is not whether Mondale or Reagan is the lesser of two evils," he quips, "they represent the evil of the two lessers."

While he originally volunteered to be a candidate on a "hold-the-line" basis, James Willis said he has "been surprised at the reception" he has been getting "at how well (a recent news article) went over" with friends and co-workers.

His journey to the libertarian point of view is fairly typical among active LP members. As late as 1976 he considered himself a Democrat and voted for Jimmy Carter. But between 1976 and 1980, he became disenchanted with that view and began to read a great deal about inflation, taxes, civil liberties and military adventurism. Particularly influential was Robert Ringer's book **Restoring the American Dream**, which alerted him to the existence of a coherent and consistent libertarian alternative.

Willis has been a party member for five years, but had never met another LPer until this spring. He agreed to run because "I thought it was important to have a name on the ballot" in his district, and notes that many people still find it "hard to believe" that he is an LP candidate. He wryly observes, "it seems we're still the 'ET' when it comes to political thought", and notes that some of his acquaintances find it difficult to accept the fact that he speaks from a well-grounded personal conviction, rather than at the direction of party leaders.

Since he will be the only black candidate in the race (his two opponents are white males), he concedes that some of his support and votes "may come for the

wrong reasons" but goes on to note that with his straightforward libertarian analysis of the issues, "I'm not trying to fool people." His personal observation is that most people are not aware of abstract political issues, and pointed out that a survey he conducted on his job revealed that of 20 countries in Central and South America, most people could identify only one or two.

Willis and his wife are both deeply religious Christians, but he believes that the government has no place regulating "self-inflicted" victimless crimes. "We've spread ourselves too thin," he said, "let's really get down on the violent criminals, and off of the moral aspects of what people are doing voluntarily of their own accord."

Willis faces an uphill battle, since the district traditionally votes heavily Democratic. He may benefit from a split in the Democratic ranks this year, however. Twenty-year incumbent Adam Benjamin died of a heart attack in 1982, and Katie Hall was appointed by Gary Mayor (and Jesse Jackson supporter) Richard Hatcher to complete his term. A split in the Democratic ranks upset Rep. Hall in the primary this spring, which may well weaken the Democratic vote. Willis is realistic, however, but observes, "being as I don't expect to win, I can be as candid as I want." He nevertheless remains optimistic about his chances both in the short term and the long term. "I think that most Americans, if they really thought about it, they would realize they're not for Mondale or Reagan. They've no choice. We offer a choice and maybe, by 1988 or 1992, they'll be ready for us."

Meanwhile, Willis will run an active campaign as much as time and money permit. He plans to write personally to as many people in the district as he can, and also hopes to run three or four newspaper ads with his picture and message. The Willis for Congress campaign, as with the other nine Indiana congressional campaigns, will be happy to accept campaign contributions, which should be sent to: **LP of Indiana, P.O. Box 1601, Indianapolis, IN 46206**, checks payable to **LP - Willis for Congress**. ■

Givot Pledges No Tax Increase

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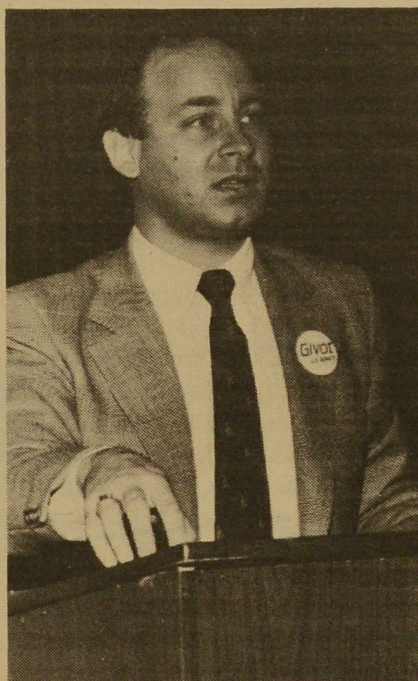
Donald Regan (for his claim that the Federal deficit has 'peaked'), government subsidies to business, labor, and individuals, Import-Export Bank loan guarantees, the Federal Trade Commis-

sion, FDIC bank regulations, Supreme Court decisions condoning illegal behavior by law enforcement agencies, recently enacted tax increases, FDA regulations, and the federal bailout of Continental Illinois National Bank.

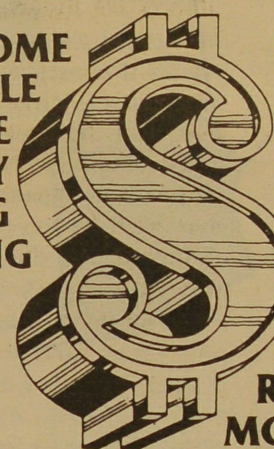
In another PR blast at his bipartisan opponents, on August 6 Givot made a highly publicized guarantee that he will never vote to increase taxes without paying the first \$10,000 himself. At a Springfield press conference, Givot showed reporters a \$250,000 personal check made out to the U.S. Treasury and said it will be deposited as a bond if he is elected in November. "I pledge that if I vote for any bill which increases net spending or net taxes, I will personally pay the first \$10,000 out of my own pocket into the U.S. Treasury," he promised.

Steven Givot is clear in his purpose. "The so-called" spirit of bipartisan cooperation" being touted around Washington is just another attempt to rip off the American public, to pick our pockets, to rob us of our freedoms, and to move ever further into our personal and private lives. I have entered this race to offer the voters a true alternative. As a Libertarian, I reject the dogma that government should regulate our economy, restrict our personal lives, or limit our individual freedoms." Based on his actions so far, Illinois voters will be well supplied with that alternative when they enter the polls in November. ■

Steven Givot



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Keynoter Ed Clark chats with Rochester activist and NatCom meeting host John Sproul. Photo by Pam Ng.



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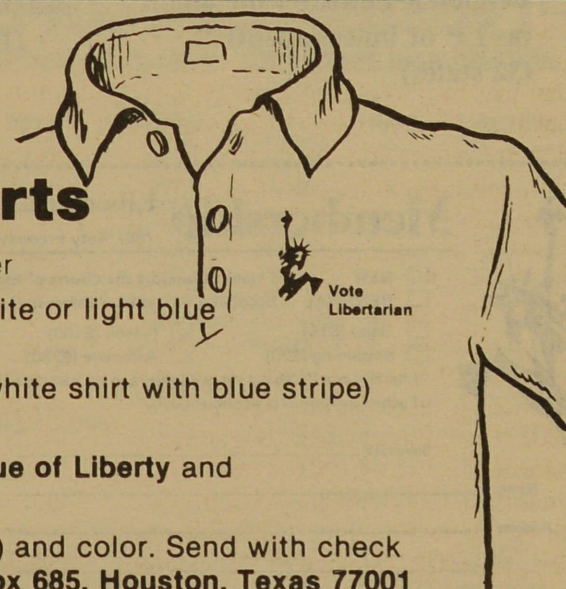
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Bergland/Lewis Ballot Access Status

(as of August 31, 1984)

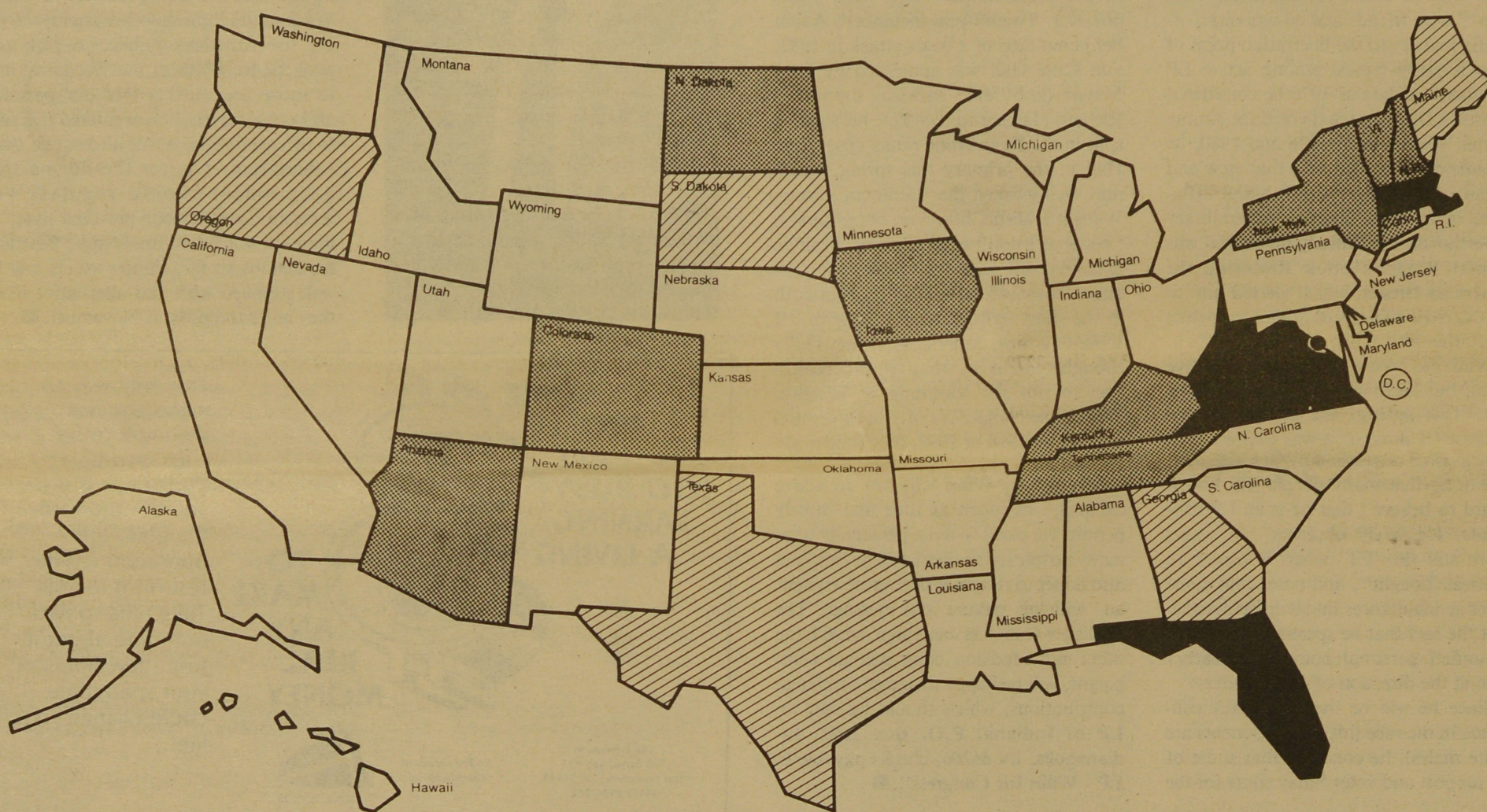
The information reflected below is as of the end of August. In a few states which reflect Bergland/Lewis ballot status, official confirmation of ballot status is pending but it is anticipated that the LP candidates will be approved for ballot positions. In some cases, the LP ticket will be listed as "independents" due to provisions in various state election laws which make this the practical course of a action

As of press time, all states listed as "in progress" are given good to excellent chances of obtaining ballot status, although due to the uncertainty inherent in the process, this status can't be completely taken for granted until these efforts are completed.

In the five states where legal action is pending, it is expected that some resolution will be forthcoming in the near future due to the impending election deadlines.

In the four states where the LP ticket is likely not to appear on the ballot this fall (FL, VA, MA, WV), two of these states (FL, MA) require over 40,000 signatures under a variety of restrictive and expensive deadlines and conditions. While some outside assistance by the BFP campaign was provided in these states, funding limitations and the efforts of the state parties were insufficient to overcome these obstacles. In West Virginia, a small and weak state LP organization was unwilling or unable to raise the several thousand dollars and signatures needed for ballot access.

Of the 52 states and territories (Washington D.C., Guam), it is likely that the Bergland/Lewis ticket will be on the ballot in at least 43 states if all goes well, will not be on for certain in four, and is a toss-up at the moment in five others. ■



Bergland/Lewis on the ballot
(as LP or independent)
(32 states)



Ballot effort in progress
(10 states)



Ballot access deadlines passed,
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Bergland/Lewis Schedules

The Bergland Campaign schedule was current as of press time but is subject to change to take maximum advantage of campaign opportunities. Questions regarding up-to-the-minute Bergland campaign plans should be directed to the Bergland Campaign National Schedule Coordinator.

Bergland Campaign National Schedule Coordinator:

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Sept. 1 Orlando, FL
Sept. 2-4 Indiana
Sept. 5 Norfolk VA
Sept. 6 Tennessee
Sept. 7-9 New Jersey
Sept. 10 Philadelphia PA
Sept. 11 Pittsburgh PA
Sept. 12, 13 Vermont
Sept. 14 Connecticut
Sept. 15-17 Los Angeles
Sept. 18 Chicago IL
Sept. 20-23 New York City and Rochester, NY
Sept. 25 Grand Rapids, MI
Sept. 26 Detroit MI
Sept. 27, 28 Cincinnati and Cleveland, OH
Sept. 29, 30 Orange County CA
Oct. 2 Santa Barbara, CA
Oct. 3, 4 Wisconsin
Oct. 5 Omaha NB
Oct. 6 Baltimore MD
Oct. 8 Denver CO
Oct. 9 Colorado
Oct. 10 Salt Lake City UT

Oct. 11, 12 Phoenix and Tucson AZ
Oct. 14 College Station TX
Oct. 15 Houston TX
Oct. 16 El Paso TX
Oct. 18 Virginia
Oct. 19, 20 Washington, D.C.
Oct. 22, Portland, OR
Oct. 23 Seattle, WA
Oct. 24-26 Anchorage and Fairbanks AK
Oct. 27-Nov. 6 California

The schedule below is accurate as of press time, but is subject to change without notice. Please contact the Lewis Schedule Coordinator of up-to-date schedule information.

Sept. 1 Connecticut
Sept. 2-4 New Jersey
Sept. 4, 5 Philadelphia PA
Sept. 5-7 Pittsburgh PA
Sept. 7 Youngstown, Akron OH
Sept. 7 Cleveland OH
Sept. 8-13 Ohio
Sept. 14, 15 Grand Rapids MI
Sept. 16 Northern Indiana
Sept. 17, 18 Rockford IL
Sept. 18-20 Iowa
Sept. 20 Arkansas
Sept. 21-23 New Mexico
Sept. 23-26 Arizona
Sept. 26 Utah
Sept. 27+ To Be Announced

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Bergland/Lewis Campaign Updates

• David Bergland appeared on the cable TV C-SPAN channel at 9 p.m. August 31 and appears on the PBS 'Late Night America' program on September 26 at 11 p.m. (check your local public TV station).

• With a little more than two months remaining in the campaign, Bergland is preparing to visit 59 cities (from the beginning of August to election day), covering 29 states.

• VP candidate Jim Lewis will have visited 48 states by the end of the campaign and will wind up in Southern California to celebrate the election with an election night party.

• The California Secretary of State has approved two Bergland co-authored ballot arguments for the November voter information handbook. The two arguments are in opposition to the Safe Drinking Water and Veterans bond issues, linking these issues to the California tax revolt. Co-authoring these arguments with Bergland are California LP congressional candidates Howard Creighton and Sara Baase.

• BFP staffer Charles Burris is the person to contact at the campaign headquarters if you are interested in participating in the Students for Bergland National Network. Campus activity

should help highlight differences between the LP ticket and the pro-draft registration, anti-under 21 drinking age bipartisan candidates.

• Car signs, van signs or lawnsigns are now available with 27" X 14" red, white and blue silk-screened, adhesive-backed vinyl signs. The signs read "Bergland -President, Vote Libertarian, Abolish the IRS" with the Statue of Liberty logo. Also available is a car top carrier with signs on both sides. Signs are \$5 postpaid, the car top carrier is \$20 plus shipping, available from **Dottie-Lou Brokaw, 39 Prospect Terrace, Corland, NY 13045.**

• Long Beach State journalism graduate Patricia Zeman has joined the BFP staff as a secretary and will assist with other varied campaign duties.

• Delegates to the Dallas Republican convention were greeted on their final day with a full page ad in the *Washington Times* convention issue supplement listing 32 former Republicans who are now supporting the LP Bergland/Lewis ticket.

• Bergland has a September 30 San Fernando Valley Special Fundraiser scheduled at the home of singer Bobbie Gentry. "She is **very** nice," according to one BFP campaign staffer. ■

BFP Media Update

By Laurie Sano,
Bergland for President
Media Coordinator

Getting media attention for the Bergland campaign has proved to be both frustrating and rewarding.

Frustrating because the majority of the national news media still does not take third parties seriously, and rewarding because the quality of coverage that we have received to date has been excellent.

Thanks to the energetic efforts of local media coordinators throughout the country, the number of interviews conducted while Bergland visits a scheduled state has been extensive. As of mid-August, he has been on 152 radio talk shows, interviewed by 155 television stations and over 175 newspapers have covered his campaign.

The newspaper articles go far beyond the 'laundry list' pieces that we have seen in the past and almost **all** of the major dailies have published extensive interviews with Bergland and VP running mate Jim Lewis.

Unfortunately, national magazines, radio and television programs have told the BFP campaign that they are waiting until the final month of the campaign to look for stories other than the typical Democrat and Republican coverage. "Call me in October" is a phrase often heard in my effort to place Bergland in a national media outlet.

