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DELEGATES APPROVE L. P. RESOLUTIONS at N. R. A. CONVENTION

Anahiem June 8, 1990 Part II
In the first part of this article we highlighted the efforts of libertarian activists that successfully brought about resolutions for FIJA and an admonishment to break the two party habit and endorse 3rd party candidates particularly Libertarians. Scrappy activists helped spark plenty of controversy. the following concludes Bob Weber's article.

Backers of FIJA were denied an opportunity to purchase a non-profit display booth in the vendor's area of the convention. But, thanks to T.J. Johnson of the Orange County Gun Owners React Committee, they were able to hand out literature at the Operation Golden Bear table belonging to NRA, as long as they helped staff the booth. So, FIJA literature did get into the hands of those who attended the Convention hall used for the display by vendors.

L.P. co-founder David Nolan speculates that NRA may ultimately split up as YAF once did, breaking into a conservative group and a libertarian group. Hopefully, as the "old guard" gets older and finally dies off, they will be replaced by a more libertarian group coming up from the ranks. see NRA PAGE 5

EMERITUS

Speaking for myself, the LPC and the many individuals who have been involved in the California Libertarian News, we believe Sarah "Sally" Foster deserves to be recognised for having performed an immense service to the survival of liberty. She has labored long and well under adverse and uncertain circumstances; lots of drudgery, rewarded mostly in terms of personal satisfaction, persevering none the less. We have been and are fortunate. We could have suffered a lesser person and still counted ourselves lucky. Without speaking in terms of sacrifice - I suspect she doesn't think that way and I'm sure she never viewed it as such; the benefit of her service above and beyond so to speak, must count as a gain for us all.

Thank you, Sarah Foster

PROJECT LONGER ACTIVE

About 60 Los Angeles area activists are now participating in a long-term voter registration and outreach effort at Venice Beach (actually Ocean Front Walk, two short blocks north of Windward Avenue and the Venice Pavilion) every Sunday from noon until 6 pm. While many of us are familiar with the Libertarian booth at annual county fairs, the LP has seldom been able to sustain a continuing outreach effort, week after week, month after month, at any one location. this is a new experience for many of us: Libertarians actually getting organized! It is also a new experience for many of the public, who are beginning to notice that we are not going away. The message keeps hitting them between the eyes. And who in L.A. doesn't go to Venice Beach?

There is another way to look at the results: in terms of its effect on the organization itself. This outreach effort trains Libertarians volunteers to work with and be comfortable with other members of the organization. It sifts the reliables from the flakes, the articulate from the tongue-tied, preparing volunteers for more responsible tasks. see PROJECT on page 5

NEW MEMBERS JULY 1990

REG 37 = 19 total
REG 62 = 10 52
REG 30 = 5
REG 34 = 3
REG's 10,36,41,45,56 = 2 each
REG's 15,33,55,59,61 = 1 each

SOURCE - WITHEASE

L. P. C.
CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNOR TO
SPEAK TO
MOTORCYCLISTS

Dennis Thompson, Libertarian Party candidate for Governor will speak to So. Cal. Motorcyclists at a Picnic Run, Oct 6 & 7, 1990.

Months of outreach efforts by Clark Marley of Region 65, Los Angeles County have resulted in an invitation for the L.P.C. candidate for Governor, with other candidates, to speak to motorcyclists gathered at Robin's Nest in Soledad Canyon as part of a motorcycle run to benefit Homeless Vets. Admission fee of \$18.00 includes overnight camping and swimming, dinner on Sat. and breakfast on Sun., Raffle, Auction, Door Prizes, Contests, Games, and Vendors all combine to help raise money for veterans. Clark would like to see as many of our members as possible attend this event.

One thing about it, motorcyclist's know how to have fun. Anyone who goes to this picnic/campout will have a good time. Call Clark at 213-695-1979 to participate.

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ATTENTION ! ATTENTION ! ATTENTION !

You have seen "Letters to the Editor" before in all sorts of media. The main reason you haven't seen more of them in the C.L. News is that letters take space & space takes money. Perhaps you have written letters yourself with the hope it would be published but it was a crapshooters chance of course. That has changed. This newsletter will publish all letters and you can say anything you are not afraid of getting sued for. But it is not a free ride. A minimum charge of \$3.75 per column inch puts your message where your mouth is, as the saying goes. One column inch is approximately 21-22 normal words and six lines of space or less, if you like but \$3.75 is the minimum with a 250 word maximum.

Do you have any good ideas ? An opinion ?
Want to raise your flag and see who salutes ? A question or criticism ? (constructive, I hope) Like to share a project or query for like interests ? Write the Editor. Want to become active in or start a special interest group (SIG) ? Want to foster debate or dialogue ? Write me. I believe in your right to speak. I also believe in your newsletter being self supporting which it is not at present. so speak out. You will be heard. You may change things. Oh yes, no names withheld.

