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## TAX REVOLT BREWING

Reassessment of property taxes has taxpayers up in arms. Some property taxes have increased more than 75%. Tax protest groups are forming. Some have banded together in a property tax strike. Tax limitation petitions are circulating. *National Taxpayers United of Illinois* President, Jim Tobin, says that the anti-tax climate is the best in 13 years.

Mr. Tobin has received much publicity lately in his crusade against taxes in Illinois. He has been on the nightly news in Chicago throughout July and August. He reports that the only news source ignoring him is the stodgy *Chicago Tribune*.

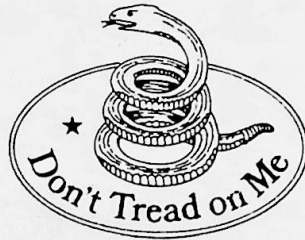
The following is a listing of some of the tax protest groups that have sprung up in Illinois recently.

- Northwest side of Chicago: Contact State Sen. Walter Dudycz, 312-774-7717.
- Glen Ellyn: **IRATE** taxpayers of DuPage County, Tom Voltaggio, 312-469-0080.
- Schaumburg: Contact Don Laxton, work-312-498-7193 home-312-397-3037.
- Peoria: Contact Art Palmer, 309-697-4625.
- Springfield: Contact Lee Borman 217-546-4669.
- Champaign, Effingham, and Mt. Vernon: Contact Robert Redfern, 618-842-7246.
- McHenry: Contact Deanna Gardner, 815-344-3739.

To date, there are three types of petitions circulating, two advisory to lower property taxes, and Tobin's, which would require a three-fifths majority vote in each chamber of

the General Assembly to pass any bill that would increase revenues to the State. This proposed Amendment to the Illinois Constitution also would require that all revenue bills pass through committee in both chambers before becoming law (see insert petition).

The other advisory petitions, one pedaled by populist Pat Quinn, the other by Chicago Aldermen who supported the recent tax increases by the State Legislature, are reminiscent of the 1978 advisory initiative which called for the lowering of state taxes and won by a considerable majority. Of course, nothing was done to lower taxes; on the contrary, taxes and spending have been rising steadily since then. Mr. Tobin surmises that the real motivation behind the advisory petitions is to bolster mailing lists for prospective political races. Pat Quinn is considering challenging George Dunne for the position of President of the Cook County Board.



*NTUI's Tax Accountability Amendment* will become mandatory if placed on the next Illinois election ballot and passed by the voters. This petition needs **260,000** valid signatures by April 30, 1990, to be placed on the ballot. To this date, only **5000** signatures have been collected. As Libertarians, we have a golden opportunity to limit the growth of State government with this petition. Let's help ourselves by petitioning and encouraging others to do the same.

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## Tax Revolt

**There are some strict legal requirements to make the signatures valid.**

- Each person who signs the petition must be a registered voter in the county or city in which you are gathering signatures.
- Each person who signs must write his or her name as it appears in the voter registration records. **Abbreviations of names cannot be used.**
- Each person who signs must write his or her residential street address or rural route number. If a business address is used, the signature will not be valid.
- Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the residence address. For example, "St." may be used for "Street".
- Each person who signs must write the name of the city, village, or town of his or her residence, and his or her county of residence.
- **Ditto marks are unacceptable.** Each signature line must be filled out completely.

Steve Merican, the libertarian lawyer who authored the proposed amendment cautions that a petitioner must be a registered voter in the State of Illinois. **All signatures on a petition sheet must be from only one "election jurisdiction",** which is the county the petitioner lives in, **except in nine**

**cities** which are considered election jurisdictions. These cities are Aurora, Bloomington, Chicago, Danville, East St. Louis, Galesburg, Peoria Rockford, and Springfield.