I am encouraged, though, because the Bergland/Lewis campaign **will** receive some last-minute national coverage and because the closer it comes to the election, the more impact it will have on the public. National coverage also tends to break in spurts. Consider one busy week in January this year, when Bergland was interviewed by Ted Koppel of ABC's *Nightline*, Cable News Network, PBS's *Crossfire*, *Newsweek* and *The Washington Post*. This kind of interest is likely to happen again. Already, we have secured TV appearances for Bergland on C-Span cable channel on August 31 and the PBS program *Late Night America* on Sept. 26., for which local Chicago media

coordinator Virginia Cropsey was responsible.

It is also encouraging to note the amount and quality of television coverage thus far received. Approximately equal to the number of radio appearances received, nearly one-third of the TV stations that have featured Bergland have been major network affiliated stations (ABC, NBC, CBS).

Getting TV exposure for the 1980 Clark campaign was largely the result of paid television spots that were aired nationally, and helped generate interest among the public and media.

While the Bergland campaign does not have the large advertising budget which the Clark campaign enjoyed, we are making two television spots and two radio spots available to local parties who wish to purchase the air time. Produced

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Fortunately, libertarians have not completely ignored this latest statist ploy into collective guilt and punishment. Montanan Richard Fyfe, himself under 21, is Treasurer of and active in a newly formed group, Citizens for Responsible Drinking, which was organized by Fyfe and John McGregor to block a proposed state law to punish young drinkers as a matter of state policy. Region 4 Nat-Com Representative Della Scott indirectly helped the Montana effort when her efforts resulted in a NatCom resolution opposing mandatory 21 drinking age laws at the December 1983 New Orleans meeting. This campaign and subsequent letters-to-the-editor helped publicize the issue and laid the groundwork for the Montana CRD group organized this spring. While this group is not a partisan Libertarian organization, the basic arguments used are libertarian in nature and is prompting interest in LP candidates who are picking up on the issue.

"The campaign against raising the drinking age in Montana promises two very important advantages," notes Richard Fyfe, "First it costs the LP nothing. Money, equipment, even professional advice has been freely offered by the tavern owners, who have promised a minimum of \$40,000 in a state as small as Montana. Labor is provided by young adults who want to help but have more time than money. Broad support has been possible by not being an official branch of the LP, but our statements about justice, fairness and rights are libertarian.

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The main emphasis of the CRD effort has been to stress responsible drinking by young adults, rather than rely upon sledgehammer legislation imposed by government which creates whole new classes of criminals out of people who have not necessarily done anything wrong or harmful. The group has also outlined in detail 13 reasons why mandatory 21 drinking age laws should be opposed.

The issue is no longer just a Montana one. Fyfe notes, "Because of the campaign to get the federal government to blackmail the states into raising the drinking age, it is of vital importance that this campaign be carried out on a national scale." Fyfe is interested in contacting others who are interested in stopping this discriminatory new Prohibitionism, and urges interested libertarians to contact him at **Citizens for Responsible Drinking, 1038 East 6th, Helena, MT, 59601, (406) 449-3865.** ■

Oldest Profession Gets a Boost From Down Under

Sydney, Australia - Inspector Neville Stanford, reporting to a parliamentary prostitution committee, said a recent police study in Australia's most populous state indicated that it would be better to legalize prostitution and license brothels in order to get prostitutes off the streets.

Ferraro Sparks Interest In Nathan Campaign

Eugene, OR - Observing that it was "wonderful" that a major political party had finally nominated a woman for Vice President, 1972 LP Vice Presidential candidate Toni Nathan reaped a round of publicity nationwide as many Libertarians and others noted that Nathan, the LP's first VP candidate (with running mate Prof. John Hospers) was also the first woman in history to receive an electoral vote. This vote was cast for the 1972 LP ticket by renegade Republican elector Roger MacBride, who went on to become the LP Presidential nominee himself in 1976.

The nomination of Rep. Ferraro spawned literally dozens of letters and articles in major newspapers all across the country noting that the Democratic party is doing very little real pathbreaking. "We wonder what took them so long," LP VP candidate Jim Lewis said at his Leavenworth, Kansas stop. "They (the Democrats) made some hay, I suppose, in choosing a woman as a vice presidential candidate," Lewis was quoted in the *Kansas City Star* (Missouri), "It amused Libertarians. We would say, 'What took the Democrats 12 years?'"

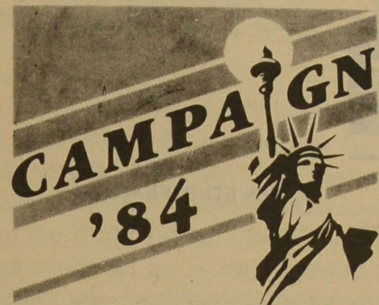
The reaction was much the same across the nation, from Louisiana LP Central Committee member Dr. Jerry Millett's letter to the *Lafayette Daily Advertiser*, to SCLP Vice Chair John Heaton's letter and press release issued state wide to 20 newspapers and the wire services. LP members across the country proudly noted that **their** choice had been no gim-



Toni Nathan

mick, and that the electoral vote landmark was a feat which shouldn't go unnoticed amidst the hoopla surrounding the Democratic nomination.

Nathan herself may also be able to capitalize on this newly resurgent fame in her November race for a seat on the Lane County Commission. One LP election analyst rates her chance's as "fairly good", since the incumbents showing in the five-way spring primary race was under 40%, often denoting a vulnerable situation. Nathan still faces an uphill battle, but her experience and energetic campaign style will help in the race. Perhaps the best message Libertarians could send the Democrats this fall would be to put Toni Nathan in office. Your campaign financial support could help in this endeavor and can be sent to: **Toni Nathan, 1625 Best Lane, Eugene, OR 97401** ■



Campaign '84 Report

The Campaign '84 LP service bureau operation has identified 349 LP partisan and non-partisan candidates as of early August, and several more are likely to be identified before the end of the election season. Of this total, 211 are state and local candidates and 138 are federal candidates.

A contact person has been identified in each state and the Campaign '84 computer data base is expected to be a major tool in the election night and post-election analysis of LP campaign results.

The Campaign '84 efforts will also be working with Mitch Wayne of Kentucky, who is organizing a Compuserve Libertarian Special Interest Group (SIG) to take advantage of this computerized communications service. This effort is expected to also help in the timely reporting of November election results.

Campaign '84 has also been active with several mailings of interest to LP candidates, including a memo concerning Joe Laiacona's (Congressional District 4, Indiana) direct campaign mail service, and a special report soon after the Placer County Supervisor's race victory concerning the nuts-and-bolts work behind that political success story. Additional articles, reprints and even more than 2 hours of taped material is available and has been distributed to candidates and others interested in the details of the Placer County race.

Additionally, Campaign '84 has asked David Scholl, a libertarian professional campaign consultant from Fairfield, CA, to prepare a proposal for a national survey of registered voters. This effort is designed to obtain 800 responses to a 30 question survey to help candidates target specific issues, identify potential LP voter "strongholds" and enable local LP candidates to capitalize on opportunities created by local conditions. Funding proposals for this project will be submitted to the National Committee for their future consideration.

LP candidates and others interested in participating in the LP election service bureau Campaign '84 operations or sharing relevant campaign information are urged to contact: **Jim McKeown - Campaign '84 National Coordinator, 510 Press Bldg., Binghamton, NY 13901, (607) 772-6421 (o), or (607) 798-9874 (h).** ■

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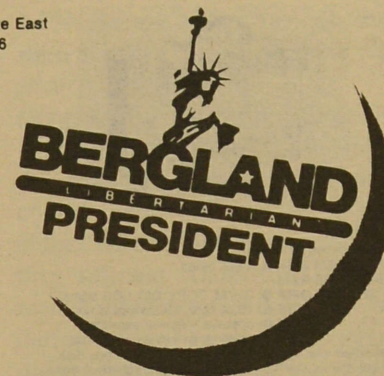
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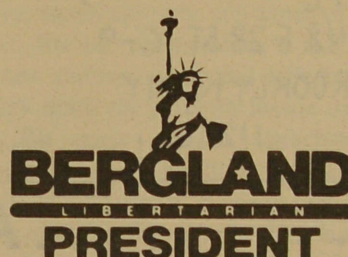
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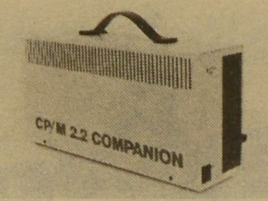
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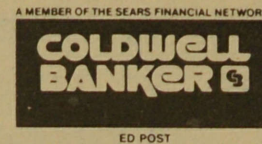
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Taking advantage of this opportunity to tell the Treasury how to "reform" the tax system was National LP Director Honey Lanham, who spoke at the hearings in Houston, and Michigan LP Senatorial candidate and tax protestor Lynn Johnston, who testified in Minneapolis.

Lanham's advice attracted considerable attention from both TV and newspaper reporters, and she was quoted in the *Houston Post* as saying, "Taxation is legalized theft, pure and simple." The paper went on to note that Lanham's comments were the most radical proposals of all, and she concluded her presentation by saying "abolishing the income tax is the only safe reform for the private sector."

LP candidate Johnston, who says she has paid no taxes since 1975, and says she is on the IRS's 'top 10 hit list', offered similar advice to the Treasury hearing held in Minneapolis. In her testimony Johnston said, "the IRS, as we know it, should be destroyed. It is a slavery and cancer upon the American sovereign freeman." As alternative means of financing some government functions, once the income tax and IRS is abolished, Ms. Johnston went on to suggest 8 additional means of raising revenue, including lotteries and gifts, sale of government assets, foreign aid from other nations, and borrowing. ■

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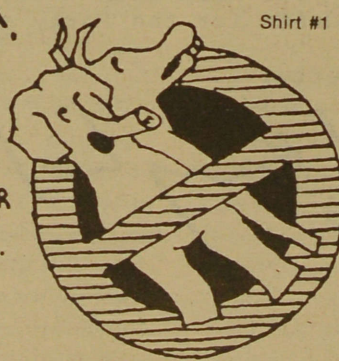
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Bergland Interview

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before me were very fuzzy in what they had to say. All that was necessary for me to do was to make one clear statement on one issue and I differentiated myself from the pack. I think that worked out pretty well. As far as the Crossfire appearance was concerned, I was forewarned as to the m.o. of those two interviewers. I set myself the objective of simply going on the show, and rather than trying to cover a lot of substantive information on the issues, which I knew would not be possible, I simply established myself as someone who could handle a tough situation and not be pushed around. I think I succeeded reasonably well at that. I'm not real excited about the type of show that Crossfire is, but of course, there are not very many of these. I think that what we have to analyze is the value of something like that. A completely antagonistic type of interview is something that I feel is of marginal value.

LPN: You ran with Roger MacBride in 1976 as the LP Vice Presidential candidate. What are the major contrasts between your campaign now and that of the 1976 effort?

Bergland: One, of course, is that I would say more than half of the people out there have at least heard of the Libertarian Party. By this time in 1976, probably fewer than 10% had heard of it, probably even less than that. A second major factor is the tremendous time difference. I'm a full time campaigner and Jim Lewis almost is, whereas Roger MacBride was not a full time campaigner and certainly I as a Vice Presidential candidate campaigned relatively little. I did a total of 10 or 12 campaign trips, never more than a few days at the time, that was all the 1976 campaign could afford. If you were to do it on a man-hours basis, the '76 campaign probably had less than 10% of the amount of the actual campaign time that Jim Lewis and I are going to put in this year.

LPN: Does anybody ever remember you from the '76 campaign? Have you run into anybody that was aware of your campaign, other than Libertarians?

Bergland: Other than Libertarians, only a few people have mentioned that. One other major difference, and this comes from the time availability I think, is we're doing a much more grassroots type of a campaign. Rather than concentrating on media centers, we're going to as many other localities as we can to help develop more interest in the Libertarian party in those places. And also to help the activists who are there, help the morale building and party building operation in that fashion.

LPN: Any plans for joint appearances with Jim Lewis later in the campaign? So far, you seem to be running totally separate efforts.

Bergland: There may or may not be, it'll just depend on what we work up. We really aren't running separate efforts. There

is a coordination between the two campaign headquarters on planning and that kind of thing. But for the most part it doesn't make good sense to have us both at the same place at the same time. Because that just means we would only be covering one spot when we could be covering two.

LPN: How is the campaign fundraising effort proceeding?

Bergland: About according to projections, as I understand. We've projected a total campaign budget of between 1½ and 3 million dollars and that seems to be going along reasonably well. There's never enough, of course, and the major expenditures for such things as ballot drives are extremely troublesome.

LPN: Have you received any financial support from the major 1980 campaign backers, such as the Koch family or people associated with the Cato Institute?

Bergland: Not to my knowledge. I have to qualify that by saying that I am not an active participant in fundraising or keeping track of where the money's coming from. I am not aware that the Koch family or people associated with the Cato Institute have contributed any significant amount.

LPN: Do you have any plans underway for radio or TV ads later in the campaign? What can we expect?

Bergland: Again, that's not my part of the campaign. I'm the candidate, I don't do the advertising planning or the strategic determination of where the money is going to be spent.

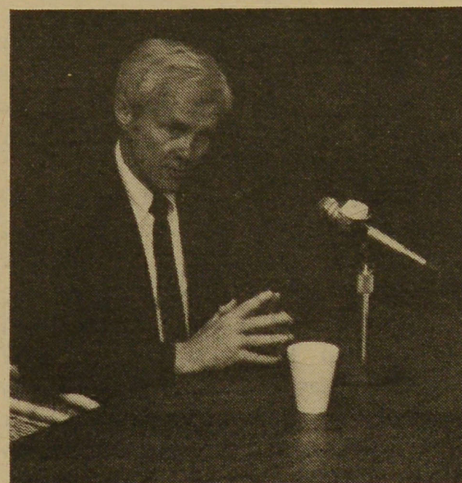
LPN: You did do some radio spots in Arizona, though, I understand, did you not?

Bergland: Yes, I recorded some. Whether or not they'll ever be played, I don't know. They may not be of sufficient quality to do that. The question is "Do you have any plans underway for radio or TV ads later in the campaign? What can we expect?" I'll turn it around and say, do you have any plans for radio or tv ads later in the campaign? Because "you" are going to pay for them. I am not. Now the only way that those things would be done and broadcast is for Libertarians to contribute the money to pay for it. I've got my part in the campaign to do and you have yours. What I anticipate, and this is just my own thinking and not necessarily that of the campaign steering committee or our advertising and PR people, but I think what is likely to happen is that the campaign will do production of radio and television ads. And state and local parties will raise the money in their localities to place the ads on their electronic media outlets.

LPN: It now looks fairly likely that we'll see Reagan versus Mondale. What kind of opportunity does that present for your campaign?

Bergland: The traditional thinking on that for us is that if it's Reagan and Mon-

dale, there are two factors. One, they are the classic examples of the choice of Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum or the lesser of two evils. We should be able to capitalize on that somewhat. Also, it's likely, though we don't know for sure, that Reagan would have a pretty substantial lead over Mondale and that too helps deal with the "wasted vote" problem that has always been a problem for us. I've been told this by some people who are now Hart supporters, that if Hart doesn't get the Democratic nomination, then a lot of people who are in the Hart camp would be looking around for alternatives. This is just one factor in really a large set of factors, all of which basically add up to the fact that there is a growing and increasingly clear demand for alternatives in the American political marketplace. And it's our job to capitalize on that.



LPN: Jesse Jackson came out of nowhere to become a national political figure. He seems to have galvanized black voters. Some of his foreign policy positions are pretty radical, and certainly his campaign has deviated from the usual bipartisan mush. What do you make of the Jackson phenomenon? Are there any lessons for the LP?

Bergland: I watched the first television debate between all eight Democratic presidential candidates. Two of those candidates presented themselves as new, different and innovative. Being something completely different from the traditional Democratic pack as represented by Mondale and the others. It's interesting to me to see that the three survivors in the Democratic race have been Mondale, who was the front-runner from the beginning, and those two others, Hart and Jackson. This is more evidence, in my mind, that says that there is a recognition on the part of people like Hart and Jackson that the American voters are fed up with traditional politics. They are looking for alternatives, even though Hart and Jackson aren't any kind of an alternative, based upon the substance of their ideas. But the presentation is that they are new and innovative and different and I think that's the primary lesson for the LP. We must present ourselves as something new and different and the available alternative. It looks like we're going to have the people that Jackson brought out of the bushes, and, of course, the people who were followers of Hart as well. In fact, I had a county

Democratic chairman in Wisconsin tell me that if Mondale got the nomination, he would vote for me.

LPN: Do you see any benefits from John Anderson's withdrawal from the 1984 race?

Bergland: Possibly. I believe that the Anderson phenomenon of 1980 was at that point largely a reaction on the part of the media who wanted to see some choice other than Reagan and Carter. So they selected Anderson, who had the media momentum which was built up during the time he was a Republican candidate, and they just picked him up and went on. I think his withdrawal and the decline of interest in him as a presidential candidate is because the people have come more and more to realize that he

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wasn't any kind of alternative to traditional politics. He was offering the same sort of governmental solutions, with all the attendant costs in terms of taxation and interference in our lives which that represents. So, if there is any advantage to the Libertarian Party by his withdrawal, it is one which is just another item of evidence that people really are serious about looking for alternatives, and they determined that John Anderson wasn't one.