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\$ MONEY \$

Membership in the state central committee is \$15.00 a year. \$9.00 goes to the county central committee of the members choice and \$6.00 goes to the state organization. That \$6.00 doesn't EVEN begin to cover the basic functions of database, accounting and newsletter, much less voter registration, membership drives, outreach literature, etc. The low number is based on the old bait and switch or "cheap model" car sales approach of pulling people in with a low cost and hitting them up for more later. Only no one has. Outside of being a repugnant technique, it hasn't worked so well. It presupposes that each appeal for money will bring in enough to send out the next appeal and so on and so on. A libertarian form of panhandling so to speak. At a time when proliferation of political outrage should be swelling our ranks and coffers the attrition of existing members raises doubt as to whether we will be able to maintain ballot status. Of course, the real question is - do we serve our members well, or not at all. Economists and marketing people recognise the elastic-inelastic factor in demands curves. Basically stated the factor illustrates that products in the market (say hamburgers) with lots of competition from other products (hot dogs, steaks, fish, chicken) will increase in demand and total revenues as the price is lowered.

That's elasticity. A product such as salt with few or no substitutes will not suffer much of a demand drop when the price is raised within a reasonable range but the revenue can be increased dramatically. That's inelasticity. What I am suggesting is, does anyone

imagine that libertarians will switch to the Republicrats if the dues are quadrupled or doubled ? Hardly. If some should drop out at least those that remain will be part of a viably functioning, self supporting organization. The Republicrats are not competition in the political market. They may be cayenne pepper but Libertarianism is the salt of the political spectrum. There is no substitute. A few insipid issue imitators perhaps but none with the savor and power stated as "I hereby certify that I do not believe in nor advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving social or political goals." This is not meant to imply that nothing of any consequence takes place within the party. Some dramatic things have happened, others are in the works and the effects can only snowball if the party remains in existence.

If the foregoing sounds like a pitch, it is. Get your cash out. Let your conscience be your guide. If you are dissatisfied with the situation as it exists or if you envision an enhanced organization - reach in your pocket first, then speak up and say your piece. The party and you as well will benefit. It matters not if others pay. Only you will know if you have done your part. If you can't afford anything, nothing should encumber your conscience. The options are doing your thing on a scale much the same as the anonymous "guerilla capitalists" or participating within the framework of political reference known as the Libertarian Party.



THE BEST OF LIBERTARIANISM

1991 Libertarian Party of California Annual Convention

February 15 - 18 at the Holiday Inn Resort Monterey,

Partial list of events include:

Friday Evening Seafood Bar and Panel Discussion "Conspiracy, Paranoia or Paranoid Conspirators ?"

Saturday Evening Roast - Andre Marrou * Sunday Evening Banquet - Gene Burns

Steve Alexander & Michael Emerling Debate: Should the LP accept matching funds?

Russell Means, First elected Libertarian in the lower 48 ?

Tonie Nathan, How to build the LP through publicity

Kathleen Pierce, "Sex, Lies & Videotape"

About this convention, We are planning to have Libertarian Party business conducted in the mornings, and the lectures and debate in the afternoons. There will be very few if any events running concurrently.

Menu Selections

Saturday Luncheon

- ☐ London Broil
- ☐ Chicken Marco Polo
- ☐ Vegetarian

Saturday Banquet

- ☐ Roast Leg of Lamb
- ☐ Broiled Sword Fish
- ☐ Vegetarian

Sunday Luncheon

- ☐ Sole Almondine
- ☐ Beef Stroganoff
- ☐ Vegetarian

Sunday Banquet

- ☐ Cornish Game Hens
- ☐ Roast Prime Rib
- ☐ Vegetarian

Monday Luncheon

- ☐ Snapper Provencal
- ☐ Beef Stroganoff
- ☐ Vegetarian

The convention also features breakfasts on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and the seafood bar on Friday evening. These are all included for the \$140 price that is being offered until October 1. Please list any special diet needs such as no dairy, no soy, etc.

Convention Registration Form. Please Return to Libertarian Promotions, P O Box 3395, San Diego CA 92103 (619) 578-7168
Special Offer, full convention package only \$140, offer valid until October 1, 1990

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

☐ 50 % deposit enclosed

☐ full payment enclosed

Hotel Registration Form. Please Return to the Holiday Inn Resort Monterey, 1000 Aguajito Rd, Monterey, CA 93940 (800) 373-6141

I will be attending the Libertarian Party Convention February 15-18, 1991, Please reserve the following rooms at our group rate of \$79:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Single Occupancy

☐ 1 person - 1 bed

Double Occupancy

☐ 2 persons - 1 bed

☐ 3 persons - 2 beds

Please list the names of additional persons staying in the room, your arrival and departure dates.

