

JEROME TUCCILLE

Voters Picking Up Tuccille Message

By ART O'SULLIVAN

You know the F.L.P. They're that New York bunch who spend so much time debating how many libertarians can — or should — dance on the head of a pin. They're also the group who picked up nine thousand votes and unprecedented public attention for libertarianism in last year's New York mayoralty race.

They're the gang who collected nearly forty thousand signatures to qualify for the state ballot this year; then gathered for a crucial campaign strategy meeting which ended in a frenzied balloon fight. And they're the ones who are about to pull off a minor miracle by garnering the fifty thousand-plus votes they need to capture a permanent line on the New York State ballot.

Those who still doubt this last might be interested in the fact that the New York Times, which never devoted a single article to Fran Youngstein's mayoral candidacy, has already printed five stories on Jerry Tuccille's activities in pursuit of the Governorship. They

might also want to read George F. Will's Washington Post column entitled "The Chester A. Arthur Test" (unless they've already seen it in their local papers). Mr. Will notes the F.L.P.'s "modest and practical goal" of 50,000 votes, lauds Tuccille and his ideas, and remarks, "We should wish him success."

Going Fishing

By the way, Chester A. Arthur was a U.S. President who actually cut taxes, spending, and the national debt, but preferred fishing to governing. Tuccille and a dozen supporters gathered in front of the building where Arthur was sworn in as President, Jerry offering a rod and reel as an inducement to any politician who would emulate Arthur, or just "go jump in a lake."

That was the first in a seemingly endless series of stunts which have attempted — with considerable success — to dramatize libertarian views in a style that makes good copy for the press and good sense to the voters. Keeping track of their press coverage has been a full-time job — they've already papered one whole wall with clippings from around the state.

Another gimmick had Jerry Tuccille manning a pushcart in front of City Hall, giving away hotdogs with the eight percent tax-bite removed. The media ate it up.

People who'd do things like that might just as well print up Tuccille Dollars (in denominations of 50,000) and distribute them on Wall Street to illustrate how rampant spending causes inflation; or crash East Side Manhattan singles bars, arouse the patrons and seduce them back to a libertarian watering hole to learn the facts of life; or organize clandestine expeditions to induce mysterious growths of light-colored grass spelling "Tuccille" in ten-foot letters on strategic slopes along state highways. They might do these things and they have.

Pyramid Building

Now they're making final preparations to erect a pyramid at the

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Cuts Across Social, Political Boundaries

Harroff Reaching Ohio Electorate

What Libertarian candidate running for statewide office can claim the support of 7.6% of the electorate in the polls?

Kathleen G. Harroff, that's who. Kay Harroff, the independent candidate for United States Senator from Ohio.

A figure like 7.6% is nothing to brag about, perhaps. But much smaller percentages have swung key races in countless instances. And for a candidate who is consistently libertarian on the issues, it's not bad at all.

Kay Harroff's opponents are well-known in the state of Ohio, and one of them is well-known throughout the world. The former is Ralph Perk, the Republican mayor of Cleveland. The latter is John Glenn, the former astronaut who is running for statewide office for a third time, and is a Democrat.

Harroff's schedule of appearances is a monument to her energy. She has scheduled up to ten appearances per day at newspaper offices and radio and television stations, trying to get her message across.

Immediate Amnesty

What is her message? Harroff has squarely faced issues such as amnesty with libertarian principles, calling for immediate amnesty for draft-evaders.

Her foreign-policy position calls for six major changes:

- 1) Recall all troops and equipment to American soil
- 2) Abolish the CIA
- 3) Repeal the Selective Service Act
- 4) Cease all foreign aid
- 5) Establish total free trade and free

travel

- 6) Reduce military spending to defense levels only

Harroff's well-publicized positions have earned support from all sides of the political spectrum and all social levels. McGovernites and conservatives, businessmen and prisoners have sent her letters of agreement.

Not unexpectedly, her opposition, worried that she might hold the balance of power in this election, has perhaps, thrown up a few barriers to her campaign. One television appearance was stopped halfway through by a bomb scare. And there are reports that Harroff's tax situation will receive careful scrutiny before the campaign is over.

Full Dose Of Poison

Harroff's busy schedule has led to some interesting situations—and confrontations. She debated with the Communist Party candidate for Senate in a ghetto. He opposed cartels, but favored nationalization. Harroff made a telling point with the audience by noting that his message was "a little bit of poison is bad, but a full dose will cure us."

Numerous newspaper editors have shown sympathy for Harroff's positions, one telling her, "I don't belong to any party, but if I did, it would be yours." After one television appearance, she made her exit to the applause of the cameraman.

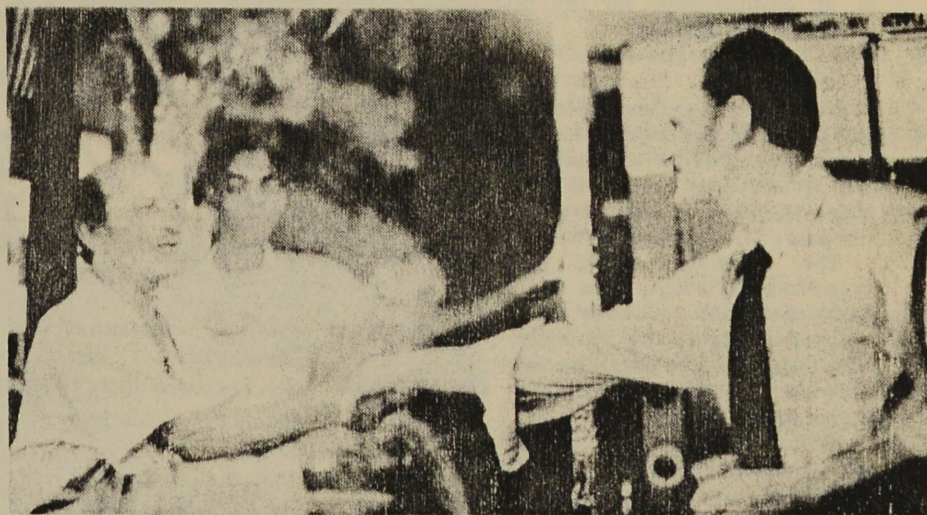
Harroff's libertarian principles have made it difficult for many of her listeners to reconcile their own contradictions. Many who are fairly receptive are confused by trying to label

her "liberal" or "conservative."

The Columbus chapter of the National Organization for Women found it hard to understand why Harroff supported the right of abortion while opposing welfare payments for abortion.

Enthusiastic reaction to Harroff's campaign can be summed up by a man who wrote her after reading her position paper: "I've read and re-read it seven times now and am sitting here in disbelief, semi-shock, and in full agreement!"

Kathleen Harroff may poll only 7.6% of the vote in her campaign, but the reverberations from her effort may resound through Ohio politics for some time.



