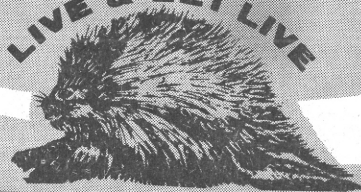




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LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEVADA NEWSLETTER

DEC. - JAN. 1978

ELECTION '78 - LIBERTARIAN VICTORY

The LPN Election '78 can only be described as a stunning victory. The biggest win was obtaining statewide ballot status for 1980 by getting enough votes. Harry Joe Mangrum was proved correct in his selection of Florence Fields for Lieutenant Governor since she garnered 10,624 votes, more than enough for ballot status, and also enough to split the Lieutenant Governor's race wide open. Hope Weed (10,212) in the Clark County Recorder's race and Miki McCarty (11,053) in the Clark County Public Administrator's race surprised all Libertarians as well as themselves with their outstanding vote getting capacity which gave us triple insurance to statewide Libertarian ballot status in 1980. Jim Burns, whose persistence and personal as well as financial sacrifice put the Libertarians on the ballot in '76 and '78, heaved a sigh of relief as the vote totals grew passed the 9,327 needed for ballot status. Burns also did very well in his AD18 race by obtaining 14.6 per cent of the vote and defeating the Republican opponent, a Libertarian first in Nevada.

Alaska became the bright north star in election '78 by electing the first Libertarian to a State legislature - Dick Dick Randolph.

Libertarian Ed Clark, running in California as an Independent, won 5.5 per cent of the vote for Governor and scored 372,805 votes.

Hawaii, like Nevada, also gained permanent ballot status for 1980.

So the future looks bright for the Libertarian Party, especially in the West.

Every candidate did an outstanding job in promoting Libertarian ideas. Take a look at the list and whenever you meet one give them the encouragement that they'll need to repeat their efforts in 1980.

LPN MOVES TO NEW STATE HEADQUARTERS

That's right, we have a real state headquarters, not located in the left hand drawer by somebody's night table, but in a real commercial building, B25 3551 Pennwood Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89102, area code 702 871-1001. We share the rent to keep the expenses down. Sufficient space is present to allow meetings to be held at the center, and also in the future to possibly provide a book store type of operation for 'Libertarian oriented materials. The State Executive Committee has appointed Al Hacker, Executive Director Protem until the State convention in January. During times when Hacker is not in the building a recorder takes messages.

IAP MEMBERS ACTIVELY SOUGHT TO JOIN LPN

Dan Beacon and John Grayson, Northern and Southern regional representatives, reported that an active campaign has been started to attract IAP members to the Libertarian Party of Nevada. Because the IAP failed to garner sufficient votes in any of their races to win ballot status for 1980, most of the leadership of the IAP has been considering re-registration with the larger Nevada Parties.

Our recent gains, both in Nevada and nationally, are emphasized to encourage these staunch fighters for liberty to join with us as Libertarians and continue our forward progress.

*Merry Christmas
and a prosperous New Year*

LIBERTARIAN PARTY of NEVADA

In tabular form here's how the Libertarians running for partisan office did:

