Colorado Libertarian Party
Monthly Newsletter—October, 1987

* ------ Calendar ------ *

2nd Wednesday — Cocktail Party. October 14, 7-9 p.m. at the office at 720 E. 18th Avenue, Suite 309. Come out to see our new office, voice your opinions on the 1988 Presidential campaign, and meet fellow Libertarians. This will be an indoor (promise!) potluck, so bring munchies to share. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be provided.

4th Wednesday — CLP Board meeting at the office.

October 22 & 29 — "Faces of Poverty." See details below.

November 13-15 — Weekend with Karl Hess hosted by Mary Margaret in Fort Collins. The cost is $50 per person. Call Mary Margaret for registration at 484-8184. As of this writing, there are 8 spots still open.

* ------ It's PAUL and MORRou!! ------ *

Former Texas Republican Congressman Ron Paul and former Alaskan State Representative Andre Marrou were selected at the LP National Convention held in Seattle over Labor Day weekend (September 3-6) to head the National LP Presidential ticket. Paul won the nomination on the first ballot with about 2 votes more than necessary. Russell Means, Paul's major contender, came in second, was nominated for VP, and declined in a very moving speech—a real class act. Means received a very warm standing ovation for the speech, which urged Party unity in the upcoming election, for several minutes.

* ------ Faces of Poverty ------ *

Every Thursday from October 22 through November 12, Trinity United Methodist Church will be sponsoring a seminar on poverty. On Oct. 22, Kathy Ellis, the Executive Director of Step 13, a successful, privately funded, poverty program will be featured. On Nov 12, Karl Hess will be featured. The seminars will begin at 7 p.m. at the church at 1820 Broadway in Denver.

* ------ Denver Convention Center ------ *

Some activists in the Denver area are attempting to put the proposed Convention Center to a vote. For more information, call Garland (Jeep) Campbell, 388-0115.

* ------ Getting to Know You ------ *

If something of interest to the libertarian movement happens in your area, please tell us about it so we can spread the word. We'd like someone in Ft. Collins, Grand Junction, Colorado Springs, and other areas to send us a couple of sentences about what's going on. Deadline for the next month's CLiPboard is the board meeting date, but don't let that stop you—we'll use it the next month if it's late.
Thoughts from Seattle...

As many of you know, Ron Paul and Andre Marrou were nominated as the Libertarian candidates for President and Vice President respectively. Congratulations and best wishes are in order to both of these men as they spend the next year crisscrossing the country, letting voters know that there is an alternative. A sincere thank you is also in order to Russell Means, Jim Lewis, and Harry Glenn for running hard races for the Presidential nomination. Let's hope that their voices continue to be heard, because each of these men, with their unique talents and abilities, has something to offer the Libertarian Party.

So where do we in Colorado go from here? Some thoughts...

The Libertarian Party is one based on respect for the individual. Indeed, working with the LP for any length of time gives one an even greater appreciation of the diversity that makes up this movement. I happen to believe that YOU are the Libertarian Party in Colorado, and believe me when I say that a strong, vibrant party does not come from "strong" leadership from the Chair, nor from any member of the Board for, but rather from unique and creative individuals like yourselves, doing whatever you feel you can do to promote the cause of liberty. All I can ask is whatever it is you can do, do it, and you will have our support.

As the 1988 campaign draws near, we find ourselves in need of volunteers. Specifically, the Ron Paul campaign needs coordinators, especially for ballot drives. Closer to home, Dave Aitken's State House campaign can also use help. Legislative seats, both national and local, are open as are several RTD board spots. Perhaps some of you would be interested in running in some of those races. Russell Means has organized a national caucus entitled "Freedom Is For Everyone." Maybe there are some ideas as to how that can be organized in Colorado. Perhaps there are some ideas that you have that no one else has thought of. In any case, I believe there is room in this movement for everyone. If there is any way we can be of help, please feel free to let me know.

* ----- Libertarians in Offices ----- *

David Aitken is the chairman of the Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods Crime Prevention Committee. He is using the position to promote Libertarian solutions to crime problems in Denver.

Doug Anderson recently began his four year term as a member of the Denver Election Commission. A point of interest, Doug spent a whopping $50 on his campaign.

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A Weekend With Karl Hess

November 13, 14 & 15

For: Anyone wanting to spend an informal and up-close weekend with Karl Hess.

Cost: $50.00

Enrollment: Limited to 20 participants. This ensures a chance to really have the opportunity to visit with Karl.

Schedule:
- Friday evening 6:00 - 9:00 pm potluck dinner
- Saturday 9:00 - 11:30 am conversation and 11:30 - 1:30 pm lunch break
- Sunday 1:30 - 5:30 pm conversation 5:30 - 7:30 pm dinner break 7:30 - 9:00 pm conversation

Meals: We will be going to reasonably priced restaurants. All participants are invited to come along. You may choose to make other meal arrangements.

Where: At the home of Mary Margaret, 1317 Lakewood Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado

Registration: Mail your check for $50.00 to:
A Weekend with Karl Hess
1317 Lakewood Drive
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

You may wish to call 303•484•8184 for the current enrollment number.
Fellow Libertarians:

There are presently two items of importance before the Denver Election Commission. First, as a member of the Commission, I'm looking for individuals willing to be election judges. This job was traditionally reserved for Republicans and Democrats, and in some cases still is by Colorado law, so how 'bout being the first Libertarian Election Judge in Colorado. Give me a call!!!

Second is an issue likely to have been decided by the time you read this. Clarke Watson, Democrat and recent candidate for Mayor, has lodged a complaint before the Denver Election Commission. The complaint requests that the Commission investigate possible violations of Denver's version of the Campaign Reform Act by the Pena campaign. At this time, Mr. Watson has presented very little evidence to substantiate his claim. I am, however, in the process of meeting with Mr. Watson, Mayor Pena, the City Attorney, Mark Obmascik of the Denver Post (who wrote on this initially), and my fellow Commissioners. The details are too long for the CLiPboard, so if you are interested, let me know!

Doug Anderson 757-8896 (H)

Grand Junction LP member Steve Thurman wrote in to describe his experience as a delegate to the recent model Constitutional Convention, held September 13 & 14 in Denver. He expressed understandable chagrin at the delegates' "willingness to surrender rights, [and] to appeal to government for assistance." He also noted that the delegates of 1987, as opposed to their predecessors, felt that government should have a more active role in our lives and saw little need to restrain its powers.

Steven Thurman also reports that Mesa County has a new libertarian association, Mesa County Liberty. If you would like to contact them, their telephone number is 243-1088. We expect to hear big things from them in the future!

Penn Pfiffner has indicated a willingness to walk his precinct twice this fall and distribute literature to his neighbors. He'll be leaving about 6 different brochures at each of 400 homes. Literature does cost money, however, and we need to raise $75 to $100 to support this project. Please help by sending your contribution to the party office.