LPN: Have you encountered any unexpected negative reactions to your campaign?

Bergland: No. Anything that's negative about the campaign was expected, the typical conservative reaction to some of our positions. Of course, some of the people within the Libertarian Party were negative about my candidacy as soon as they found out about it. But nothing unexpected.

LPN: How about positive reactions?

Bergland: The thing that I would say is perhaps unexpectedly positive is the number of people in the media who say very supportive and commendatory things. I would also say that people in the peace movements who are saying, and I've had them say this to me, "we've been looking for a candidate, it looks like you're probably going to be the one". And the tax protest movement, which in the past I think would have been pretty much fairly characterized as dominated by sort

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of religious conservatives, more than other people. More and more of them are saying that they're really Libertarians, supporting my candidacy and the Libertarian Party. So I think that the opportunities for coalitions are more than I would have anticipated several months ago.

LPN: So far, the BFP campaign hasn't issued very many, if any, position papers on specific issues. What are the plans to do so? Isn't it important to demonstrate to the public that our specific policy recommendations (such as eliminating the income tax or withdrawing from NATO) are practical, feasible and responsible ideas?

Bergland: Well, to take the second part of the question first, it certainly is important to demonstrate to the public that our specific policy recommendations are practical, feasible and responsible ideas. That is, of course, what we're trying to do in the campaign, ideally, over and over again, in interviews that I do. With regard to position papers on specific issues, there are some of those that are being developed and written, and worked on, but everything costs money. So far, nobody has come forward and said, "I want to see a position paper on topic X and here's a thousand dollars toward that". And quite frankly, the cost of ballot access drives and the bare essentials of keeping the campaign moving at this point are such that the ability to produce white papers and position papers in a great volume is a very difficult proposition. So, I would be happy to see a group of people who wanted to have a position paper on particular topics, say, "we'll make some contributions earmarked for that if you will do it" because that would help us know what it is you want.

LPN: The campaign so far has centered around appearances at state LP conventions or similar meetings. Yet in another month or two, these will largely be over with. What will the campaign strategy be for the second phase? Do you plan on visiting a given number of states or all 50?

Bergland: We do plan on visiting a given number of states. The campaign really has had three basic phases. One was the period after the LP nominating convention and until the state party conventions began. Then, during the period between January through July of 1984, the campaign has pretty much been tied to appearances in states where they're going to have state conventions and doing grass roots work in those states leading up to the weekend of the state convention. And then afterwards, my travel schedule and appearance schedule is pretty well developed. This will be the period of time when my appearances will be trying to create or participate in events which will get a lot of attention. I also will be do-

ing advertising and attempting to capitalize on the mutually complementary efforts of the Presidential campaign and the congressional and state LP candidates.

LPN: Much was made during the nomination campaign about the importance of post-nomination unity, including the "Biddeford Statement" signed by prominent backers of all major LP presidential contenders. Are you satisfied with the followup efforts by the Biddeford Statement signatories and Ravenal backers?

Bergland: No. They haven't done what they said they would do. Paul Grant wrote to Ravenal backers who signed the Biddeford statement asking them to perform on their promise as set forth in that. Only one of them replied, and he, in the negative.

LPN: Some state LP groups, notably Alaska's, have publicly downplayed the presidential campaign saying resources are needed to promote local races. How do you regard that strategy?

Bergland: My view is that the most effective strategy for the Libertarian Party in any location is that of a combined, mutually supportive effort, between the Presidential campaign and the local Libertarian Party campaigns. So if anyone disagrees with that, they just disagree with that. But I don't know what their arguments are, or whether they even have arguments.

LPN: Do you regard it as crucial to your

Schneider Sues Govt. Paper

Silver Spring, MD - Former LP candidate for the Maryland House of Delegates and regular local libertarian columnist Gerald Schneider filed suit in mid-August to stop the publication of a proposed \$140,000 a-year Montgomery County sponsored government newspaper which Schneider contends "will only advance the self-serving interest of elected officials."

Schneider, 46, a Silver Springs fine art broker, charges that the county expenditures would be a misuse of tax money and will undermine freedom of the press. "The struggle between government-controlled news and a free press has yet to be won in this country," Schneider said. Schneider has approached several attorneys as well as the local ACLU about the case, and stresses that his opposition to the paper is based on his personal beliefs, not necessarily an LP position, and that he is seeking nonpartisan support in his efforts.

Schneider's actions have already won him the support of several County Council members (in the minority), and the county's foray into the nationalized newspaper business has already been criticized by the Montgomery County Taxpayers League and several elected Republican officeholders. ■

campaign to be on the ballot in all 50 states? A major setback if you aren't?

Bergland: I certainly regard it as crucial for us to set that goal. If we don't successfully meet that goal, I don't know how much of a setback it will be. Will the party's future depend on a particular state? I doubt it. It also depends on the perceptions of other Libertarians and people in the media as to the reasons.

LPN: How do you respond to the charge leveled by some libertarians that participating in the political process is inherently immoral and counterproductive?

Bergland: That's stupid. The Libertarian Party and Libertarian political activism is the means to an end. I want to live in as free society and I want much greater freedom than I now have. The only way to achieve that is for the thinking of millions of Americans to change about what they want from government. In order to change their thinking, first you have to get your attention. Then you have to hold their attention, provide them with information and argumentation to persuade them that instead of continuing to be satisfied or apathetic or fed-up with the political status quo, they should begin to change it. The Libertarian Party has done probably about a million times as much toward that end as the total number of people who level charges of the kind we're talking about here.

Part II of this interview, covering the major issues of the campaign, will appear in the September issue of LP News. ■

Lib "Smear" Backfires

Eureka, CA - The recent Republican primary battle for the northern California GOP nomination for the First Congressional seat saw one of the two GOPster's accuse his rival of, gasp, being a "libertarian"! Jim Fatland accused his rival, David Redick, of being a closet libertarian, particularly since Redick had run on the LP ticket for Congress in 1982. Fatland, seeking to "smear" Redick with the libertarian tag, refused to debate his rival prior to the primary, saying that while Redick is now a registered Republican, "many Republican regulars continue to complain that (Redick) does not maintain the Republican philosophy and often refers to the Libertarian viewpoint." Redick, to his credit, simply pointed out how there are similarities between some GOP positions and the LP viewpoint, and thus his current positions are similar to those he took when running as a Libertarian. He noted, "I have nothing to hide."

Fatland, who works in municipal government, saw his mudslinging smear campaign backfire when the votes were counted. Ex-LPer Redick won the GOP nomination 57% to 42%. Fatland refused to endorse his opponent after the race, claiming that Redick "still thinks like a Libertarian on many issues." Other bipartisan politicians may think twice before trying to hurt their opponents by calling them "libertarians." ■

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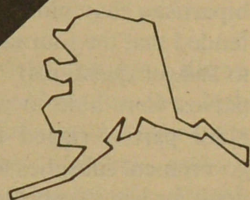
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Alaska

LP Presidential contender David Bergland made his initial foray into the Last Frontier state with his July 30, 31 visit to the Anchorage area, on his return from the Hawaii LP convention. Bergland's visit, ably coordinated by John Ulsher, resulted in coverage from both major papers and two television stations. Approximately 60 people attended a July 30 fundraising dinner at the Rabbit Creek Inn. In addition to the Anchorage area interviews, Bergland spent nearly a whole day conducting statewide radio interviews via telephone, and Bergland observed that many of the people he talked to seemed "pretty excited" about what he had to say and about his campaign.

The ALP will also be running five candidates for state legislature this fall. They are Andre Marrou, Will Darsey, Stewart Brandon, Henry Novak and John Davis.

Susan Schultze is now handling the ALP's Executive Director's duties in the wake of the recent resignation of Duncan Scott.

Who says libertarians don't believe in free lunches? Anchorage activist John Ulsher hosted a July 8 picnic at his home which featured hamburgers, beer, watermelon and badminton, at no charge.

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California

UC Santa Barbara professor and philosopher Tibor Machan was the featured speaker at the Aug. 21 dinner meeting in San Diego, where Machan

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will soon be teaching. His topic was "The Moral Foundations of the Coercive State". The Sept. 25 meeting will feature Alan Bock, editorial page editor for the Orange County *Register*, on the topic of "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor, Your Huddled Masses Yearning to Breathe Free. . . And I'll Show You a Group Which Must Now Enter America Illegally!"

The June meeting featured David Slater from the self-help program SHARE. July 4th was celebrated with a picnic at Balboa Park, complete with banners and volleyball. Also in July, LP presidential contender David Bergland visited San Diego for a campaign fundraiser at the home of long-time activists Matt and Nancy Greco.

The Greco's were also host to the Sara Baase Campaign, which held a "Summer Sunset Party" featuring previews of her 60-second radio spots slated for airing in October. Her 41st Congressional District race is considered by some to be the most visible and active of its kind in the state, and already campaign volunteers have "hit the streets," walking precincts, distributing brochures and verifying voter registration lists. The biggest effort of this type will occur in October. Sara Baase also held a very productive three-hour brunch with San Diego *Union* columnist Richard Louv, who has shown interest in libertarian ideas.

Native son Bergland was the featured guest of Atlantic Richfield Co. employees' nonpartisan Civic Awareness Program on July 10. According to press reports, he told them, "There are no inferior human beings. People have the right to escape oppression and poverty," by coming to the U.S., "so long as they take responsibility for themselves."

The Ventura County LP has been energized of late, featuring LP candidate for 21st Dist. U.S. House seat Robert Lee at their Aug. 17 dinner meeting. And for the fifth straight year, the Ventura LP will have a booth at the county fair from Sept. 27 to Oct. 7. This has always proved to be a source of excellent public contact and communication.

The Santa Barbara LP is gearing up for the upcoming visit of LP candidate Bergland and held a Campaign Working Group meeting in July. Bob Lehman is gearing up to do a sample test mailing of 1,000 households to target Gary Hart supporters who may be interested in the Bergland campaign.

The Fresno LP continues to put out its impressive newsprint tabloid, featuring a variety of thoughtful analyses and commentary.

Santa Clara LP representative Jim Wilson was the articulate spokesman against the proposed half-cent county sales tax increase to finance major highway projects. The LP spokesman labeled it, "a blatant violation of the spirit of Proposition 13" and "ill-conceived and short-sighted."

The greater San Francisco Bay area is also home to a number of active libertarian supper clubs. Institute for Humane Studies public affairs director John Blundell spoke to the Santa Clara County supper club on Aug. 28 on the topic "What is Margaret Thatcher Up To?". Reason Foundation President Robert Poole, Jr., speaks to the group in September.

The San Mateo supper group heard Dr. Murray Rothbard in August, hears Robert Hessen in September, and has IHS President Leonard Liggio on tap for October. The Santa Cruz area supper club meeting in Capitola heard Jeremy Shearmur of Manchester University speak on Aug. 7 on "How to Be a Libertarian Scholar." And the long established Free Marin Supper Club, north of the Bay, hears Mendocino County realtor Lorne Strider speaking on the subject "Zoning and Land Use: 20th Century Feudalism".

Palo Alto *Mercury News* sports editor Mark Purdy has dubbed the SF 49'ers football team the "Libertarian" one, contrasting the Democratic LA Raiders and Republican Dallas Cowboys. Whether he meant this label as a compliment or not, we haven't heard.

Dante DeAmicis is running in a two-way race for 23rd District State Assembly, managing to scare off any Republican opposition to incumbent Democrat John Vasconcellos, who is reportedly ailing. Mark Hinkle also faces a single opponent in the nearby 25th District, while 22nd District LP challenger Andy Fleisher faces a three-way race.

LP Presidential candidate David Bergland managed to garner his share of publicity despite the media circus occurring at the Democratic convention in San Francisco. During his three day stint in the Bay area at the time of the convention, he appeared in Sunnyside and at a fundraiser in Piedmont, around which were sandwiched interviews with the *San Jose Mercury* and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. A brief story also was sent out on the state AP wire.

Contra Costa Libertarians were entertained on Aug. 8 with a 2½ hour taped debate on the subject of "Socialism or Capitalism", which originally took place at the U. of Toronto earlier this year. John Corl was host to the event, and word is that the defenders of capitalism did very well.

Soon to be retired Tahoe area Placer County Supervisor Larry Severson finally gave up on his recount challenge of LP victor Erik Henrikson. He is now pushing a return to district rather than area elections, since he discovered he actually carried a district. Figures, now that they lost one, the bipartisans want to change the rules of the game . . .

Hawaii

The Hawaii LP held its state convention over the weekend of July 28-29,

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although additional details were not available at press time.

In addition to the other festivities, LP candidate David Bergland reports that he enjoyed some wind-and-body surfing on the islands during his visit.

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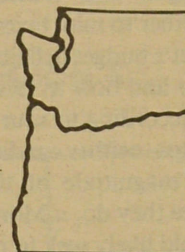
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Oregon

A long but productive session of the State Committee was held on June 23 which reportedly "ironed out" many of the problems experienced in the past by the LPO. The August 11 meeting in McMinnville also sailed through a full agenda in record time and dealt with membership dues, affiliate procedures and other party administrative matters.

As a result of Oregon's unique ballot access laws, (in which each county is a separate unit for ballot status) the LPO petitioned on July 4th and beyond in Yamhill County (the heart of Oregon's wine country) and succeeded in getting ballot status there. Rochester NY activist Dave Hoesly was also visiting and on-hand for the petitioning effort and the picnic.

As a consequence of this successful effort, Terry Craven, a civil engineer and part-time farmer, was nominated for Yamhill County Commission, and Jo de Forest McIntyre, a journalist and free lance writer, was chosen to run for State Rep. in District 29. McIntyre's race has already generated considerable news interest, covering her advocacy of lower taxes and state spending, and support for state Sunset and Sunshine legislation.

The Portland area LP has been active on several fronts. Ed Marihart was engaged in a late but heroic effort to gather signatures to place an LP candidate on the District 19 House race, with the help of his wife Victoria, Paul Wthen, Marilyn McCabe and several other Libertarians. The Portland area LP is also manning a booth at the Oregon State Fair from Aug 24. - Sept. 3. The LPO thanks Alex Berlin and Laurel Ann Curtis for their help in financing this project.

Eugene LP activist and 1972 LP VP candidate, Toni Nathan, reports that her campaign effort for Lane County Commission is still going strong. Lane County is the second largest in the state and Toni reports that, "I wouldn't have started this race if I didn't think I could win." She participated in a televised series entitled "The Orderly Selection of a President — and Other Myths" sponsored by the Oregon State University in Corvallis.

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Notable Quotes

• The real issue dividing President Reagan and Walter Mondale is not whether to raise taxes to curb the government's budget deficits, but whose taxes to raise and how to raise them.

According to sources in the respective camps, neither candidate has faced up to the magnitude of the deficit problem. Once they do, a Mondale administration would likely seek to raise more in income taxes than the Democratic candidate has proposed publicly, possibly with a multiyear surtax. By contrast, in his second term, Reagan would probably ask Congress to enact a tax on the income that people actually spent, possibly a national sales tax.

"Yes, there are going to be tax increases next year," one upper-level administration economist predicted. "There are clearly going to be tax increases next year. The Treasury will keep up its language of just reforming the system, but clearly, there's no way out of this problem without tax increases."

Peter T. Kilborn, *New York Times*, Aug. 27, 1984.

• "Many people, young people now paying in (to Social Security), will never be able to receive as much as they're paying," Reagan said.

Tom Moran, *Houston Chronicle*, July 7, 1984, on President Reagan's San Antonio speech.

• President Reagan, who promised four years ago to balance the federal budget, signed into law on Wednesday a foot-thick sheaf of tax increases and spending cuts that will diminish by just 10 percent a projected \$600 billion deficit through 1987. ...It raises taxes by nearly \$50 billion through 1987, and cuts spending by about \$13 billion.

Associated Press, July 19, 1984.

• A new political slogan is offered by Richard Siano, a New Jersey member of the Libertarian Party: "Ask not what you can do for your country. Just go out and do whatever the hell you can do for yourself."

"Iconoclasm Dept.," editorial page, *The Wall St. Journal*, August 19, 1984.

• "If Abraham Lincoln had to face the ballot access laws we have now, there wouldn't be a Republican Party today." LP Vice Presidential candidate Jim Lewis, in the Lawrence (Kansas) *Journal-World*, July 17, 1984.

• Lewis plans to do away with the political and business "powerbrokers" and turn Washington into "a picture of tumbleweeds growing along Pennsylvania Avenue...It will be a tourist center where people will come and look at the government buildings like the pyramids in Egypt."

"Libertarian Future: no 'Powerbrokers,'" *Montgomery County Sentinel* (Maryland), July 27, 1984. ■

LP Shows Positive Trend

by Richard Winger

Richard Winger is a ballot access consultant for the Libertarian Party

Even though the *LP News* does a very good job of covering party election activity, I don't believe that Libertarians generally are aware of what record-breaking year we are enjoying, for electing our candidates to office.

In 1984, we have already elected eleven candidates to public office, the greatest number in an even-numbered year in the party's history. ...and the year isn't over. The Alaska local government elections lie in the future (October), as well as all the November races in the nation.

Not only that, 1984 has seen our first victories for state office outside of Alaska (the three winners in the New Hampshire races for Delegates to the Constitutional Convention).

And, 1984 has seen our first victories to general governing bodies of counties... in Placer County, California, Brown County, Wisconsin, and Dane County, Wisconsin.