MEETING THE PEOPLE—Jerry Tuccille, at right, the Libertarian Party gubernatorial candidate in the Empire State, campaigns at the Festival of San Gennaro in his quest for 50,000 votes.

From The Chair

Taking Political Situation Seriously

Ed Crane

The Libertarian Party is barely two years old, and already our ideas have attracted the serious attention of media commentators, congressmen, business leaders and the general public. Never in the history of this nation has a political movement with broad geographical support gained the respect or made the intellectual impact that the Libertarian Party has in so short a period of time.

Flush with hard-won success of this nature one would expect that members of the Party would represent optimism personified. Such, unfortunately, is not always the case.

To be sure, there is a great sense of accomplishment in what we have done, and the vast majority of us seem determined to carry the battle onward, regardless of the apparate odds. But underneath it all there still lurks in some corners of the Party an unspoken sense of futility—the idea that it's fun to throw rocks at the state but, what the hell, we *know* we can't ever win.

Well, I think we can. Maybe if it were just a question of throwing rocks there would never be enough of us to make an impact on the growth of the liberty-stifling bureaucracy. But we have something better in the long run than rocks. We have *ideas*.

Gaining Ground

If we take the time to look around us we will find that the ideas of individualism and liberty are gaining ground at an accelerating rate: Szaz, Branden, and Breggin in psychology; Rothbard, and Kirzner, and Hayek in economics; Nozick, Rand, and Hospers in philosophy; and Siegan in land use and urban planning. The list goes on and on. Name a topic, and you find a libertarian making waves and being listened to.

The timing for a libertarian political movement could not be better. Whether we recognize this or not, other observers of the political scene do. Larry O'Brien, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, was recently quoted as saying the ultimate result of Watergate would be "the emergence of a viable third party in the United States." Nationally syndicated columnist Kevin Phillips reported the results of a poll he undertook in late September which showed that 55% of those sampled wanted a new political party.

And then there's the President of the United States, Jerry Ford. "A catastrophic defeat for the Republican Party could write the obituary of the GOP," he moaned in early October. All this, of course, is in addition to national polls which show that percentage registration in the two major parties is at an all-time low. So the political environment is ideal.

Time Has Come

Libertarianism is a political philosophy whose time has come. The sooner we recognize this fact and the sooner we realize the tremendous power and potential of the philosophy we share, the more rapidly we will achieve our goal of freedom in our time.

The Libertarian Party now has organized affiliated parties in over 30 states. From the mail we're receiving at national headquarters, I'd wager (if it were legal) that by this time next year we'll be functioning effectively with organizations in all 50 states.

From my perspective we are very close to achieving the most difficult aspect of creating a viable political movement: The establishment of an organizational superstructure that is capable of generating publicity and

coordinating political campaigns. We've proven that our support is substantial enough to do this. The question is no longer, "Can we get our message to the public?" but "Will the public accept libertarian ideas?" I believe, and I think

most members of the Party do, that the average American will not only accept our ideas but will eagerly embrace them.

After all, we are offering people liberty and prosperity — something no

political movement has done since shortly after the first libertarian revolution two hundred years ago. We can succeed, and we must recognize that we can. For if we don't take ourselves seriously, we can't expect others to.

Capitol Commentary

Rockefeller's Nomination

Eric Scott Royce

Nelson Rockefeller, long-time ruler over the people of New York, is currently yawning his way through hearings on his qualifications to be Vice President. To date [written Sept. 26 — Ed.] the questioning in the Senate has been remarkably mild. Opposition is being squelched in the Republican caucuses. There are predictions in some quarters that Rocky may slip through the confirmation process, incredibly enough, with NO opposition at all in the Senate and only minimal dissent in the House.

Incredible. Rocky is the man who busted New York's budget, massively increased the state's bonded indebtedness, was responsible for the Attica massacre, rammed through a repressive drug control law. He is the guy who regularly ditched his own party's presidential candidates. He is one of the worst internationalists in this country today. And he is the man whose family dominates the "power elite."

Republican conservatives on the Hill are gritting their teeth and grumping in private. A few — Senators Helms (NC) and Scott (Va.), Representatives Holt (Md.), Ashbrook (Ohio), and Symms (Ida.) — have expressed their distaste in public, as have a few New York Democrats and Sen. Abourezk (D-S.D.). But at present only groups like YAF, the American Conservative Union, some Catholic anti-abortionists, and a few left-wing "crazies" are actively opposing the ex-governor.

Goldwater's Stance

The new conservative Republican steering committee in the Senate, established for the purpose of opposing Rocky-style policies, is curiously silent. Sens. Goldwater (Ariz.) and Curtis (Nebr.) are supporting the nomination. And the House GOP caucus is being kicked into line by the likes of minority leader John Rhodes (Ariz.).

But conservatives, caught off guard by Ford's rapid leftward charge, are not

happy, of course. Their silence is indicative more of the fact that they are planning to regroup than of surrender. Plans are already afoot for a serious third party drive in 1976 with Gov. Reagan as the standard bearer. Meetings packed with conservative leaders from both on and off Capitol Hill are being held in Northern Virginia. Even GOP National Co-Chairman Dick Obenshain (Va.) is reported to be attending the secret gatherings. Silence and acquiescence now will not be permanent.

It is likely that Rockefeller will be confirmed. But the more letters the Hill gets protesting the nomination, the more Members are likely to stand up for principle. And the more letters that the Hill gets, the more Members are likely to stand up against Ford-Rockefeller policies the next two years.

Energy Crisis

Turning to legislation, Washington is still hung up on the energy crisis. And, as usual, Congress is applying the wrong medication. Sen. Dole (R-Kan.) led a fight on Sept. 11 to amend the highway construction assistance bill (S. 9334) to permit states to increase their speed limits from 55 to 60 mph. The amendment failed, 22-63. The interesting line-up brought together Southern and Western conservatives with a handful of liberals like Abourezk and Stevenson (D-Ill.). Supporters of the move to raise the ridiculously low, federally-imposed speed limit deserve commendation. Most of the opposition, of course, focused on the "we-know-what's-safe-for-you" and the "save-gas" arguments.

Congress is continually screaming about high oil prices, but has effectively voted to boost them. The Senate has joined the House in approving H.R. 8193, which requires a certain percentage of U.S. oil imports to be carried on U.S. flag vessels. The subsidy will bolster our increasingly inefficient maritime industry, but it will also raise

costs of oil shipped. The legislation passed, 42-28, on Sept. 5, after strenuous union and other lobbying. To help ease passage, maritime trade unions poured some \$333,000 into campaigns of Congressional supporters.

On the bright side, most Senate conservatives have stood loyally by a filibuster against S. 707, the bill to create a Consumer Protection Agency. Already passed by the House, the legislation would authorize a massive new bureaucracy to meddle in business. And, as of the date this article is submitted, a conference report is ready for final approval to repeal no-knock raid authority. On the negative side, detention and wiretapping. Finally, both houses of Congress have approved legislation to abandon mandatory air bag and seat belt systems. Leaders in that fight were Sen. Buckley and Rep. Lou Wyman (R-NH). Wyman is currently a candidate for Senate.

