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LPC: U.S. out of Bosnia

The Libertarian Party of California (LPC) passed a resolution in mid-December protesting President Clinton's action in sending troops to Bosnia. The resolution was adopted by the LPC Executive Committee during its quarterly meeting in Arroyo Grande.

"The United States has no Constitutional or moral obligation to act as policeman to the world," said Gail Lightfoot, chair of the LPC.

"The Libertarian position is that this nation has no business getting involved in the affairs of another nation. Apparently our present leaders haven't learned a thing from the bad decisions of Rwanda, Haiti, Somalia, Kuwait, or other similar interventions," Lightfoot said. "Problems still exist in those places, but the U.S. expended many American lives and millions of taxpayer dollars. Those are American lives lost needlessly and dollars that could have been put to better use in solving local problems."

Lightfoot said protests already had been held in Orange County, and that, "Other groups are joining Libertarians in protests being held at this very moment in Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento, and San Francisco, among other places."

Groups joining in protesting intervention in Bosnia see **Bosnia** on page 8

GOP fails LP challenge

By DON ERNSBERGER

Early in 1995, the Libertarian Party issued a "Challenge to the Republicans"—urging the GOP to live up to its 1994 campaign promises and drastically reduce the size of the federal government. About one year later, Libertarians have charted the GOP progress—and the GOP has failed the challenge.

In early 1995, the challenge was hand-delivered by Libertarian Party staffers to Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, House Majority Leader Richard Armey, and Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole. The Libertarians urged the Republicans to act swiftly on these issues.

The challenge focused on 21 specific federal programs, agencies, and policies whose elimination or reduction had been debated during the past several years, in order to reduce government power over individual and economic liberty.

The complete voting record of all current House and Senate members is available from the Libertarian Party national headquarters. Candidates for federal office are encouraged to focus their campaigns on their opponent's voting record on these issues.

The final score of the GOP: Three programs abolished (100%); 10 programs reduced (75%); eight programs untouched (0%). Final overall average: 50%. Grade average: F.

Amtrak Subsidies

HR 4556 - amendment to cut Amtrak assistance by \$77 million

Libertarian position - yes, eliminate it

1995 GOP action: While this was originally part of the GOP hit list, Amtrak supporters inside the Republican

leadership worked to save the government program. Sen. William Roth (R-DE) amended the National Highway System bill to allow states to use a portion of their highway money for Amtrak subsidies. Neither house had the courage to kill the Amtrak program. The House of Representatives reduced spending \$305 million, and the Senate reduced spending \$273 million, but both promised to keep the trains running until 2002. Next year, Amtrak will still receive about \$740 million in subsidies.

Corporation for Public Broadcasting

HR 2518 - amendment to eliminate subsidy

HR 4606 - amendment to terminate all funding

Libertarian position - yes, eliminate it

1995 GOP action: The budget for the CPB is established several years in advance, so when Republicans took power in 1995 all they could do was to talk about future repeal and to rescind monies already voted. They talked a lot, got the PBS and NPR crowd all upset, and then made a few minor reductions in future spending. The 1995 allocation was set at \$315 million. Republican rescission reduced 1996 spending by \$37 million to \$278 million, and 1997 spending to \$223 million. The GOP has yet to make the tough decision to abolish the CPB.

Civilian Marksman Program

HR 3116 - amendment to end program

Libertarian position - yes, end it

HR 3116 - motion to kill repeal

Libertarian position - no, repeal all subsidies

1995 GOP action: In a rare decisive action, the GOP see **Challenge** on page 12

Fireworks at LP Convention

One of the many exciting events that will occur in the midst of the 1996 Libertarian Party National Nominating Convention in Washington, DC, in July will be a spectacular fireworks display and musical concert on and around the Smithsonian Mall.

During the afternoon of July 4, while the LP Convention is considering its platform, tens of thousands of people will be gathering on the Mall near the Washington Monument for the evening's fireworks display and music program. Traditionally, families and groups of friends bring picnic food to the monument area and spend the entire day lounging in the sun, playing volleyball and Frisbee, and listening to music. There also will be an arts and crafts exhibit on the Mall. *This is an excellent opportunity for members of your family who are not interested in attending the LP platform debate to spend the day at one of the most exciting yearly events in the nation's capital.*

In the late afternoon, as the LP business session draws to a close, an outdoor concert program will be held near the Capitol Building—only three blocks from the convention hotel. All convention attendees plus their families and friends can attend this free, colorful musical event. Most attendees will walk over to the Mall around 5 p.m.

In the evening, hundreds of thousands of people will be gathering near the Washington Monument to participate in Washington, DC's, largest annual event—the July Fourth Fireworks show. LP convention attendees can stroll down the Mall after the concert and observe this massive display of color and sound. The fireworks begin around 9 p.m. and last until about 10:30. Then attendees can return to the



Hyatt Hotel for LP late-night "liberty discussion sessions," which will feature small group roundtables on tactics and ideology.

Of course, the most spectacular fireworks of the week will occur in the Hyatt Capitol Hill Hotel, where on national television—C-SPAN—the libertarian political alternative will be on display, and where the Libertarian Party will nominate its 1996 presidential and vice presidential candidates.

July 4 is an exciting time in Washington, DC—a time for all libertarians, along with their spouses, children, friends, and lovers, to enjoy all that is available. *It's the summer happening!*

Amazing facts about the 1996 LP Convention

#1. More people were registered in the first week of registration for the 1996 LP National Convention than could fit into Dave Nolan's living room in 1971. (This year marks the 25th birthday of the LP.)

#2. The convention using our hotel immediately before our arrival is the National Education Association. (The NEA is the teachers' union that spends more money on politics than

the NRA or the Chamber of Commerce.)

#3. Two of the organizers of the 1996 LP National Convention, Don Ernsberger and Dave Walter, have been political activists and friends for 32 years. (They met as Youth for Goldwater workers in 1964.)

#4. Our convention hotel, the Hyatt Capitol Hill, is a few steps from the U.S. Capitol Building, the C-SPAN studios, and the CNN offices. (Wait until you

see the publicity we are going to get.)

#5. The 1996 LP National Convention has registration prices that are LOWER than either Chicago 1991 or Salt Lake City 1993. (\$260 for all events, all meals, all speakers. . . EVERYTHING.)

#6. The last date for early registration is Dec. 31, 1995. (Your envelope must be postmarked before Jan. 1, 1996.)

1995 election results

The following election results—all from Washington state—arrived too late for the December NEWS, but they include a winner. Jack Darragh won a seat on the Pierce County Charter Review Commission.

Jack Darragh	Pierce Co. Charter Review Commission	6,100	55%
Dan Blachly	Pierce Co. Charter Review Commission	2,342	32%
Kelly Haughton	Pierce Co. Charter Review Commission	5,395	46%
Richard Shepard	Pierce Co. Charter Rev. Com. (primary)	1,996	16%
Jim Campton	Federal Way City Council (primary)	2,345	22%
Cameron Bailey	Snohomish City Council	658	47%
Dale Reed	Highline School District 401	2,501	10%
Art Rathjen	State Senate	2,258	10%

Quote of the month

The following quote is from an article in the November Spin magazine by John Perry Barlow. The article, entitled "The Future of Government," looks at how government will change in the face of technological advances, especially the Internet.

"Many federal governments are already both fibrillating with data-shock and increasingly incapable of convincing the taxpayers who support them that they are getting anything like their money's worth. I think it is unlikely that there will be a federal government left on the planet in 50 years. . .

"The electronic environment hardly lends itself to the purposes or methods of imposed government. It is difficult to enforce a credible order upon people whose activities take place in any terrestrial jurisdiction on the planet, and whose actions can easily be made invisible. . .

"We're looking at a dream of liberty that would have both exhilarated and terrified Jefferson. It's time to ask the question he would have asked: if the old methods of government won't work in the virtual dimension, how are the inhabitants of

cyberspace to, as Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence, "institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

"We can be reasonably sure that it will not be easy to impose order on anything as slippery as a virtual body politic. . .

"Instead, it will have governance—culture, ethical codes, an understanding of mutual self-interest. In an environment that literally wires perceptions into one another, it's likely that shared experiences will be common. . .

"Our grandchildren will obtain their order by methods we cannot imagine; our legacy to them should be a virtual landscape open to all the possibilities they might try. Let's be ancestors for them as great as Jefferson and Madison were to us. Let's leave them freedom. They can decide how much of it they're brave enough to keep."

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Browne qualifies for matching funds

For the first time ever, a Libertarian presidential candidate has qualified for federal matching funds.

The Harry Browne for President campaign qualified on Nov. 24 "based on internal contribution records," according to campaign director Sharon Ayres, who also announced that campaign fund raising has passed the half-million dollar mark.

"Donors from Maryland, Minnesota, and North Carolina put us over the top on matching funds," she noted. "Contributions received from all three states on the same day put each state's qualifying total over the magic \$5,000 mark."

According to Federal Election Commission rules, a candidate for his or her party's nomination qualifies for matching funds during the primary period by raising \$5,000 or more in each of 20 different states. The \$5,000 must consist of gifts of \$250 or less—which means that only \$250 out of a \$1,000 donation counts towards the total for matching purposes.

"As we've stated before, we don't intend to take the funds, but we do feel that qualifying will give Harry added credibility when it comes time for participation in debates or other presidential campaign events that may come up. It shows that Harry is a candidate with broad national support."

The 20 states that put the Browne campaign over the top are (in order of total support to date): California, Texas, Wash-

*Browne: Why I
won't accept the
matching funds*

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ington, Illinois, Colorado, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Georgia, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Arizona, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia, Minnesota, North Carolina, and Maryland.

"Our next step is to ask the FEC to certify that we are eligible to apply for matching funds so we have it in writing," said Ayres. "Beyond that, we're still discussing how to use qualifying to advantage publicity-wise."

She also noted that the campaign has raised over \$500,000 from more than 4,000 individual donors.

"We have donors from every state plus Guam and the District of Columbia," she said. "We're very pleased at the widespread positive response Harry's campaign has received thus far."

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Tompkins presidential bid update

Since announcing his candidacy in Phoenix on May 24, Libertarian presidential candidate hopeful Rick Tompkins has been campaigning throughout the country.