The number of our candidates elected to public office by calendar year is:

1977	2
1978	2
1979	4
1980	9
1981	13
1982	5
1983	13
1984	11 (through July)

This does not include instances in which Libertarians are appointed to public office, nor instances in which already-elected officials convert to Libertarian Party membership after their most recent election race. ■

Foreign Journalists Meet the LP

Washington, D.C. - Four representatives from the Libertarian Party visited with 16 journalists from foreign nations, who were in Washington and touring the country at the invitation of the U.S. Information Agency (USIA) participating in a project entitled "Election 1984: The Delegate and Issue Selection Process." The LP was invited to send representatives to explain the history and progress of the party, and to familiarize the foreign journalists with the obstacles and opportunities facing new political parties in the U.S.

Richard Gardiner, former LP candidate, attorney and head of the recently formed Foundation for Free Campaigns and Elections was one of the speakers addressing the journalists. Also representing the LP were David Saum, Region 18 National Committee Representative, Cynthia Messina, former National LP headquarters staffer, and Jim Featherstone. The libertarian participants reported that their presentations were successful, eliciting a good deal of interest from the journalists and prompting lively questions and answers. The LP appearance was particularly impressive when compared to the two older political parties, whose representatives were reportedly condescending and refused to answer questions from the foreign jour-

nalists about their party's issues (one bipartisan champion appeared highly offended that the journalists expected him to answer questions). The LP representatives were able to point out how the older parties rigged election laws and government subsidies to make it very difficult for new competition, and were able to make the point when asked by one of the journalists that "yes, the two larger parties represent different forms of the same view, while the Libertarian Party represents a radically different view of government."

It is believed that this appearance will help to spread the libertarian message beyond the U.S., and one Nigerian journalist left the hotel after the session proudly wearing a "Bergland for President" bumper sticker. ■

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Lib. Playlist Available

Washington, D.C. - Neil Steyskal, Literary Manager for the Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, has compiled a list of plays available with libertarian oriented themes suitable for conventions, supper clubs, demonstrations or rallies.

The "Libertarian Drama Kit", conceived by Karl Hess, contains 20 works of drama, mostly short, suitable for activist usage or just good reading. According to Steyskal, "few of the plays are explicitly libertarian, but all oppose some aspect of the statist mentality." Plays listed range from Greek classics (Antigone, Trojan Women) to modern works (several by Bertolt Brecht) and even some original works recently performed.

Sources for obtaining the scripts are included in the playlist and suggestions for additional works are solicited. The "Libertarian Drama Kit" can be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Neil Steyskal, Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, 1317 G. St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. ■

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Washington

Tacoma registered nurse Karen Allard has announced for the 26th District's State House seat. Allard is a life-long Tacoma resident and a member of the Community Health Hazard Surveillance Team, which investigates occupational health hazards.

Citing Democrats and Republicans as responsible for high interest rates, taxes, and unemployment, Allard called for change. "It's time for a fresh perspective," she said in her campaign statement. Tax reduction and control of hazardous wastes will be the central elements in her platform. She noted that high taxes are particularly burdensome on the poor and elderly with fixed incomes. "Companies and individuals should be prohibited from dumping hazardous materials into the environment by being accountable for their actions," she also said.

State Chair Tom Spanos has let us know that Tom Tanaka is doing great libertarian cartoons of late. The Seattle cartoonist recently penned "Freedom Explorers", charting the experiences of intelligent alien life forms encountering statist repression while visiting earth in the guise of teenagers.



LP vice presidential candidate Jim Lewis and LPI chair Barbara Sall got acquainted at the Idaho LP state convention. (below) Toni Nathan was the keynote speaker. Photos by Jack Dalton

exactly how he plans to balance the budget, which received good press response, in his Pocatello-Idaho Falls visit as well as at his appearance before the Caldwell Rotary Club.

The Billings Senate campaign has some nice campaign literature, and can be reached at: **Billings for U.S. Senate, P.O. Box 205, Boise ID 83701.**

Montana

Surprises are becoming routine for Big Sky Country libertarians, ranging from the standing ovation Senate candidate Neil Halprin recently received at the state's AFL-CIO convention, to the extraordinary amount of press coverage generated by Montana's energetic candidates.

"Freedom Team" ticket leaders Larry Dodge and Clifford Thies have now established a headquarters at **1038 E. 6th St., Helena, MT 59601**. They also have two phone numbers (406-449-3865), and 1-800-932-2627, one of which is an "800" number being used for outreach and fundraising. Bumperstickers are also available, and may be ordered from the office address or: **P.O. Box 446, Helena, MT 59624.**

Among the issues recently generating press coverage were the ineffectiveness of current drug laws, the injustice of the current 21-year drinking age hysteria, privatization of the "sagebrush rebellion", the vicious effects of high taxes on business cycle and unemployment, and the need for the state's utilities to rely upon the market rather than government monopoly "ratemakers."

Both the gubernatorial race and the Senate race present opportunities in which the LP candidates are boldly challenging the two big parties, and

which may well result in number two positions, and a not-improbable chance of a victory, especially in James Alan Winter's fight for District 5 Public Service Commission. He is the sole challenger to an incumbent Republican. Winter recently ripped the PSC for its proposal to hire a "public information officer", a move Winter termed "an act of desperation... hiring a professional booster at taxpayer's taxpense", particularly in the wake of the defeat of an incumbent Democrat during the June primary. Winter also blasted an incumbent PSC member at blaming the primary result on voter ignorance. "How galling of a commissioner to characterize the voters' defeat of the now-retiring chairman as 'the result of ignorance'", Winter was quoted as saying.

And Attorney General candidate William Dee Morris has been visible as well, in one instance for championing the case of LP candidate Bob Crane for Superintendent of Public Instruction who is being denied ballot access as a result of non-payment of a filing fee. Morris contends it is a tax which discriminates against poor people. Additionally, Morris recently questioned the legality of Highway Patrol random road checks, supposedly for "vehicle safety and records" inspection. He attacked the idea of stopping people who are not suspected of being guilty of anything serious, and said it reflects the belief of "officialdom" that people are "too stupid" to take care of themselves.

And finally, the non-partisan (but LP influenced) Jefferson Alliance has succeeded in placing I-96 on the ballot (a measure to decontrol and thereby lower milk prices) by obtaining 19,588 signatures in 49 legislative districts, when only 18,024 were needed from 34 districts. Initiatives to place before voters a constitutional amendment requiring the 1985 Montana Legislature to adopt a resolution calling for a national Constitutional amendment to adopt a balanced budget amendment and a measure to deregulate the sale of dentures to the public also qualified for the November ballot. A measure to raise the drinking age to 21 fell far short and a nuclear disarmament resolution fell 1,833 signatures short of qualifying.

Wyoming

The state's ballot law finally was declared unconstitutional in late July, which allowed for a pro-rata number of signatures to be submitted in the wake of an election law change which greatly forshortened the collection period. Other portions of the law were completely overturned.

Incoming Wyoming LP Chair Jim Blomquist received a nice write-up in his hometown Riverton *Ranger* newspaper, eloquently describing libertarian viewpoints. Outgoing Chair Larry Gray of Buffalo garnered considerable coverage of his comments in Sheridan during July denouncing the

immigration bill co-authored by Wyoming Senator Alan Simpson and Federal government blackmail over the 21-year drinking age issue.

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Arizona

ALP members are gearing up for the Sept. 11 Primary election, despite the aptry's much publicized opposition to government funded primaries, formally opposed at the State Executive Committee meeting in Flagstaff on June 23. Also opposed were five so-called "hospital cost control" measures on the fall ballot.

To date over 24 Libertarians have announced for the Sept. primary election, which will also result in the election of ALP precinct committeemen, as prescribed by the state's election laws.

Pima County LP'ers were "shot from the saddle" by the state's confusing and unfair ruling that county LP members won't be allowed to participate in the government primaries. Another blow for "bipartisan" democracy.

The Maricopa County LP's July meeting featured LP leaders from Phoenix and Tucson who participated in a Q&A session at the Board of Supervisor's meeting room on July 10.

The Aug. 8 meeting of the Maricopa LP featured Duncan McQuarrie, owner of the area's largest private ambulance service, who discussed the uncooperative attitude of the City of Phoenix, despite their claims that they are willing to contract out for such services.

The State Executive Committee met in Yarnell on Aug. 11 to discuss finance matters and to plan for the ALP's hosting of the LP National Convention in August of 1985. State Chair Kathy Harrer has assumed the position of convention committee chair. The state party is now also collecting food coupons as part of a fundraising project.

The Conconino LP Executive committee came out against government aid for the Pine County Transit venture, the Pima County group has been working on education and voter registration, led by Tammie Mort and Keith Miller, and Bill Runsil was officially recognized as the Yavapai County Chair by the State Executive Committee, heralding the forma-

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The major news from the Gem State has been the energetic and highly publicized battle of Boise economics professor Don Billings against incumbent Republican James McClure. Billings' campaign pronouncements have been receiving wide attention, such as his July suggestion that voters read McClure's campaign brochure because it contains page after page of McClure congratulating himself for voting for special interests, while at the same time congratulating himself on his support for a balanced budget.

Billings has visited the Moscow-Lewiston area, getting two stories in the newspapers, appearing on KLEW-TV, and visited with three radio station reporters. In the Twin Falls-Burley area, he also received two newspaper stories, a TV appearance, and an hour-long visit on a radio talk show. He has continued with his theme of challenging Senator McClure to tell the voters

EDITORIALS/FEATURES

Democracy or Else

by Mike Holmes

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The right to vote freely for the candidate of one's choice is the essence of a democratic society, and any restrictions on that right strike at the heart of representative government. Reynolds v. Sims, 377 US 533.

No right is more precious in a free country than that of having a voice in the election of those who make the laws under which, as good citizens, we must live. Other rights, even the most basic, are illusory if the right to vote is undermined. Wesberry v. Sanders, 376 US 1.

A state has precious little leeway in making it difficult or impossible for citizens to vote for whomsoever they please. Williams v. Rhodes, 393 US 23.

The right of a party or an individual to a place on the ballot is entitled to protection and is intertwined with the rights of voters. Lubin v. Panish, 415 US 709.

Inspiring sentiments, aren't they? From no less a source than the U.S. Supreme Court. Regrettably, despite these lofty words, the Libertarian Party still faces a continuing difficult struggle every election year in order to participate in the American democratic process. This struggle often leaves the participants bruised, battered and broke.

But wait a minute! Isn't the U.S. a democracy? Isn't voting for the candidates (and party) of one's choice supposed to be fundamental to the process? Well, yes, it is, but unfortunately, fair and reasonable access to the ballot for all serious competitors in the political market place is just about the last hurdle to be faced in America's nearly 200-year-old experiment in democracy.

Even our libertarian oriented forefathers originally did not define democratic participation very broadly, although for their time it was a radical libertarian breakthrough. Even so, only white male property owners were allowed to vote. Interesting to note, however, that political parties were never mentioned in the Constitution and were widely regarded with suspicion by the founding fathers. One wonders how they would regard the present two-party monopoly on political participation?

Gradually and slowly, however, the democratic franchise was extended. The Civil War and extensions of the libertarian ideals of the Revolution eventually removed the racial and economic barriers to voting, although in practice many local governments enacted barriers to participation which have only been recently removed. The Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution was enacted only 64 years ago which allowed over half the voting population, women, to participate. In the past 30 years the Federal govern-

ment has taken a particularly active role in ensuring that a citizen's right to participate in the democratic process is not jeopardized by racial or economic discrimination. Even citizens who don't read or speak English are now carefully included in the process. In fact, nearly everyone is guaranteed the right to vote by the Federal government, generally a very worthwhile objective. Everyone, it seems, except those of us who don't care to vote for candidates who are Republicans and Democrats.

This strange development, where the government encourages everyone to participate, but actively hinders and prevents a varied and diverse choice of candidates and parties to vote for, is a peculiar development which has gone largely unnoticed by Constitutional scholars, political scientists, and those who are supposedly protecting our democratic rights.

In fact, the history of political parties in America until the past few decades has been one of continual growth and decay, of new parties supplanting old, and of a continuing and healthy diversity of political choices being offered in response to the shortcomings of older political organizations. The Republican party arose out of the ashes of the Whigs and No-Nothings, parties which once controlled the nation's highest offices. The early Populist, Free Silver, and Bull Moose parties invigorated the American political process and offered new and

radical choices to the electorate. As late as the early 1920's, the Socialist Party had members in Congress and elected hundreds of officeholders. "Rump" Democrats, such as Henry Wallace and, yes, even Strom Thurmond, and George Wallace, were able to form viable third parties and win elections, even though these efforts were mostly vehicles to advance the individual candidacies of their founders. The vigorous spawning of new political vehicles for new ideas and candidates dissatisfied with the old choices has continued almost to the present day. And while this process still takes place, current legal circumstances make these efforts almost impossibly difficult.

While the Libertarian Party has steadfastly carried on since 1972, fueled by a fierce dedication to its fundamental principles, the highly publicized defection of John Anderson in 1980 succeeded largely because he did **not** try to form a party. Anderson floundered badly this year with his abortive National Unity Party effort and quickly folded it despite the availability of millions of dollars worth of taxpayer subsidies. Other third parties, ranging from old, tiny leftist parties to such newcomers as the leftist New Alliance, the Citizens and the new-right Populist party, have entered the electoral fray with mixed results. None will even come close to the LP's mark in 1984. And all of these parties have experienced the same thing: overwhelming legal and financial obstacles to participation in the democratic process.

In 1980 our 50 state ballot status was largely the result of a quirk in the election finance laws which allows **only** the

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candidates to contribute large sums to the party. Even if you have large financial backers, which is difficult enough for third parties, you have to **nominate** and **run** millionaire candidates if a third party is to succeed in financing the very expensive legal and petitioning efforts necessary to appear on the ballot nationwide. This bizarre result is the legacy of liberal election "reform" efforts, which strangle new political competitors with red tape and financial restrictions, while subsidizing the two older parties to the tune of millions in taxpayer subsidies. And this hypocrisy is carried even further. While new parties such as the LP are hit with \$20,000 fines and reams of expensive accounting requirements to stay clear of the law, the older parties and their lawyers have uncovered numerous loopholes which allow virtually unlimited private funding, in addition to the tax subsidies, which were supposed to replace the "tainted" private contributions. Blatant election law violations committed by the politically powerful, such as the Democratic Vice Presidential candidate, are largely overlooked and dismissed with token penalties. Yet LP candidates are constantly harassed and slapped with stiff fines by the bipartisan Federal Election Commission.



The whole idea of universal suffrage for the American voter has somehow been overlooked in the area of ballot access law. While the Federal government has not hesitated over the years to literally sweep from the state lawbooks any and all provisions which hinder voting on the basis of race, creed or national origin, those who opt out of the so-called "two party system" continue to face a bewildering and changing array of ballot access legislation on a state-by-state basis, ranging from the relatively easy to the near impossible. Piecemeal legal victories at the state or Federal level, often obtained **after** frustrating petitioning efforts have fallen short, provide only temporary relief, since state legislatures often return to "repair the damage" and resurrect new and difficult obstacles when old ones are outlawed. Even the short-lived legal victories come dearly. While stolen tax money finances platoons of government lawyers fighting ballot access, LP members are forced to devote huge percentages of available financial resources simply to appear on the ballot. This often leaves very little with which to actually conduct election campaigns. Short of running wealthy candidates every election which isn't feasible, third parties must devote a disproportionate share of their resources merely to reach the starting line in political races. As LP Na-

tional Director Honey Lanham has noted, "under present laws, all third parties must become nearly full time ballot access organizations rather than functioning political parties."

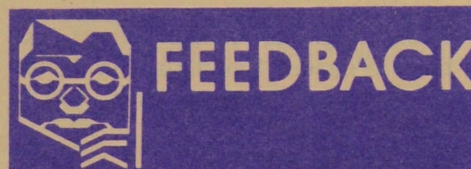
And this is supposed to be a democracy? As LP ballot access consultant Richard Winger has observed, "The United States resembles most closely nations such as El Salvador, the Philippines, Mexico and Brazil, in its ballot access laws, rather than Japan and the Western European democracies." In fact, the U.S. is nearly unique in the world for a democratic nation, with only two political parties effectively able to compete. Virtually every other democratic nation **in the world** has three, four, and sometimes dozens of political parties.

In fact, nearly all the arguments put forth by government lawyers and bipartisan apologists have the same false ring more commonly associated with third world dictators or Communist nations. Arguments against fairer ballot access are studded with references to "orderly procedures" being needed, and the "dangers of discord and fragmentation", not to mention that old favorite, the need to prove "a legitimate public base of support". This seems to be a somewhat mystical process made incalculably easier if you call yourself a Democrat or Republican. All of these rousing calls for the preservation of "order" and the avoidance of "splintering" come at a time when over 40% of the voters term themselves independent from the two older parties, and greatly outnumber avowed Republicans. In short, the supposed preservation of the "two-party" system has been made possible by heavy-handed state regulation and subsidy of entrenched political parties, and the curious blind spot of the Federal government in overlooking the voting rights of those who want new election alternatives.

Of course, no improvement in ballot access will guarantee the success of the Libertarian Party. Once we are allowed to fairly compete, we still face the difficult challenge of convincing the public that we have superior political ideas. That alone is a gargantuan task. But first, we must be allowed to compete.