Transit Subsidy

Other news is less cheerful. Thanks to Jerry Ford, the House revived the federal mass transit subsidy bill (H.R. 12859), passing it 324-92 on Aug. 20. A key amendment to delete "operating subsidies" from the bill failed on the 15th, 197-202, after Ford neutrality encouraged enough GOP defections to save the bill. Did the President say he was for economy in government and against inflation?

Also thanks to Ford, Congress has taken a giant step backward toward wage-price controls. The bill to create a Council on Wage-Price Stability (S. 3919) was passed by the Senate on Aug. 19, 83-3. The fearless three were Buckley, McClure (R-Ida.), and Weicker (R-Conn.). During the debate, Sen. Javits (R-NY) attempted to give the expensive new bureaucracy authority to stay for up to 60 days any wage or price increase it determined to be inflationary. Fortunately, the amendment was tabled, 50-35. The House passed the bill on Aug. 20 by a 369-27 margin. The opposition was almost equally split between liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans.

In the area of foreign policy, the House has voted to cut off military aid to Turkey after that nation's invasion of Cyprus. The vote came on Sept. 24, following rejection of an amendment by H.R. Gross to kill assistance to Greece as well. Also debated and rejected (291-108) was a move by Rep. Holtzman (D-NY) to deny funds to the CIA for activities "undermining or destabilizing" any foreign government. The Senate approved during the previous week a resolution urging Ford (Please turn to page 6)



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State Parties Field Candidates . . .

ALASKA

Party organizers here have spent a great deal of time at fair booths around the state. Response to Libertarian leaflets was reportedly very good. The LP was represented at the Political Flea Market sponsored by the League of Women Voters and at the state fairs in Palmer and near Fairbanks.

Paul Beard's write-in campaign for the U.S. House of Representatives has as its main issue the Liberty Amendment to repeal the income tax. He has called for the repeal of laws that permit the U.S. government to control Alaskan lands, fisheries and finances, restoring control over these matters to Alaska.

Beard has come out for tax credits for people who educate their children in private schools. He has tied this policy proposal to the coming burden on Alaska's public schools as pipeline workers bring their families to the state for a few years.

Donations to the Beard campaign should be sent in care of the Alaska Libertarian Party, P.O. Box 2724, Kodiak, Alaska 99615.

ARIZONA

New LP officers were elected at a recent state convention. They are Mike Thompson, chairman; Areta Johnson, treasurer, and James T. Kirk (not the captain of the *Enterprise*), secretary. National chairman Ed Crane spoke at an LP conference in Phoenix on Oct. 19.

CALIFORNIA

The gubernatorial campaign of John Hospers has received an encouraging amount of publicity from major newspapers and radio talk shows. Hospers has been traveling extensively up and down the state. In addition, a libertarian ballot argument against a Southern California Rapid Transit District tax rate increase will appear in the sample ballots of four counties.

The campaign of William White for U.S. Senator is invading the hidden recesses of the nation's most populous state. Senatorial candidate Bill White visited the Antelope Valley in the Mohave Desert of Southern California Sept. 21-23. In the towns of Lancaster and Palmdale, he was interviewed by the Antelope Valley Press and the Ledger-Gazette, as well as by KUTY radio.

White went to Santa Barbara Sept.

24 where the News-Press featured White in an article on the front page of its second section. The article quoted White as saying that Ford's clemency plan for draft resisters "falls to recognize the basic individual rights of the men involved."

He also was interviewed by Santa Barbara area radio stations KDB, KIST, and KTMS, as well as by Goleta Valley Today. His taped interview with KEYT-TV was shown on the 11 a.m. news.

The Sept. 30 candidates' forum at Los Angeles Harbor College in Palos Verdes was a debate between representatives of the American Independent Party, the Socialist Workers Party, and the LP. White said that he seemed middle-of-the-road to his audience because he shared some positions of both opponents.

In early October, White was interviewed by the San Jose State Spartan Daily. On a trip to the Auburn area, he was interviewed by the Auburn Journal, the Loomis News and the Roseville Tribune. He also spoke to a Sierra College political science class and addressed the Meadow Vista Lions Club.

In the Sonora area, White was interviewed by the Sonora Daily Union-Democrat and the Twain Heart News. At Columbia College he talked to a political science class, met with the faculty, and was interviewed by the student newspaper.

The LPC is divided into 20 regions throughout the state and activity has been going on in virtually all of them. The San Fernando Valley group has put together an excellent material kit on the LP for local libraries. The response to the kits has been good and they are now on display in dozens of libraries in Southern California. In Santa Clara author Tony Sutton sponsored an open-house for libertarians in the region — over 75 people attended. Down in Orange County the monthly regional meeting featured an address by Hank Hohenstein, author of *The IRS Conspiracy*.

Recent radio appearances on the *Jim Eason Show* in San Francisco by John Hospers, Roger MacBride and Ed Crane have resulted in hundreds of Bay Area residents writing in to the LP for information. The San Francisco region should benefit greatly from this exposure and is scheduled to have a fund-raising cocktail party for senatorial candidate Bill White at the home of

chairwoman Carol Cunningham on Oct. 26. In Ventura County Libertarian Bill Stanely has announced his candidacy for the Board of Directors of the local Recreation and Park District. In San Diego Sara Baase continues to generate publicity for the LP through the activities of the Libertarian Alternative organization in that city.

The LPC is co-plaintiff in the highly publicized CoDel suit challenging the onerous California state elections code. A decision in the case has been postponed until early 1975.

The next convention of the LPC will be held in Santa Monica in February.

COLORADO

There's good news and bad news out of Colorado. John James, the Libertarian candidate for Congress from the Denver area, has withdrawn from the race, citing the high costs involved in running an "educational" campaign.

Another Libertarian, however, is running for the state House of Representatives: Ernest J. Carlson, a National LP member. His platform is to abolish "blackmail government," the practice of exchanging state funds for cooperation. Carlson is secretary-treasurer of Constitutional Government Associates.

CONNECTICUT

East Winds, the Connecticut LP newsletter, reports: "Our formative year is over. Now we just grow." They have formally applied for membership in the National LP. Recent activities have included a fair booth and organizing for Libertarian speakers in the New England area.

FLORIDA

The Libertarian Party of South Florida has set up a traveling bookstore, and is forming a speaker's bureau. Recent Miami-area speakers have included Harry Browne and Peter Breggin of the Center for the Study of Psychiatry. Jim Toole is the newly-elected Florida LP chairman.