First he flew to San Francisco, invited by activists Anton Sherwood, Vince Miller, Mark Valverde, and George O'Brien, where he gave an enthusiastically-received talk at the Free Exchange supper club. That talk, "On Tyranny," based on his years of activism for the Fully Informed Jury Association—for which Tompkins served as national spokesman—is available electronically on the Rick Tompkins web page at <http://www.nguworld.com/rick96/>, or by mail from Rick Tompkins, Libertarian for President, 8129 N. 35th Ave., No. 2-262, Phoenix, AZ 85051.

Then it was off to Northern Arizona for a trial run in the fully-equipped 30-foot class A motor home, "The Bastiat Express," which Tompkins bought last summer to take his campaign on the road to the home turf of local activists throughout the country, especially in the West and South in the summer and fall of 1996.

Setting up a tent Chautauqua-style in the city park in Flagstaff in July, the all-volunteer Tompkins campaign crew entertained the crowd with music and speeches.

Editorial writer and syndicated columnist Vin Suprynowicz journeyed from Las Vegas to speak on the history of the Chautauqua movement, which brought such renowned political speakers as Henry David Thoreau, Susan B. Anthony, and William Jennings Bryan into the small towns of America throughout the 19th century, and from which the Tompkins "Liberty Rallies" take their inspiration.

Tompkins delivered his widely-circulated talk, "The Wolf in Libertarian Clothing," also available on the Tompkins Internet web page.

Panel discussions followed, attracting participants from the local audience. Many Northern Arizonans, some hearing the Libertarian message for the first time, engaged Tompkins in one-on-one discussions and asked for literature about the party and the Tompkins campaign, helping make the first Liberty Rally a success.

September marked the start of the state convention season that will culminate in the national nominating convention in Washington, DC, in July. Tompkins, a four-time chair of the Arizona Libertarian Party, libertarian radio talk show host (giving up his program upon his entry into the race), and 20-year Air Force veteran, waded into the fray full time, accepting an invitation to participate in the Connecticut state LP convention in late September.

There, Tompkins debated fellow presidential nomination contenders income tax activist Irwin Schiff of Las Vegas and financial newsletter publisher Harry Browne of Tennessee.

"My campaign won numerous expressions of support," said Tompkins, "as the debate focused on my firm stand for the non-aggression principle and the entire party platform."

Also debated was whether the LP should continue teaching people about Libertarian ideas. "I took the side that much work remains to be done educating and converting new Libertarians, particularly at the local level, while both Harry Browne and LP National Director Perry Willis, who

serves as a paid consultant to candidate Browne and who gave the featured dinner address, argued that the 'education battle is done,' and that it's time to 'get out of the education mode,'" said Tompkins.

Tompkins' speech at the Connecticut convention, "Competing Strategies," is available on his Internet web page.

Tompkins then accepted the invitation of Pennsylvania activist Richard Schwarz and National Committee Secretary John Famularo to visit Pennsylvania, where he dined with local activists, spoke to a group at LaSalle College in Philadelphia, and taped a half-hour cable TV show that reportedly was aired more than a dozen times.

It was then on to the West Virginia state convention in Clarksburg, where Tompkins spoke on "Taxation as Slavery."

"Apparently I surprised some of the more moderate party members with my firm commitment to the elimination of all taxation," said Tompkins. "West Virginia delegates had been targeted by this time with an anonymously mailed 'hit piece' slandering me and my campaign manager, Arizona state chair Tamara Clark," said Tompkins. "Many delegates expressed their disgust at such tactics being used within the Party of Principle, indicating this strategy may have backfired." In the end, incoming state chair John Brown thanked Tompkins for "helping make the West Virginia convention a success," Tompkins said.

In early October, Tompkins attended the national FIJA convention in Salt Lake City where he led a panel of legislators in a discussion of strategies for passing FIJA legislation at the state level. Campaign staffers manned a "Tompkins for President" table with buttons and literature.

In early November, Tompkins traveled to Northern Nevada at the invitation of Nevada State Chair and National Committee regional delegate James Dan to address local Libertarian groups, as well as the Freedom Movement Coalition (constitutionalists, Perot supporters, gun activists, and some Libertarians) in Sparks and Carson City, where Tompkins also was extensively interviewed by reporters for local daily newspapers.

Dan said "virtually all" of those who had previously expressed support for Tompkins' opponents were converted to the Tompkins camp during this campaign trip, and he said he was pleased that Tompkins' presence managed to draw twice the normal attendance to the regular party meeting.

During a radio interview on KKOH in Nevada, "One caller asked why we squander our resources on national campaigns when we could do better at the local level," Tompkins recalled. "I said, 'You could write campaign material for me.' I stress what a mistake it is to channel all of our fundraising through the national level. A vital goal of my campaign is to invigorate local activism."

"(LP National Director) Perry Willis argued in his dinner speech at the Connecticut convention that all we should do now is answer our phones, open our mail, keep our databases up to date, and ask people for money, and electoral victory will fall into our laps," said Tompkins. "He specifically said we should not get 'distracted' by running down the road to fight some new local sales tax."

"Well, I respectfully disagree," Tompkins



NEWS photo by Jeanne Suprynowicz

CAMPAIGNING - Rick Tompkins, LP presidential candidate hopeful and immediate past chair of the Arizona Libertarian Party, addressed the Connecticut LP state convention in Stamford on Sept. 23.

said. "I think finding local issues where we can build coalitions and show people how the Libertarian philosophy can be applied to practical politics, right in their own back yards, is the key to the future success of this party. It all hinges on explaining the non-aggression principle, how you can't initiate force—which is what all taxes are, the initiation of force—and how all freedoms are interrelated."

"This is the strategy that's worked so well for us in Arizona over the past eight years, where we've won unprecedented press coverage and vote totals, and managed to get our gubernatorial candidate included in the statewide televised debates," said Tompkins. "Nationally syndicated cartoonist Steve Benson caricatured the performance in the *Arizona Republic* as a two-way debate, with our John Buttrick standing alone against two heads growing out of the same stuffed suit—the Democrat and Republican contenders."

"Now I ask you, isn't that the kind of cartoon we'd like to see in every newspaper in America?" Tompkins asked. "It can work anywhere, but it has to start at the local level. And that's exactly the message I want to bring to hard-working Libertarian activists all around this country in the next 11 months, especially after my nomination in July."

Tompkins, who served as campaign

manager for that 1994 John Buttrick gubernatorial bid, now has scheduled campaign appearances at state conventions in Arizona, Feb. 3-4, Massachusetts, Feb. 10, Pennsylvania, March 2, and New Jersey, March 16.

Then, tentative dates are for addresses at the Nevada convention in late March or early April, Wisconsin, April 13, Michigan, April 20, and New York, April 27. Other members of the Tompkins campaign team plan to represent him at the Alaska and Washington state conventions, also scheduled for the last weekend in April.

The Tompkins agenda for spring 1996 wraps up with Virginia and South Carolina in early May and the Missouri convention May 25. Libertarians or other freedom activists—including those concerned with jury rights, home-schooling, and endangered drug, firearm, and reproductive liberties—who would like to see Tompkins at their convention or other function before July are urged to contact the Tompkins scheduling team as early as possible at 702-626-1776 or 602-237-4898, or by e-mail at james@lpn.sparks.nv.us or tclark@indirect.com.

Campaign itinerary updates will be posted at his web page. Those wishing to volunteer for the Tompkins campaign, or who seek further information, can write the campaign headquarters in Phoenix.

Affiliates

Tryon seeks 4th term in CA; tax battles in CA and WI

Alabama

The following LP members have announced their intentions to seek office in 1996: **Charles Russell**, U.S. Senate; **Mike Probst** and **Mike Cobb**, U.S. House; and **Mike Siebert**, state supreme court.

Arizona

A new affiliate party is being formed in Navajo County. **Michael Haggard** of Winslow is organizing the group.

California

Tom Tryon is finishing up his third term as 4th district supervisor in Calaveras County.

He has voted consistently against tax increases and against accepting federal government money for fighting the drug war. He also opposes the establishment of a Redevelopment Agency in Angels Camp (population about 2,800).

Tryon will seek a fourth term in the primary in March, with a run-off election held in November if no candidate gets 50 percent of the vote. Tryon believes he may need \$25,000 to win re-election. To support this elected Libertarian or for more information, write: Tryon for Supervisor, P.O. Box 1328, Angels Camp, CA 95222.

In November, **Riverside County Libertarians** were victorious in a hard-fought campaign against Measure H, a \$34 million school bond, in the Lake Elsinore Unified School District (LEUSD), that would have raised property taxes an average of \$40 per year. The vote was 3,482 (50.2%) "no," and 3,460 (49.8%) "yes." A two-thirds majority was needed for passage.

This was the second victory in 1995 for the husband-and-wife team of **Gene** and



National pulse

News from the states

Shannon Trosper who co-founded the opposition group Stop Taxpayer Obligation Propositions (STOP). Gene Trosper is southern vice chair of the Riverside County LP. On June 6, 1995, they successfully defeated a similar measure, only to have the LEUSD vote unanimously to place the issue before the voters again.

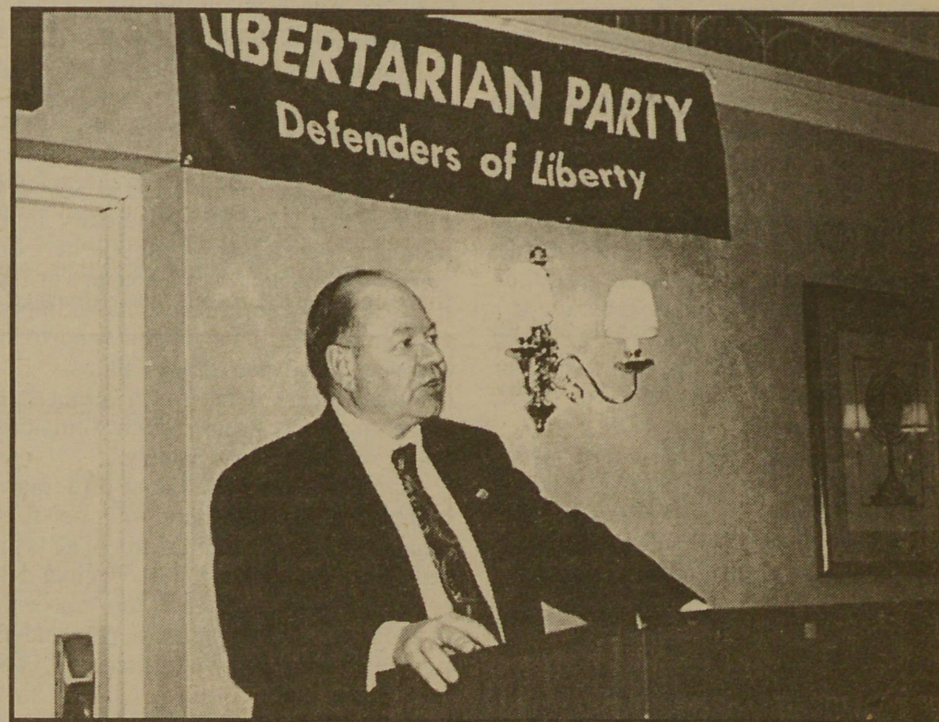
As was the case in the earlier election, ballot arguments against the measure were written and literature was distributed that explained the nature of general obligation bonds and taxation in general. A major issue in the campaign was the hypocrisy of bond proponents who claimed that schools were suffering from both "critical" overcrowding and unsafe conditions, and yet wanted an enlarged gymnasium, a swimming pool, ball fields, an outdoor amphitheater, a performing arts center, an administration building, and similar projects.