LIBERTARIAN	LIBERTARIAN % OF CANDIDATE VOTE	TOTAL VOTE WON STATEWIDE BALLOT STATUS	No. in RACE	DEFEATED: Dem. Rep. I.A.P.	SPLIT THE VOTE	MULTIPLE SEAT FINISH	TIMES a LIBERTARIAN HAS RUN FOR THIS OFFICE	per cent CHANGE SINCE LAST TIME
West, Linda - Congress	3.31		3				2	+110
Grayson, John - Governor	0.79		4				1	1st
Fields, Florence - Lt. Governor	6.08	Yes	4	IA	Yes		1	"
Cornett, Bonita - Treasurer	1.66		4				1	"
Fields, Cherie - Comptroller	4.08		3				1	"
Mangrum, Harry - Attorney General	2.06		4	IA			1	"
Bush, Fred (Clark) State Sen. - 1	23.22		2				1	"
Erhart, Julie (Clark) State Sen. - 3	N/A		9	IA		7th	2	N/A
Grieshaber, R.J. (Clark) State Sen. - 3	N/A		9			9th	2	N/A
Henderson, Iris (Clark) A.D. - 1	2.95		3				2	-4
O'Neill, Patrick (Clark) A.D. - 3	14.00		2				2	+249
Addis, Dave (Clark) A.D. - 4	2.84		3				2	-30
Grayson, Nicole (Clark) A.D. - 8	6.62		3				2	+66
Wittig, Ron (Clark) A.D. - 13	3.60		3				2	-11
Pierson, Bob (Clark) A.D. - 15	6.50		3				2	+102
Burns, Jim (Clark) A.D. - 18	14.60		3	R			1	
Hill, W.R. (Clark) A.D. - 20	17.95		2				1	
Geiger, Fritz (Clark) A.D. - 21	12.53		2				2	+30
McDaniel, C. (Clark) Comm. - F	15.86		2				1	
Cornett, John (Clark) Assessor	4.75		3				1	
Hosbond, Carl (Clark) C. Clerk	4.65		3				1	
Weed, Hope (Clark) C. Recorder	12.40	Yes	2				1	
McCarty, Miki (Clark) P. Admin.	12.86	Yes	3				1	
Ponton, Mary (Clark) C. Treasurer	6.63		3				1	
Fitzgerald, Kathleen (W) State Sen. - 1	N/A		5	Yes		5th	2	5th
Becan, Dan (W) A.D. - 26	2.06		3	Yes			1	
Oswald, Bill (W) A.D. - 27	2.21		3				1	
Wallace, Ron (W) A.D. - 29	5.43		3				1	
Wilson, David (W) A.D. - 31	2.93		4				1	

How would you like to hear Roger MacBride speak? How about Mr. Libertarian, Murray Rothbard? And maybe Dave Bergland, . . .

How would you like to hear ROGER MacBRIDE speak? How about Mr. Libertarian, MURRAY ROTHBARD? And maybe DAVE BERGLAND, M.L. HANSON and CHRIS HOCKER? "Great!" you say, "But impossible.?" Well how about ED CLARK, the Libertarian candidate for governor of California, then? Or maybe DICK RANDOLPH, the Alaskan Libertarian elected to his State House of Representatives? Another impossible dream you say? Well, how would you like to see them and hear them --- together, --- under the same roof, --- for a whole weekend --- in Las Vegas? "Somebody been smokin' them there funny cigarettes?" you ask?

Not at all. Because these very people are all going to be together here in Las Vegas at the Showboat Hotel on the 12th, 13th, and 14th of January! And there will be much much more! ERIC GARRIS, RICK WHITE, and JIM CLARKSON are going to give information-packed and fun-filled workshops. MICHAEL EMERLING is going to present his nationally famous "The Art of Political Persuasion" with many new twists.

What's going on? Why are all these people showing up in Las Vegas? What's all the hubub about? Well, it's three, three, yes, three mints in one. It's a National Committee meeting. It's a Region III convention. And it's the Nevada States Convention. All rolled into one. There will be movies, parties, and loads of other libertarian fun. DON'T MISS IT!! It's a major Libertarian event, right in your own back yard. DON'T BE LEFT OUT!! Mark January 12, 13, and 14 on your calendar. Right now. Send in your reservations on the form included in this newsletter. DO IT NOW!!

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The profit motive has once again provided consumers lower prices. A recent survey by the National Center for Health Statistics showed that the average monthly charge in profit-making nursing homes is \$80 less than in non-profit homes.