- On the top right of each petition sheet you will see a line to identify the "election jurisdiction." In that spaced you should write, **IN BLOCK LETTERS**, the name of the jurisdiction--either a county or one of the cities listed above--in which you have gathered the signatures.
- You must accurately fill in the information at the bottom of each petition sheet. You must write your name, residential street address, and the name of the city and county where you live.
- You must also sign your name in front of a notary on the appropriate line on the lower right of the sheet. The notary should be in the "election jurisdiction" you are gathering signatures in.
- Do not write a number in the space provided in the lower right for "Sheet Number."
- **Don't cut sheets.** In order to be valid they must not be cut, even if all the petition lines aren't filled.
- Return signed and notarized petitions to:

James Tobin, *National Taxpayers United of Illinois*

1822 South Home Ave.

Berwyn, Il. 60402

## The Libertarian DuPage County Fair Booth: A Critique

by Eric Banfield, Northern vice-chair

The Libertarian Club of DuPage's Dupage County Fair booth has the potential to be a much-greater source of inquiries than it is now. This potential is not being realized because aspects of the display are inconsistent with basic principles of marketing and psychology. They ignore the basic identification and understanding of the target audience at the Fair. Passers-by interpret some of the posted messages ambiguously. Some of the literature distributed is inconsistent with the impressions we must create.

The main message on the backdrop is:

**"ECONOMIC FREEDOM" and "CIVIL LIBERTY."**

This would be a wonderful way to phrase an appeal to certain "minorities" who feel economically restricted and already are comfortable with the term "civil liberties." But it is poor marketing strategy to put that message to white, rich, Republican DuPage County (1987: \$21, 235 income per capita, 2nd in Illinois, 45th in U.S.). Passersby sneered, "civil liberties--yeah, right!" Why? We know what we **mean** to say. But communication requires output and intake. The message

that DuPage county residents take in from "civil liberties" is compulsory "affirmative action"--something to which libertarians are opposed! We have been saying the right thing the wrong way, ignoring the sensibilities of those we are trying to reach. The motto in most of Northern Illinois, especially in counties like DuPage and Lake (\$21,432, 1st in Ill., 40th in U.S.), should be:

**"FREE ENTERPRISE      INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS."**

Or even just:

**"FREEDOM OF CHOICE."**

Since the booth is being redesigned, it will be easy to correct this glaring error before next year's Fair.

Messages should not raise ambiguities in the mind of the person half-consciously scanning fair booths. The following example appeared in this year booth.

**"CHINA HAS GUN CONTROL"**

**"GUN CONTROL WORKS"      A. Hitler, J. Stalin**

see "Critique" on next page



## Bills, Bills, Bills

The following are some bills passed by our wonderful legislature this year as reported in the *Illinois Manufacturers Association Bulletin*.

**Gas Tax Increase** (HB 714) As of Jan. 1, 1990, Illinois drivers will be paying 6 cents more per gallon of gas. The tax, which will be phased in, is expected to raise \$323 million in its first year. The revenues will be used to expand and improve existing roads and bridges throughout the state, and provide additional funds for mass transit programs.

**Computer Software Tax** (SB 185) The state sales tax base has been expanded to include retail sales of computer software. The \$27 million raised annually from the tax will be used to finance civic centers, as well as fund downstate parks and recreation programs.

**Cigarette Tax Increase** (HB 760) A 10 cent-per-pack increase in the state cigarette tax will raise \$90 million annually. The funds will be used to improve science and technology programs at state universities (\$327 million), finance Build Illinois bonds for the rehabilitation of Chicago's Navy Pier (\$150 million), help communities pay for unexpected costs of overhauling their wastewater treatment facilities to comply with federal standards, and provide wastewater funds for 35 communities not previously identified (\$156 million).

**Taxpayers' Bill of Rights** (HB 1100) Creates the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights and establishes a Taxpayer Ombudsman within the Department of Revenue to help taxpayers resolve problems with the department.

### Law Enforcement

**Drug Forfeiture** (SB 394) Provides that a person who sells drug paraphernalia is subject to the same property forfeiture provisions as a person who commits narcotics racketeering. Provides that a person 18 or older who sells drug paraphernalia to a person under age 18 commits (instead of a class A misdemeanor) a Class 4 felony, and a Class 3 felony for subsequent offense.

**Death Penalty** (SB 956) Prohibits a mentally retarded defendant from being sentenced to death for first degree murder.

**Permission to Travel** (HB 985) Requires teenagers under 17 to obtain their parents' permission to travel out-of-state on public transportation. Those who sell out-of-state travel tickets to minors could be charged with a class C misdemeanor.

## Critique from page 2

Some thought that the LPI was for gun control.

It is imperative in marketing and outreach that attention and good image are obtained immediately. The subconscious eye rejects unappealing words and pictures and moves on to seek more pleasant stimuli. People meandering about a county fair are not consciously seeking controversial issues and challenging ideas. Messages must be made to attract the subconscious movement of the eye. This can be done only with properly selected words, pictures, and phrases, and by avoiding controversial, emotional, and uncomfortable issues. These topics can be addressed later, in a different format, after the inquirer has a good image of the LP and has a mind-set more open to challenge.

