



# ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN

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## THE LIBERTARIAN PERIODICALS

a review by Bonnie Kaplan

The publications included in this review each contain articles on a variety of subjects of interest to libertarians. I have not included journals devoted to special interests within libertarianism such as economics, personal liberation, survival, investments, space colonization, literature and poetry, gold, cryonics and life extension, or anarchism. I have been reading most of the publications I included for a number of years, or since they began publishing. I have back issues available for perusal. If you should decide to subscribe to any of these publications, please mention that you read about them here.

### MAINSTREAM PUBLICATIONS

**REASON:** This, the oldest mainstream libertarian magazine, carries articles providing a libertarian viewpoint on a variety of issues and current events, as well as such regular features as reports on pro-freedom trends and government actions; Robert Poole's and Christine Dorffi's book and movie reviews (movies are reviewed by philosopher (and first L.P. presidential candidate) John Hospers; columns by prominent libertarians Murray Rothbard, James Dale Davidson and Tibor Machan; and columns on money, health and spotlights of individuals whose work has had significant

libertarian impact. Two special issues, one on books and the other on finance, are published each year. REASON has grown over the decade from a few pages and small circulation with occasional excellent investigative journalism articles that have formed the basis for TV news specials. With a circulation recently topping 20,000, REASON is one of the top two, if not the top, libertarian publication. It has a somewhat conservative bias, with a heavy, though decreasing, dose of economic and business articles. Some articles are poorly researched or argued, but they too are decreasing in frequency.

Subscription price is \$19.50 per year from REASON, P.O. Box 40105, Santa Barbara CA 93103. Latest issue \$2.00 from Laissez-Faire Books, 206 Mercer St., New York NY 10012.

**LIBERTARIAN REVIEW:** Since switching from a book review format when it became part of the Koch family in 1977, LR is explicitly competing with REASON as the libertarian magazine. LR articles tend to be more topical or historical than REASON's, and are often better done. Regular features include editorials, book and film reviews, and libertarian movement commentary (with "movement" defined as activities of the Libertarian Party and the Koch-supported groups). Editor Roy Childs and Senior

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## PROTECTIONISM EXPOSED PART I

BY SHELDON RICHMAN

Perhaps the most ominous of the dark clouds gathering over Washington these days are the clouds of protectionism. This seems to illustrate a recurring phenomenon, namely, that economic fallacies don't fade away, they merely wait in the wings until a major industry gets into trouble or until a recession hits. Then they are trotted out en

masse to justify all sorts of statist measures

Protectionist sentiment is undeniable on the ascendancy. Leading the chorus are Ford Motor Co., the Chrysler Corporation, the United Auto Workers and U.S. Steel. But there are less publicized voices: SCM Corporation has convinced the International Trade Commission of the danger of foreign typewriters; color television producers have done the same regarding their foreign competitors. No doubt there are many others.

For the record, U.S. producers have been on the receiving end as well. Some European governments and businesses have complained about American chemical and synthetic fiber exports. They accuse American firms of "dumping" (a term we'll discuss shortly) these goods because the firms cut costs by using cheaper, price-controlled petroleum as raw materials.

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# Letters

## FREEDOM 101

Every so often one hears a loose passing reference to rights which reveals a certain lack of understanding of their nature. Such references need not be as grossly off-base as those many "rights" bandied about by advocates of tax funded schooling, housing, and so forth. They can just as easily be a right which really does exist, but is incorrectly defined or supported on false grounds. A good example is freedom of the press, a concept which is often (wrongly) regarded as having some other basis than the same right anyone has to produce and sell — on a voluntary basis — a given product (in this case a publication or broadcast).

Another example (an instance of which arose in a letter from LPI member and Northwest Cook County State Central Committee rep Jeannette Walder in last month's issue of the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN) is freedom of association. Most libertarians regard freedom of association as that right which individuals have to voluntarily arrange relationships among themselves on terms acceptable (i.e., terms which they may not necessarily like but are willing to accede to as a condition of membership in the group) to everyone within the group. It also implies the right to remove oneself from such a relationship if the terms are objectionable.