GEORGIA

Libertarians in Georgia are continuing their Libertarian Educational Program, a means of distributing information to those unfamiliar with the party and its goals. On the campaign front, Ken Trobaugh, a libertarian, won the Republican nomination to the state legislature from Glynn County. And

state LP Chairman J. Ralph Compton has announced his write-in candidacy for Governor, stating that both his Republican and Democratic opponents "represent Big Government."

HAWAII

The lively state LP newsletter *Free!*, presents a number of original articles on current issues. The newsletter's Menckenesque flavor can be spotted even in its headlines: for example, "Moral Cretins: YAF & Amnesty." A recent state LP program featured David Bergland, Libertarian candidate for Attorney General in California.

ILLINOIS

The party in this state claims seventy members, all working on projects like gathering signatures for a mayoral candidacy in Chicago; taking on the Department of Housing and Urban Development in DuPage County; and developing libertarian articles of incorporation for a heretofore unincorporated section of Jackson County. They also form the Committee for Responsible Individualism on the University of Chicago campus.

INDIANA

"A Party Is Born!" states the first issue of the Indiana LP News. At a July 14 convention in Indianapolis, officers were elected and the new party was formed. Twenty-three are charter members, with "big plans and lots of enthusiasm," according to chairman Paul Hyatt.

KANSAS

The Libertarian Party held an organizational meeting on September 15 in Topeka. Elected as co-chairmen were Joe D. Bicking and Dale Wilson, both of Topeka.

KENTUCKY

Libertarian Front is the Kentucky LP newsletter, which includes state and national news, articles, and fiction. Plans are afoot to run libertarian candidates in next year's state elections.

LOUISIANA

Candidate doings: Dr. Jeremy Millett is still in the race for 7th District Congressman, but Jeff Daiell, nominee for Commissioner of Public Safety, has withdrawn from the race. Daiell cited lack of support, as well as "unfair" coverage by the news media.

MARYLAND

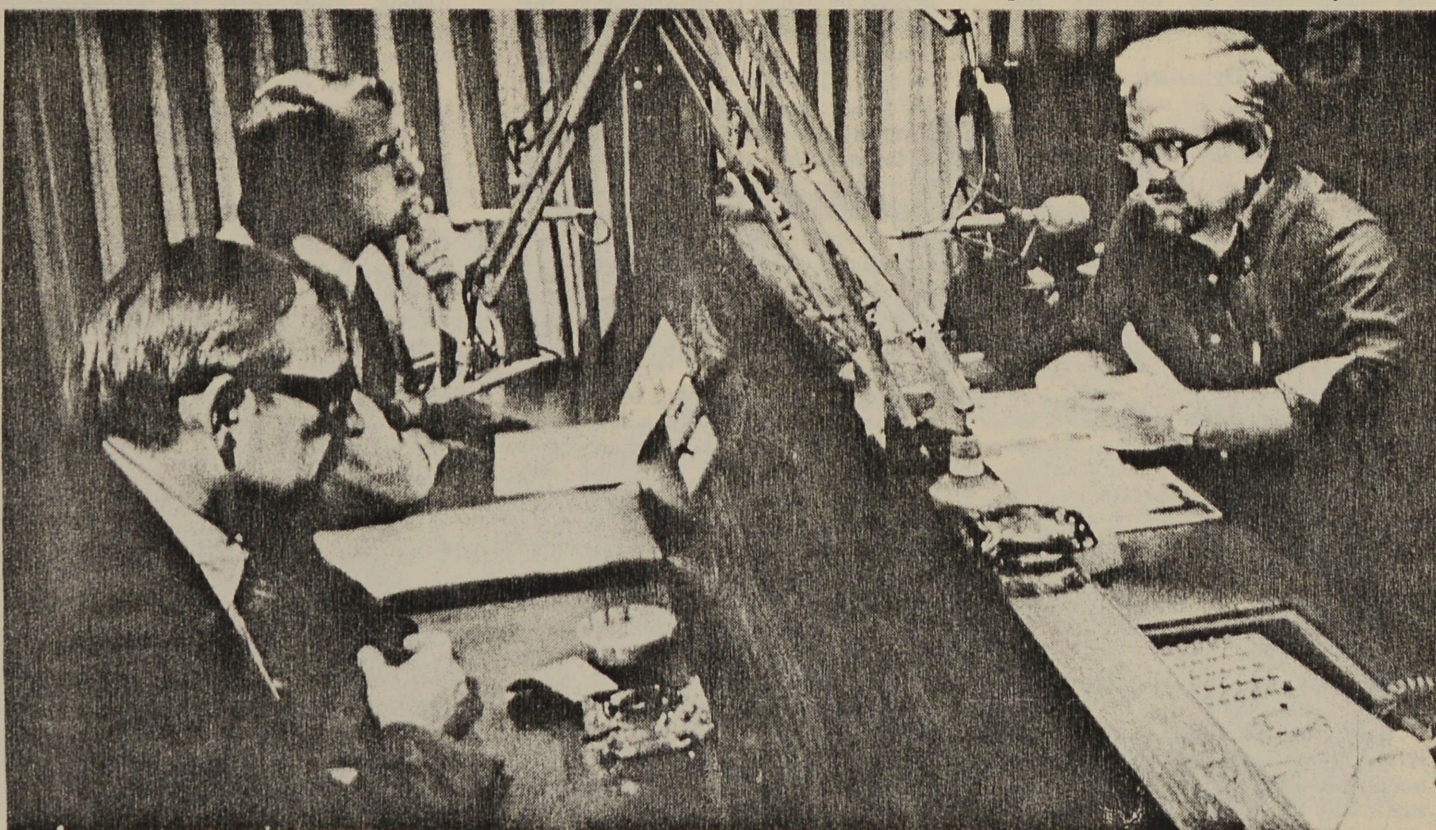
Toward Liberty, Maryland's LP newsletter, devoted most of its September issue to in-depth coverage of the LP national convention and a report on involuntary mental hospitalization. (The two topics are not connected.) Sounds as if Libertarians in Maryland are involved and enthusiastic.

MASSACHUSETTS

The LP has joined with the Individuals for a Rational Society in opposing the anti-obscenity statute recently passed by the state legislature. Murray Rothbard will speak on "The International Liquidity Crisis" on Oct. 24 at Howard Johnson's 57 Carver Hotel in Boston.

MINNESOTA

LP gubernatorial candidate Richard Kleinow says: "I am happy to report that I haven't had to go looking for a place to campaign. I have received more questionnaires to fill out and invitations to speak and debate than I can find time for." He has numerous discussions scheduled on radio and TV stations along with many talks at tax-supported schools. Contributions can be sent to



FOREGROUND RADIO—John Hospers and Ed Crane are in the studios of KGO radio as special guests on the talk show hosted by Jim Easton, at right.

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Political Perspective

Watching Dynastic Politics

David F. Nolan

These are perilous times for political prognosticators—especially for those of us who have to produce their words of wisdom a month before they reach the reader. If events have unoblingly invalidated these early-October musings by the time they reach your eyes, please be charitable, and console yourself by watching *Happy Days* on TV.