Another error was the presence of the current version of the "Statement of Principles," both in the LP News and on the back of the sheet with the Bergland letter and the old membership form. LPI must not use this statement in outreach efforts until it changes the part about "challenging the cult of the omnipotent state" to a more appealing message. The current revision-proposal going to the Platform Committee reads:

**"We, the members of the Libertarian Party, defend the rights of the individual and oppose all government violations of individual rights."**

Concerning the platform, we cannot and should not prevent people from getting the platform if they really want it. But let's not offer it to newcomers right away. It's all too much to digest unless one understands the basic principles. It creates the risk that people will reject us based on one or two planks, even if they are generally sympathetic. We should not make it that easy for our opponents to use those few "hot-button" issues to burn us with.

Some proposed examples for next year:

**Do you have a split Political Personality?**

**Are you "conservative on issues of Free Enterprise, but "liberal" on issues of Person Choice?**

**Then you're a libertarian!**

**The Libertarian Party of Illinois.**

**Refuge for the politically frustrated.**

## Local Club Report

### IVLA Reactivating

Libertarian activist Scott Tillman is revitalizing the Illinois Valley Libertarian Association, (IVLA), with the periodic publishing of "Instead-of-a-Newsletter." IVLA will hold a quarterly business meeting on Saturday, September 2nd, at 12 o'clock noon. The order of business for the day will be the formation of the newsletter board (everyone is invited), the reestablishment of the IVLA executive committee, and affiliation with the LPI for IOAN and/or the IVLA. Refreshments served.

On the weekend of August 12th, the IVLA was busy handing out "Nolan Chart quizzes" to the State Fair attendees. In the first two hours they handed out over a thousand brochures. They are now making plans to have a booth at the State Fair for next year. For more information about club and newsletter activities, contact **Scott Tillman, 1218 Henrietta, Pekin, Il. 61554, 309-353-1500.**

### North Cook Individualist Supper Club Schedule

August 10th: Speakers from the Meridian Institute, an objectivist-philosophy dramatic arts group

August 28th: No Supper Club

September 14: Jim Zaluba from the Free Inquiry Network

September 25: Supper Club resumes at a new location: Angelo's Restaurant & Lounge, 1418 West Morse, Chicago, one-half block west of the Morse EL. Angelo's serves alcohol; it's the Rogers Park equivalent to LCD's Minuette. 6:45 PM.

October 12th: A Speaker from Amnesty International will speak

October 23th: Supper Club at Angelos

November 9th: Marshall Fritz tape

November 27th: Supper Club

December 14th: North Cook's Annual Holiday Party

December 25th: Merry Christmas, no Supper Club

*"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it."*

Thomas Paine, 1777

### Handgun Discussion

If you believe that it's better to discuss issues without resolving them, rather than having them resolved without discussion, the "WEWill" Libertarian Club invites you to join us Sunday, September 17, from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M at the College of DuPage to discuss the issue of gun control with Chet Coulis, of the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence and James Zangrilli, National Rifle Association Director. For more information call Anne McCracken 312-739-6240.

### National Convention Tape

Friday, September 22 - NORTHWEST LIBERTARIAN CLUB will hear a tape of Walter Williams' and Charles Murray keynote address to LP National Convention, if available. 6:45 Dutch treat dinner, 8:00 program. Banquet room, Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee St., Mannheim Road (1/4 block south of Algonquin Road), Des Plaines. Call Dan Coit (803-8855) to reserve a place for dinner.

### Neighborhood Fair Report

Glen Olofsen, chairman of the neighborhood fairs committee reports a successful summer. Over 1200 pieces of literature were distributed at fairs this summer. 46 people requested additional information. People signed petitions for a free China and NTUI's Tax Accountability Amendment.

### David Littman on American Perestroika

October 21: David Litmann keynotes the 9th annual Michigan Libertarian Week banquet; Pat Anderson will introduce David. Topic: **Perestroika On the Home Front.** Place: Southfield Hotel and Conference Center, 17017 W. 9 Mile, Southfield. Price: \$25. Table of 8 for \$160. Cocktails: 6:30, Dinner 7:30, talk 8:30. Littmann is 1st Vice-President and Senior Economist at Manufacturer's Bank and an academic advisor to the Heartland and Mackinac Institutes. CNN recently interviewed him and aired his comments on the minimum wage. Contact Virginia Cropsey: P.O. Box 1355, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48311, 313-781-6454.