But this generally held definition is apparently new to Walder who asserted that it was somehow "unlibertarian" for the Party to pass an internal rule which would have restricted or eliminated the use of proxy voting at future annual LPI Business Sessions. While she may certainly criticize the proposed restriction on practical or moral grounds, to say that such a rule is "unlibertarian" seems to indicate a rather substantial lack of understanding of what we as a party are all about.

Notice that in the above I have not touched on the issue of whether proxy voting is good or bad in itself. What I tried to point out is that the principles of libertarianism are silent on the point.

But the proxy issue is one which will have an impact on the future of the Party, and it is not too early to begin now to consider what should be done when our Constitution and By-Laws come up for review again next Spring. At that time, we may well find that it is in our best interests to require that members be present at the Business Session in order to vote on the various issues presented. We may decide that allowing proxies creates an un-

desirable situation within the Party. Some individuals within the Party are more than happy to spend their time, effort, and money on internal power strategies and political machinations while those concerned with the more substantial goals of the Party (like outreach, organizational expansion and Convention planning) are compelled to devote valuable time to fighting to stay ahead of the maneuvering that threatens to place individuals with questionable motives in a position to shape the future course of the Party. Now, these people are certainly free to spend their resources as they wish. But the Party need not encourage them and is free, as well (by the principle of freedom of association in its correct sense), to implement voting rules which will ensure that it remains an effective mechanism for advancing our cause, and we are certainly not obligated by some contorted pseudo-freedom of association to effect detrimental internal policies. We have adopted a membership pledge and created a Judicial Committee toward this same end. Does Walder suggest that we advance her notion of freedom by abolishing them also? For the sake of the Party, I hope not.

□ Dan Hansen, Chicago

## THE ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN

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## Guide for Authors

Readers of THE ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN are encouraged to submit manuscripts for publication in the newsletter. If accepted for publication, articles become the property of the Libertarian Party of Illinois. We reserve the right to edit for grammar, length and style.

Almost any topic relevant to libertarianism is fair game; news articles, interviews, book and film reviews, letters, articles dealing with current events and historical issues, and regular columns are welcomed. Articles should be typed, double spaced, and should be mailed to arrive no later than the twentieth of the month for the following month.

# From the Chair

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## ray birks

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I'd like to begin this month's column by extending a welcome to all of the new members of the LPI. This is the first issue of the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN that comes automatically with your membership, and I hope you'll take an active part in our activities, get in touch with your local club and get involved.

Another State Convention has come and gone, and I'm glad to say that it was not only enjoyable, but also left us in good financial shape. The figures available at press time indicate that the LPI ended up with about \$1,300 more than when we went into the Convention. Thanks are due to Mary Alice Strzalka for keeping a close watch on the event's revenues and expenses. Thanks also to Dan Hansen who developed the Convention by soliciting speakers, planning the pricing structure and designing the Convention brochure. John Tsarpalas, Bob Costello, Dennis Crow, Mary Alice Strzalka and Mike Hepple each chauffeured speakers to and from the airport, and their contributions of time and gasoline are much appreciated. Thanks also to our Convention Aides Adam Burczyk, Bob Costello, Steve Reed and especially Mary Terese Strzalka. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. For those of you who didn't attend — you'll just have to wait until next year, unless you can join us at the National Convention in Denver August 26 - 30!

A preliminary Treasurer's Report presented at the Convention shows that 1980 was the LPI's biggest year yet. We took in \$23,231.74 between March 1, 1980 and February 28, 1981, a record for one year's revenues. However, we also spent \$22,772.75, another record! This leaves us with a balance of \$458.99 in the black. Final figures will be available later.

Another libertarian has been elected to office! Marshall Danenburg ran for city councilman in Elgin, South Carolina against three opponents and won. The election was in April, so be watching for more details in upcoming issues of Libertarian News.

Tom Mathers, a libertarian from Maryland, is running for the Fifth Congressional District seat there in a special May 19 election to replace Gladys Spellman who has been ill for some time. He has appeared with his two opponents in a number of radio debates and some television, and Tom is reportedly getting lots of applause. More details later.

Another election at the national level is that for Chair of the Libertarian Party. There are currently three candidates, John Mason, Kent Guida and Alicia Clark. (National LP Treasurer Dallas Cooley has withdrawn from the race following a heart attack.

frontlines reports that there have been no complications.) The National Convention Delegates listed in the April issue of the

ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN will be receiving information on these candidates. You may wish to discuss your choices with them.