In a similar development, the Government Printing Office has begun to use the private United Parcel Service for some of its shipments instead of the Post Office. UPS is cheaper and provides better service.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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Yours toward Liberty,
John R. Sherwin

LET ME BE

Please don't mistake or try to make me the shadow of everybody else. I want to be free and no matter what you think I am, I'm just trying to be myself. No I'm not the fool you thought would play by your rule;

To each his own philosophy ---

Let me be, let me be the things that I want to,

Let me be, let me be that's all I ask of you.

I am what I am and that's all I ever can be.

Don't try to plan me or understand me, I can't stand to be understood.

I'm not a piece of clay to be made over your way and I'm not a pawn to be told how to move.

Now I'm taking to wing. I am doing my thing, Going to build a free society ---

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IMPORTANT - ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LIBERTARIAN PARTY?

Nevada's delegate strength at the National Libertarian Party Convention in Los Angeles in 1979 will be directly determined by the number of Nevadans who are members of the National Party. If you look at the mailing label on your newsletter and don't see the letter "N" in the upper right corner you will know that you are not a member of National. When you join National through the Libertarian Party of Nevada, 20 per cent of your dues remain in Nevada and you become a sustaining member. As an added inducement to increase membership prior to the 31st of December 1978, deadline for calculating delegate strength, the LPN is offering a free one year subscription to the newsletter for any person who becomes a member prior to the 26th of December 1978. Since there are no age or citizenship limits in becoming a member of National or a sustaining member of LPN, gifts of student memberships are an excellent way to introduce young Nevadans to participatory democracy and Libertarianism. Your membership will help promote Libertarian ideas both in Nevada and nationally. You will increase Nevada's voice at the 1979 Libertarian National Convention wher the 1980 platform will be composed and the presidential and vice-presidential candidates selected. Xerox the included membership form for yourself and friends; fill it out now; write you check; and mail them today to the new State headquarters.

**Every Nevadan Should Be
Libertarian
Before The 26th December 1978**

WHY YOUR MONEY GOES TWELVE TIMES FARTHER WITH THE PORCUPINE CLUB

Your Porcupine Club contribution will provide operating funds for promoting Libertarian ideas in Nevada in a unique way. Only one twelfth of your Porcupine Club contribution will be spent each month for the next twelve months. This will provide continuous financing for the Party throughout the year and end the previous boom and bust cycles. As Porky says, "Almost every Nevada Libertarian can afford 1c a day (\$3.65 a year), but I want to encourage each and everyone of you to give as much as possible -- give until you feel stuck." Add the Porcupine Club to your state-national membership. New Porcupine members include:

If you look at the mailing label on your newsletter and don't see a "P" with the number of cents per day you have contributed for the year -- join the Porcupine Club today.

AS INFLATION RISES, FREEDOM FALLS.....



MEETINGS - LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Libertarian Party, Clark County
meets every 4th wednesday monthly.

7:00 P.M. at CARROW'S Restaurant
on Sahara Ave., Las Vegas.

NORTHERN NEVADA L.P.
Contact Dan Becan (702) 322-3643

**LIBERTARIAN PARTY of NEVADA SCHEDULE FOR THE
JANUARY 12-14, 1979 MEETING AT THE SHOWBOAT HOTEL
IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12:

4:00-6:00PM Linda West-Hospitality suite
6:00-7:00PM Jim Clarkson-"Libertarian Solutions
to Local Issues"
7:00-8:00PM Neil Smith-"Libertarian Utopianism"
8:00PM-? No-Host Cocktail Party

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13:

8:00-9:30AM Breakfast with Ed Clark
9:30-10:30AM Region III Convention *with DAVE BERGLAND,*
10:30AM-NOON Chris Hocker, Rick White, and Eric Garis-
"Handling the Media and Developing
Effective Coalitions"
NOON-1:30PM Lunch with Dick Randolph
1:30PM-6:30PM Libertarian Party of Nevada Convention
with Roger MacBride as Keynote speaker
3:00-5:00PM Pre-National Committee Meetings
7:30-10:00PM Banquet with Murray Rothbard