Enough shilly-shallying. Forward into the breach with this month's fearless observations.

Since last installment, three major developments of note have taken place. Teddy is out. Nelson, it seems likely is in. And our newly-anointed leader, Jerry the Furd, has disgraced himself and the nation by his two-faced amnesty policy (servitude for draft resisters; unconditional pardon and a big slug of taxpayers' money for Richard the Lyin-Hearted).

Regarding the latter, there is little to say except "Yech!" It wasn't surprising; politicians are always most solicitous of their own kind, while most intense in their persecution of those who dare to defy The State. Murderers (civilian type) are rarely tracked down with the zeal displayed by the IRS in its crusade to nab those Great Enemies of Society, the tax evaders. Oh, well—I guess the honeymoon is over, Jerry.

Rockefeller Ascendancy

Enough. On to the really significant developments... the ascendancy of Nelson Rockefeller and the announcement of withdrawal from the Presidential Derby by Teddy Kennedy. These two events are most significant, in that they may signal the final victory of the Rockefeller Dynasty over the upstart Kennedy Clan. A few words of background are in order.

I think it can safely be said (regardless of interpretation) that the Rockefellers are the closest thing we have to a royal family in America; their immense wealth, combined with their obvious long-standing political ambition, has made them second to none in terms of power.

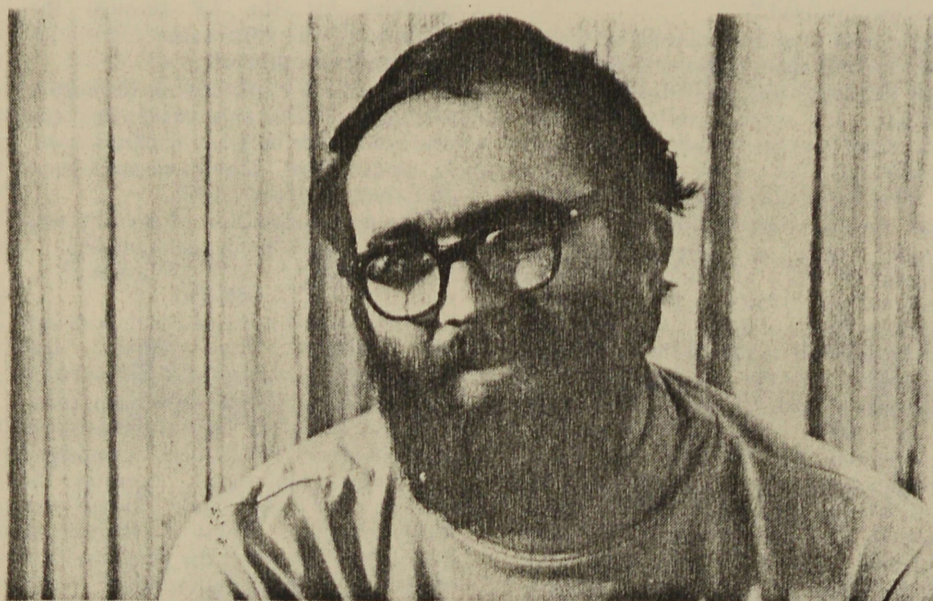
Not only do they control the Chase Manhattan Bank—perhaps the most powerful bank in the world—but their influence in the political affairs of this country is also tremendous. Virtually every informed American citizen is aware of the Rockefellers' surface prominence, and the pervasive influence of the Rockefeller-financed Council on Foreign Relations is well documented.

LP EXCOMM TO MEET IN D.C.

The Executive Committee of the national Libertarian Party will meet in Washington, D.C. over the November 30 weekend. This will be the first meeting of the group that was elected last June in Dallas since its original gathering on the last day of the convention.

The 25-member committee will discuss issues ranging from new LP literature to the location of the 1975 convention. Thus far only New York, Illinois and California have submitted bids to host the next business convention, at which the 1976 presidential nominee of the LP will be chosen.

Members of the LP wishing to have their suggestions considered by the ExComm should send material to their local ExComm member or directly to the national headquarters.



DAVID F. NOLAN

(Lest anyone think I've gone off the deep end, I will hasten to add that none of these facts necessarily validate the giant world-conspiracy theories which often accompany any mention of the Rockefellers' power. The bare facts themselves, however, are sufficient to justify the use of the word "dynasty.")

In any case, it is no secret that the Rockefellers have an essentially feudal worldview—with themselves cast in the role of Lords of the Manor, and the rest of us as the serfs. The Rockefellers have been trying to buy the United States ever since they got their first billion, and they've damn near succeeded.

Probably the slickest trick they and their friends ever pulled off was the passage of the Federal Income Tax, which has made it nearly impossible for any latecomers to accumulate enough money to challenge the entrenched powers-that-be.

Indeed, the Rockefeller Dynasty would probably have established the New Industrial Feudal State in America long ago, except for two things. One, a rival dynasty, the Kennedys, gave them some stiff competition. And two, Nelson Rockefeller is such a colossal turkey that even with all his millions, he was never able to convince the American people to elect him their leader.

Rival Dynasties

If one looks at the recent political history of the United States from the viewpoint of a power-struggle between two rival dynasties (Rockefeller and Kennedy, using the Republican and Democratic parties respectively), you get a whole new perspective on things. I, for one, think it is a quite accurate perspective. And herewith are some observations made from that viewpoint.

First, I will predict here and now that Gerald Ford will not seek re-election as President; he may even resign from office before his present term is up. The ostensible reason will be his wife's health; the real reason will be that Nelson Rockefeller wants the Presidency, and Ford will step out of his way. (Ford stated, over a year ago, that Rockefeller was "his first choice" for the Presidency.)

Second, I predict that Rockefeller will (at least) get the GOP nomination in '76.

Third, I will venture that Teddy Kennedy saw this coming, once Ford nominated Rocky for the VP spot, and that's why he got out. If he thought he could win in '76, he'd be hanging right in there—no ifs, ands or buts.

And what are the implications of these three hypotheses? Several, as follows...

Great Brawl

One, with Teddy out of the way, you will now see a great brawl for the Democratic nomination. In one corner, you'll have a gaggle of liberals (Mondale, Hart, Bayh, Muskie, perhaps Chiles and Stevenson, and others). In corner two, George Wallace, representing the conservative wing (backup bet, if Wallace has to drop out: Harry Byrd of Virginia). In corner three, Henry Jackson, representing the fascist

element. And standing in the middle, Lloyd Bentsen, hoping to be the "moderate compromise choice" if the three factions deadlock.

It's too early to venture which of these would-be standard bearers will get the nomination, but it probably won't make much difference. If Rocky is the GOP candidate (and I wouldn't bet against it), the Democratic nomination won't be worth much.

This may help us in '76; faced with a choice between Rocky and any likely Democratic ticket, a lot of conservatives will regurgitate, and their only alternatives will be the LP and the American Party.