"We exposed them for what they were: Just another bureaucracy with hidden motives looking for a handout from taxpayers," said Gene Trosper.

Since the defeat of Measure H, the LEUSD has requested a sit-down meeting with bond opponents "in order to hear our ideas regarding public education," said Gene Trosper. "Our time has definitely come when Libertarians and like-minded persons are approached to offer their alternatives to the status quo."

Opponents will be suggesting that a series of forums be held by the school district to hear from the voters themselves why they are leery of taxes and bonded indebtedness. The local press has agreed to cover any forum that is held.

Libertarian Party member **Al Segalla**,



GUVERNATORIAL CANDIDATE - Dr. Wallace Johnson is the LP candidate for governor in West Virginia and his campaign is under way.

a real estate agent in Tuolumne County, has been fighting against rent control on mobile homes for many years. Despite a graphic illustration of why rent control is bad, county supervisors approved the measure in November.

Segalla made his case for free enterprise by showing up at a rent control hearing with a red, white, and blue three-legged stool. Its legs represented life, liberty, and property, explained Segalla. He placed a gold bar representing prosperity on the stool, and a dove representing peace on top of the bar.

"When socialism attacks, the first thing that falls is property," said Segalla, knocking down the property-rights leg so that life, liberty, peace, and prosperity all came

tumbling down.

Although supervisors approved a rent control measure in a 3-2 vote, Segalla said the battle is not over. A group of mobile home park owners, businessmen, and others have joined forces in an effort to collect 2,000 signatures to get the proposal back on this year's ballot.

"Overturning rent control is an opportunity for us to rebuild freedom and polish it back up here," said Segalla. "That way our kids will live in a free country with no socialism and class warfare. This is a clear-cut property rights and human rights issue because it violates one of the three fundamental human rights of life, liberty, and

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Idaho

Law students at the University of Idaho at Moscow have formed a group aimed at discussing and raising public awareness about legal and constitutional issues from a libertarian perspective. One of the student leaders, **Dean Thompson**, also is interested in working with other libertarian students and faculty in promoting libertarianism on campus. You can contact Thompson at 208-883-2878.

Maryland

"People can't trust Democrats and Republicans in Congress anymore," said LP member **Robert Creager** in entering the 8th Congressional District race.

Creager, 46, filed papers recently to be placed on the March 5 primary ballot. In announcing his campaign, Creager said, "If the people in the 8th district really want

lower taxes and less federal government, I'm the only choice. The Democrats and Republicans have a 100-year track record of more taxes and bigger government."

Creager said that as the campaign unfolds, he will focus on five main themes. "First, we must bring down the deficit with spending cuts, not new taxes on working people and senior citizens." Besides cutting the deficit, the themes include reducing the military budgets to reflect the end of the Cold War, reforming welfare, fighting violent crime, and making health care affordable for everybody.

Creager lives with his wife, Jane, and three children in Burtonsville. He earned a

bachelor's degree in management from University of Maryland and received an MBA last month. He is a senior staff member for BDM, a systems integration company headquartered in McLean, VA.

For more information, call 410-290-6111.

Michigan

Barbara Goushaw presented a state party candidate training seminar in mid-November. The comprehensive session covered such topics as fund raising, media relations, campaign strategy, resources, interviews, tactics, and research. Goushaw was campaign manager for Jon Coon's U.S.

Senate campaign in 1994. About 30 future LP candidates attended the session.

Dick Whitelock, former LPM state chair, is starting a new affiliate group for Ionia, Barry, and Montcalm counties. Including this new addition, there are now 13 active affiliate parties in the state.

Missouri

An organizational meeting held recently in Joplin resulted in the formation of three new county committees—Jasper, McDonald, and Newton. Credit goes to activist **Martin Lindstedt**, who was elected see **Affiliates** on page 6

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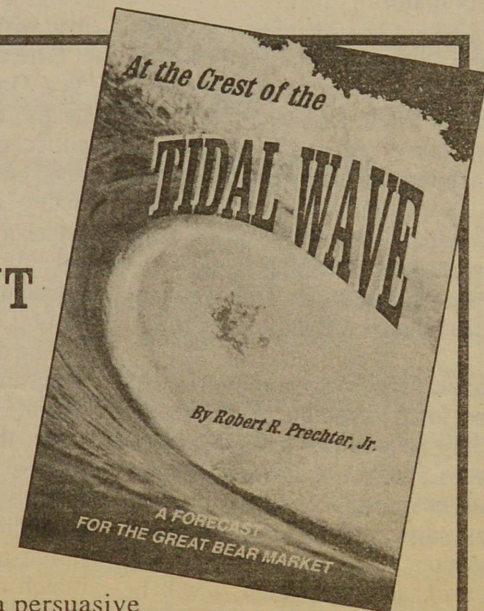
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Why I won't take federal matching funds

By HARRY BROWNE

In late November the Harry Browne for President Campaign became the first Libertarian presidential campaign ever to qualify for matching funds. Thank you for helping us achieve this milestone.

Libertarians have argued for years over whether a presidential candidate should accept matching funds. The question has always been merely academic. But now we must actually decide.

There are three facets of the question—moral, strategic, and practical.

1. *The moral question:* Is it right to accept government funds?

I don't believe so. I have never taken money from the government, and I don't want to start now—despite the importance of winning the White House.

I realize there are deep feelings and plausible arguments on both sides of this question. And nothing I say can resolve those differences completely. But I won't feel right accepting matching funds.

2. *The strategic question:* If we take government funds, how will it look to the voters?

In my book, "Why Government Doesn't Work," I set forth a credible plan to swiftly and certainly reduce the federal government from \$1.5 trillion to around \$100 billion. I present arguments for getting the federal government completely out of welfare, education, transportation, housing, crime control, and regulation. I will be presenting this program in radio and TV interviews and in public forums.

I don't want to waste time answering the inevitable question: "If it's wrong for the federal government to subsidize all these activities, why are you taking a campaign subsidy?" There are answers to that question, but they sound contrived and self-serving.

Even more important is the powerful, positive image we create by refusing federal money. It shows we mean what we say about getting government out of everyone's life. We won't accept any handout the government offers.

Frequently on radio shows, callers say: "I think your plan is terrific and I agree with 90% of it. But how do I know I can trust you?

How do I know you won't turn out like all the other politicians once you're elected?" Now I can answer: "I've already proven I'm not like the others—by turning down federal campaign funds. I want the federal government out of your life and your wallet, and I won't make exceptions—even when I'm offered a cut of the money you've paid in taxes."

3. *The practical question:* How much would we gain by taking matching funds?

There are considerable misconceptions about matching funds. Many Libertarians think accepting them will automatically put us on an equal footing with the two old parties. This isn't true. Matching funds aren't a big mountain of money for us to play with.

There are two types of campaign subsidies. One is for the general election campaign. The government will give the Republican and Democratic presidential nominees \$60 million each with which to run their general election campaigns. The Libertarian Party will get \$0.00, because no subsidy of any size is paid to a party whose presidential candidate received less than 5% of the vote in the 1992 election.

The other subsidy is the matching funds program. The government "matches" donations raised by individual candidates while they are still competing for their parties' nominations. Nothing we raise after the July convention will be matched. And what we raise before then isn't matched dollar-for-dollar. The government will match no more than \$250 of any donor's contribution. And there are further restrictions—such as that only payments by check or money order are matched (cash or credit-card donations don't count).

Of the money our campaign raised so far, the government would match less than 60%. And if we get into millions of dollars raised, inevitably a larger percentage of the money will come from \$1,000 donations—of which only \$250 is matched. And the most money will be raised after we've built sufficient name recognition and after the nominee is chosen—too late to qualify for matching funds.

If we eventually raise \$5 million, for example, the government will add probably no more than \$2 million. If we raise \$10 million, the government might match only

about \$3 million. And if we raise \$20 million, we might get only \$4 million or so from the government.

In other words, matching funds can enhance whatever level of campaigning we finance on our own. But matching funds won't propel the campaign to a higher level. Matching funds won't turn an ordinary LP campaign into a big-budget national TV campaign.

And what do those funds cost us? They subject us to an even greater level of government oversight, auditing, and red tape than we face now. The Federal Election

Commission is one of the most oppressive government agencies, and accepting matching funds would drive us ever more deeply into its embrace. The FEC has demanded that the Fulani campaign return \$612,557 it received in matching funds in 1992. I don't want that to happen to the LP—or to me.

In sum, we would pay a great price in principle and strategy for a very small practical benefit. Even if you aren't morally opposed to accepting matching funds, you probably can agree that we would give up a great deal strategically for a very small reward.

Affiliates

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McDonald County chair, for organizing the event.

Mike Harmon has his campaign organization in place and is making appearances throughout the 7th District—in his red 1966 Dodge Coronet convertible—in his bid for the U.S. House in 1996. Harmon's early campaign efforts already have received attention from the media, including a lengthy column in the *Kansas City Star*. For more information on his campaign, call Harmon at 417-754-2597.

North Carolina

A new affiliate party has been organized in Salisbury in Rowan County. The following officers were elected: **Wendell Drye**, chair; **James Sechler**, vice chair; **Ray Ellis**, secretary; and **Wayne Cline**, treasurer. For more information, contact Drye at 704-633-2363.

Ohio

A new Libertarian student group has been formed at Ohio State University. The organization is called Capitalist Libertarian Objectivists of Ohio State. Founders of the group include **Tom Stone** and **Larry Sanger**.