It's time to begin serious planning for our work in 1982, and especially the statewide ballot drive. The importance of this point was brought home when we discovered that on April 3 House Bill 1162 was filed in Springfield by State Representatives Penny Pullen (R., Park Ridge) and Sam Vinson (R., Clinton). The bill would require all third parties and independents to file their ballot access petitions in December of the year prior to the election. This would mean that we would have to collect many of our usual 40,000 signatures in the fall and winter months. This seems particularly odious in light of the fact that Republicans and Democrats need collect only a minimum of 5,000 signatures. For those of you who are new to the Libertarian Party, we are not yet — in the eyes of the State of Illinois — an "established political party". To achieve that status our candidate for Governor must have received at least five percent of the vote in the previous election, the most recent of which was held in 1978. Our candidate, Georgia Shields, did not receive that minimum, so the law requires that we gather at least 25,000 signatures from registered voters in order to have our candidates' names printed on the ballot. Because signatures are subject to challenge and some could be ruled invalid, we usually shoot for about 40,000 to allow a margin of safety.

Until now, the filing date for our petitions has been 92 days prior to the election, usually in early August; HB 1162 would require us to file eight months earlier. At press time, the outcome of the bill is uncertain, but Jim Peron, Mike Hepple, Howie Rich, Jim Johnston, I, and a number of other libertarians around the state have been pressing the Legislature to defeat the bill. Should it pass, we will have to lobby the Illinois Senate to defeat — or perhaps amend — its version of the bill. In the meantime, find out who your Senator and Representatives in Springfield are should we need to begin a letter writing campaign. The current session ends June 30, so there's no time to waste.

The Illinois election laws require that we run a "full slate" of candidates. That is, if we want to run a candidate for Governor, we must also run candidates for Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, Treasurer, and three Trustees for the University of Illinois. We are also considering running candidates in a number of Congressional Districts for U.S. Representative. Ordinarily a "new" (i.e., non-established) political party like us must gather at least five percent of the total votes cast in the last Congressional election in that particular district to get on the ballot. For example, in the 14th Congressional District (DuPage County) 263,828 ballots were cast in November, 1980. Therefore, to run a Congressional candidate in that district we must gather an additional 13,192 signatures at a minimum, and 20,000 to be safe.

We'll be calling on you fairly soon, so please plan to put in a few hours helping with this important task.

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Editor Joan Kennedy Taylor are frequent contributors of excellent articles on such topics as foreign affairs and women's rights. LR, through Jeff Riggenbach's contributions, also covers cultural areas not generally discussed by other libertarian publications, e.g., literature and science fiction (though REASON used to run a regular science fiction column). With their recent move to Washington DC, LR promises new and improved features. LR tends to be more liberal than REASON and more concerned with issues generally associated with the left or liberalism. It is written to promote the Koch-Cato-LP establishment line, and presents this as the only libertarian view.

\$12.00/year (12 issues) from Libertarian Review, 1320 G Street SE, Washington DC 20003. Latest issue \$2.00 from Laissez-Faire Books.

**FRONTLINES:** This eight-page newsletter reports on libertarian movement (LP, Koch-Cato, and other) events and activities, and on news of special interest to libertarians. These reports are, as far as I know, the only way to find out some of this information, including disputes within the LP and the reasons for them. FRONTLINES also includes in each issue an article providing an analysis of some problem area within libertarian thought. Though these articles are by no means masterpieces, they are virtually the only place in the mainstream libertarian press where such issues are discussed, and where debate on these applications and explorations of libertarian thought is encouraged through the letters column. As the reviewer of libertarian publications for THE NEXT WHOLE EARTH CATALOG remarked, the lively spirit of FRONTLINES makes it hard to believe that it's done by the same people who produce the stodgy REASON.

\$15.00/year (11 issues) from FRONTLINES, P.O. Box 40105, Santa Barbara CA 93103.

**UPDATE - LIBERTARIAN REVIEW'S** answer to FRONTLINES: I have not yet received the first issue of this publication. \$6.00/year (it must be subsidized). Available only to subscribers to LIBERTARIAN REVIEW.