☐ Advanced payment of 1 nights room rate (check enclosed)

☐ Credit Card type _____

Credit Card Number _____

Letter to the Editor

June 28, 1990

Dear Friend:

In the June/July 1990 issue of "California Libertarian News", I received a flyer which began with "Who defends your right...to own a gun to protect yourself?" I believe the Libertarian Party has similar flyers dealing with other subjects. Would it be possible for me to receive all, or at least some of the other flyers, particularly those dealing with money (Fed., gold standard, etc.), taxes, and conscription?

Thank you.

Diana McGinnis, Berkeley

Editor's reply

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VENICE BEACH RESULTS

* 4 NEW ACTIVISTS NOW PARTICIPATING REGULARLY

JULY NUMBERS WERE

Quizes taken = 760

Prospects = 188

New Reg Libs = 29

AND on Aug 12, 1990

Quizes taken = 247

Prospects = 69

Great work !

LOCAL CAMPAIGN

Sandy Webb is mounting a well organized campaign for City Council in Simi Valley. Her campaign committee comprised of Aaron Starr, Reg 56 Chair, Dan Weiner, Michelle Kurtz, and one non libertarian are walking precincts to gather community support. This non partisan election will take place November 6, 1990. The position, elected at large, is for an open seat with 9 candidates and no incumbent. Sandy's opponent's include a city council member, the planning commissioner, and president of the local Chamber of Commerce. So far the campaign has raised \$7000.00 on the candidate's behalf. You may contact Aaron Starr at 805-583-3308 to help and/or send contributions to Friends of Sandy Webb at 4288 Los Angeles Ave, Simi Valley, Ca. 93063.



WHAT'S MISSING HERE ?

ISSUES & ANSWERS

Is a discussion group that discusses current issues in relation to the Libertarian Platform. This one is so easy to set up and run, you'll enjoy running it. With almost no advance notice we had a great turnout, and a lively discussion.

We use a reception room of a whole floor office in a large high rise that is at the junction of two major freeways. It has a cosy, comfortable, living room set up, with three sofas and a lot of chairs. A conference room will work if that is what is available. The more "public" place feels safer, is easier to find, you are not taking someone's home, and you know it will be there for a long time.

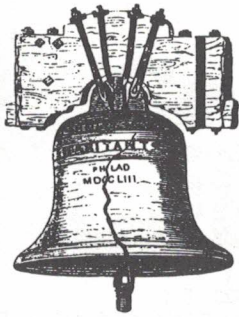
Have at least one person who is very familiar with the Libertarian position on most issues. Ideally, have a back up person, to help answer questions and deal with debaters. Open discussion is better than a panel because anyone can speak up at any time and you don't have to wait to see who is running it. We have ours once amonth for two hours at 8:00pm pm since people have to commute from jobs.

We have the Platform as well as other literature for sale and newsletters and voter registration forms available.

We use free listings in "What's Happening" type sections of the local paper to advertise. A free event with free parking attracts people.

Jerry Collette, Reg 61, L.A.

Try it, you'll like it. Let us know any variations on the idea and how it has worked for you. Also numbers attending that we can publish to encourage others.



N.R.A. CONT FROM PAGE ONE

Following the convention, on Monday the Board of Directors of NRA met. The Board is the group within NRA that actually has the power to run the organization. At the election of Officers no candidate stepped up to challenge Cassidy. Cassidy was reelected Executive Vice President. Joe Foss stepped down as President and Richard Riley was elected as his successor. Riley seems to be more vigorous intellectually than was Foss and may help to revive NRA. To sum up, the passage of the Libertarian resolution and the FIJA resolution represent a major step forward for Libertarian influence within NRA. While no changes were made in the leadership of NRA, it will be increasingly difficult for them to ignore the L.P. And I intend to help create a strong presence at the NRA conventions in 1991 and 1992. *Bob Weber*

**FREE ! !
FREE ! !
FREE ! !**

Help Wanted

Anybody may advertise for help wanted up to 3 lines (approximately 11-12 words) for Free. Space beyond 3 lines charged @ \$.75 a line (approximately 3.4 words per line) Employers, Employees. Lets start a union of libertarian producers ! ! (first come first serve basis with paid space priority.)

PROJECT CONT FROM PAGE ONE

Yet neither experience nor special knowledge is necessary: any and every Libertarian is eligible to try. And still, the continuing effort guarantees that we get better and better at what we are doing, in terms of equipment, literature, methodology.