South Carolina

The recently organized **Lowcountry Libertarians** in Beaufort and Jasper counties now has more than 20 active members. **Chuck Williams** of Hilton Head was elected chair of the affiliate group.

Utah

Chris Kierst, Summit County chair, **Jim Lorenz**, state chair, and **Jim Dexter**,

state vice chair, manned an LP outreach booth at a gun show in Salt Lake City in early November. The state party gathered a list of nearly 150 potential new members at gun shows last year.

Late last year, **Chauna Pierce** resigned as state party secretary to return to school. **Dr. Jerry Arthus**, of Ogden, has been named the new state party secretary.

Wisconsin

The state LP and the Metro-Milwaukee affiliate have been credited in the Milwaukee press with initiating a lawsuit filed in late October to challenge a new sales tax created specifically to benefit the Milwaukee Brewers baseball club.

Although the Libertarians are supporting the lawsuit, it was actually filed by a group known as ALERT (Against Legislation Enacting Regressive Taxation). ALERT is not affiliated with the LP, but LP members are involved in the group.

The governor and legislature set up a special five-county tax district, and instituted a one-tenth-of-a-cent sales tax to help pay \$250 million for a new stadium. The Brewers will pay only \$90 million of the cost.

Generally, the lawsuit challenges the tax on the grounds that it violates the letter and the spirit of the state constitution by intentionally benefiting one specific private business at the expense of the general population.

The state supreme court will hear oral arguments in the case on Jan. 11, 10 days after sales taxes in the counties are increased.

Libertarians involved in the issue include **Corey Scholtka**, who is acting as communications director for ALERT.

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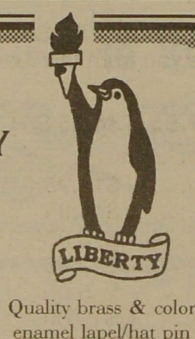
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Should you consider a run for the LNC?

By HUGH BUTLER

You live in interesting times. You are a spectator and sometime participant in the most sweeping change in American politics since the Civil War. The national electorate roils and murmurs. Change is needed. Change is desirable. Change is possible. Sweeping political change is likely. Will the Libertarian Party, led by its national committee, chart the course for the twenty-first century?

Did you know that the present-day heroes of this national revolution are ordinary party members like you and like me? No elite class or faction chooses the members of your national committee. There is no pipeline that controls or prevents your access to the key decision-makers of our party. You can volunteer, be elected, and serve the party as a regional or at-large member of the national committee. All it takes is desire, perseverance, a willingness to serve, and the courage to be responsible to your own best self and your party constituency.

When I first served as a regional representative in 1983, the "NatCom" wrestled with the problems of infrastructure: finance, data processing, office staffing, structure. And politics, politics, politics. We suffered disappointment and setback. Debates were lengthy and heated. Most of us were young and unfamiliar with the challenges of a political startup organization. All credit to the individuals, it is the unquenchable thirst for liberty that sustained us during the early times, I am sure.

Now, as then, the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) is composed of dedicated and experienced party members who have evidenced their commitment to liberty by pledging "our lives, our liberties, and our sacred honors" to the cause. No one on LNC is reimbursed for their expenses in travel to the three yearly meetings. We work and meet on nights and weekends. Your regional representative may travel to state conventions and national party functions at his or her own expense, uncomplaining, even exulting in the privilege of being a participant in this exciting time.

The current LNC consists of the officers, five members elected "at large" by the convention body, and nine members elected at the regional caucuses that end the business of the National Convention. During my first two terms as representative from the region containing Utah, the NatCom was nearly double this size. The newer,

smaller LNC seems to conduct its business without so much misunderstanding and rancor as the old.

The LNC acts as (and is) the board of directors of the party, guiding policy, approving annual budgets, and reviewing the performance of the national director. The professional management skills of our current director, Perry Willis, combined with the excellent staff that he has assembled, have made it possible for the LNC members to perform their functions in far less time, with more efficiency than ever before. More and more, LNC meetings stick to the subject of the well-being of the party

and grant the staff and officers the authority to act in their proper capacities.

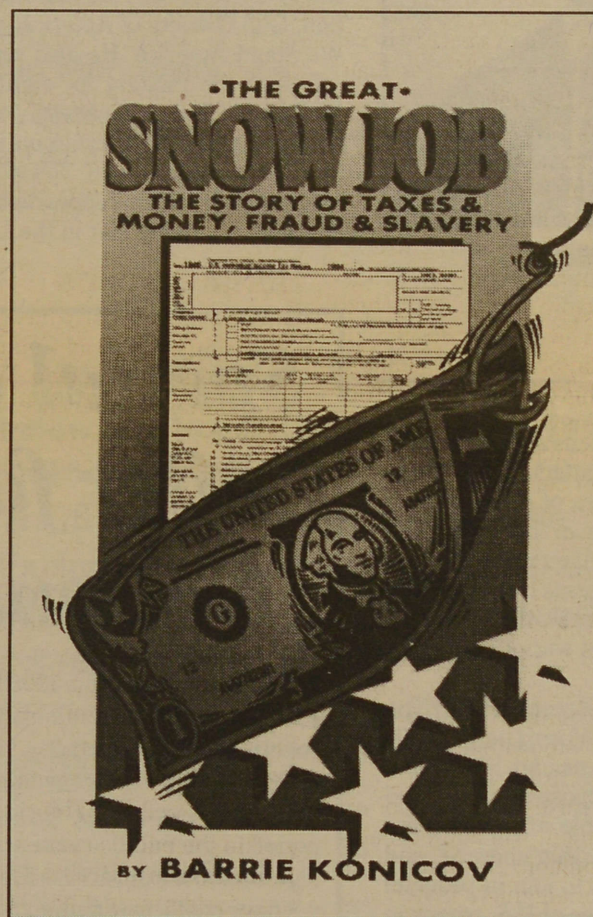
During the Dasbach Administration, LNC members faced tough choices in balancing the party budget while maintaining a high profile politically. Strategic planning, lead by the chair in open session, helped to resolve conflicts and establish focus. Incorporation of the party as an entity was discussed and researched at length, with lively debates about the principles under which we should operate, as well as the liabilities.

You may consider serving on the LNC yourself someday. Regional elections are

held at the end of each national convention, just following election of officers and at-large delegates. This summer, in Washington, DC, we choose not only a presidential nominee, but our party leadership as well. Contact your current regional representative and your state party chair if you're interested. The names of all members of the national committee are periodically published in the NEWS. The party needs its best people at the forefront of decision-making. I know your representative will appreciate your inquiry and your interest.

Hugh Butler is the national treasurer of the Libertarian Party.

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Yeltsin learns from U.S.?

LP member Bob Prechter has pointed out that Boris Yeltsin has apparently learned a political lesson from U.S. politicians.

Yeltsin pushed a new ballot access bill increasing the requirement for signatures for candidates seeking the presidency. In the last election, in 1991, the requirement was 100,000 signatures. Yeltsin wanted to increase that number to 2 million. A compromise was reached, and now 1 million signatures are required for Yeltsin's opponents.

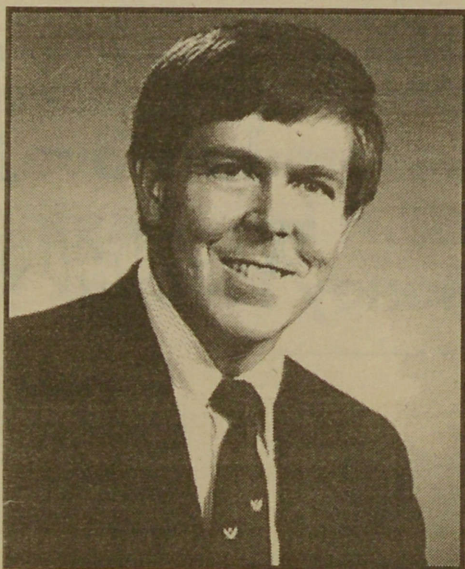
"Sound familiar?" Prechter asked.

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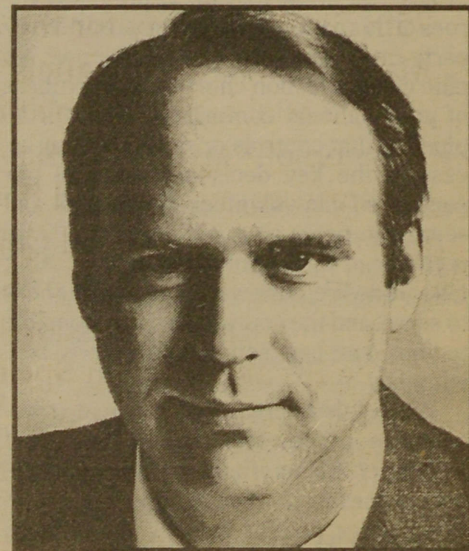
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Jon Coon

Bosnia

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included United We Stand America, the Sovereignty Coalition, and the National Rifle Association.

The resolution points out that the president does not have the constitutional authority to commit U.S. troops, calls on him to rescind his action, and for the Congress to oppose the intervention.

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The resolution adopted by the LPC Executive Committee is reprinted below:

Libertarian Party of California Resolution On U.S. Troop Deployment To Bosnia

Whereas, the United States has no Constitutional or moral obligation to act as policeman to the world; And Whereas, our voluntary armed force exists for the pur-

pose of defending citizens and territory of the U.S. from direct attack—not to impose or defend policies of other nations and peoples elsewhere in the world; And Whereas, the use of American troops to enforce the peace in Bosnia is not the right thing to do; And Whereas, the President committed U.S. troops without a vote of Congress.

Now Therefore, be it resolved that The Libertarian Party of California hereby calls on the President to rescind his action, calls on Congress to oppose the action and make it an impeachable offense for the president to continue this charade, and urges all U.S. citizens to join in peaceful protests against the use of U.S. troops in Bosnia.