**INQUIRY:** Another Koch publication, this magazine is meant for non-libertarians as an alternative to THE NATION, NATIONAL REVIEW, or NEW REPUBLIC. Geared to liberals, it concentrates on civil liberties and foreign policy, with occasional articles attacking government interference in economic matters. Regular features include Thomas Szasz (who seems to be sporadic recently), Nat Hentoff on the First Amendment, brief introductory notes by libertarian publisher Ralph Raico, unsigned editorials, and book and movie reviews. Unlike REASON and LIBERTARIAN REVIEW, the books and movies reviewed are not selected for libertarian interest, nor are they written for a libertarian audience. This is understandable, since the magazine does not identify itself as a libertarian publication, and instead claims independence from any ideology.

\$15.00/year from Cato Institute, 747 Front Street, San Francisco CA 94111. Latest issue \$2.00 from Laissez Faire Books.

## ORGANIZATIONS' PUBLICATIONS

Several libertarian organizations publish newsletters that report on their activities, local news where appropriate, and also include contributions by the editor or various regulars. These newsletters are all monthly, unless otherwise indicated.

**INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY** is published by the Society for Individual Liberty, the oldest libertarian organization. This eight-page, somewhat objectivist newsletter primarily contains articles on topics of current interest and on philosophical issues, and a calendar of events. \$5.00 per year (free to members) from Society for Individual Liberty, P.O. Box 1147, Warminster PA 18974.

**LIBERTAS REVIEW**, published by the Society for Libertarian Life: a four-page report on the activities of the SLL (and SLL's friends) in southern California, and some news and analysis of more general interest.

Membership: Student, \$2.00/year or \$3.00/2 years; non-student, \$3.00/year, \$5.00/2 years. Society for Libertarian Life, Cal State University-Fullerton, UC2-43 Box 59, Fullerton CA 92634.

**LIBERTY** and **SLS ACTION**, published by Students for a Libertarian Society. Both heavily promote the Koch-Cato line of libertarianism, and Milton Mueller's strategy for a left-oriented libertarian (student) movement. LIBERTY, a newspaper for distribution to students, reports on current events, and SLS ACTION, the SLS membership newsletter on SLS affairs.

LIBERTY is \$8.00/year alone. An SLS membership, including LIBERTY and SLS ACTION, is \$5.00 for high school students, \$10.00 for college students, and \$15.00 for others. Write to: Students for a Libertarian Society, 2262 Hall Place, #304 NW, Washington DC 20007.

**ALF NEWS** is published irregularly by the Association of Libertarian Feminists. This newsletter provides a feminist perspective on libertarian and current events, and reports on the activities of the ALF and its members. Subscription price is \$5.00 per year, and is included in the membership fee (\$7.00 per year). Association of Libertarian Feminists is located at 225 Lafayette, Room 1212, New York NY 10012.

**LIBERTARIAN VANGUARD** is published by the Libertarian Party Radical Caucus. This bombastic newspaper presents radical and revolutionary analysis of events and denunciations of Party deviationism. Write to LPRC at 3570 17th Street, San Francisco CA 94114 (subscription price not immediately available).

**LIBERTARIAN NEWS** is the official newspaper of the national Libertarian Party. It includes libertarian news analysis and reports on Party affairs. LIBERTARIAN NEWS also publishes a helpful directory of nationwide LP contacts and organizations, as well as regular reports on elected libertarians and promising LP candidates. Subscription price is included in membership (or comparable donation). The student rate is \$5.00/year, and \$10.00 for a regular membership. Write to Libertarian National Committee, 2300 Wisconsin

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# local club news

## BY GERRY WALSH

### COOK COUNTY NORTH

The North Side Club held a meeting May 3 to elect new officers and State Central Committee representatives. Liz Kraus will continue as Chair, and Jim Pickett has been elected Secretary-Treasurer. SCC reps elected were: Jim Johnston, Tina Johnston, Jim Pickett and Alan Spitz.

The NSC will hold its next meeting June 14 at the Johnston's, 2143 Chestnut in Wilmette.