History demonstrates that a true democracy must be constantly reinvigorated by new ideas. A true democratic process allows diverse interests and minorities, including the smallest minority, the individual, a peaceful means of changing society in new and, hopefully, better directions. History also teaches us what can occur when minorities and the disenfranchised are frozen out of the political process.

But members of the Libertarian Party are committed to working within the democratic framework. We are committed to the painful and expensive struggle to obtain our rightful foothold in the political market place. It is only a handful of selfish special interest politicians and bureaucrats who are trying to keep us out. They **must** not succeed. They **will** not succeed. For the Libertarian Party, it is either democracy or else. ■



Dunn on Defense

I was glad to see the two thoughtful reviews of **Defending a Free Society** in the May-June issue of *LP News*. It has been a long time since the subject of national defense has been treated in a balanced manner in the Libertarian Party press. However, as the contributing author most frequently mentioned in those reviews, I would like to correct some misperceptions of the book reflected in the reviews.

Mike Hall, for instance, states that I propose "a global maritime empire" and that I have "a vision of a national navy whose mission is to discharge the obligation of the government to defend the persons and property of all U.S. citizens, wherever they may be." These are thoroughgoing distortions, with no basis in what I have written. In the first case, I illustrate the manner in which our defense capability is dependant on uninterrupted ocean-borne imports of strategic minerals...and how this capability is made vulnerable by the declining size of the U.S. Merchant Marine. I argue that an expanded Merchant Marine is decidedly in our best interest—but I do so by proposing complete *laissez-faire* in respect to the regulation of commercial shipping and ship construction, hardly a recommendation that equates to a "maritime empire". In the second case, Mr. Hall reverses my words, for on pages 155-156 I develop a line of argument based on voluntary consent as the basis of governmental jurisdiction, whereby U.S. obligation to defend maritime property is established by contractual agreement. I raise the point that this principle may require the modification of the U.S. Constitution to permit the Navy to **refuse** intervention on behalf of unregistered property holders. And, in any event, the discussion was limited to consideration of maritime property, not property located in foreign lands. In fact, Eric Mack's chapter makes an explicit argument **against** the military protection of overseas holdings (pages 16-18). To suggest that the book endorses imperialistic extraterritorial protectionism is an indication that the book was not closely read.

Dick Eagleson offered a more sym-

pathetic review, but errs in stating that "by (my) own analysis these (12 aircraft carriers) are marginal weapons." My analysis shows no such thing; I concur with the prevailing view that aircraft carriers are "tremendously flexible weapons." They are indispensable to serious sea warfare in that they provide regional air superiority, a commodity that no other **ship** can provide. For the Navy to dispense with air power would be as irrational as the Army dispensing with tactical air support of ground forces.

Despite these cavils, I enjoyed both reviews. They represent a spirit of intelligent dialogue on a subject that has heretofore been discussed in stridently dogmatic tones. I hope they foreshadow a wider discussion of defense policy among libertarians.

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ACLU Revisited

A letter in the May-June *LP News* suggests that Libertarians should join the ACLU's Bill of Rights Lobby. It also suggested that the ACLU's aims are compatible with those of the Libertarian movement.

However, the type of "civil libertarianism" practiced by the ACLU does not yet recognize the most basic premise of libertarianism - the sanctity of individual liberty - as a civil liberties issue. There is no ACLU policy supporting individual liberty, nor does the ACLU select its cases on the basis that individual liberty is an issue to be litigated. The ACLU's Bill of Rights newsletter, for example, does not even mention individual liberty, much less consider it a category of lobbying concern in Washington.

Libertarians **should** join the ACLU and work within its local affiliates and chapters to get the organization to recognize individual liberty as a civil liberty issue in its lobbying, education and litigation activities. I have been doing this in California and would like to hear from other libertarians around the country about their experiences with local ACLU groups.

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Show With Pride

I have just finished reading the most recent *LP News*, cover to cover, and would like to congratulate you on the terrific job you're doing. It is the way a party newspaper ought to be, with lots of news that emphasizes our "wins", lots of action photos, lots of name-recognition, and well-done cartoons. What is **not** needed are articles by Libertarians attacking each other over questions of "purity" and intent. There are plenty of

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newsletters and journals where these matters can, and should, be aired, but a general newspaper for the membership at large is not one of them. I note happily that items of this nature do not mar *LP News*, which presents, thereby, a picture of optimism and achievement.

Particularly moving was the letter from Richard Fuerle, regarding libertarianism and human dignity. It is one of the best statements on what we are all about that I have ever come across. Thank you for printing it, and thank you for giving us a party newspaper we can read with enjoyment, and show to our non-libertarian friends with pride.

Sarah E. Foster
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Presidential Debates

Perhaps one of the best ways we Libertarians can spread our message is to be included in the upcoming series of debates for Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates sponsored by the League of Women Voters to be held during the next few months.

Four years ago, third party presidential candidate John Anderson was included with the major party candidates. Why can't Bergland and Lewis be included in 1984? It makes a lot of sense.

I strongly urge all Libertarians to write

to the League of Women Voters to ask them to include Libertarians in the national debates. Don't put it off - DO IT NOW!

Don Markowski
Chandler, AZ

Good idea. The national address is: League of Women Voters U.S.A., 1730 M St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Ed.

Write-in Alternative

A golden opportunity may have been created when Bergland/Lewis failed to make the ballot in all 50 states. Since voters in those states will be aware of the Libertarian ticket through national ads, magazine articles, etc., the opening exists for a letter-to-the editor campaign about arcane ballot access laws and how to register a write-in vote. A substantial write-in vote may give us more publicity than if we were on the ballot!

John C. Sproul
Rochester, NY

Wasted Votes

As election time again draws near I am beginning to hear the tired old excuses as to why "I cannot vote for the Libertarian even though I agree that (s)he is the best candidate for the office." Most active libertarians are familiar with most of the major excuses, such as "I don't want to waste my vote."

I may well have missed it, but I have yet to see a succinct simple answer to this stupid point. Unfortunately I don't have one either, but I would like to suggest a

rather straightforward line of simple logic that might work. Try putting it something like this:

"You said that you don't want to waste your vote by voting for a candidate that is not going to win. Well, obviously either Reagan or Mondale is going to lose, too. So doesn't that also mean that you are going to waste your vote if your 'major party' candidate happens to lose? No, there is only one time when you truly waste your vote and that is when you vote for any candidate other than the one that you feel is the best one for the office. Chance of winning is utterly irrelevant!"

If anybody has a better, shorter response, please spread it far and wide.

Doug Hoiles
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A Real Mystery

A funny thing has been happening at Post Offices in the Pittsburgh area recently. From some unknown mystical source, the new SELECTIVE SLAVERY SYSTEM protest forms have been turning up in these Post Offices. I wonder if this might spread across the entire country?

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tion of a new county LP organization. The Executive committee meets again in Tucson on Sept. 15.

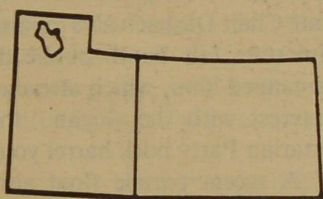
Herb Johnson received a nice profile in July from the *Tucson Citizen*, in his bid for 5th Congressional District U.S. House seat, focusing on open U.S. borders, repeal of the federal income tax and the elimination of Social Security. Johnson is a systems analyst for IBM. Ronald Tobin and Ken Sturzenacker continue their visible fight to obtain seats on the Arizona Corporation Commission, which deals with state utility regulation.

Nevada

It's sometimes claimed that the only people in Las Vegas who actually make money are the casinos and cab drivers. Well, that may not be true, but two Vegas taxi drivers are gearing up for the November elections, running on the LP ticket.

22-year old Joe Morris is running for 1st District U.S. House seat, noting that "I won't perpetuate the pork barrel politics of the past." He comes out strongly against taxation and spending, draft registration and military adventurism, and repeal of victimless crime laws. Also running, for State Senate District 5, is Las Vegas cab driver Randy Marchese, a former firefighter and ex-Marine Vietnam vet. "I'm tired of the same old two-party system that doesn't solve our problems, but merely perpetuates them," the LP candidate said in his campaign announcement.

The voters will also see a first in the Sept. 4 state primaries, when Dan Becan and Ken Cromwell square off for the first ever primary duel between Libertarians in that state for the 2nd District U.S. House seat.

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Colorado

National LP Chair Paul Grant led a legal effort to strike down a Colorado law against using paid petitioners to gather signatures to put issues on the state's ballot. The group was suing on behalf of an effort to place a transportation deregulation measure on the November ballot.

In addition to State Chair Dwight Filley, running for U.S. House First District seat, the CLP is fielding Craig

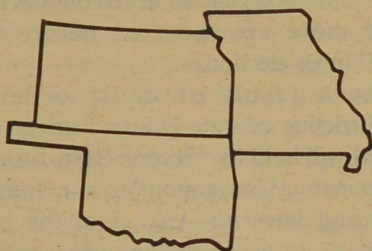
Green, who is a water resources engineer, nominated for U.S. Senate against incumbent Bill Armstrong. Also running are Jim Phelps, for a seat in the Colorado Legislature, District 53 (Evergreen), a real estate broker and attorney, and Jerry Van Sickle, running for Second District U.S. House. Van Sickle is a home builder and former Navy officer who is running "to challenge the assumption that standard party politics can offer a path to law-and-order, justice, welfare, a sound economy and national security."

A CLP member also accompanied Britt Smith to the IRS office in Denver, where she paid her back taxes with two grocery carts full of pennies, \$2,200, in a protest against the IRS, which she said "wants every penny".

Utah

Evy Tessman was the first recipient of the "Firebrand Award" given at the first annual Karl Bray Awards on May 31. She is the Vice Chair of the Salt Lake County LP, organizer of the Speakers Bureau, founder of the Freedom Players, (a libertarian theatrical troupe,) and is currently producing a filmstrip on libertarianism.

Utah House candidate Reid Judd (Dist 36) recently issued a press release attacking the increasing use of government-issued Social Security numbers for identification purposes, noting that he will sponsor legislation prohibiting such measures aimed against so-called "illegal aliens". "People should be treated as human beings -- not as resources to be numbered, counted, planned, and developed for 'national goals'. This legislation will simply demand that the government obey its own rules," Judd announced.

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Kansas

Incumbent Sunflower state Senator Nancy Kassebaum (R) has tentatively agreed to a series of debates, including candidates from the four smaller parties who will be in the ballot. A spokeswoman for the Senator said in early July, "...all candidates for an office should be included in as many debates as possible. No candidates listed on the ballot should be excluded from public debates, except in extraordinary circumstances." Well put, we think. Representing the KLP in any such debates will be former Atchison mayor

and current City Councilman Douglas Merritt, the LP's U.S. Senate candidate.

Missouri

LP Vice Presidential contender Jim Lewis generated considerable publicity during his two-day visit to the state while attending the state convention in Springfield on July 14,15. The *Kansas City Star* and *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* featured stories about his visit.

In addition, the MLP received considerable coverage during their difficult ballot drive effort, some of which even featured BFP Ballot Access Coordinator John Robertson. The party's efforts have met with apparent success in meeting the difficult 21,972 signature requirement, in no small part due to the heroic efforts of State Chair Chad Colopy and his family.

In addition to the Bergland/Lewis ticket, Mike Roberts, a mechanical engineer in Kansas City, is running for the 5th District Congressional seat. Roberts noted in a recent news interview, "Most people want to believe there is a sugar daddy. Unfortunately, an abiding faith in Santa Claus doesn't make him a reality."

Other Missouri candidates include State Chair Colopy, running for the 2nd Congressional District seat, Phillip Rustici for 44th District State Representative, and John Melcher, running for Morgan County Commissioner.

Oklahoma

Sooner State Libertarians met on Aug. 18 to pick their nominees, after the surprise default by the state Attorney General's

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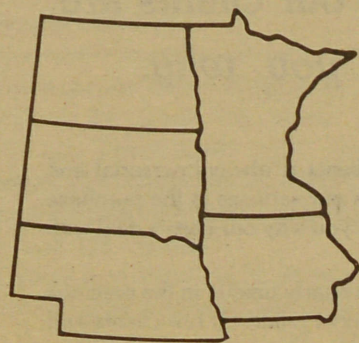
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office resulted in a victory for the OLP in their ballot access case.

Election Board Secretary Lee Slater did not take the news very graciously, and was dragging his feet in setting up procedures to register people as Libertarians, even though it meant only notifying county officials of the possibility, which even the press labeled "foot dragging", while he claimed he needed more specific instructions from the judge. The bipartisans strike again...

State Chair Gordon Mobley said he anticipates perhaps a half dozen LP candidate running, possibly including himself, although details weren't available at press time.

LP Veep torchbearer Jim Lewis generated his usual quota of press clips during his late July jaunt to Tulsa, with one headline reading "Libertarian Claims Voters Choosing Between Two Evils."

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The Minnesota LP will hold its annual Founder's Day banquet on September 29 in Minneapolis, which among other things, will feature Bruce Evoy performing his now famous "Patrick Henry" speech. Also featured will be the annual auction to raise funds for LP activities.

In addition to the Bergland/Lewis ticket, Richard Putman will be on the LP slate as candidate for U.S. Senate. Putman, of Mankato, is president of an office products business and by education and interest, is a mathematician, physicist, linguist and computer programmer. He became interested in libertarianism by reading Ringer's *Restoring the American Dream* and Ed Clark's *For A New Beginning*, and plans on focusing on fiscal responsibility in his campaign.

In addition to electing NatCom Rep. Linda Taylor as State Chair, other state LP officers selected at their June 16 state convention include Joe Rohner, Tom

Wicklund and Judi Rogers. Fred Hewitt, Pam Jacoby, Dwight Johnson and Bruce Wright were picked for the State Executive Committee.

MLP member Fred Hewitt took advantage of the June 19 public hearing by the Treasury inviting comment on "tax reform" proposals. Hewitt told the Treasury that the only "fair tax" is no tax at all.

Nebraska

As a result of a favorable decision by Federal Judge Van Pelt, two onerous requirements of the Nebraska election law were struck down (requiring a mandatory pledge of party support, and a county distribution requirement), which has paved the way for a successful petitioning effort to place the LP ticket on the ballot.

In addition, Barbara Flick of Omaha was reported to be the NLP candidate for Douglas County Commissioner, and may also be on the ballot this fall.

North Dakota

North Dakota libertarian Ken Gardener had a good letter published in the Grand Forks *Herald* explaining how the LP candidate would not be a "yes man" to special interest groups, and how the LP is the only party committed to reduced government on all fronts.

South Dakota

The SDLP held their state convention in Sioux Falls on July 29, at the Ramada Inn. Further details are not immediately available.

Former State Chair Emmett Elrod of Deadwood had a very thoughtful letter published in the Lead *Daily Call*, explaining the LP and giving many reasons why South Dakotans should sign petitions to place the party on the ballot.

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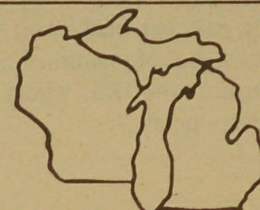
Illinois

In addition to the successful completion of the difficult ballot drive effort, and Steve Givot's high profile U.S. Senate campaign (see related story elsewhere), the Illinois LP has been active in a variety of ways.

The DuPage County group manned a booth at the annual county fair in July and did some petitioning and literature distribution. The South-Central group held a goals/strategy session in Bloomington on Aug. 12 and held a picnic for Givot on Aug. 19 in Marquette Heights. The Rockford Area Libertarians have also been active, working on the ballot drive, participating in the July 4th parade, and have been invited by the Chamber of Commerce to participate in the parade celebrating Rockford's 150th

birthday.

NatCom Representative Gerry Walsh also reports that he is being "punished" by the mayor of Roselle, where he is a village Trustee, for not going along with the "gang" and was not reappointed to his position on the Finance Committee or any other committee. He doesn't sound like he's suffering, though. "This is the punishment which befalls the errant politician who incurs the wrath of the leadership. It does not surprise me that politicians can be bought and sold," he observes, "what surprises me is how low the price is."

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Michigan

In addition to having ballot status, the LPM also reports over \$1,000 in the bank and a host of candidates for office this fall. They include three Supreme Court candidates, a U.S. Senate candidate, 10 candidates for U.S. Congress, 30 state representative candidates and 10 county office candidates. Senate candidate Lynn Johnston is running an active campaign and reports over \$8,000 raised to date. The party is organized in 16 counties and five more are expected before the November elections.

As a result of court ordered redistricting of state House districts, the LPM will hold its "Second Semi-Annual Nominating Convention" to re-nominate its candidates on Aug. 5 in the new districts, to avoid running afoul of the chaos created by the government's own inability to run its own affairs.

Among the candidates receiving attention is Northwood Institute economics professor George Leef, who is seeking the 10th Congressional District seat. Supreme Court candidate David Raaflaub spoke at the Washtenaw County (Ann Arbor) supper club meeting on Aug. 21 on the subject of "Abuse of Constitution and Natural Law in Michigan."

Wisconsin

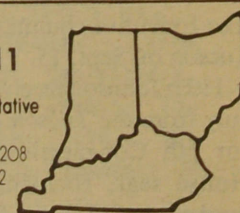
The Badger State LP reports that its finances are in the black and that it will be running four State Assembly candidates this fall, although its policy decision in early spring resulted in a strategy to not actively recruit candidates for fall elections, but instead to concentrate on the Berland/Lewis campaign.