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14:

8:00-9:30AM Breakfast with Roger Lee MacBride
9:30-11:30AM Michael Emerling-"Image and Attitude
the Foundations of Persuasion"
10:00AM-4:00PM National Committee Meetings

Tax Cut—Not Enough to Offset Hikes

More than 80 percent of the nation's 88.5 million taxpayers face a tax increase Jan. 1 despite the \$18.7 billion tax-cut bill passed by Congress. The reason is that tax

cuts enacted by Congress aren't enough to offset the higher Social Security taxes scheduled for Jan. 1, or the effect of inflation which will push workers into higher

tax brackets.

You can see, in real dollars, what the tax changes will mean by reading the "You Pay" column in the government chart below.

TAXES, JANUARY 1979, GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS

MARRIED COUPLE, TWO DEPENDENTS					SINGLE PERSON				MARRIED COUPLE, NO DEPENDENTS			
Adjusted Gross Income	Income Tax Cut	Social Security Tax Increase	Inflation*	You Pay	Income Tax Cut	Social Security Tax Increase	Inflation*	You Pay	Income Tax Cut	Social Security Tax Increase	Inflation*	You Pay
\$ 5,000	\$ 100	\$ 4	\$ 56	\$ -40	\$ 29	\$ 4	\$ 35	\$ +10	\$ 0	\$ 4	\$ 0	\$ +4
10,000	72	8	88	+24	22	8	47	+33	59	8	66	+15
15,000	97	12	62	-23	79	12	69	+2	27	12	62	+47
20,000	167	82	97	+12	117	82	100	+65	98	82	91	+75
30,000	315	260	161	+106	232	260	205	+233	235	260	188	+213
50,000	627	260	1,790	+1,423	426	260	1,603	+1,437	427	260	1,824	+1,657
100,000	1,002	260	2,373	+1,631	443	260	1,603	+1,420	752	260	2,320	+1,828

*The impact of inflation pushing taxpayers into higher income brackets.

SOURCE: JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete:

Basic Registration	\$20.00	-----
Saturday Breakfast	7.50	-----
Saturday Lunch	12.00	-----
Saturday Banquet		
(chicken dinner)	15.00	-----
(steak dinner)	20.00	-----
Sunday breakfast	7.50	-----
or ALL OF THE ABOVE *	65.00	-----
	TOTAL	-----

* INCLUDES STEAK DINNER

Basic registration includes all speeches, workshops, Friday hospitality suite and cocktail party.

Make checks Payable to: Libertarian Party

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Showboat Hotel
2800 E Fremont Street
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

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Daily Room Rates (tax included):

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\$22.26	\$24.38
or \$44.52 for	or \$48.76 for
3 days and 2 nights	

Social Security?

Dear Editor:

For 40 years millions of Americans have been paying social security taxes to the federal government in the belief that the government was putting their money into numbered accounts in trust funds. They were led to believe that their money would accumulate in their accounts until they retired, when they could begin receiving the money in the form of monthly retirement checks. But the truth about social security and the beliefs that many Americans have about it are two entirely different things.

The first truth about social security is that there are not and never have been any trust funds. All the taxes collected from American workers (their "contributions") have been used to buy bonds of the United States government. There is no gold in the trust funds. There isn't even any paper money. All that is there are notes from the U.S. Treasury saying I.O.U. Your social security taxes have already been spent by the federal government. Your taxes were spent as fast as they were paid. Worse yet, in order to pay off the I.O.U.'s the Treasury has given the Social Security Administration, the federal government would have to raise your taxes. In short, not only has the average worker paid an exorbitant price for social security "protection" already, but in order to collect, he will have to pay again. He will be taxed twice for "benefits" he may never live to collect.

If there are no trust funds, then there can be no accounts containing the taxes you have paid plus the interest they have earned. In 1940 the U.S. Supreme Court declared: "The proceeds of both the employee and employer taxes are to be paid into the Treasury like other internal revenue generally, and are not earmarked in any way."