*Enacted this 10th day of December 1995
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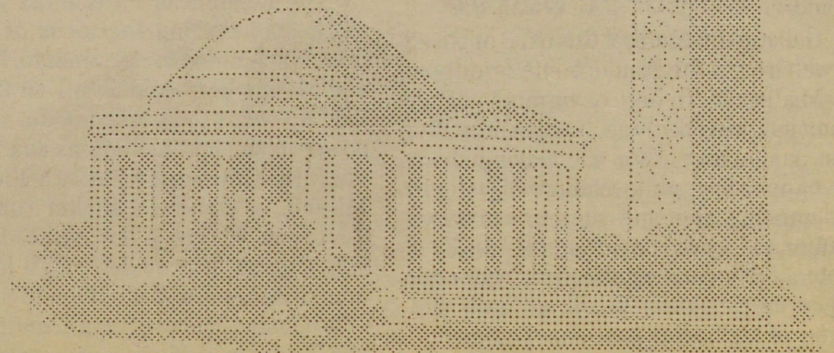
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Talking points

Issues: corporate welfare, interventionism, more

Cliches and uninformed statements are easy to dismiss as senseless prescriptions from political outcasts and fringe ideologues. Libertarian advocates—be they candidates, state officers, speakers, pamphlet writers, or other spokespersons—may gain credibility for Libertarian ideas by presenting facts and quoting expert opinion that bolster LP positions. This column will provide the ammunition you can use to confound the skeptics and impress those searching for answers by citing mainstream publications and recognized opinion leaders (for and against individual liberty).

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Issue: Corporate welfare

One might think that the GOP opposed all welfare from their tough rhetoric about cutting social welfare programs. (They aren't following through, but that's another story.) However, they are leaving themselves open to a public relations disaster by not condemning and cutting corporate welfare, as Libertarians do and would. Even Mike McNamee, who covers economic policy for Business Week, an arch supporter of big business, is shocked:

"A GOP that believes social welfare breeds personal dependency can't go on pretending that corporate welfare builds a strong economy. The party that's bold enough to reform health care for the elderly ought to show the same fortitude when tackling oil drillers and airplane manufacturers. If Republicans can't wake up to the glaring disparity in their positions, they can be sure the voters will."

Mike McNamee, "Commentary," *Business Week*, Oct. 16, 1995.

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When it comes to defining just what it is that "corporate welfare" actually means, at least one prominent conservative Republican congressman is willing to interpret this phrase as the liberal Democrats do, thereby defining "corporate welfare" in such a way as to allow Republicans to raise taxes while pretending to be hard-headed economic conservatives.

"Do people, and the businesses they form, have a presumptive right to the money they earn? Or do they get to keep some portion of it only as a favor from the Federal Government? That's the question at issue in a dispute over the meaning of the term 'corporate welfare'—and astonishingly enough, the usually sound conservative Rep. Bill Archer (R-TX) is on the wrong side of it. The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee wants to eliminate about 60 business tax preferences over the next seven years to help balance the budget. But to end a tax break without reducing tax rates amounts to a tax increase—which, political junkies might recall, Republicans are supposed to be against. If Congress really wants to attack 'corporate welfare,' it should abolish the Export-Import Bank, agribusiness subsidies, and tariffs. Giving other people's money to select businesses is welfare; letting them keep more of their own is not.

National Review, Oct. 9, 1995.

Libertarian talking points

Charles D. Poe
Editor

Issue: Government efficiency (an oxymoron)

Republicans seem to think that having Washington take your money and give it to the states to spend is somehow better than having Washington spend it directly. Libertarians understand that problems can best be solved by having private and voluntary organizations address them, not government at whatever level. Perceptive Republicans agree:

"The Republican Party must stand for more than shifting the focus of funding from Washington to Sacramento, Bismark, and Montpelier," said Sen. Dan Coats (R-IN). He wants to pursue the devolution of power to smaller institutions and families, too... He invites examination of the Gospel Mission, a homeless shelter run by the Rev. John Woods, a few blocks from the U.S. Capitol. It provides tough love, random drug tests, and attention to the soul... The Gospel Mission has a 12-month rehabilitation rate of 66 percent; a government-funded program only three blocks away rehabilitates fewer than 10 percent at 20 times the cost."

Syndicated columnist Suzanne Fields, *Philadelphia Business Journal*, Oct. 20, 1995.

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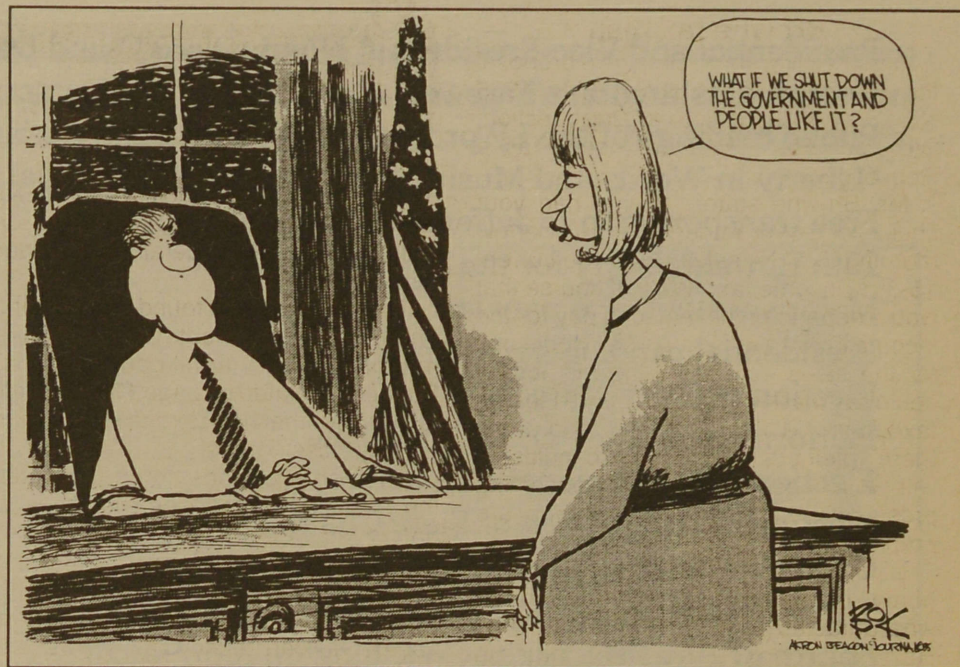
Although somewhat mistrustful of the federal government, Republicans have no such qualms about local and state governments. This Republican enthusiasm for the exercise of government power at the sub-national level is little more than an article of blind faith that government is good as long as it is not federal, and is entirely inconsistent with the Libertarian belief that many decisions that have traditionally been considered the business of the government should instead be democratized down to the individual level.

"Regarding state and local institutions, many conservatives today manifest the least conservative quality, sentimentality. They should remember that Madison, the Founding Father most favored by many thoughtful conservatives, advocated the Constitution, with its enhanced central government, because the injustices of state governments were 'so frequent and flagrant as to alarm the most steadfast friends' of popular government. Where, then, can power be lodged with confidence that it will not be abused? Nowhere."

George F. Will, *Houston Chronicle*, Oct. 19, 1995.

Issue: Interventionism

Politicians and policymakers who favor U.S. military intervention around the world lost much of their plausibility with the end of the Cold War, but tribal conflict in Bosnia and other places has breathed new life into the efforts of those who seek to add more warfare to the activities of the warfare/welfare state. Foreign adventurism, how-



ever, makes even less sense than it did before the Soviet Union collapsed and will, as usual, make us poorer and less free.

"NATO officials are pushing a 'peace enforcement' plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina that would arm up to 50,000 troops with enough firepower to take on rogue warlords and relocate hundreds of thousands of refugees. It is unlikely that the architects of NATO had such a mission in mind when they negotiated the alliance in 1949. Indeed, Article 5 of the treaty states that the parties agree that 'an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America' shall be considered an attack on them all. It does not speak about intervening in a conflict outside the territorial coverage of the treaty when no attack on a NATO member has occurred. Yet that is precisely what the alliance is doing in Bosnia.

"NATO is adrift in the post-Cold War world. It is an obsolete alliance in desperate search of a purpose. Sen. Richard Lugar, an Indiana Republican, one of the earliest and strongest advocates of NATO intervention in Bosnia, has argued that the alliance must 'go out of area' or it will 'go out of business.' If NATO can justify its continued existence only by becoming entangled in a third-rate civil war in the Balkans, that is an excellent argument for making the alliance go out of business. It was bad enough that Americans had to assume the costs and risks of NATO leadership to prevent a totalitarian power from dominating Europe and posing a threat to America's security. There is no justification for incurring such costs and risks to micromanage Europe's security affairs and meddle in an endless series of parochial conflicts."

Ted Galen Carpenter, *Insight*, Oct. 23, 1995.

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"According to the War Party—which includes both liberals and conservatives—our military should be fighting in dozens of countries. We need to humble North Korea, topple the Haitian government, straighten out Bosnia, stop the slaughter in Rwanda, bring peace to Cambodia, and settle competing property claims in the Middle East.

"Clearly, not everyone is happy that the Cold War is over. But then, politicians have always known that foreign threats are useful in diverting the public from domestic troubles. And presidents have sometimes relied on wars and threats of wars to secure a temporary boost in public support.

"That's why the War Party fears a world without a foreign enemy. During peacetime, the central government is not perceived as a vital protector. Instead, it is seen as a nuisance and a menace. Peace ends Americans' dependence on big government."

Dr. Ron Paul, *Houston Chronicle*, June 30, 1994.

Issue: Taxing forms

One hardly knows where to begin when arguing that the income tax does more harm than good, but among its more dysfunctional aspects must surely be the sheer waste of time and resources involved in filling out the forms.

"The number of sections in the internal revenue code has increased 578 percent in the last 40 years, and the word count has jumped nearly 745 percent. The IRS prints eight billion pages of forms and instructions each year.

"Not surprisingly, the percentage of Americans who use tax preparers has risen from 41 percent in 1980 to nearly 55 percent today. Economist Arthur Hall of the Tax Foundation estimates that Americans spent \$202 billion last year in direct expenditures and lost time just doing their paperwork."

Tony Snow, *USA Today*, Oct. 30, 1995.

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"According to official estimates, in 1990 American individuals and businesses spent more than five billion man-hours computing their taxes. George Mason University economist Walter Williams calculates that this was more man-hours than were used to build every car, van, and truck in the United States last year. These wasted man-hours alone represent a dead loss to the economy of some \$200 billion. (For comparison, the income tax collects about \$700

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Letters

On Browne's proposal

Browne tax plan

After reading Harry Browne's proposal for a new national sales tax, (Nov. 1995 NEWS) I am left with the nagging question: Why isn't Harry Browne running as a Republican?