As for the forthcoming Rockefeller administration, what can we expect from it? Not much, actually. While I, personally, would choose Rocky over Scoop Jackson in a flash, that's about all I can say for him. A Rockefeller administration is going to be a paternalistic, big-spending, centralist-big government monstrosity. Foreign entanglements will grow like morning-glories. Civil liberties will be no better off (but probably no worse off) than under any other President we've seen lately. In sum, it will be more of the same old crap; the best we can hope for is that the '76 elections will give us the exposure and growth we need to have some real impact in 1980 and 1984.

(David Nolan is a co-founder of the national Libertarian Party. This is the eighteenth in his series of regular "Political Perspective" columns.)

LP Will Co-Sponsor Monetary Conference

Active planning has now begun on the 1975 Conference on International Liquidity and Monetary Reform sponsored by the LP in conjunction with the National Committee to Legalize Gold. It was this Committee, headed by James U. Blanchard III, that sponsored the 1974 Monetary Symposium in New Orleans last January. There over 750 people heard 1972 LP Presidential candidate John Hospers deliver the keynote address.

In addition to Blanchard's many activities in the realm of precious metals investments and his instrumental role in the repeal of gold ownership restrictions, he also writes the Gold Newsletter which promotes free market economics, sound money, and libertarian ideas to over 5,000 readers on a monthly basis.

Unlike the majority of financial seminars that treat only a few topics, oftentimes in only the most superficial way, this event hopes to feature up to 20 major speakers from around the world. These experts will be addressing themselves to very specific economic and investment topics in a highly detailed way. The subjects covered will include current international monetary dislocations, money and credit (domestic and foreign), world commodities, and expectations for the stock and bond markets. In addition, the third day of the seminar will be devoted to workshops where those present will be able to visit as many as ten workshops, where specialized investment areas will be discussed on a

personal basis. A few of the workshops already scheduled include a laboratory session on counterfeit gold coins, numismatic investments, penny gold stocks, fine art and jewelry markets, foreign tax havens, and foreign currency trading. Aside from the educational sessions, several banquets and cocktail parties will be scheduled.

Because of the quality of the speakers and the number of topics covered the conference should appeal not only to private investors and "gold bugs," but also to corporate and institutional analysts, the banking community, stock and commodity brokers, as well as the press. This could be one of the largest and most comprehensive financial conferences ever held.

In addition, those in attendance will receive a tasteful and personal exposure to libertarianism and the Libertarian Party via displays, information distribution and speeches from some of the most articulate and well-known libertarians in the movement including: Dr. John Hospers, Dr. Murray Rothbard, Jerome Tuccille, and Roger L. MacBride.

An important aspect of moving the Libertarian Party to a position of national prominence includes broadening our fund-raising base. The conference should be a money-maker itself. But more importantly it may help develop a long-term base of financial support for the party.

Reserve March 14, 15, and 16 for this important event in New Orleans.

Has Knack For Publicity

Sandy Cohen Uses Media

Libertarian candidates for office are increasingly common as Election Year 1974 wears on. Many of them are restricted by state and local election laws: they may run only as write-in candidates, or they may spread the gospel of libertarianism only by running on a "major" party platform.

But things are different in New York. There, a candidate may qualify for the ballot on any party by gathering the required number of signatures on a petition. And there, in New York's 25th Congressional District, Free Libertarian Party candidate Sanford (Sandy) Cohen has won a place on the ballot after collecting over 11,000 signatures.

Cohen, 31, is a special education teacher from Beacon, New York. Early in 1973, he hoisted the Libertarian standard in the struggle for the congressional seat now occupied by Republican Hamilton Fish.

Fish, a member of a well-known American political family, was not a nationally-known public figure up until the recent House Judiciary Impeachment hearings, in which he participated as a member. His input into the hearings rendered him slightly less obscure.

Fish faces opposition not only from Cohen but also from Democrat Nicholas Angell. Cohen proudly points out that Angell required five weeks to amass 4500 signatures for ballot qualification, while Cohen's 14-day effort netted him triple that amount in the heavily Republican, upstate district.

Like Jerome Tuccille, Free Libertarian Party candidate for Governor of New York (see page one article), Cohen has a knack for garnering favorable publicity.

Nor is Cohen shy when it comes to stating his libertarian principles. Each press release issued by his campaign

office includes the statement, "Sanford Cohen is the only candidate for U.S. Congress in the 25th District who is committed to the free enterprise system, limited government, strict respect for civil liberties, and an anti-interventionist foreign policy."

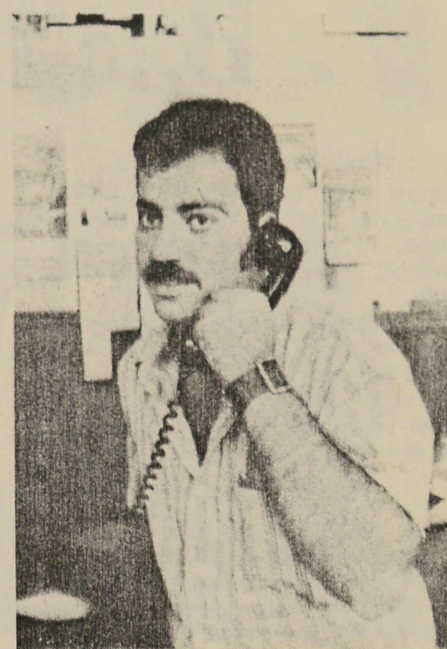
So far, neither of his opponents have challenged this statement.

Cohen's principles are summarized in a five-point, concisely libertarian platform which he freely distributes. Along with it he includes a 17-point program for achieving his goals, covering issues from tax reduction to the Gold Standard.

The Free Libertarian campaign has

not been without obstacles. Official harassment beyond the usual bureaucratic bumbling has been apparent, resulting in a number of complaints, charges, directives, and consequent publicity. A Cohen campaign poster, affixed to private property with the owner's permission, drew the ire of zoning officials, while attempts to raise funds through a lottery provoked the interest of zealous state officials.

In both cases, the controversies were heavily covered in the local press, including a newspaper editorial speculating on "selective enforcement" of New York's lottery laws.



SANFORD COHEN

Congressional Abominations

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to cut off aid to Turkey, 64-27.

Anti-interventionist forces in the Senate lost a series of attempts to cut defense appropriations (H.R. 16243) on Aug. 21. An amendment by Sen. Proxmire (D-Wis.) to cut \$150 million in military aid to S. Vietnam was rejected, 44-47. An Eagleton (D-Mo.) move to slice roughly \$1 billion of the \$82 billion total from the bill failed, 37-55. Sen. Goldwater, deciding to put on record those who favored ditching Thieu's dictatorship once and for all, moved to delete ALL money for S. Vietnam, then voted (naturally) against his own amendment. Incredibly, only 21 Members supported the amendment, while 71 opposed it. Four of the 21 were Republicans — Hatfield of Ore., Schweiker of Pa., Scott of Va., and Weicker of Conn.