Gary Barnes, 40, a Green Bay steamfitter, also has announced as a

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Indiana

The LPI has been very active of late, and Chair Steve Dasbach reports that all 10 congressional seats have been filled with LP challengers. Among these candidates are attorney Brad Warrent, for the 10th District, economics professor Cecil Bohannon of Ball State University for the 2nd District, Michael Fallahay, a Bloomington purchasing agent, for 8th District, marketing director Joseph Laiacona, who is waging an active battle for the 4th District, and steelworker James Willis running in the 1st District (see related article elsewhere).

These races promise to stimulate a lot of interest in LP activities, capitalizing upon the successful visit by Dave Bergland at the July 7, 8 state convention, along with running mate Jim Lewis. At least one news article dubbed the LP as "Indiana's most persistent third party."

LP gubernatorial candidate James Ridenour is continuing his state license plate legal action (personalized plate fees are doled out to incumbent office holder parties) with a new challenge filed in July, in addition to an appeal of a previous suit.

State Chair Dasbach also reports a successful state fair booth public drawing for a canned ham, which attracted a lot of interest with the slogan "the only Libertarian Party pork barrel you'll ever see." A recent parade float also drew considerable public cheers and support, when the LP pickup truck (the bipartisans used semi trucks) sported a banner reading "No license plate funds used in this float."

Ohio

The Buckeye State LP really demonstrated how to get your "money's worth" out of an LP presidential campaign visit, as this June 27-July 1 account of Dave Bergland's visit illustrates:

On the 27th Bergland arrived in Columbus and attended several events planned by Steve Stevens, a Columbus activist. His stint included a speech at the Ohio State University student union, a school newspaper interview and radio interview, and a class presentation. After a dinner with local libertarians he headed for Toledo.

Mike Nunn, LP Congressional can-

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Dick Gaumer, super fund raiser, is enjoyed by Lynn Johnston & David Bergland at Ohio convention banquet



Lynn Johnston displays her book, *Who's Afraid of the IRS?*, during an appearance in Cleveland prior to the convention



Dinner at Tony Packo's in Toledo was a Bergland Ohio stop. Here he visits with LP congressional candidate Mike Nunn.

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didate, hosted Bergland while in Toledo. The day was taken up with newspaper interviews, and morning press conference and a radio interview. An evening dinner at Tony Packo's restaurant (made famous from the TV show *M*A*S*H*) was highlighted by a coincidental meeting with running mate Jim Lewis, who was also in the Toledo area.

The following day in Cleveland included a newspaper interview, three TV appearances, and two radio interview shows. He capped off the day at a cocktail party opening the state's LP convention. On the 30th, Bergland gave the convention banquet speech which drew standing applause, and met with delegates and members of the press.

The successful State Convention, planned by Chair Dick Gaumer and Treasurer Peter Wilbur, also featured Michigan U.S. Senate candidate Lynn Johnston, lizertarian attorney and author Michael McMenamin, home schooling advocates Mark Fresh and Robert Lynch, and LP candidates for Congress Milt Norris and Mike Nunn. Activist Bernard Baltic also did an outstanding job of documenting the events of this whirlwind week of LP activity.

Alabama

The Alabama LP is fielding six candidates for U.S. House seats in the state, a U.S. Senate candidate (State Chair S.D. Yana Davis), a candidate for the Alabama Public Service Commission presidency, and three county or precinct level offices. On the statewide ballot, the ALP will be the only party listed other than the usual crowd of bipartisans.

Arkansas

National Director Honey Lanham was a featured guest at the August state LP convention, which she reported was attended by a "lot of nice, friendly libertarians." Among the candidates endorsed was Crawford County resident Frank Gilbert, who is running for District 7 Crawford County Justice of the Peace. He faces only a Democrat opponent.

Mississippi

LP Presidential candidate David Bergland enjoyed a very productive one-day whirlwind tour of the state on June 26, which concluded with a news photo carried statewide of him presenting his qualifying papers to the Secretary of State's office in Jackson.

State Chair Charles Clark reports that Bergland's visit began early in Biloxi-Gulfport, where he met with the editorial board of the Biloxi-Gulfport *Herald*. His visit there resulted in radio, newspaper and TV coverage from the ABC affiliate. The front page news story received was very objective. This scene was largely duplicated in the capital of Jackson, where he met with the editorial board of the largest state paper, the *Clarion Ledger*, and had a one hour TV interview with the CBS station, which will be edited into short segments to be aired during the fall election season.

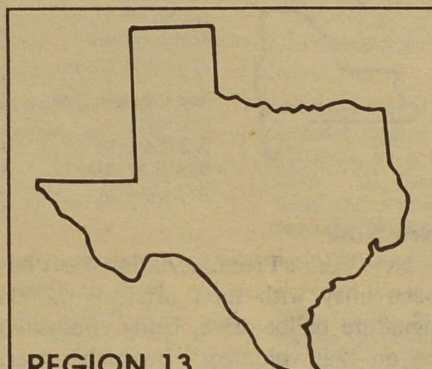
The Mississippi LP State Central Committee held a late August meeting in Greenville, to help stimulate the party's growth in the northern part of the state, and a State Central Committee meeting has been tentatively set for December in Hattiesburg.

Tennessee

Four west Tennesseans have been chosen as LP ticket electors. They are Robin Schermerhorn, Mary Frances Pit-

man, Perry Boling and James Forrester.

Dave Bergland's late June visit to Memphis, in addition to his radio talk show appearance, also yielded an hour long "Face to Face" interview with David Yellin which was aired on June 19, and repeated on July 7 and July 8.



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Texas

Dishing out more of the usual brand of bipartisan "justice", the Federal 5th Circuit Appeals Court turned down the LPT's appeal for a bid to appear on the Texas ballot this fall, in a hasty decision which seemed to reflect the judges' desires for a quiet Labor Day vacation rather than a fair review of the facts. A continued battle is likely at the Supreme Court level, although that is complicated by the fact that time is short and the Court is not currently in session.

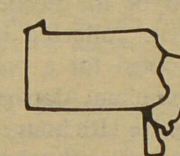
The state LP held an Executive Committee meeting in early August, where they established a permanent committee to study past ballot drive efforts and plan for future ones. Facing a \$25,000 debt as a result of ballot access efforts (win or lose, the LPT's 1984 effort was basically their own), the LPT has beefed up the Finance Committee by adding Val Ward, Ron Holder and Greg Clark to the ranks.

On a somewhat more positive note, Austin LP activist Fred Ebner reports that a recent legislative committee on the election law actually invited public comments, and he took advantage of the situation to point out current inequities and suggest more reasonable alternatives.

The Harris County LP (Houston) sponsored a Sept. 5 "Introduction to

Libertarianism" meeting for new members and prospects organized by Gerard Milner and Elizabeth Barthlow. Speakers slated included Roger Rlail, Mike Holmes, and David Hutzelman.

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Delaware

According to reports, State Chair Vernon Etzel, Jr., has sent several mailings to registered Libertarians seeking financial support and potential candidate for the November ballot.

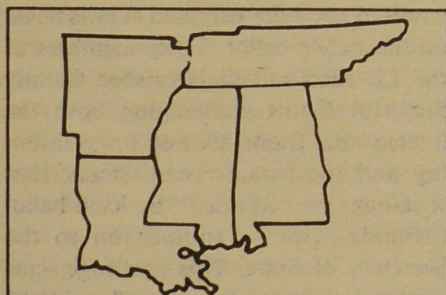
The Delaware LP held its annual state convention at Forwood Elm School, Brandywine, to endorse candidates, select state Committee members and consider charter revisions.

New Jersey

NJLP U.S. Senate candidate Harold Leiendecker is adding a much needed lift to the Garden State Senate race, with several of his campaign themes raising important issues in the race.

Chiding incumbent Bill Bradley (D) for his so-called "fair tax" proposal, Leiendecker noted that this alleged "reform" would eliminate many of the current deductions that overburdened taxpayers currently enjoy. One of his themes is the "ant and the grasshopper" story, with an added "elephant and donkey" twist, whereupon all concerned decide to live off someone else's efforts with predictable consequences. Leiendecker is a civil engineer who works as an executive for Exxon in New York City. Leiendecker also blasted his Republican challenger Mary Mochary for offering to sell government housing projects for 30¢ on the dollar, noting that this resembles an offer to bribe voters. The candidate has been active in com-

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munity affairs and campaign support can be directed to the: **Leiendoeker for Senate Committee, 750 Washington Ave., Apt. 6, Belleville, NJ 07109.** Dan Maiullo is serving as campaign manager.

Another promising race shaping up is Richard Deprey's race for Waldwick Borough Council, in which the candidate notes "I have the greatest potential of winning" and in which he pledges to run an active campaign. He will be leafletting the town of 11,000 and participating in a locally televised debate sponsored by the JayCees. A few campaign contributions may be the difference between winning and losing, and contributions can be made to: **Duprey for Council, 2 Ida Lane, Waldwick, NJ 07463.** Ray Young is serving as campaign manager.

A NJLP General Meeting was held in conjunction with a summer picnic at Len Flynn's in Jackson on July 21, and fellowship and party business combined for a good time for those in attendance.

Pennsylvania

Although one-third of the needed 41,000 signatures were collected by volunteers, the LPP opted for a paid coordinator and LP consultant Marshall Fritz organized an effective 11th hour effort which succeeded in putting the party on the ballot.

But the difficult effort will be well worth it, judging from the high quality candidates being fielded in the Keystone State.

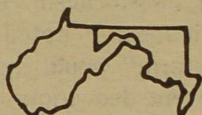
In addition to top ticket leaders Bergland and Lewis, State Chair Ralph Mullinger is seeking the State Treasurer slot and LP National Treasurer David Walter is seeking the Auditor General's post.

Four strong national and state house congressional candidates are also in the running. Restaurant manager and political science graduate Richard Edward Caligiuri is making a determined run for the 14th District U.S. House, attorney Dan Mulholland is seeking the 18th District seat, Pittsburgh native and engineer Henry Haller III is seeking the 43rd District State Senate seat, and Charles Stutler, a union member, H.J. Heinz Company employee, and father of three, is seeking the 20th District State House position.

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Maryland

33-year old computer technician Samuel Grove is gearing up for his run against Democrat incumbent Michael Barnes in Maryland's 8th Congressional District. "In terms of our educational ef-

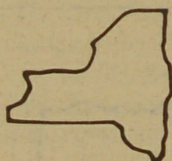
fort in the state, it's the centerpiece," observed State Chair Dean Ahmad.

Overcoming the state's arduous restrictions on third party candidates, Grove collected signatures of 13,000 Montgomery County voters, 5,000 more than required.

"I hope to reach people who are open to our view and who are willing to listen to our reasoning, to our arguments for reducing the government and turning towards the marketplace," Grove was quoted as saying recently, in the *Washington Post*. Grove and the Bergland/Lewis ticket will be the only LP candidates on the Maryland ballot.

Washington, D.C.

Scott Kohlhas has agreed to serve as LP contact person in the District pending formal LP selection of officers. Scott and other LP activists were responsible for gathering the signatures needed to place the LP ticket on the D.C. ballot, and renewed activism is expected in the area.

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New York

New York's Free Libertarian Party has been busy with their difficult 42,000 signature ballot drive, being conducted on an "all volunteer" basis this year. New York City has set itself the highest goal, 10,000 signatures, and has been using "tabling" in various areas of the city to distribute literature and scout out good petitioning locations.

To date 13 FLP members have announced their candidacies, ranging from U.S. Congress to State Senate and Assembly. Among the more active candidates so far are registered nurse Wanda Hudak, seeking the Broome County Executive seat. She is planning nine prime time local media speeches, a door-to-door petition drive, a potential voter identification effort, a pollwatching effort and a "Friends of Wanda Hudak" committee. Harold Lebowitz, a 31-year-old internal auditor, announced his intention to seek the 87th Assembly seat and will focus on ending the restrictive "Emergency Tenet Protection Act", which Lebowitz notes is not the way to protect tenets. "It is the rent controls imposed by the state that have caused a shortage of affordable rental housing," he charged in his campaign announcement.

A June 24 "Friends of Liberty" picnic was held at the home of Bill Lackwood in Binghamton and a number of guests from around the state attended. Jim Lewis was the featured speaker. Lewis later made a foray into Westchester where he spoke at a picnic at the home of Reed Halstead in Mount Kisco.

FLP State Chair John Francis was host to an "Independence Day" party at his Brooklyn home, where members from



Volleyball and the chance to get together are two attractions at the annual Rochester picnic. It usually attracts Libertarians from all over upstate New York and even a loyal contingent from Canada. Photos by Wendy Ng.

four of NYC's five boroughs enjoyed a backyard barbeque and laid the groundwork for the August petition drive. Fred Cookinham was guest on "What's On Your Mind" Fordham University radio talk show on June 30, where he discussed the LP approach to victimless crime laws.

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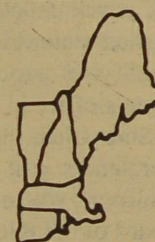
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Connecticut

State Chair Thomas Ross reports that CLP members are working hard to fulfill the state's difficult ballot drive requirements. Ross himself is hosting national LP ballot drive miracle-worker Marshall Fritz and Howard Wilson in his home during this difficult endeavor.

Earlier, the LP lined up with the state's ACLU and state Federation of Teachers to protest the arrest of a Communist Party petitioner. Despite the large ideological gulf between the groups, the Connecticut LP obviously didn't condone the Hartford police's totally unwarranted arrest of a CP petitioner on main street for "breach of peace." Even the Reds have Constitutional rights.

Maine

Once again, "bipartisan" justice is being challenged by the Maine LP in its attempt to place the Bergland/Lewis ticket on the state's ballot. Three members of the LP filed suit in Hennebec County Superior Court challenging both the limited time frame allowed for petitioning and the bizarre requirement that signatures be "certified" by local ballot officials prior to submission to the Secretary of State. This challenge, currently on appeal, is yet another in the LP's quest to overturn what seems to be an endless variety of variations in that bipartisan political game "Let's keep them off the ballot--somehow".

New Hampshire

Former Chair Arne Erickson of Epping received statewide publicity with his announcement of his candidacy for 1st Congressional District U.S. House. Erickson, 31, is headmaster of the West Epping Family School Inc., and intends to use his candidacy as a "Declaration of Independence for Education in this country".

Sid Maxwell of Nashua was selected as State Chair, to replace Erickson, at a recent state convention.

Rhode Island

The Rhode Island LP urged state voters to reject the government supported proposed "Greenhouse Compact", which was to be the first state level experiment in government-planned "industrial policy". Party spokesman A.A. Fiocca said the plan would supplant the state's free market economy, would cost too much and would become mired in politics. Fiocca pointed out that the state's economy would be improved by eliminating personal and corporate state income taxes and reducing government regulations. Apparently the voters were listening, since this proposal went down in flames during the June election.

Attorney Anthony Gianfrancesco undertook the difficult role of state ballot drive coordinator, and served as the liaison between state and National LP sponsored efforts to achieve ballot status.

Vermont

LP Congressional candidate James Hedbor blasted the current government "paper money" policy, charging at a July 20 press conference that inflation won't stop until politicians quit creating money "out of thin air." He noted that commodity backed money will keep the system honest, citing gold, silver, maple syrup and even firewood (which he displayed) as possible commodities which could be used. The Hedbor effort is gearing up for a full time campaign, and he is contacting the League of Women Voters to schedule debates, which the incumbent has already agreed to do. Hedbor's July 11 Montpelier news conference focused on Social Security "cashing out", and he enjoyed his ride in the July 4th South Hero parade in a 1960 Buick convertible with his daughters Astrid and Ingrid.

Gubernatorial candidate William Wicker has also been running a heavy campaign schedule, with recent publicized blasts at the federally imposed 21-year-old drinking age push and a serious questioning of the massive police raid on the Island Pond religious sect. His campaign has and will include meetings with community and environmental groups (including the state employees association), civic clubs, and participation in LWV-sponsored debates among the gubernatorial candidates on Sept. 25 and Oct. 17. He's also been active with radio and newspaper interviews.

The July 3rd "D-Day (Decriminalization Day) celebration did not go unrecognized in Vermont, with Orange/Windsor County LP Chair David Atkinson and supporters Craig Neally and Beryl McPhetres brazenly defying state law in their two motorcycle parade past a state police outpost without wearing the government required helmets. Atkinson chose this method of protesting government victimless crime laws, of which the helmet law is one example, although he stated that "99% of

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By Alan Burris

Reviews

"...one of the most difficult aspects of becoming a libertarian is the commitment to read more that usually accompanies it. Suddenly you discover that there have been great libertarian thinkers and writers since recorded time began and you feel a great urge to read more and know more. But you wonder how you will find the time to do all this reading. With these thoughts in mind, I applaud the creation of **A Liberty Primer** by Alan Burris. This book is an excellent introduction to Libertarianism. ...a first-rate source book for candidates." -- *Tarheel Libertarian* (North Carolina)

"By simplifying the intellectual groundwork of liberty, laid by people such as Herbert Spencer, Lysander Spooner, Ludwig von Mises, Murray Rothbard, and others, Burris has performed a gargantuan task. ...This one book could open many, many doors for anyone wishing to learn more about libertarianism. The book beautifully assembles knowledge on a vast variety of subjects. Burris has separated the book's chapters into the foundations and ethics of libertarianism, the history of libertarian ideas, the principles of a free economy, the role of government (if any!), and libertarian positions on defense and foreign policy. Furthermore, Burris has written a superb overview of the possible strategies for achieving a libertarian society.... He often quotes individuals of very different philosophical persuasions, who often reveal the weaknesses of their political views in contrast to libertarians.... All libertarians, whether they are new to the libertarian movement, or are experienced activists, would benefit from reading this book. ...enjoyable and entertaining reading." -- *Vermont Libertarian News*

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the time you would be foolish not to wear one." There were no arrests or even any police interest, despite advance notification, but the story resulted in a wave of newspaper stories.