Mr. Browne states, "If you had your choice, would you rather wake up tomorrow morning to a 5% sales tax or the current 15-39% income tax." Well, of course that would depend on how much I pay for the income tax versus how much I would pay for the sales tax. But using this logic I could say that I would rather pay \$1 less in taxes than \$1 more in taxes. And aren't there a plethora of Republican candidates with much better chance of becoming president than Harry Browne who are proposing less taxation?

I was under the impression that any non-voluntary taxation was theft. This is what attracted me to the Libertarian Party. Harry's proposed new tax may be preferable to what we have now, and it may sit well with a lot of voters, but it most definitely is NOT Libertarian! If we give in on this issue, we are no longer a libertarian party.

Richard Schwarz
Philadelphia, PA

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The furious barrage of critical letters in your December issue suggests that I need to put this controversy to bed.

Back in July and August I pointed out to Harry Browne that his then-current proposal to impose a new sales tax to retire the \$5 trillion accumulated deficit (debt) would initiate force, and so be unlibertarian on its face. In that judgment, I was exactly right and all four of my present critics are dead wrong.

On July 24, I suggested to Harry that instead, he propose selling off a further \$6 trillion or so of federal assets, as well as the \$5 trillion already planned for use in terminating Social Security (by the purchase of genuine annuities.) That idea would involve no coercion, and should be feasible, since for example Jarrett Wollstein has estimated that all federal holdings may be worth as much as \$100 trillion.

Harry was slow to accept that, which is why the controversy reached your pages; but on Oct. 15 he told me that it was, almost verbatim, what he had decided to

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billion in revenue a year.) If converting to a simple sales-tax system merely cut compliance costs in half, it would generate savings in excess of \$1,000 per family—more money than is offered in all the tax cuts promised by the Contract with America."

Stephen Moore, director of fiscal policy at the Cato Institute, National Review, April 17, 1995.

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Staying in touch

Letters to the editor

publish in his new book. On that day, therefore, I withdrew my opposition and called off my plans to derail his candidacy for nomination.

The result is to be found in Chapter 24 of "Why Government Doesn't Work", notably in its magnificent "Freedom Budget" tabulated on page 179. No "sales tax" or any other new tax line is to be found among those figures.

That chapter does go on to consider the possibility that federal holdings will not, in fact, fetch at auction as much as \$12 trillion. And in that case, Harry does propose a new tax—for which Douglas Harrigan has neatly proposed the name "Demopublican Legacy Tax." However, in that extreme and hypothetical situation, there are only two choices: Initiate a small force on everyone with the new tax, or abrogate the debt and so initiate massive force against a few million whose life savings have been placed, without their clear understanding or consent, in government assets. That's a dilemma about which reasonable libertarians can agree to differ.

What, then, can I say, to those like the Four Sophomores whose letters occupied formerly useful space in your journal? To Mr. Monroe, who has trouble distinguishing "incredulous" and "incredible"; to Mr. Winter, who seems to belittle the stellar achievements of a quarter century of libertarian debate and scholarship; and especially to Mr. Struble, who faces the difficulty of a candidate who appears to violate the "pledge", by proposing to dump the latter instead of the former?

Here's what I say: Guys, get your acts together, get your brains in gear, and get your homework done. Go read your Friedman, both father and son; go read your Tannenbaum, your Rothbard, your Rand, Ringer, and Ruwart; and now, go read your Browne, in whose support you wrote. And make your minds up once and for all whether you do or do not believe in the initiation of force.

Then if you do, go away and play in someone else's party, and leave the rest of us to get the real work done. But if you don't, go buy a case load of Harry Browne's superb new book, and give away so many copies to your friends that it becomes the runaway best seller that it so richly deserves to be.

A.J. Davies
New London, NH

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Presidential candidate Harry Browne's letter (Nov. 1995 NEWS) provokes more questions than provides answers. . . . Where's the specificity? There are significant disparities in the equity versus regressivity of the proposals.

I am, quite frankly, offended by his dismissal of the seriousness of previous presidential candidates' campaigns. I joined this party because it is (and continues to be) the party of principle.

I am dismayed by the coverage only

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Tompkins responds

Is it now official? Has the Libertarian Party abdicated its "Party of Principle" stance? If not, it seems that sad day is drawing closer.

I'm responding to the letter in the November NEWS from recently-declared Libertarian Harry Browne, who opposes me for the 1996 presidential nomination.

Mr. Browne defends his plan to create—if nominated and elected—a brand new national sales tax, supposedly starting at 5 percent. (Can anyone name a general tax whose rate did not climb after adoption?)

Of course, from a pragmatic point of view, the notion of "replacing" income taxes with a Browne Sales Tax is so naive as to be hilarious. Many states have added income taxes as "replacements" for their "regressive" sales or property taxes. How many legislatures actually got rid of the old tax? Not one.

But the question of principle is far more crucial than the mere fact that the Browne Tax would, in real life, increase our overall taxes. Even if we bought the handful of beans called "replacement," what we see is a supposedly Libertarian candidate proposing a tax—to be seized through all the coercive mechanisms now used by federal tax police, from pawing through our bank records and private papers without warrant, to seizure, lien, levy, arrest, trial, and imprisonment—to fund a police/welfare state which Mr. Browne promises will be "smaller."

"Smaller," he says, although in the new book he's selling—promoted on the front page of that same NEWS—he comes up with refinements of his own, including "annuities" for every poor person, purchased in part with Browne Tax funds. Then, in December's NEWS, we see what purports to be a cross-section of response, unanimously celebrating this plan.

Those who object are unrealistic, Mr. Browne says. He can't be elected president in 1996 unless he presents a "practical" plan, and "all or nothing" on taxation is, to his thinking, not practical. Well, neither I nor this party ever said "all or nothing."

We do say we must not be initiators of evils, even "lesser" ones. If we can't get liberty now, if others will come only part way, then we accept their partial capitulation, without ever giving them hope that we'll stop fighting. And we certainly don't willingly embrace—let alone propose—new plans for slavery.

He must "appear credible," Mr. Browne writes. "I doubt that any prior LP presidential candidate believed he had any chance to win the presidency. Such a candidate could refer vaguely to 'repealing the income tax' or 'returning to the Constitution' - and no one would bother to ask how he would implement his ideas."

Leaving aside its delusionary aspect, this amazing statement is an unwarranted denigration of previous candidates. His disdain testifies to arrogance born of ignorance. Mr. Browne wasn't on the scene to see how hard they worked, that their calls for tax repeal were anything but vague, or that we are routinely questioned about implementation.

Mr. Browne writes: "I believe I do have a chance to win; otherwise I wouldn't be running." As he said at the Connecticut convention in September, he can think of no other reason to run.

For Mr. Browne's edification, most Libertarian candidates run for very important reasons other than the belief that they are likely to win. . . this time.

We run to spread ideas, increase awareness and credibility, and attract new members. We run to illuminate issues, and point out how both branches of the incumbent party—despite their staged "conflicts"—share the same flawed assumptions about the role of government. They hate that.

We run to affect issues and build our party at the local level—and a lot more of that has to be done before we will be serious competitors nationally. We build on vital groundwork laid by hard-working activists over 25 years. We've been building for the future while Mr. Browne was impeding our progress, writing books filled with mouselike advice that people should not join the LP or any other group, and not to air their views publicly, since that only attracts the attention of the oppressors and gets you in trouble—advice he still will not disavow, and which he himself apparently violates only when someone promises him large donations to run a campaign which he publicly called "the longest book tour I've ever been on."

Does this party really want to "play the game" so we can seem more "acceptable," only to have voters realize that, since we're willing to "do what it takes" to get elected, there's no fundamental difference between us and the "big boys"?

If any of us should get elected by misleading people, we'll find it impossible to reclaim our principles once in office. That would infuriate the hoodwinked voters and donors who put us there, losing us both the office too dearly bought, and our party's hard-won respect.

The future of the Libertarian Party is at stake. If we allow (thoroughly imaginary) "viability" to take precedence over our principles, we doom ourselves to irrelevancy.

If you know what it means to be Libertarian, I doubt you learned it from someone who wants only "lower taxes." Republicans talk about smaller government and lower taxes. We don't make much of a point by shouting, "Yeah, us too. . . only lower, still."

Liberty isn't as easy to explain today as it was in 1780, or even 1880. The job before us is hard. It will take much more than just sending out fund-raising letters, selling books, raking in the cash, and waiting for our coronation.

Some of us are still willing to do the difficult work. What we don't need is to see the gradually dawning light, in the eyes of those who are beginning to listen, sputter and die, turning to the snarl of the betrayed because we allowed a would-be tax master to be put forward as an officially endorsed "Libertarian".

"Meet the new boss," Roger Daltrey sang, "same as the old boss."

Rick Tompkins

Candidate, LP presidential nomination
Phoenix, Arizona

Challenge

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leadership had a voice vote early in the session to eliminate this program. The vote carried and the program was defunded.

Steamtown USA

HR 2520 - amendment to cut \$3.1 million

☛ *Libertarian position - yes, eliminate it*

1995 GOP action: The project was unfunded in 1996 budget action. The project would receive funds for administration under the National Park Service Administration, but no funds for construction and project costs.

National Endowment for the Arts

HR 4602 - amendment to eliminate all appropriations

HR 5503 - amendment to cut funding and eliminate agency

☛ *Libertarian position - yes*

1995 GOP action: Abolition of the NEA was on the original GOP hit list, but the idea got sidetracked by appropriations committee sub-chair Rep. Ralph Regula (R-OH) into a three-year phase out instead. Last year the House gave the NEA \$133.8 million, this year \$99.5 million. An effort to cut an additional \$10 million was defeated 179-227 with 64 Republicans voting against new cuts. The vote to abolish the NEA altogether failed 148-277 with 93 GOP "no" votes. An earlier effort to strip \$10 million from the 1995 spending was defeated by a 168-260 vote, with 75 Republicans voting against reductions. The Senate voted to give NEA \$110 million.

Economic Development Administration

HR 4603 - amendment to end EDA

☛ *Libertarian position - yes*

HR 4603 - amendment to cut \$67.7 million

☛ *Libertarian position - yes*

1995 GOP action: GOP efforts to eliminate this agency met with failure as more than half of the Republicans voted against abolition of this giveaway agency. The vote was 115-310 to defund the program. 117 Republicans wanted to keep it funded at a rate of \$348 million, which is almost exactly what the program got last year. Only 110 voted to kill it. The Senate voted to give it \$100 million in 1996.