### COOK COUNTY NORTHWEST

The Northwest Side Club also held elections recently. Results are:

CHAIR: Rich Suter  
 SECRETARY: Pat Natschke  
 TREASURER: Herb Rosen  
 SCC REPS: Dennis Constant  
           Rich Price  
           Tom Verkuilen  
           Jeannette Walder  
           Steve Johnson (alternate)

The next NWSC meeting is scheduled for June 14. Contact Rich Suter at (312)736-8926 for more information.

### DUPAGE COUNTY

DuPage Libertarians had an informal get together on May 15 at Pat Peterson's home in Carol Stream. They're also getting their booth ready for the DuPage County Fair the last weekend in July (this will be their eighth straight year there). Call Pat to help at (312)830-8468.

Meetings are the 1st and 2nd Monday of each month at the College of DuPage at Lambert and 22nd in Glen Ellyn, and the 4th Wednesday at Don Parrish's, 5207 Florence in Downers Grove.

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sin Avenue NW, Washington DC 20007.

**LAISSEZ-FAIRE BOOKS CATALOG AND REVIEW:** This is not only a catalog of books sold by Laissez-Faire (the first libertarian bookstore), but also includes reviews of books of interest to libertarians, and occasional news of the bookstore-church's activities and talk series. Price is \$1.00/year for three issues, and free to customers. Laissez-Faire Book and Teaching Society, 206 Mercer St., New York NY 10012.

**FIRST LIBERTARIAN CHURCH:** This newsletter contains reports of talks at the Church-sponsored Libertarian Supper Club of Los Angeles by a variety of well-known libertarians (e.g. Tibor Machan, David Friedman, Henry Hohenstein, Robert LeFevre, George Smith) on a wide variety of topics including morality,

### WINNEBAGO COUNTY

The Rockford Area group has its meetings the first Wednesday of each month. The club is in the process of setting its goals following Dave Kelley's recent aldermanic campaign. They're presently organizing to participate in a July 4th parade. Bob Salberg ((815)544-3547) is the person to contact for information on local activities.

### WILL, KANE & MCHENRY COUNTIES

These are nos. 4, 5, and 8 in terms of raw votes for Clark in 1980, with a total of about 3,300 (McHenry was #1 statewide in terms of percentages with 1.4%). These are areas ripe for the growth of libertarian groups. If you're interested in helping to get a club started in one of these (or other) areas, contact Gerry Walsh at (312)381-1980 (O), or (312)894-8680 (H), or get in touch with the LPI at (312)248-2250.

### SOUTH SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY

The South Suburban group held its second meeting May 7th. Dave Padden led a discussion following a showing of The Incredible Bread Machine film. Their next meeting is scheduled for June 4. Contact Doug Vanderploeg at (312)596-9058 for more information.

### LAKE COUNTY

Lake County Libertarians invite you to attend the July 5 LPI State Central Committee meeting, followed by the Lake County July 4th parade and a libertarian barbeque.

On June 7, a combined business meeting and study group will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Lakehurst Mall in Waukegan.

### KANE COUNTY

The Annual Bruce Green Libertarian Picnic has been scheduled for June 27 at his home in South Elgin. More information is expected to be in the mail soon (see LPI CALENDAR, page 6).

taxes, meditation, atheism, law, and government surveillance.

Subscription available with contribution to the First Libertarian Church, 557 North Mariposa, Los Angeles CA 90004.

**LIVE AND LET LIVE** is published irregularly by the Church of Eternal Life and Liberty. It reports on Church projects and activities, and, variably, news of other libertarian churches, immortalist news, tax news, book and magazine reviews, and other items of potential interest to the readership. Contributions are requested but not required. Write to: Church of Eternal Life and Liberty (CELL), Box 622, Southfield MI 48037.

### OTHER

**NEW LIBERTARIAN:** Published and edited by arch-critic of the Libertarian Party Samuel  
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Edward Conkin III, this magazine includes authors ranging from those active in the LP (e.g. Scott Royce) to others prominent (or notorious) in the Movement but who are never (or almost never) published in the mainstream libertarian journals (like Robert Anton Wilson, Filthy Pierre, and Sam himself). Quality of material varies considerably, but is valuable for those interested in the wide variety within libertarian thought. It also is one of the few magazines that includes arguments against libertarian involvement in electoral politics (arguments that LP activists ought, at least, to be familiar with), explicitly anarchistic material, and heavy doses of science-fiction related material, all topics the mainstream shies away from.