**Critique** from page 3

**Remember tax cuts?**

**The Libertarian Party ran the ONLY candidate in 1988 proposing tax cuts.**

**Free enterprise. Individual rights.**

**Available exclusively from the  
Libertarian Party.**

The DuPage County Fair is an opportunity to introduce the LPI to many potentially-interested people. First impressions are very important in sensitive situations. The analogy describing our best approach comes from basic principles of marketing one's self: job-hunting. On the resume, don't include anything that raises unnecessary ambiguity, lack of clarity, or confusion; all information should be consistent with job objective. At interviews, visual appearance and concise answers are essential. It's not just what you say, but how you say it. Follow-up (e.g. thank-you letters) is crucial, even after rejection. LPI must apply variations of these principles to its outreach efforts at the fair.

**Tax Rebel Update**

Today I have good news and strange news. The prosecution of local Libertarian tax protester Michael Smith (that's me) covered in June's Illinois Libertarian, ended July 25th on a happy note. The government accepted an Alford's Plea (plead guilty but not really) to the three misdemeanor counts of Failure to File, in return for dropping three felony counts of tax evasion. Judge Ilana Rovner sentenced me to 5 years probation, 60 days work release, full restitution and 500 hours community service. This means I won't lose my job, my home or my family. The strange part comes in when she elaborated that the community service was to be spent "speaking to high schools about the civic duties of citizenship." Apparently nobody told her the last thing she wants to do is put a Libertarian on a soap box.

Yours in freedom,  
Michael H. Smith  
Winthrop Harbor

**Las Vegas Tax Activist  
Acquitted of Willful Failure  
to File and Evasion**

*condensed from The  
Justice Times, July 1989,  
P.O. Box 479, American  
Fork, UT. 84003*

Phillip Roth, an airline pilot and ardent activist in the national tax revolt was acquitted in June of one count of willful failure to file and income tax return and three counts of income tax evasion. The jury deliberated three days in a Hawaii federal court. Roth is formerly of Hawaii. The government tried to paint Roth as a wild-eyed tax protester who was out of touch with reality. The prosecutor read the 16th Amendment to the jury arguing that the law was plain and clear. Roth's defense was his good faith belief that he was not required to file a tax return. He argued that the income tax applies only to profit or gain and not wages earned by labor. His defense attorney also pointed out that Public Law 96-511 which is part of the

Paperwork Reduction Act requires the government to supply certain information on any form that is mandatory for a citizen to fill out. The income tax 1040 form does not have this information. It appears that Roth has beaten the government at its own red-tape game. Chicago tax activist, Bill Benson, whose own trial for willful failure to file begins on August 21, did the research on the Paperwork Reduction Act. Mr. Benson is also the author of *The Law that Never Was*, a book researching the invalidity of the 16th Amendment.

After the trial, one juror visited Roth's local council in Honolulu and told him that three members of the jury initially voted for acquittal, and then convinced the other nine that Roth actually believed he wasn't required to file, and thus should not be convicted of the three counts of tax evasion either.

"In the current political vocabulary, 'need' means wanting to get someone else's money. 'Greed' which used to mean what 'need' now means, has come to mean wanting to keep your own. 'Compassion' means the politicians willingness to arrange the transfer."

Joseph Sobran

*Conservatism in Crisis: the Cause and the Solution*

## Letters to the Editor

### Attend Town Meetings

Although writing letters to the editor and holding meetings is great fun, there is one particular form of Illinois government which is remarkably vulnerable to attack and which we are ignoring.

I attended the Annual Town Meeting in Maine Township as a reporter, but, as a resident, I was also entitled to vote.

Expecting a huge turn-out, I was amazed to find less than 25 qualified voters. After a lengthy self-congratulatory awards ceremony, the moderator asked township residents to pass a few resolutions.

Until audience members protested, the moderator wasn't even asking for "No" votes.

A resolution authorizing the mostly Republican Town Board to "do all things necessary and proper" to "preserve and safeguard township government" passed with three "no's" (mine and two Democrats).

A resolution approving, confirming, and ratifying everything the Board had done in 1988 passed unanimously (sorry, I didn't have time to figure out what it meant).