The House rubber-stamped a bill to continue the Export-Import Bank (H.R. 15977) on Aug. 21, 330-67, after

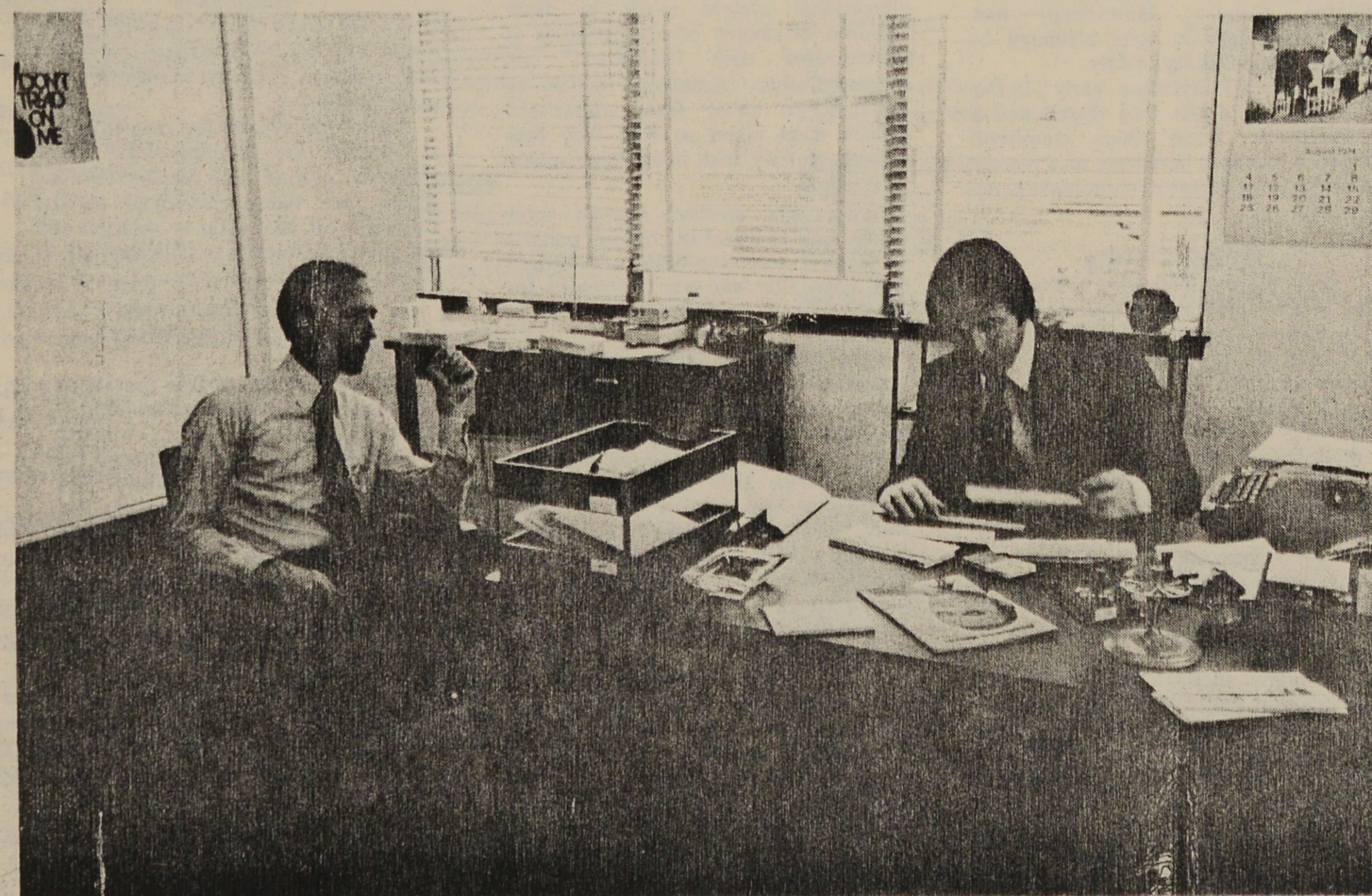
rejecting an amendment to require Congressional approval of transactions with Communist countries (178-215). A week earlier a move by conservatives to interfere with free trade by giving Congress authority to oversee exports of technology and capital goods was rejected 142-246. That amendment was offered to the Export Regulation bill (H.R. 15264).

In spite of reports in some quarters to the contrary, the new House and Senate Budget Committees created by the Budget Reform Act are unlikely to cut anything but some military spending. The Senate committee, headed by Ed Muskie (D-Me.) is liberal on the Democratic side and also is saddled with spenders like Sens. Packwood (Ore.) and Case (NJ) from the GOP. Oregon Democrat Al Ullman chairs the House group. Aside from Rep. Whitten (Miss.), all the House group's Democrats are clearly identified

with the spending bloc. The Republican contingent contains a few conservatives, but will be dominated by administration men like John Rhodes and Elford Cederberg (Mich.).

Issues to watch, and to work on: National health insurance is coming to be accepted in virtually all quarters of Capitol Hill. The likelihood of any bill passing this year is slim, but debate is now focusing only on *which* plan to adopt. Citizens for Quality in Medicine (Box 2724, Kodiak, Alas. 99615), headed by able Alaska LP chairman Paul Beird, has been concentrating on repeal of PSRO legislation but is expected to take up the fight against NIH, too. Repeal of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), or at least severe restriction of the OSHA bureaucracy, is winning broader support daily on the Hill. This is a fight that libertarians can help win. Do your homework and get involved!

Funding Woes Beset National Office



PARTY PROFESSIONALS—Bryan Remer works with LP national chairman Ed Crane, behind desk, in making the national office function on a day-to-day basis.

The national LP Headquarters Fund, after a rapid start that featured four contributions of \$1,000 or greater, is now seriously short of funds. "If we don't receive some substantial donations from LP members within the next two months," explained Chairman Edward H. Crane, "a number of the activities at our headquarters will have to be curtailed." It is hoped that enough money will be contributed to allow the Party to hire a national Executive Director.

The first full-time paid employee of the national Libertarian Party is Bryan Remer, 30. Mr. Remer coordinates the activities of the national headquarters in San Francisco in his capacity as administrative assistant to Crane. A former Navy pilot, Remer has been a member of the LP since 1972.

Enclosed is my contribution to the LP Headquarters Fund:

___\$50 ___\$100 ___\$500
___\$1000 ___other

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

(send to LP national headquarters)

... Build Organizational Strength

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Kleinow for Governor, P.O. 774, Minneapolis, Minn. 55440. Claudia Jensen, LP candidate for lieutenant governor, appeared on the KUXL Radio.