What have we seen at the beach ? There is a deep thirst among the public for people with integrity who are willing to try to affect the political game. After events in Eastern Europe, political cynicism is not "smart" anymore. Everyone knows that it is possible to change things. Support for jury nullification and limitation of terms approaches 100 % among those who stop at our table. Contempt for sitting Republicrat politicians is nearly as high. Whoever dosen't hate the drug war hates their S & L diaster.

Our 8-foot sign ("National Opinion Poll") and Nolan chart are attractive enough that passersby do not have to be solicited, but stop and ask to take the quiz. Sometimes we have six or seven clipboards in use simultaneously. No matter how they score, quiztakers are always eager to take a blank quiz home to try on a friend or relative -- effectively doubling the reach of our literature.

Anyone who has ever doubted the potential of Libertarianism to catch the imagination of America should start one elsewhere in the state. Call Neal Donner at 213-477-6462 and commit two to four hours per month. If you are reading this sentence, you are qualified to take the first step !

APPLAUSE

The move to reach as many other organizations and people as possible with the libertarian message is always a welcome effort. When successful it deserves to be recognised. Such an instance took place in the summer issue of "Truthseeker" magazine when Norma Jean Almodovar's article "Prostitution and the Criminal Justice System" was published. The efforts of San Diego regional Chair, Jim Lorenz, whose article on Taxes was published in the previous issue, brought copies of the magazine to the members of the LPC. Now that's what I call activism with a double whammy. Congratulations to you both. (Now you all know how you happened to get that magazine in the mail, not only courtesy of the publisher but coordinated by Jim to protect our list.)



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*Occupation _____

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Signature _____

Name _____

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LOCAL EVENTS AND CONTACTS

COUNTY	DATE	EVENT	CHAIR or CONTACT*	PHONE
Alameda			Wayne Nygren	415-531-0760
Butte	Fri., Sept 14	Dinner/Discussion	Jessica Strock	916-893-3836
Calaveras			Tom Tryon	209-736-4845
Contra Costa	Tues, Sept 11		Mike Rother	415-932-4993
El Dorado			Richard Akin	916-622-4785
Fresno			Jaak Sanders	209-485-0489
Humboldt			Daniel Mosier ‡	707-822-7804
Inyo/Mono			William Baucum	619-878-2288
Kern			Vicki Williams‡	805-835-0140
Lake/Mendocino/Napa			Randall Grindle	707-994-4817
Los Angeles				
San Fernando #61	Wed, Sept 12		Geoffrey Neale	818-983-6884
West L.A. #62	Thu, Sept 20		Bob Weber	213-204-0612
Foothills #63	Tue, Sept 18		John Tuttle	818-242-5699
Cent. L.A. #64	Wed, Sept 26		Micheal Everling	213-487-5199
Downey #65	Tue, Sept 4	Dinner/Business	Ray Acosta	213-727-5979
South Bay #66	Thu, Sept 20-Phil Cir-Sat, Sept 22	Potluck/Discussion	Richard Martin	213-498-2014
E.San Gab. #67	Thu, Sept 27	Dinner/Business	Jim Brownfield	714-623-5914
Marin			Bob Bickford	415-927-4814
Merced			Roy Shimp	209-723-1768
Monterey			David Bledsaw	408-663-2783
Nevada			Gary Dusseljee‡	916-478-1776
Orange	Tue, Sept 18		Roger Bloxham	714-642-2002
S. Orange	Tue, Sept 25		Jim Rushing	714-494-6266
Riverside			Ron Holman	714-684-5218
Sacramento/Yolo	Sat, Sept 22		David Henderson‡	916-922-9973
			Bryce Bigwood‡	916-758-6219
			Ed Moss	714-986-6677
San Bernardino			Jim Lorenz	619-276-1776
San Diego	Mon, Sept 3 and Tue, Sept 11		Jim Peron	415-864-0952
San Francisco	Wed, Sept 12		George O'Brien‡	415-731-3031
	Sat, Sept 8	Free Forum	Howard Dilbeck	805-466-1998
San Luis Obispo	Thu, Sept 20	Dinner/Business	Lyn Sapowsky	415-368-8148
San Mateo			Bob Bakhaus‡	805-965-2741
Santa Barbara	Sat, Sept 15	Supperclub-Abortion-Responsibility	Steve Alexander	408-554-1119
Santa Clara	Wed, Sept 12 and Thu, Sept 20		Tom Coughlin	408-458-2603
Santa Cruz			Mark Moberg‡	707-864-1673
Solano			Jim Oglesby	707-894-2658
Sonoma			Ross Crain‡	916-527-2676
Tehama/Shasta			Roy Kendall‡	209-732-3237
Tulare	Thu, Sept 20		Aaron Starr	805-583-3308
Ventura	Tue Sept 11	Robin Westmiller, Local Campaigns		

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