Appalachian Regional Commission

HR 2442 - amendment to cut all funding

☛ *Libertarian position - yes*

1995 GOP action: The Republicans who promised to eliminate this agency ended up changing its name and giving it \$142 million for next year, a cut from last year. The effort to abolish it failed 108-319 with 130 Republicans voting against abolition. Even many freshman GOP members from states that receive aid talked the talk but refused to walk the walk. Total GOP opposition actually was lower than last year.

Selective Service

HR 4301 - amendment to eliminate the required draft registration

☛ *Libertarian position - yes*

HR 2491 - motion to concur with Senate restoration of funding

☛ *Libertarian position - no*

1995 GOP action: One of the great tragedies occurred this summer as the GOP leadership in the appropriations committee—Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-CA)—joined the effort to defund selective service, but pressure by Republican rules chairman Rep. Gerry Solomon (R-NY) changed his mind and the appropriations committee decided to continue funding. On the floor, the effort to end registration fell short 175-242. Republicans voted to keep selective service by a margin of 60-166.

Davis Bacon Act

S 1513 - amendment to limit the application of the act with regard to school construction

☛ *Libertarian position - yes*

HR 5620 - a move toward free market wage policies

☛ *Libertarian position - yes*

1995 GOP action: The Republicans worked in the House and Senate committees to attach legislation repealing the Davis Bacon Act from U.S. Department of Labor legislation. Both House and Senate committees approved the language but Speaker Gingrich cut a deal removing the repeal of Davis Bacon from the final budget bill in order to win more votes from northeastern moderate GOP members. Efforts to repeal this subsidy to big labor appear to be dead this year.

Interstate Commerce Commission

HR 4556 - amendment to terminate commission

☛ *Libertarian position - yes*

HR 2750 - amendment to eliminate commission and transfer functions to Department of Transportation

☛ *Libertarian position - yes*

1995 GOP action: The ICC was scheduled to be defunded in the GOP budget plan. However, plans to switch many of its functions into the Labor Department survived free market advocates' attempts to eliminate them. The vote on elimination of the ICC functions transferred to other departments was 144-270, with 115 Republicans voting to keep former ICC regulations as part of government policy.

National Service Program

HR 2010 - bill to authorize \$389 million to pay \$4,725 in education awards in exchange for community service

☛ *Libertarian position - no*

1995 GOP action: The Republican leadership listed this agency for abolition. The Senate voted 52-46 to terminate the program—GOP vote 47-6. In the House, the program was defunded by the GOP controlled committee.

Cable TV and 900-Line Regulation

S 12 - bill to provide power to FCC to regulate cable TV rates and service

☛ *Libertarian position - no*

HR 3490 - bill to direct FCC to regulate the 900 telephone pay-per-call industry by controlling rates, advertising, and giving power of censorship

☛ *Libertarian position - no*

1995 GOP action: The Republican Party did nothing to repeal the cable and 900-line regulations. Instead, the Senate, with the support of 52 out of 54 Republicans, passed the Exon amendment to create censorship on the Internet. Fortunately, in the House these efforts were sidetracked by the work of Rep. Chris Cox (R-CA), who passed a bill in the House prohibiting federal Internet censorship and permitting private control of e-mail flow. Republican "reform" efforts have done nothing to eliminate either 900-line censorship or cable regulation.

The Space Station

HR 4624 - amendment to terminate project

☛ *Libertarian position - yes*

HR 2491 - move to eliminate funding

☛ *Libertarian position - yes*

1995 GOP action: Strong support for the space program by Rep. Bob Walker (R-PA), chair of the science committee, stopped all reductions in the NASA budget and the space station. In the Senate, efforts to kill this program failed 35-64 (41 Republicans voted to keep program out of 53) while in the House the vote to eliminate was 132-287 (180 Republicans voted to keep the program and 46 voted to end).

Fossil Energy Research

HR 4602 - move to eliminate amendment to cut \$10 million

☛ *Libertarian position - no*

HR 4602 - amendment to cut \$27 million

☛ *Libertarian position - yes*

1995 GOP action: Despite the plans of subcommittee chair Rep. Dana Rohrabacher to eliminate all spending for fossil fuel research, several Republicans on the subcommittee lined up to keep some of the program. The subcommittee cut spending from \$458 million to \$204 million. By the time the appropriations committee got through with it, fossil fuel spending rose to \$384 million.

Grazing Fees

HR 2520 - bill to raise grazing fees

☛ *Libertarian position - yes*

HR 2520 - motion to prohibit raising grazing fees

☛ *Libertarian position - no, end subsidy*

1995 GOP action: In order to head off strong administrative and deficit-hawk actions, the GOP leadership created at the committee level in both House and Senate a raise in the grazing fee rates amounting to about 30 percent. The administration had proposed about 50 percent increase and deficit-hawks had suggested a \$1 per year per grazing unit increase. The compromise measure was attached to the committee

report that passed.

District of Columbia Domestic Partners

HR 4649 - amendment to prohibit DC from offering domestic partners (unmarried gay or straight couples) from being eligible for group health insurance, even if they paid a higher premium

☛ *Libertarian position - no*

HR 2492 - amendment to prohibit domestic partners ordinance

☛ *Libertarian position - no*

1995 GOP action: Introduced an amendment to the DC funding bill to repeal the District's "Domestic Partners" law. The amendment saved no taxpayer dollars and would eliminate treatment of unmarried couples as eligible for medical insurance, visitation rights, and funeral leave policies. Again, the GOP majority showed its lack of concern for personal liberty by voting 200-30 for this amendment.

Subsidy for Commerce and Shipping

HR 2750 - motion to table reform to end policy requiring use of U.S. flag-flying ships for shipment of any goods subsidized by U.S. taxpayer

☛ *Libertarian position - no, stop the subsidy*

HR 2151 - bill to subsidize U.S.-flag cargo ships at \$1.2 billion over 10 years

☛ *Libertarian position - no, end it*

1995 GOP action: All subsidies for U.S. shipping continued under GOP control. Subsidies were trimmed but not eliminated. In 1995 the government spent \$94 million, and Clinton asked for \$305 million this year. The House trimmed that request back to \$116 million (up from last year) and the Senate voted \$70 million.

Subsidy for Agriculture

HR 2493 - motion to table amendment to eliminate program (\$100 million) to advertise U.S. goods (McDonald's, Sunkist, Gallo Wine, etc.) overseas

☛ *Libertarian position - no, eliminate subsidy*

1995 GOP action: Rep. Pat Roberts (R-KS), chair of agriculture committee, teamed up with Southern and Western Republicans to protect farm subsidies. Last year the Congress gave the Market Promotion Program \$85.5 million. This year both houses appropriated \$110 million to this subsidy program, but prohibited funds to large corporations. In the Senate, 26 GOP senators lined up to support the program. Rep. Dick Zimmer's (R-NJ) effort to repeal the program in the House lost 154-261 with 125 Republicans voting to continue the giveaways. In the Senate, efforts to abolish this program failed 59-41, with 32 out of 54 Republicans voting to expand it.

Second Amendment Rights

HR 4296 - bill to permit the ban on the manufacture and sale of 19 weapons

☛ *Libertarian position - repeal it*

1995 GOP action: The Republican Party that campaigned on a promise to protect gun ownership rights of the American people has done nothing to repeal the weapons bans passed last year. Speaker Gingrich has promised that no new gun restrictions will pass, but has done nothing to repeal old laws.

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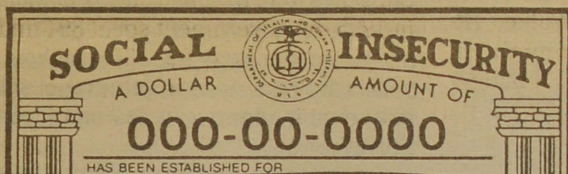
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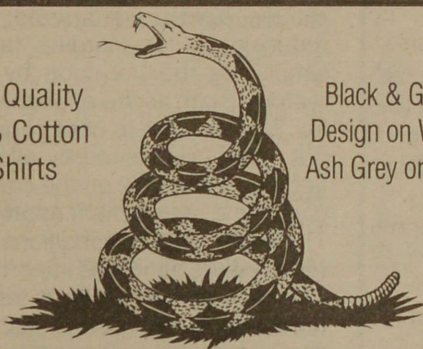
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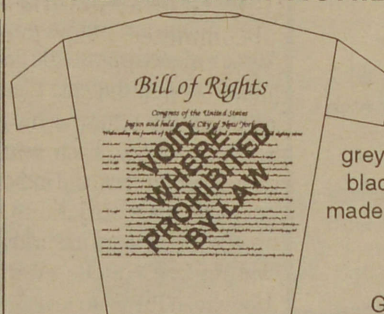


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Harry Browne seems to be getting. There are other candidates.

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Cheyenne, WY

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I am amazed at the shortsightedness of the letter writers who wrote to defend the Harry Browne tax proposal. All they seem to be able to see is their own tax situation. Clint Monroe writes "under Browne's plan... my tax burden will be less," while Steve Winter sees "no initiation of force in Browne's proposal." Really, Steve? What about for someone who currently pays no income tax (legally or otherwise), but could not avoid the new sales tax? Surely this new tax is an initiation of force against that individual, and his taxes would be higher under the Browne proposal.

I have always regarded the Libertarian Party as the champion of the individual, and individual rights. We would never sacrifice the rights of a minority in order to serve the greater good of the majority. Yet, this is precisely what the Browne plan does, for there is very definitely a minority of Americans who pay no personal income taxes.

Scott Frost asks if we should reject all tax cuts that aren't 100 percent. Of course not; we should applaud all tax cuts, however small, as a reduction in force. What we must reject is any plan that leaves even a single individual worse off with respect to what is coerced from him, as this is an initiation of force against that individual. It is issues such as this that illustrate how vitally important the pledge is to our party, to keep us from sliding into the quagmire of interest-group politics.

Henry E. Haller, III
Pittsburgh, PA

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Harry Browne's explanation of his national sales tax proposal sounds like politics as usual to me. Republican politics.

He embraces taxation, theft from me

and from you, and then attempts to justify his position by saying that he believes he has a chance to win the presidency. I reject the notion that liberty is a bargaining chip to be bartered away for a few votes.

There are those who say that politics is compromise. To those I can reply only that my rights and liberties have been compromised enough already and I do not want any more compromises, especially from a Libertarian.