NEW LIBERTARIAN is available for \$7.50/year (five issues) from New Libertarian Enterprises, Box 1748, Long Beach CA 90801.

dandelion: This little magazine addresses individualist anarchist thought and issues. It often includes selections from 19th Century American individualists like Benjamin Tucker and Lysander Spooner, both considered libertarian forebears, Rudolph Rocker (a special favorite of the publisher-editor), and writings by some of today's less prominent libertarian anarchists. dandelion is more philosophical than the other magazines reviewed here, and includes areas of libertarian concern not usually found in them.

Subscription price is \$4.50/year for four issues, and sample copies are available for 25 cents. Write to: Michael E. Coughlin, 1985 Selby Avenue, St. Paul MN 55104.

SOUTHERN LIBERTARIAN MESSENGER: This is a monthly collage of snippets from Britain and America on ridiculous laws and actions of government officials, news of libertarian interest, Dixie-libertarian analysis, and, sometimes, the newsletter of the South Carolina Libertarian Party.

Subscriptions are \$4.00/year from the Southern Libertarian Messenger, Rt. 10, Box 52A, Florence SC 29501.

LIBERTARIAN FORUM: Murray Rothbard publishes this bimonthly newsletter of political, economic, and cultural opinion. I am not familiar with it, although I have heard of it often over the years. Subscriptions are \$10/year from Box 341 Madison Square Station, New York NY 10010.

LIBERTARIAN CONNECTION is a twelve-year-old magazine to which all subscribers are free to contribute several pages per issue, likely making the quality variable. I am also not familiar with this publication, but it has included contributions from many well-known libertarians. Available for \$10.00/year for eight issues (sample issues are \$1.00) from LIBERTARIAN CONNECTION, 9850 Fairfax Square #232L, Fairfax VA 22031.

#### SCHOLARLY

These journals will be reviewed in the future if there is sufficient interest. Titles and subscription information are presented for anyone who may wish to subscribe now.

LITERATURE OF LIBERTY, 1777 University Drive, Menlo Park CA 94025. \$12.00/year for four issues. Latest issue \$4.00 from Laissez Faire Books.

CATO JOURNAL, Cato Institute, 747 Front St., San Francisco CA 94111. \$10.00/year for two issues.

JOURNAL OF LIBERTARIAN STUDIES, 200 Park Avenue South, Suite 911, New York NY 10003. \$14.00/year for four issues (\$10.00 for students).

POLICY REPORT, Cato Institute (see above). Monthly newsletter, \$15.00/year.

REASON PAPERS, Reason Foundation, P.O. Box 40105, Santa Barbara CA 93103. Quarterly, \$4.50 per issue. □

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## LPI Calendar

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See THE DIRECTORY on page 8 for a listing of people to contact for information on the activities listed below.

### JUNE

- 1 DuPage Co. Study Group
- 3 Rockford Area Meeting
- 4 South Suburban Cook Meeting
- 7 LPI State Central Committee Meeting  
Lake Co. Meeting and Study Group
- 8 DuPage Co. Political Activity Meeting
- 14 North Side Cook County Meeting  
Northwest Cook County Meeting
- 17 Rock Island County Meeting
- 24 DuPage Co. General Meeting
- 27 Annual Bruce Green Libertarian Picnic  
(watch your mailbox for your invitation to this popular event). Picnic begins at 1:00, dinner at 4:00, tickets \$10-\$25. Contact Bruce & Lorraine at (312)888-3079 or the LPI for more info. On Hwy 31 in South Elgin, 7 miles south of the Northwest Tollway. Rain Date is June 28.

### JULY

- 1 Rockford Area Meeting
- 2 South Suburban Cook Meeting
- 5 State Central Committee Meeting  
To be held in Lake Co., followed by parade and barbeque.
- 6 DuPage Co. Study Group Meeting
- 12 Lake Co. Study Group Meeting

# HJR-CA3 ENDORSED

At its April 12th meeting, the LPI State Central Committee approved a motion supporting passage of the Balanced Budget Resolution (HJR-CA3) by the Illinois General Assembly. The Resolution, if passed, would make Illinois the 31st of the 34 states required to compel the U.S. Congress to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution mandating a balanced Federal budget. Similar resolutions have already passed this year in one house of four other state legislatures.