The VLP is also gearing up for David Bergland's upcoming Sept. 12, 13 visit, with meetings with editorial boards of the state's major papers, press conferences and radio and TV talk shows in the works.

In addition to Hedbor and Wickers, Jack Simons has planned to declare for Secretary of State, a Lt. Governor candidate is soon to announce, and Ed Pell of Colchester is ready to announce for state House Chittenden 9-1, joining the nine other previously announced candidates.

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North Carolina

The LPNC held its 9th annual convention in Charlotte on June 22-24. David Bergland, who had campaigned in Wilson, Raleigh, and High Point earlier in the week, was the opening speaker, followed by LPNC gubernatorial candidate Fritz Prochnow, US Senate candidate Bobby Emory, *Southern Libertarian Messenger* editor John Harlee and Libertarian International co-founder Vince Miller. There were also workshops on the homeschooling movement, gold and silver, and on investments. David Bergland was the keynote speaker at the convention banquet, where he gave an encouraging speech on "How We Can Win in November."

Marsha Hellembeck, who has been very active in the party for several years, was elected State Chair, and David Bozeman was elected Vice Chair. Bozeman, 20, the editor of a newsletter called "The Young Libertarian," is trying to attract young people to libertarian principles. Other Executive Committee members chosen were Erik Christensen, John Coverington (Recording Secretary), Dino Harrell, Dwight House (Treasurer), Linda Janca (Membership Secretary), Garland Johnson, Sue Lamm (Editor), Rick Pasotto and Craig Springer. The Executive Committee meets the 2nd Sunday of every month in Raleigh.

South Carolina

The SCLP is one of the few state parties to have more than one state convention in the same year. State party Vice

Chair Ron Heaton reports that the second convention was as much fun as the first.

The convention convened in Columbia on August 18 and State Chair Steve Kreisman gave an overview of the Campaign '84 Committee activities, including two recently produced brochures: one deals with statewide and national candidates and the other is a 'primer' on the SCLP. The Committee is also selling a silver ignot with the Statue of Liberty embossed for \$50 to raise funds for candidates.

Vice Chair Ron Heaton proposed a resolution urging the SC voters be given the right to initiative, recall and referendum, which passed. The Convention also previewed TV commercials produced for U.S. Senate candidate Steve Davis. LP VP candidate Jim Lewis was also on hand, and he emphasized the need to "sell the benefits of libertarianism and not just sit around and philosophize with each other." His speech resulted in a standing ovation.

The convention then heard from declared Congressional candidates: Ray Pike (Dist. 4), Hugh Thompson (Dist. 6) and Bob Madden (Dist. 3). Additional candidates were also nominated for Congress; Cynthia Sullivan (Dist. 2) and Linda Blevins (Dist. 5). Also nominated for State Senate were Jan Chapman, Steve Vandervelde, Howard Johnson, Mitchell Olinger and Wayne Crews. State House candidates nominated were Bill Griffin and John Compton. Additional local candidates may be entering the electoral fray, having until Sept. 12 to declare.

Congressional candidate Bob Madden appeared on the educational TV program 'Carolina Journal' on July 3rd, and both Ray Pike and Hugh Thompson have been making political hay out of their opponents' refusal to meet them in public debates.

VP candidate Lewis, Madden, Thompson and Senate candidate Steve Davis also held an August 17 press conference in North Augusta after spending the day touring the Savannah River (nuclear weapons) Plant, noting that despite the impressive array of technology and talent, the nation would be better off if such resources could be put to more positive use. U.S. Senate candidate Steve Davis also recently let loose a pointed blast at the federally mandated 55-mile-per-hour speed limit, terming it "federal blackmail" and "arbitrary", but also urged "extremely tough laws" on reckless driving that results in death or injury, as well as drunk driving.

Virginia

The VLP failed in its efforts to obtain the 14,000 signatures needed to place the LP ticket on the ballot. This effort was handicapped by the relocation of several Virginia activists to other states, and the absence of some party leaders who chose to attend the International Libertarian Convention in England during the ballot drive period.

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Florida

LP Presidential candidate Dave Bergland addressed a Sept. 1 "Duck Club" convention, sponsored by Robert White, in Orlando. This group generally supports "hard money" economics, a position shared by the LP candidates.

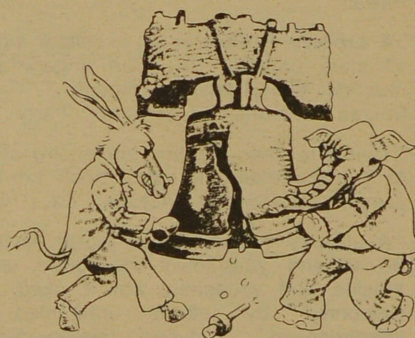
Western Florida coast LP member Don Hennig reports that there is a small but active LP presence in Manatee County. Hennig plans a letters-to-the editor effort focusing on the Bradenton *Herald* which he hopes will flush out a few more libertarian supporters.

Georgia

The GLP is participating in a lawsuit with the Populist Party in challenging the state's unreasonable ballot access laws, and which also objects to the state's "20% rule" which says a party must have attracted the support of at least 20% of the state's registered voters in the last gubernatorial election in order to be officially recognized on state ballots.

This rule "imposes undue burdens on the freedoms of speech and political association" guaranteed by the Constitution, the lawsuit says. Libertarian attorney Walker Chandler is handling the legal appeal in the case for the LP. Georgia's restrictive ballot access laws are among the most undemocratic in the nation, according to election law specialists.

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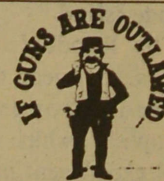
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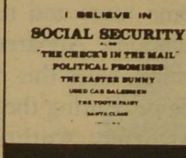
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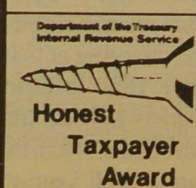
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Santa Barbara, CA - In its 1982-83 annual report, the Reason Foundation, publisher of *Reason Magazine* and sponsor of the Local Government Center, announced significant growth in the past two years and impressive plans for the next five years. Billing itself as "a think tank for Liberty" the Reason Foundation is headed by longtime Libertarian and *Reason Magazine* publisher Robert W. (Bob) Poole, an MIT trained engineer and policy consultant, and assisted by Tibor R. Machan, Academic Program Director and Senior Fellow, who is a PhD. Philosophy Professor at the University of California at Santa Barbara and author and editor of numerous books and articles. Among recent accomplishments noted are the growth of *Reason Magazine's* circulation to 35,000, its 1983 annual income of \$1,740,000, and the publication of several new books and sponsorship of major academic programs. Publications of the Foundation recently have included **Rights and Regulations**, which grew from a Reason Foundation conference, and **Defending a Free Society**, consisting of 12 essays on defense related issues edited by Poole, which was reviewed previously in *LP News*. The Foundation also does consulting on municipal privatization and related matters through the Local Government Center.

Another Reason Foundation project is the radio series "Perspective on the Economy" which was taken over from the Manhattan Institute for Policy Studies in February of this year. This series con-

sists of daily 60-second spots on various subjects dealing with the economy, and is aired on an estimated 155 radio stations across the country. It is billed as an "educational and informational newsfeature" which is offered free of charge as a public service, and aims to make current economic policy issues understandable to the average listener. The seven regular commentators for the series are economists Tom Hazlett and Jennifer Roback, economic analyst Richard Wilcke, columnist Tibor Machan and Reason President Robert Poole, Jr. If funds can be raised, additional projects for this series include a longer version for the 10 million listener Cable News Network Radio, and a Spanish language version for Hispanic radio stations.

The Foundation has been successful at attracting corporate funding and obtaining support from other foundations, and enjoyed a 30% revenue increase in the past year. The Foundation's staff consists of eight full time and three part time employees. Key objectives for the Foundation's five year development plan are to increase *Reason Magazine's* circulation to 100,000 (comparable to *New Republic* or *National Review*), expanding the Local Government Center, the Public Policy Program and the Academic Program, as well as adding additional staff and increasing funding to a hoped-for \$2.6 million annual budget by the fifth year. For more information about the Reason Foundation and its activities, write: Reason Foundation, 1018 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. ■

Taxation Is Theft, Taxation Is Theft

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How to Make Your Newsletter Work for Liberty

by Marshall William Fritz

Fritz was Executive Director of the Libertarian Party of California until mid-June. He is now working on special projects for the LP.

Your local libertarian newsletter can work for liberty in three ways: 1) keep members 2) attract members 3) create awareness.

1. Keep Members

The most fundamental job of an LP newsletter is to keep your members informed. Active members need to know what is being done, by whom, when and where, and especially why. Supportive members may not be active, but need to know that their support is paying dividends.

Hence your basic newsletter has at least two attributes: dependability and readability. Regarding the first, you want to be in the mail 14 days before the program meeting. Like clockwork. Regarding readability, here are five ideas to start with:

- 1) clean typing.
- 2) four or more pithy or humorous items per issue.
- 3) 15% or more "white space" (ie, don't crowd in too much printing).
- 4) "upbeat" -- avoid the imploring attitude such as "all of us must do more".
- 5) use members' names.

2. Attract Members

You can send your newsletter to hundreds of prospective members to tempt them to join. You will want to add 25-50 new names each month and keep them on the list for 6-12 months. Here are five ways to find leads:

- 1) registered libertarians (if your state registers by party).
- 2) expired members.
- 3) names from fair booth type activity.
- 4) ask current members for names of friends or acquaintances that they respect and would like to see become libertarians.
- 5) letters-to-editor writers; find addresses in phone books or county voter lists of those who seem to agree with us on one issue. (You may wish to send these letter writers a kit, eg, Q & A brochure, sample newsletter, and form letter).

As your newsletter list grows to 500 or more, you will need to find efficiency measures to keep the cost affordable. Here are five ideas:

- 1) secure a NON-PROFIT bulk mailing permit (this costs \$80.00, but allows you to mail for 5.02¢.)
- 2) find a volunteer to keep your mailing list on a computer. This speeds updating, and allows you to print the self-adhesive mailing labels in zip code sequence, a must for the 5.02¢ rate. (Sorting by hand is to be avoided if you wish to remain sane. This I know firsthand.)

- 3) search your membership for a printer and ask him/her to contribute the printing. If you must go commercial, use offset print, not photocopy, and expect to pay under \$50 for 1000 2-side 8x14" unfolded or one-fold, including photo-reduction.
- 4) to fund this investment you can sell advertisements or ask some members to join the "Gang of Four" (four people who split the cost of printing and postage for prospective libertarians). Be sure to thank the "Gang of Four" in every issue.
- 5) use ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED every issue to get notified of change of addresses. Otherwise the Post Office just dumps the newsletter if the person has moved, and you never know it. Expect 2-3% address correction returns each month. The charge is 25¢ each for this service.

When you are using your newsletter to

attract new members, you will probably want to aim its contents in new directions.

For example:

- 1) the membership application form to join your state party.
- 2) 1/12th of the Q & A brochure each issue (cycle thru it each year).
- 3) a 100-150 word monthly column highlighting a current member describing "Why I became a libertarian".
- 4) a list of the next three or four upcoming events showing the topics and dates; and date of next year's convention.
- 5) aim your newsletter at local interest items (eg, stupid proposals by local politicians. Note -- avoid cynicism, let facts speak for themselves); minimize or avoid intra-party contention.

3. Create Awareness

Of course you want to increase the number of people who are aware of libertarians in your area. The newsletter is one of the best tools you have. As your funding becomes more secure, you can easily find names and addresses of 200-500 to send "complimentary" subscriptions to one medium size county in California

sends its newsletter to this broad mix of people:

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These are just a few of the proven techniques to help your party newsletter become an effective tool. Let's use our "free press" while we still have it! ■

Maps Available

One of the few things the government does a decent job on is producing various kinds of maps of the U.S. and its political subdivisions. Some show politically incorporated areas and some reflect economic and demographic data.

These maps can be of value to LP leaders, candidates, and other political activists, and "the various State Chairs should be informed" about their availability, observed National LP Chair Paul Grant. The maps can serve as a concrete, practical political planning tool, and come in various types. The most relevant to libertarians seem to be:

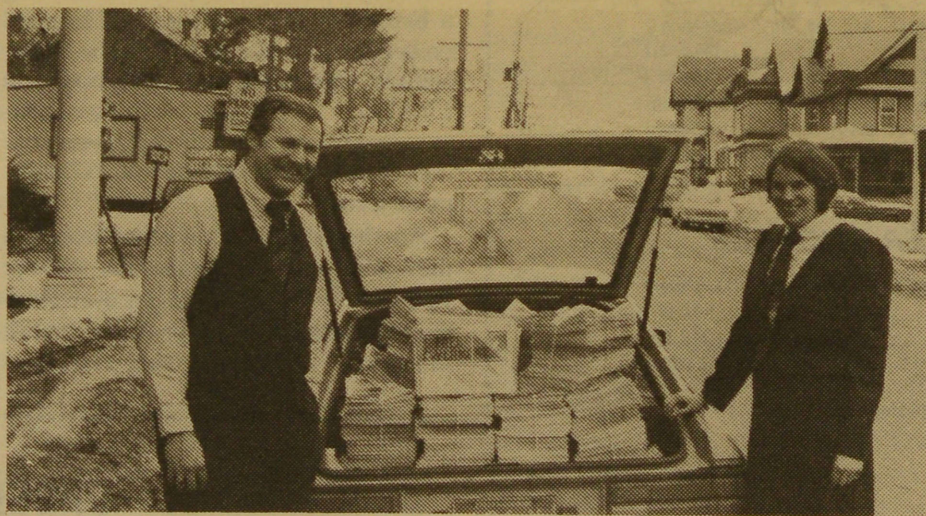
• **Basic State-County Subdivision Maps** - These maps, by individual state or area, show the subdivisions of counties (minor civil divisions or census county divisions), and the location of all incorporated places and those census designated places for which separate population figures are published. Request Order Form POF 490. 30 x 42 inches.

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• **Congressional District Atlas** - The boundaries of the 435 Congressional Districts of the 98th Congress, convened January 1983, are depicted on the maps of the latest edition of this atlas. This publication shows the Congressional Districts for each state; each county that is divided between two or more Congressional Districts; each small intricately divided area where congressional district boundaries follows streets, corporate limits, streams, and other difficult-to-locate linear features. Request Order Form POF 483.

In general, the maps are inexpensive and order forms for any of the map products listed above are available free of charge from: Data User Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

STRATEGY/TACTICS



Jim and Eloise Hedbor load the first issue of **Free Vermont** into their Toyota. Subsequent issues required a volunteer with a van.

VLP Launches Ambitious Tabloid

Burlington, VT - One of the smallest states in the nation is currently producing one of the largest circulation libertarian publications anywhere. If that sounds like bragging, well - perhaps it is! But the Vermont LP believes a little bragging may be in order. This party is about to publish its third edition of **Free Vermont**, a 12-page bi-monthly tabloid with a circulation of 20,000. To put that in perspective, note that Vermont is represented by a single Congressional District and has a population of a little more than half a million.

Just two and a half years ago the then tiny state LP published the first **Vermont Libertarian News**, a single photocopied legal-sized sheet with a circulation of on-

ly 60. From this modest start, the Vermont newsletter grew steadily and quickly became a vital tool in developing a dynamic, thriving party. Today, the newsletter is a free distribution newspaper with a mailing list approaching 900, and is distributed in bulk in hundreds of stores, laundromats, restaurants, and throughout the state.

The first edition of the tabloid format **Free Vermont** was published in March with a circulation of 12,500. The May-June issue had 15,000 circulation and the upcoming July-August issue will have a 20,000 press run.

Cost has not proved to be a major obstacle. Surprisingly, the cost of prin-

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Free Vermont A Big Success

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ting 12,500 of the first 12-page issue at a weekly newspaper publisher was comparable to that of printing 2,000 copies of the 8-page letter-sized newsletter at a quick print shop. In addition to this economy of scale, and having more room for articles, the Vermont LP has found that a considerable portion of the costs can be recovered through advertising revenues. With such a large circulation, the paper can offer economical ad rates.

The biggest secret to the Vermonter's success is talented individuals who are willing to volunteer their skills to the publication. First and foremost is editor Eloise Hedbor, a writer and professional journalist, who spearheads the effort and provides helpful and effective leadership. She has undertaken this responsibility in addition to managing her husband Jim's Vermont Congressional race. Nearly all the material in **Free Vermont** is written by Vermonters, and articles cover a wide variety of subjects.