I agree with Mr. Tompkins. Liberty is indivisible. We need to build a broad, grassroots constituency and run our local and national campaigns on a platform of basic libertarian principles. Let's leave compromised principles and bait-and-switch campaign tactics to the Republicrats.

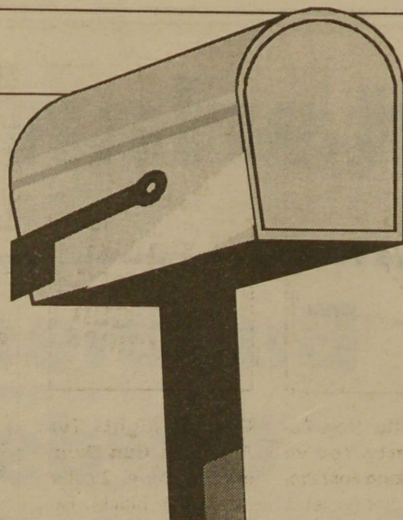
Paul Zimmerman
Anderson, IN

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I found Harry Browne's letter (Nov. 1995 NEWS) defending his proposal "to reduce the 15-39% income tax to a 5% sales tax" to be disturbing.

He justifies his proposal of a sales tax by claiming that he is the first LP presidential candidate who "believed he had any chance to win the presidency." This subjective supposition maligns previous LP candidates who wouldn't compromise their libertarian principles, not even if bending them slightly—or falsely promising to do so—would have ensured their election.

Mr. Browne defends his proposal: "A 5% sales tax has only one virtue: It isn't as bad as what we have now." Apparently Mr. Browne concurs with the assessment of most libertarians that taxation is theft, but feels that American electors will embrace a petty thief in lieu of the big crooks who are running for the presidency under the banners of other political parties. But a thief is a thief is a thief, and Mr. Browne's endorsement of a sales tax



compromises the integrity of the Libertarian Party.

There is also this problem with candidate Browne's position on the crucial subject of taxation: Mr. Browne proposes repealing federal income tax legislation. However, as his opponent for the LP nomination, Irwin Schiff, has pointed out, the federal income tax is the only type of tax that can pass the libertarian litmus test. That is because, as enacted in the nearly indecipherable Internal Revenue Code, the federal personal income tax is voluntary. Individuals only become liable for the tax if they voluntarily assess themselves by filing a federal income tax return. It is manifestly illegal and duplicitous machinations of a renegade Internal Revenue Service, backed by a bevy of dishonest federal judges, that has converted an otherwise benign voluntary tax into the mandatory monster that it is.

Mr. Schiff spent four years in jail for publishing the first book to lucidly expose the federal income tax hoax. Any proposal like Browne's to repeal the IR Code or the Sixteenth Amendment implies that the illicit, mandatory enforcement procedures are legitimate, which simply isn't true. Too many innocent Americans have gone to jail for opposing unlawful enforcement of the income tax to now give the outlaws an air of legitimacy by taking legal steps to

repeal laws that never sanctioned mandatory enforcement in the first place.

Jim Russell
Shaker Heights, OH

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Harry Browne defends his proposal (Nov. 1995 NEWS) that a 5% sales tax be used to pay off such portion of the debt of the United States Government (USG) as cannot be liquidated by selling its lands and other assets. That is not consistent with the libertarian principle. Taxation is extortion, a crime. Extortion cannot be justified by saying that the alternative was to default on one's debts. Default is preferable to continued extortion.

The obligations of USG should be prioritized as follows: (1) avoiding new violations of people's rights (including extortion); (2) making restitution for past violations; (3) paying off the debt owed to those who have voluntarily lent money to USG; and (4) performing such functions of government, if any, as may be proper.

Those who voluntarily lent money to USG knew that its repayment depended on either extortion or a pyramid scheme of borrowing—they assumed the risk implicit in that. Social Security should be liquidated in the same manner as any other tax-and-spend program. Restitution to the victims of taxation should be reduced by any transfer payments those victims have received.

In your article on welfare, you fail to mention the two most important reasons for abolishing welfare: (1) USG will not be able to afford spending money on welfare once it has to restrict itself to legitimate sources of income; and (2) because of USG's role in adjudicating disputes, the possibility of a conflict of interest arises whenever it engages in any unnecessary activity.

Even to an extreme libertarian like myself, your position on welfare seems disingenuous. You are advocating things that you desire for other reasons under the guise of helping the poor. We should be honest about why we want to abolish: welfare, taxation, regulation of business, and public education. It is not because we are especially concerned to raise up the poor. It is because we want to increase freedom and justice and thus improve conditions for all of us.

Libertarians should avoid supporting tax credits unless they are clearly non-refundable. A refundable tax credit like the "earned income tax credit" is not actually a tax reduction, but rather a spending program run by the IRS.

In deciding how to focus our efforts to reduce taxes, we should emphasize reducing the top marginal tax rates and simplifying the tax code by eliminating features such as the alternative minimum tax. My freedom to control my income is not greatly enhanced by allowing me to keep part of it only on the condition that I give it to a government approved charity. The elimination of conditions on keeping my money is almost as important as being able to keep it at all. Thus tax reductions (deductions and credits) that try to steer the taxpayer to do certain things are virtually worthless. We should not waste our limited political influence on them. We should focus on eliminating a tax, or eliminating certain forms of income from taxation (say capital gains, dividends and interest, or farm income), or (failing those) reducing the top marginal rate of taxation.

James Richard Spriggs
Gaithersburg, MD

Challenge

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Civil Liberties

HR 3355 - motion to accept language that places drug dealers in same status as violent criminals in regard to mandatory minimum sentencing

☛ *Libertarian position - no*

HR 3371 - amendment that would codify the "good faith" exemption to the exclusionary rule, thus permitting use of evidence seized without warrant if the search was done in "reasonable" belief that a warrant could have been issued

☛ *Libertarian position - no*

1995 GOP action: Rather than expand individual liberty, the new Republican Congress has attacked it on several fronts. Fourth Amendment protection against illegal search and seizure was reduced by the "good faith" amendment that almost every Republican supported (220-7). First Amendment rights in the case of flag-burning were rejected by the GOP 219-12, and homosexual rights were rejected 200-30. In addition, a change in the War on Drugs to reduce crack cocaine vs. powdered cocaine sentencing ratios was rejected by Republicans 218-11. Finally, the GOP continued to be the party of anti-choice on abortion in a vote on a bill that would permit U.S. military personnel and their spouses to pay for their own abortions at U.S. overseas bases

47-181. A core of about 40 members of the Republican House support abortion rights.

U.S. World Policeman

HR 4301 - amendment to require a reduction in troop levels in Europe

☛ *Libertarian position - yes*

HR 3759 - amendment to eliminate \$1.2 billion slush fund given to president for "peace keeping" operations

☛ *Libertarian position - yes*

HR 4301 - amendment to require president to secure burden sharing agreements with NATO nations and Japan

☛ *Libertarian position - yes*

1995 GOP action: All the talk about forcing our allies to accept a greater burden of the cost of NATO went down to defeat in the Senate as 44 of 52 Republicans voted to kill the effort to require European nations to pay larger share of the cost of U.S. troops in Europe. In the House, the same idea passed by a vote of 273-156; however, the GOP voted 108-121 for the bill with less than half of the Republicans in support. The GOP did support a warning to Clinton against sending U.S. troops to Bosnia. However, House GOP leadership tried to eliminate the War Powers Act that places a slight restriction on U.S. intervention. The measure narrowly failed (201-217), but Republicans voted for it 178-44—so much for non-intervention overseas.

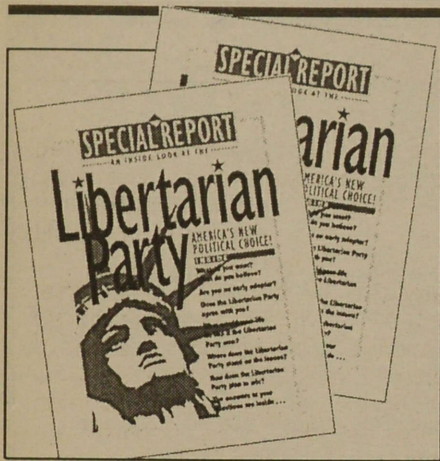
I will not. . .

BY ERIC C. BANFIELD

Each week the opening segment of Fox's "The Simpsons" shows young Bart writing some assigned phrase 100 times on the blackboard as punishment. Clearly the lad has offended the faculty at his government-run (public) school. Each week the assigned phrase is different, and indicates Bart's latest act of rebellion.

The blackboard bit allows the writers—who in one episode even mentioned the Libertarian Party—to reveal some of their libertarian bent. My favorite phrases include:

- 1) I will not expose the ignorance of the faculty.
- 2) "Bart Bucks" are not legal tender.
- 3) I will not belch the national anthem.
- 4) Spitwads are not free speech.
- 5) The First Amendment does not cover burping.
- 6) I will not hide behind the Fifth Amendment.
- 7) The Pledge of Allegiance does not end with "Hail Satan".
- 8) I will not pledge allegiance to Bart.
- 9) Five days is not too long to wait for a handgun.
- 10) I will not instigate revolution.



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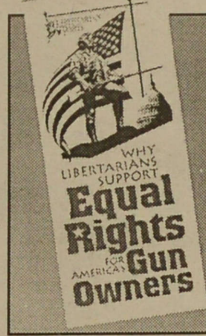
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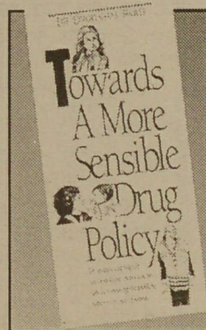
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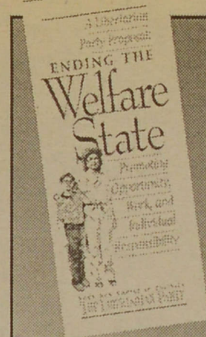
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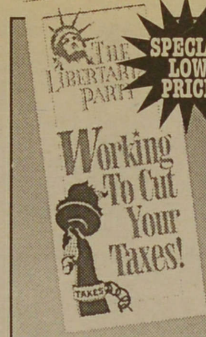
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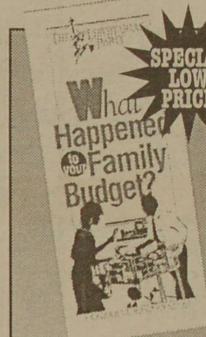
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