A resolution authorizing the Board to "take all steps necessary" to regulate, among other things, Canada thistles,

parking of recreational vehicles, and night soil (no one could tell me what that was) passed with one dissenting vote (mine).

A resolution approving "a tax rate for the various funds of the Township" sufficient for the levies "which the Town Board determines" passed with two "no's."

No one could tell me what would happen if we hadn't authorized everything the Board did in 1988 or every tax they intend to levy in 1989.

I certainly believe, however, that if every LPI member attended their next annual town meeting and brought one neighbor, we could throw a wrench in the gears of this machine.

We have an unexpected ally in this fight. The League of Women voters of Illinois has a position advocating the abolition of township government. They think it SFRVFS NO PURPOSE. I am campaigning to have League members also attend their annual town meeting.

There is only one such meeting a year-- let's try to raise a little commotion next April.

Maggie Kohls  
Des Plaines

### Panelists Wanted for Event at LP National Convention

Currently, the "Children's Rights" plank in the Libertarian Party platform implicitly raises but does not address an important issue: Under libertarian principles, do parents owe their dependent children care and protection? (Or do they have a right to choose to abandon them on Mt. Everest?)

Libertarians for Life has tentative plans for an extra-curricular panel on this issue at the LP convention in Philadelphia, Thursday evening, Aug. 31. We would like to make participation in this panel as broad as possible, not just an LFL event. For this reason, we are looking for a panelist to

speaking in favor of the right of abandonment and for others with an in-between position. LFL supports parental obligation.

If you can suggest good panelists, please contact LFL at 13424 Hathaway Dr., Wheaton, MD 20906, 301-460-4141. Please include their addresses and telephone numbers, indicate where they stand on the issue (some reasoning supporting their stand would be appreciated), and include any other information you think pertinent. Prompt replies would be helpful.

### Concerning Nuclear Holocausts—

*A few million here, a few million there, pretty soon we're talking real people.*

Ken Prazak



## Problems with the Oath

In order to become a member of the Libertarian Party, a person must sign an oath. The oath states: "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals." Many prospective and current members of the Party "have problems" with this oath. An analysis of the implications of the oath will reveal the source of these problems.

Let us suppose that A pays B to paint his house and B accepts the money but never performs his part of the contract. A cannot get his money back unless B freely returns it or unless A employs force to get it back. If A is a Libertarian, the latter alternative is out of the question, for he cannot initiate force. If his Libertarianism becomes well-known in the community, A will become the frequent and easy prey of con artists and unscrupulous business people, all of whom know that A cannot fight back after being wronged. The unfairness and injustice associated with A's predicament prompts many Libertarians to wonder whether there are at least a few situations in which the initiation of force is justified.

In its current form the oath appears to preclude the initiation of any force, even in response to dishonesty or injustice. If this is not what its creators intended, perhaps the oath can be rewritten so as to distinguish between different situations. Or perhaps the oath can be replaced with a test resembling the Nolan Chart-- only those receiving a certain score will be accepted for membership. Another alternative would be to have the applicant recite or sign a Libertarian Creed, a statement which puts forth all of the main points of libertarian doctrine. The Creed would read something like this: I believe in the sovereignty of the individual, the spontaneous order, the morality of private property and free trade, and the limitation of the use of force.

I object to and shall fight forced collective action, restrictions on peaceful, honest behavior and unlimited rule by the majority."

The use of a Creed such as this one would serve the same purpose as the oath - it would preclude nonlibertarians from joining the Party. It would also be educational for the prospective member, who could ask about and have explained any of the points he does not understand.

The need for ideological purity on the part of the membership is not in question. But if the only impediment to a person's joining the Party is his doubts about the meaning of an open-ended oath, the use that oath should be discontinued.

Dave Hoscheidt

Editor's response: Although I, too, have problems with the oath, I have even more problems with your possible solutions. First, the pledge addresses the initiation of force not the response of force which isn't really force at all but self-defense. As far as I know, no libertarian opposes force on moral grounds, as a means of self-defense. One may well argue that the Declaration of Independence, which most libertarians support, is a document which justifies the use of force as self-defense against a government of "absolute despotism." A just measure of self-defensive force against lesser aggressive acts would fall within this justification. I therefore think the pledge is innocuous and have little problem signing it. I am repulsed a bit by the idea of oaths in general.