Since there are no trust funds and no numbered accounts, there is no security in social security. What a worker receives when he retires—even the age at which he may retire—is at the whim of Congress. Recently there has been discussion in Congress about raising the retirement age from 65 to 68 or 70. Congress may do that. If a private insurance company tried it, its officers would be slapped in prison.

Congress has, in fact, denied benefits to thousands of workers. When social security began in 1935, Congress decided that any worker who had paid social security taxes and who had reached 65 but

did not qualify for any benefits would simply have his taxes (or the half that he paid) returned to him. If a qualified worker died before he reached 65, his estate would receive his taxes. But in 1939 the Congress changed its mind and reneged on the promised refunds. The Congress has the power under the law to pay whatever benefits it wishes or none at all. It also has the power to print paper money and "pay off" all the promises it has made. Of course, paying in paper money will destroy the value of whatever "benefits" may have been promised. No one has a contract with the Social Security Administration guaranteeing his benefits. All he can do is trust the government. There is no security in social security.

Just as the government likes to call your social security taxes "contributions," it likes to call the money it spends "benefits." Yet no benefits from social security are guaranteed. A young or middle-aged worker could purchase an insurance policy from a reputable, private company that would pay benefits far surpassing those paid by social security for less than half of the amount he pays in social security taxes.

Because social security has no trust funds, today's taxes pay today's social security recipients. Premiums paid to a private insurance company would be invested and used to create new jobs and new wealth.

Not only can Congress decrease or eliminate social security "benefits" any time it wishes, it can also increase the costs any time it wishes. Last Dec. 15, Congress voted to triple the maximum social security taxes over the next 10 years. The maximum tax paid by an employee in 1977 was \$1,930 (half is paid through payroll deductions; half through lower wages). By 1987 the maximum tax will be \$6,092 per year, more than triple the tax paid in 1977. Unless social security is seen for what it is, the American worker will continue to pay ever-increasing and crushing taxes to keep an impractical wealth redistribution scheme going. But until the problem of social security is exposed and corrected, millions of workers will pour billions of dollars into a program that guarantees social, political and economic insecurity, not security. A program is needed that has a sound investment fund principal included.

K. J. McDonald
Watertown, Mn.

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THE PURPOSE OF GUN CONTROL

Throughout the ages since history began,
The bearing of weapons has marked a free man.
In the days of old some slaves roamed free
As long as their masters knew where they would
be.

But the powers that be, became quite alarmed
If they knew of a slave who dared to be armed.
Slaves must not be armed or learn how to fight
And must be locked up from darkness to light.

To roam the far mountains with sword by your side,
To go out at night without having to hide,
To stand sword in hand at daylight's first gleam
Was for them, only an impossible dream.

Slaves can but dream what it is to be free
And live out their lives as God meant them to be,
For the right to bear arms has always been
A cherished privilege of only free men.

In our nation now, all slaves are free
But things are still not the way they should be,
For there are those in the powers that be
Who really don't want the people free.

They say that guns can only do harm,
So for our own protection, we must all disarm.
Let criminals run free to pillage and rape
Without guns for protection we're all in bad shape.

When the streets are unsafe, and your nerves are
rubbed raw,

FREDERIC
BASTIAT
WARNED...



**WHEN LAWS
CURTAIL
YOUR
LIBERTIES**

**THERE CAN BE
NO JUSTICE
UNDER LAW!**

Your government will help, by declaring martial
law.

Then freedom is gone, civil rights are no more
And storm troopers are kicking in your front door.

With curfew enforced you're locked up at night
Without any weapons, or a fair chance to fight.
All those who object won't live very long
And in a short time, all resistance is gone.

Then we can foretell of a lifetime of fear.
It's happened before, and it can happen here.

by Herbert A. Jole

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