The drive for such an amendment has long been led by the libertarian-oriented National Taxpayers Union (325 Pennsylvania Avenue S.E., Washington DC 20005). The Platform of the National Libertarian Party, while not specifically endorsing the concept of a Constitutional amendment, calls for an immediate end to deficit budgets.

In accordance with the motion, LPI Secretary Marji Kohls sent a letter to each member of the General Assembly and the Illinois Congressional delegation announcing the LPI's support for HJR-CA 3 and urging its passage and requesting a reply. Their responses should prove instructive.

It has also been suggested that libertarians write their State Senators and Representatives urging passage of the Resolution (the title, "HJR-CA 3", should be referred to specifically). Write your legislators at: State House, Springfield IL 62706. (Note: legislators do pay attention to their mail, and applying pressure in this manner can have a significant effect.)

□ Thomas E. Verkuilen

With bitter accusations being hurled between the U.S. and Europe and from the U.S. to Japan, a trade war is clearly possible. As The Economist of London recently put it, "These disputes threaten to turn nasty at just the wrong moment, as recession hits both sides of the Atlantic."

This issue is a jumble of confusion thanks to mainstream economists and dilettantes who blather about dumping, balance of payments, economic warfare and other buncombe. The root of the problem is methodological collectivism and nationalism. People think of world trade in terms of nations. It is as if world trade were the Olympics, and only one nation can finish first in any contest. The false game analogy explains another common concern: The neo-mercantilists frequently assert that fair competition means that everyone competes under identical conditions — the same wage level, the same government policies, etc. I shall show that these things have nothing to do with fair competition and are merely justifications for intervention at home.

As we'll see, all of these fallacies dissolve when we keep in mind that trade occurs between individuals, not nations.

The broadest and oldest fallacy is that imports undermine our economy and exports buttress it; it was thoroughly exploded at least 200 years ago. If we look at trade as occurring between individuals, we see the nonsense of this old saw. When an American chooses to buy a foreign made product, he or she does so either because it is cheaper than the American version, or it is better, or there is no American version. In any case, the purchaser is demonstrably better off for buying the foreign produce. (Of course, purchasers make mistakes that are realized after the fact, but they only engage in exchange in the expectation of becoming better off).

It is true, of course, that sellers of the domestic variety are not as well off as they would have been had the buyer patronized one

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## YES! I Want To Help The Libertarian Party.

Here's my contribution:  \$1,000     \$500     \$250     \$100     \$50     \$25  
Here's my monthly pledge:  \$100     \$50     \$25     \$10

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- I want to organize in my community.
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- I want to join:
- 1981 National, Illinois & local club \$25\* (\*participating clubs only. \$15 student)
  - 1981 National membership \$8 (\$2 discount)
  - 1981 Illinois membership \$10
  - 1981 Illinois patron membership \$30
  - Illinois Life membership \$100
  - Illinois Life-Patron membership \$500
  - Enclosed is \$8.00 for a 1-year subscription to THE ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN.

"I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals".

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of them. But the same would have been true for most of them had he or she bought the product from one of their American competitors. Only one firm could have made the sale. But no one would say that the economy was undermined as a result. What is the difference?

The difference is that with imports, foreign sellers are involved. And all that means is that the transaction crossed an arbitrary political boundary, a line on a map. But that only matters if you look at nations as "teams" and the economic system as a zero-sum game (for every winner there is at least one loser) rather than as a means to increased well-being in which trade leaves

all transacting parties better off.

Nobody, in his or her role as a consumer, believes imports are bad. (When U.S. Steel recently needed to buy steel, it turned to Japanese companies.) Intuitively, most people realize that what counts are products, not money, not even jobs. They are means. The end is a desired good or service. Conventional economics holds that exports are beneficial, imports detrimental. This is like saying that for an individual, only selling is beneficial while buying is detrimental.

□ Continued next month.

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