Your solutions are far muddier than the present oath. Libertarians have a hard time on deciding where to eat. You'll never get a consensus on questions of a "Nolan chart".

reprint from New Hampshire's Libertarian Lines  
reprinted from the Reader's Digest

**A Real Election:** The ancient Greeks had a lot of good ideas we all have heard about, but they had one absolutely brilliant idea that few people know about. Reports Isaac Asimov in his *Book of Facts*: "After the Athenians had driven out the tyrant Hippias in 510 BC, they tried to work out methods to prevent the establishment of another tyranny. Once a year they set up an opportunity for a vote that was

aimed not at electing someone, but exiling someone. Each Athenian could write down the name of a politician he felt was growing too dangerously powerful for the good of the state. If a total of 6,000 votes were cast and one man received the majority, he was forced to remain away from Athens for 10 years. It was not a disgraceful exile; his property was not confiscated, his family was not mistreated, and when the decade was up, he was welcomed back. He understood that he had been sent away to be kept from the temptation of trying to upset the democracy."

**Libertarians in the Press**

*reprinted from LaSalle-Peru News Tribune, Wednesday, May 3, 1989*

**Americans Should Protect Personal, Economic Freedoms**

The recent Chinese student strikes have reminded me of a recent News-Tribune feature column by William Rusher of March 10, 1989. In the article, Rusher states, "For all of Peking's recent enthusiasm for market economics, open dissent can be downright dangerous." How perceptive William Rusher was.

In many ways, the Chinese situation is like that of South Africa. Both have a larger degree of economic freedom than personal freedom. People correctly resent being told by government that their personal liberties of freedom of speech, press, and right to assemble are to be very limited even though they may exercise economic freedom in owning some property and keeping a good portion of the fruits of their labor.

Sweden has the reverse situation with government allowing Swedes to print and say whatever they want, but not to keep much of what they earn.

I prefer to live in the U.S.A. where we have a sizeable portion of each--both personal and economic liberty. Free minds and free markets are not gifts to be taken for granted; we need to remind ourselves sometimes how precious they are. The Chinese students who call for individual liberty echo a value felt by millions around the world.

Alan J. Blomquist  
Member, Illinois Libertarian Party  
Oglesby

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*reprinted from the Wall Street Journal, Thursday, August 3, 1989*

**Yearning for Liberty Won't Die in China**

When China's leaders denounce bourgeois liberals, we Libertarians cheerfully can admit to being experts on the subject.

"Bourgeois liberalism" is our stock in trade. Like the students and other protesters in China, we favor free speech, a free press, freedom of intellectual life, free markets and democratic and constitutional checks on government. We libertarians want to see these things in China, the U.S. and throughout the world. In the works of China's most prominent dissident, Fang Lizhi, "freedom of speech means the same thing everywhere."

**"The people of China have stood up and said: Give me liberty or give me death"**

And, like the Chinese, we libertarians see the corruption that results when a privileged and politically powerful elite dictates the course of economic life.

What should individuals do who sympathize with the Chinese people? What should the American government do? Individuals should donate to refugee-relief-groups, to Amnesty International, in order to help political prisoners, and to Chinese student and community groups in America that have links to those suffering in China.

The U.S. Government should end permanently its military ties with China. Not only are these ties a present-day embarrassment, they easily can embroil America in overseas troubles in the future. Congress should repeal the Neutrality statutes that block private Americans from aiding the anti-government resistance in China.

The people of China have stood up and said: "Give me liberty or give me death." The Chinese government has responded by dealing out death and arrests to thousands, but it cannot rub out the Chinese people's yearning for liberty.

David K. Walter  
Libertarian Party National Chair  
Washington





FROM THE CHAIR

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 1989

by Sue Walton, State Chair

WANTED: People to OBSERVE PARADES!! 1990 is an election year and the LPI needs to know which parades are the best attended and organized. I know that some members attended the GAY PRIDE & DES PLAINES Independence Day Parades earlier this year--I'd like your thoughts too! Evanston & Hoffman Estates Independence Day Parades are not well-organized and Evanston had few people in 1989. GET ME A BIG Independence Day PARADE, WHICH IS WELL-ORGANIZED--the parade units keep up with each other on a reasonable basis.

PET PEEVE OF THE MONTH: PEOPLE WHO MOVE AND WHO DO NOT NOTIFY THE LPI. PLEASE, if you move, LET the LPI KNOW by sending us an address correction post card, as soon as possible!