Of course, it is possible to spend a lot more money on production and typesetting, but it hasn't proven necessary. The staff, which is now larger than the entire state party in January 1982, has learned how to do the layout, pasteup and other necessary tasks, by acquiring these skills as the newspaper evolved, step-by-step. Helping with the effort to produce and distribute **Free Vermont** have been many volunteers, including Bob Bennett, Ed McGuire, Lynn Fife, Bill Wicker, Jack Simons, Marla Weiner, Ron Spicer, Wally Jenkins, Steve Murray, David Atkinson, Kent Gates, Chuck Connors, Nancy Severance, Wheatley Bergen, Bill Murray, Jerice Bergstrom, Bruce Wiley, Barbara Trask, Brad Bender and Gary Trono.

The proof of the paper's effectiveness is the results: dozens of inquiries, new memberships, several LP candidates and, of course, increased awareness of the Libertarian Party and its ideas among thousands of Vermonters. Professional media people are taking the party more seriously too, and one TV station even did a story about **Free Vermont**!

Using this simple, inexpensive, all-volunteer tool, by the November election Vermont libertarians will have distributed more than three tons of LP literature, a saturation that is bound to have a substantial impact. Particularly since the entire voting population of the state is only 312,000.

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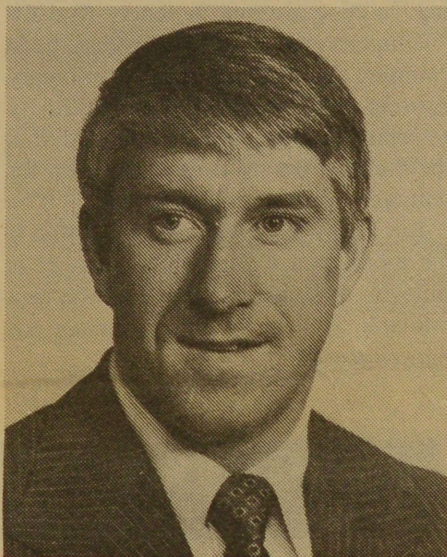
Goulash Justice

Budapest - Underground Hungarian magazine publisher Gabor Demszky was hospitalized for five days after receiving a severe beating from state security policemen. He is now to be tried on charges of "assaulting police."

Officeholder Profile John Kelleher

Epsom, NH - John Kelleher, recently elected a Selectman in the New Hampshire town of Epsom, is already putting his new found celebrity to work. The county paper, the *Suncook Valley Sun*, has agreed to publish his column "One Selectman's Opinion," which will appear in the largest paper in the county. He reports that his column is already been "well received, and it has definitely been well read."

In the *Concord Monitor*, Kelleher was recently profiled as a consistent champion of individual rights whose low budget campaign (he put off buying a muffler to purchase a newspaper ad during the election) won him the respect of many for his consistent espousal of libertarian ideas. His consistent campaigning



Epsom, New Hampshire Selectman John Kelleher fights for tax limitation.

since his second finish in 1982 finally paid off with his overwhelming victory in the current election, held earlier this year. The *Monitor* story described him this way, "Even his own position as Selectman is suspect. If the people of the town shared his beliefs about government and abolished the office of Selectman, Kelleher wouldn't mind at all. 'Great', he said. 'Great. I could go home if they'd do that.' " The story also pointed out Kelleher's stand against zoning and his advocacy for a town limitation on taxes, which he has been proposing for three years.

In fact, his advocacy of tax limitation is finally paying off, at least partially. While the tax limit proposal went down to defeat again this year, despite Kelleher's appeal, a glimmer of hope for the future was seen in a *Concord Monitor* story on the town meeting, "Many people spoke against Kelleher's proposal, and the vote against it was overwhelming. But his views seem to be embraced -- at least publicly -- by more people than in the past. Last year his proposal drew hardly a vote. But when the "ayes" were called for this year, a small but audible minority shouted with him." So in these small ways, step-by-step, Libertarian officeholders are beginning to make a difference. ■



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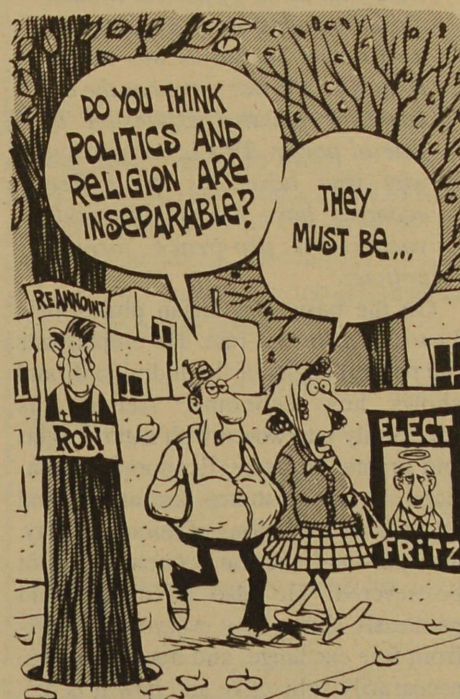
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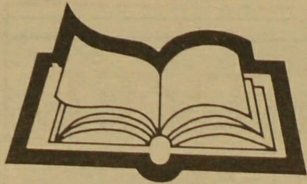
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BOOK REVIEWS

by Murray N. Rothbard

Liberty Reclaimed: A New Look At American Politics, by Jim Lewis, with Jim Peron, 128 pages, published by Greenhill Press. pbk. \$1.95.

Murray Rothbard, sometimes known as "Mr. Libertarian", is a Professor of Economics and widely published author of books and articles on economic theory, history, and the cause of liberty. Dr. Rothbard is an at-large member of the Libertarian Party National Committee and an Associate Editor of LP News.

Presidential campaign books have proved to be invaluable introductions to what libertarianism is all about. The MacBride and Clark books were vehicles for bringing many people to libertarianism for the first time. Jim Lewis's new **Liberty Reclaimed** is in that tradition, but it is at the same time a very different kind of book. The MacBride and Clark books were, in a sense, reflections on position papers prepared by their research staffs. They concentrated on detailed alternatives to the big two parties on the major political issues of their day. Their basic stance was on what MacBride and Clark would do in the unfortunately unlikely event that they were elected President. There were many merits to that sort of book; in particular, a detailed critique and alternative to the important specific issues of the time. But there are also problems: in particular, the trap of trying to appear "respectable" in dealing with those issues, and the unavoidable air of unrealistic game-playing in pretending that one is going to be elected President within the year.

Jim Lewis has done something quite different, and to me, more congenial. **Liberty Reclaimed** is in no sense the product of a committee. It is a deeply personal vision of what libertarianism means to Jim Lewis. It comes from the heart as well as the mind. Even though libertarianism is one doctrine, every person has a different vision of it, a different emphasis in accordance with his or her special temperament and interest. Jim Lewis has for long been steeped in American history, in the special libertarian promise of America and how it has been abandoned and betrayed. In accordance with Lewis' interest and vision, **Liberty Reclaimed** has two crucial emphases: the basic libertarian philosophy, and American history as reflecting the conflict between Liberty and Power. Both themes are presented excellently, with knowledge, consistency, clarity and passion. Consequently, this book should be an inspiration as well as a source of insights to every libertarian, as well as a superb way of getting our message across to the general public.

The important point about **Liberty Reclaimed** is that Jim Lewis highlights the basic purpose of the Libertarian Par-

ty: to educate the public in the principles and traditions and policies of libertarianism. From education comes recruitment, and from recruitment comes votes and a change in the American political climate. Lewis understands that it is more important to get across the value of free exchange, natural rights, or the libertarian American heritage, than it is to proclaim how many dollars he, as LP Vice-President, would cut from next year's budget.

In American history, Lewis points out the libertarianism of the American Revolution and of the Jeffersonian tradition, and points to the crucial libertarian nature of the Ninth Amendment. He also shows how statism came in an unbroken and disastrous line from the Federalists to the Whigs to Lincoln, Wilson, and FDR. He sees, too, that war has been "the health of the State", and that war, from the Civil War to both World Wars, has been the major instrument by which the State aggrandized its power and deprived us of our liberties. He also shows how George Fitzhugh, the leading pro-slavery theorist, found himself forced to attack bitterly all aspects of freedom, including private property and natural rights, in an attempt to justify the monstrous regime of slavery.

As someone who used to lecture on American history at "libertarian" seminars, and was forced to stop lecturing on Abraham Lincoln because some listeners objected to my negative view of our first war dictator, I was particularly gratified to read, in **Liberty Reclaimed**,

The first successful attempt at consolidating political power in the hands of the federal government came with the election of Lincoln and with the Civil War. The writ of habeas corpus was suspended by Lincoln, political opponents were arrested, opposition newspapers were shut down by federal troops, a draft was first instituted, greater tariffs were passed as was an income tax. The war served as the excuse for massive expansion of federal power. This is one reason why true advocates of a free economy have always been advocates of pro-peace foreign policies.

On the basic libertarian philosophy, Lewis is also first-rate. He emphasizes the natural rights of the individual, and shows how economic freedom is necessarily interwoven with natural rights and private property. Economic regulations, he demonstrates, are always and necessarily violations of human liberty. The personal and the economic cannot be severed. He also effectively and painlessly shows how everyone benefits from free exchange, and how values are necessarily subjective and how it is dif-

ferences in people's valuations of goods that set up the conditions for market exchange. He also neatly shows how minimum wages lead to unemployment and then to taxes to try to relieve that unemployment, and also spears the essential statism of the much-touted "supply siders" of the Reagan Administration.

In none of this does Jim Lewis pull any punches. He is for liberty and opposed to tyranny all the way, and is not ashamed to let everyone know it. He makes clear, for example, that taxation is robbery, and that government is basically a gigantic protection racket. He cites excellent sources to add to the education of libertarians: Block, Rand, and the all-too-neglected **Market for Liberty** by the Tannehills.

Not the least virtue of this inspiring little book is that Jim Lewis returns us to the Nock-Oppenheimer insight that the State is born, and has its continuing being, in conquest and violence. Anti-LP "Voluntaryists" have, in contrast, been claiming that the State rests on voluntary consent and hence they are unwittingly returning to the Establishment myth that the State is some sort of association for voluntary mutual collaboration.

Jim Lewis has given us a work that is far more than a campaign book. It is timeless, and takes its place as the best available primer on libertarianism for Americans. ■

by Richard A. Cooper

The Struggle for Afghanistan Newell, Nancy & Newell, Richard S. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, \$16.95.

Richard Cooper is a graduate of Columbia University with emphasis on the history of ideas. He has been active in the LP and is currently an export manager based in Westbury, NY. His book reviews have been widely published in mainstream as well as libertarian publications.

The Brezhnev Doctrine lives, while Afghans die. The Soviet occupation is the latest chapter in a continuing struggle to control that isolated land. The Newells explain the unfamiliar twists and turns of Afghanistan's modern political history and its relationship to Soviet Communism. Their book is far superior to the "I marched with the rebels" style of some journalists and rests on a solid grasp of Afghan culture and history. Without an axe to grind, the Newells are sympathetic but objective in their treatment of the Afghan situation.

The Newells interpret modern Afghan history as a quest for modernization, while remaining independent of Russia and Britain. The drive for modernization began with King Amanullah (1919-1929) who smashed the British in a stunning campaign. When the Soviets moved against the Central Asian Muslims,

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Amanullah aided his brethren. But after the Soviet victory, Amanullah used the Soviets as a counterweight to the British influences.

Modernization and development are believed by the Afghan elites to require a strong, centralized state with massive intervention in the economy. Both East and West have poured enormous amounts of aid into the country to influence its policies. Rapid expansion of universities led to an unforeseen result--unemployment of elites. Unable to absorb graduates in jobs they felt their diplomas entitled them to, the system suffered their resentment. Aid, including that from America, aggravated the centralizing, statist tendencies of the regime. Corrupt use of the aid encouraged dissent, which was suppressed. The creation of a large, unemployed educated class with military training (thanks to the draft) paved the way for a Marxist takeover. The radicals formed the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA). The Soviets trained the Army and helped their supporters find positions in the royal government.

The PDPA favored industrialization under a strong, centralized, and Pathan dominated state. But the PDPA was divided: the Khalq (Masses) faction wanted immediate social changes, while the Parcham (Banner) faction favored slow changes (while the public accustomed themselves to Marxist rule) and cooperation with the monarchy and the republic which succeeded it. Parcham was a Soviet puppet, but Khalq was leery of the Russians.

The struggle for power was Byzantine in its complexity. Prime Minister Daoud overthrew King Zahir Shah with PDPA aid in 1973. Daoud turned on his allies and they deposed him in 1978. Khalq killed Muhammad Taraki and seized power. Khalq's policies spurred resistance, which they could not control. The Soviets were concerned to see their ally losing. The Soviets intervened, killed Khalq's Hafizullah Amin and installed puppet Babrak Kamal.

Resistance continues in Afghanistan. Without aid, the Afghans cannot drive the Soviets out. The Newells suggest joint efforts by America, Indian, Pakistan and

the Arab states to aid the Afghans. This seems impossible, given the mistrust of the states involved. I expect the Soviets will use mass terror to eliminate the civilian Afghan population, at least along a border zone to expose guerrillas to concerted airpower.

I suggest Americans contribute to the Afghans on their own, without reliance on taxpayer funds. I oppose government involvement on the Afghans' behalf. Private efforts are preferable.

The Newells have contributed to Afghanistan's liberation by offering solid information and analysis to the public. The reader can make a contribution by being better informed, and grasp the role of statist development schemes and foreign aid in pushing Afghanistan towards Communism. *The Struggle for Afghanistan* may illuminate the worldwide struggle for freedom. ■

Economics in One Lesson

Excerpt from "The Taxes Called Deficits" by Milton Friedman, which appeared in the April 26, 1984 Wall Street Journal:

"For the community as a whole, what is called a deficit is really a form of taxation. The whole of what government spends is extracted from the community's resources, not solely that part financed by what are called taxes. The economic reality is that the government imposes two kinds of taxes - those called taxes and those called "deficits". The pieces of paper that are the counterpart of the "deficits", whether noninterest-bearing money (government currency) or interest-bearing securities, (Treasury bonds) are in reality the equivalent of receipts for taxes paid.

The tax corresponding to noninterest-bearing money takes the form of inflation. It is a tax on all assets in nominal form for which the interest, if any, paid on the asset includes an inadequate allowance for inflation. The higher the inflation tax, the less the incentive to hold nominal assets, so the inflation tax clearly has incentive effects just as the taxes called "taxes" do.

Beyond that, inflation is a tax on one category of wealth. What of the tax corresponding to interest-bearing securities? For a given level of future government activity, the addition to debts means that government spending will have to be larger in order to pay the additional interest. That additional spending will have to be paid for by taxes- again either those called "taxes" or those called "deficits". In either case, current borrowing raises the level of taxes expected in the future. That too is the equivalent of a tax on current wealth. After all, the value of every asset - whether your personal human capital (your investment in education, or training), or a house or a share of stock or what not - is the discounted value of the future returns that asset is expected to yield. And government borrowing reduces those future returns net of tax."

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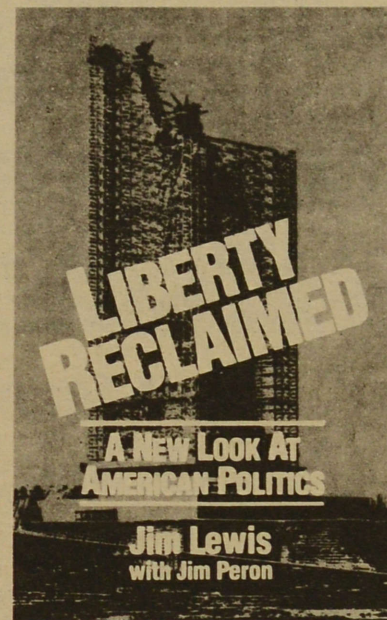
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LP Vice Presidential candidate Jim Lewis was interviewed in July by Marie Cortisoz of the Gannett newspaper chain. Her article appeared in five papers on July 23rd. Photo by Thomas Ross.

Bergland Campaign Tales from the Trail

• While on a recent visit to the historic city of Philadelphia, Bergland, accompanied by local activists Ira Spivak and Geoff Steinberg, made a visit to Independence Hall. Sporting a camera crew and professional photographer, the group was excited about recording this memorable occasion. Meanwhile, a busload of junior high school students poured into the lobby and quickly surrounded Bergland and the camera crew. "Who are you?" they asked, impressed at all of the attention.

"I'm Libertarian Presidential Candidate David Bergland."

"Oh, I've heard of you," shouted one young man. "Do you like President Reagan?"

"Not particularly," replied Bergland. "Right on!" the group shouted.

• Radio shows with phone-in formats are a great way for candidates to express Libertarian views and answer questions that interested listeners may have. Often a local Libertarian office telephone

number is given so that audience members can call for more information. In Connecticut, on Radio WICC, David Bergland was featured on the Tiny Markle Show. Later, a listener called a local Libertarian office and exclaimed, "I'm 74 years old and I have been a life-long Democrat. But, after hearing David Bergland and the Libertarian platform on the issues, I'm going to take what time I have left and work for the Libertarian Party!"

• Alan and Leslie Groupe welcomed David Bergland and campaign aide Eric Hughes into their home during David's recent visit to Nashua, New Hampshire in March. While enjoying the Groupes' hospitality, Eric and David Bergland learned that one of them would have to share a room with an unusual companion. "When Eric heard about the roommate he said, 'No way!'" explained Bergland. "So I, the presidential candidate, kept company with the Groupe's pet boa constrictor." (Where is the Secret Service when you need them?)