Interesting Point of Comparison: Both the 1989 National Convention Hotel--the Franklin Wyndham Plaza and the 1991 National Convention Hotel, the Downtown Chicago Marriott were rated by Corporate Travel Magazine as good buys! The Wyndham, has an indoor pool, racquetball, squash & tennis courts, sauna, Nautilus & a unique eighth-mile jogging track. The Wyndham's 800# is 822-4200.

Well, one person (at this writing), has responded to my challenge of interest, but the July Illinois Libertarian was sent to over 275 people; sad response. I'm beginning to think that Libertarians are all talk and no action!

Did you know that TED SEMON & MAGGIE KOHLS have been doing a lot of "Letters to the Editor" lately? Ted's letters can be seen in the Daily Herald, DuPage Edition, and Maggie's in the Chicago Tribune. Why don't more people write letters?

Small things save big money; thanks to Data Base Coordinator, STEVE KRAUSE, the LPI is able catch duplicate labels; we are also able to sort by MANY codes, so we don't waste postage and printing fees. A couple of months ago, I mentioned that I wanted to write a "libertarian gothic novel." However, several weeks ago, I found the word "libertarian" in a gothic I was reading after a busy day of being a libertarian executive. In Turkish Delight by Rosemary Edghill, the main character calls another "a true libertarian". When asked what is a libertarian, the main character responds, "One who espouse the principles of true equality, of manifest destiny, and a fundamental belief in--". See why I liked the novel! The word libertarian had been coined in the 18th century. Yes, manifest destiny was a term which evolved after the time of this novel--the napoleonic era, but still NEAT! WHAT A GREAT HIGH!

Lawrence Buell is a new life member. Congratulations!

THREE CHBERS to GLENN OLOFSON & his NORTH COOK CREW who have been manning a booth at various street fairs on Chicago's North Side this summer. GLENN & his teammates have passed out over 1000 pieces of LPI literature to interested citizens. GLENN volunteered to do street fairs at the LPI's Goals Session at our 1989 State Convention and he has made his commitment and kept it!

Enough of my spontaneous thoughts, have a Good Labor Day!

Next Issue

Full National Convention Coverage

Dr. Walter Williams, Dr. Charles Murray, Dr. Ron Paul, Dr.-of-letters Karl Hess

National Chair race

Platform and By-laws committee

The Boardwalk and *Black-jack*

and lots more



**Directory**

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**Illinois Libertarian Calendar**

September 2

- **Illinois Valley Libertarian Assoc.**, Saturday, 12:00 noon, at 1218 Henrietta, Pekin, first quarterly meeting, everyone invited. Contact: Scott Tillman, 309-353-1500.

September 11

- **DuPage Libertarian Club**, Monday, 6:30 P.M. at the Minuette Restaurant, Ogden and Main St., Lisle, Il. Meets first Monday of every month (different this month), same place and time. For more info: Steve Nelson, 969-1088.

September 14

- **North Cook County Libertarian Club, and North Shore Individualist** meeting Thursday, 7:00 P.M., Jim Zaluba from the Free Inquiry Network, at the Henry George School, 4536 N. Ravenswood, Chicago. Location: just south of Wilson on Ravenswood on the west side of the tracks. One and a half blocks north of the CTA Ravenswood line Montrose Station, one and a half blocks south of the CNW north line, Ravenswood station. More info: Greg Bezdek, 251-2870 or Sue Walton, 475-0391.

September 17

- **We Will Libertarian Club**, Sunday, 3:00 to 5:00 P.M., at the College of DuPage. Gun control discussion with Chet Coulis, of the Ill. Council Against Handgun Violence and James Zangrilli, NRA director. Contact: Anne McCracken, 312-739-6240

September 22

- Friday, **Northwest Libertarian Club** will hear a tape of Walter Williams' and Charles Murray keynote address to LP National Convention, if available. 6:45 Dutch treat dinner, 8:00 program. Banquet room, Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee St., Mannheim Road (1/4 block south of Algonquin Road), Des Plaines. Call Dan Coit (803-8855) to reserve a place for dinner.

September 25

- **NCCLP Supper Club** resumes at a new location: Monday, Angelo's Restaurant & Lounge, 1418 West Morse, Chicago, one-half block west of the Morse EL. Angelo's serves alcohol; it's the Rogers Park equivalent to LCD's Minuette. 6:45 PM.

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