At the State Fair, the LP sold over \$750 worth of material, passers-by picked up over 10,000 position papers and other brochures, and hundreds signed up to receive more information. The new state chairman is Robin Miller.

NEVADA

The new state chairman is James Burns, who came in third in the recent Republican congressional primary. During that campaign he wrote an open letter to the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, refusing to comply with election reporting laws. His letter received coverage in the Reno Evening Gazette.

The LP held its first state convention in both Las Vegas and Reno. The convention had 25 voting members in attendance.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

During the maneuvering before the Republican primary William Loeb, conservative publisher of the Manchester Union-Leader, wrote a letter to John H. O'Brien, LP-endorsed candidate for the Republican nomination for the First Congressional District, asking O'Brien to withdraw and to support conservative David Banks.

In his reply to Loeb, published in the Nashua Telegraph, a competitor of the Union-Leader, O'Brien said that the LP members who had endorsed him trusted him to stick to his guns, and not to compromise his and their Jeffersonian principles.

O'Brien differentiated himself from his opponent Banks, saying that Banks "would go far beyond [O'Brien's] stand of leaving business and industry alone. He would 'help' them."

NEW JERSEY

The state LP meeting at Bob Steiner for Congress headquarters in late September featured New York gubernatorial candidate Jerome Tuccille.

Steiner's campaign activities continue. He has had debates and speaking engagements before the League of Women Voters, the Junior Chambers of Commerce, a single parents group, a taxpayers association, and high school and college audiences. Steiner's platform was given extensive coverage in the Mountainside Echo.

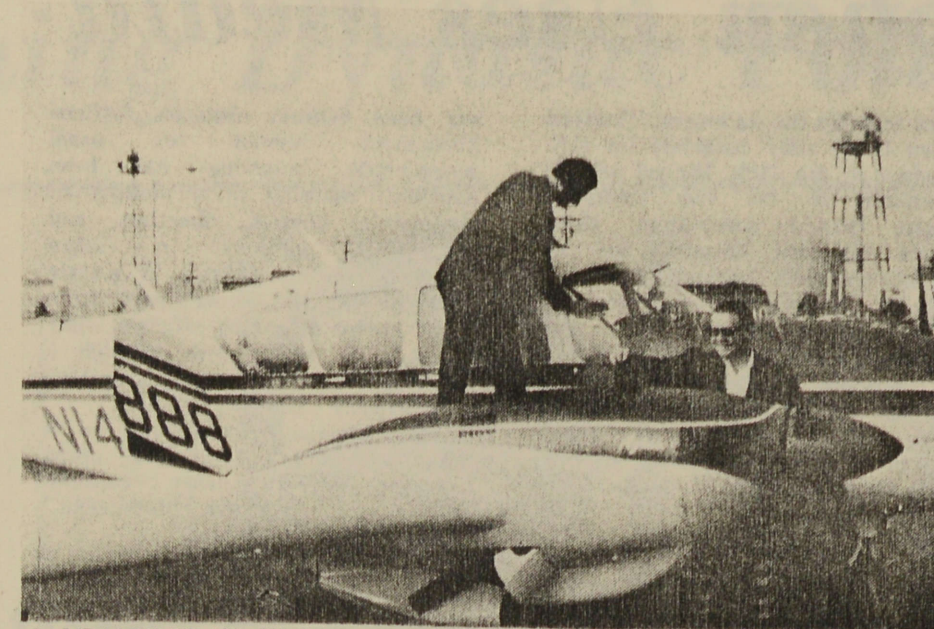
On September 28, Steiner keynoted the annual convention of the Pennsylvania LP. He also was a prominent opponent of the proposed state income tax at recent hearings in New Jersey. This tax proposal continues to be a subject of hot political controversy in the state.

On Route 22, Steiner's campaign staff has erected a billboard with his campaign slogan: I've Had It (With Big Government). Contributions should be mailed to P.O. Box 112, Westfield, N.J. 07091.

The August-September state newsletter of the LP features a political and sociological essay on how the ruling elite controls the means of mass communications. It also reprints a satire on the activities of local decency and anti-vice committees.

NEW YORK

Libertarian Joseph L. Gentili, who has received the endorsement of the FLP, will appear on the ballot for Congress in the 16th District on both the Conservative and Republican lines. Says Gentili, "In my opinion there is only one issue in this campaign and that



CAMPAIGN TRAIL IN SKY—Jerry Tuccille and Roger MacBride toured upstate New York as part of the Free Libertarian Party effort to obtain permanent ballot status through a strong showing in the current governor's race.

issue is freedom. Specifically, freedom from government intervention into the private economic and social affairs of the individual." Gentili has promised the voters of the 16th District that he will not introduce a single bill that would require appropriation of money and that he will introduce numerous bills calling for the repeal of various money wasting laws.

Another FLP candidate with the Conservative endorsement is Virginia S. Walker who will be on the FLP line for the office of State Assembly in eastern Long Island. A recent New York Times article on the campaign devoted considerable space to the vivacious Ms. Walker who discussed her disgust with politicians "who hold pragmatism above principle." The article concludes with the statement that Walker believes that "liberals are too illiberal about recognizing individual property rights and that conservatives are too conservative about individual freedoms."

OREGON

The state organization now has a total of four active county-level groups. An affiliate charter was just granted for Benton County; Multnomah and Clackamas chapters were affiliated in August, Lane County in July.

The state convention early in the summer had about two dozen active participants. Since then state-level business meetings have been on a regular basis in order to better coordinate party activity.

PENNSYLVANIA

Fifty persons assembled in York for the annual LP state convention on Sept. 28. Robert Steiner of the New Jersey LP gave the keynote address on "The Necessity of Political Action." The guest speaker for the evening banquet was Roger MacBride. The newly elected chairwoman is Jan Shoemaker.

The Lancaster Sunday News provided the following description of one part of the convention: "To close the morning session, a pair of Libertarians from New York State put on a presentation first made before the national convention this past summer in Dallas, Texas.

"Cleverly done, with slides and background music accompanying a talk on party tactics by Andrea Millen, vice-chairman of the National Party, an opening song rather keynotes the philosophy of the Libertarians. [We don't mind praise for LP activists, but we're not too happy with the cold-blooded murder of English grammar and usage in that last sentence. —Ed.]

"Sung well including small dance steps by Jean Preece of New York City, the refrain ran something like this: 'Leave me alone, let me be free, I think I am the best one to take care of me.'"

TENNESSEE

A statewide convention of the LP in Nashville on August 3 put political organizing by Tennessee libertarians on a permanent footing. The Tennessee LP grew out of West Tennessee Libertarians, an informal discussion group in the Memphis area.

UTAH

State chairman George Chapman had a one minute appearance on KCPX-TV on Aug. 17. Congressional candidate Karl Bray's views were broadcast for twenty minutes on Sept. 25. A Utah newspaper reprinted Chapman's views on land-use laws.

On Oct. 10, Bray told 2000 members of the Utah Education Association: "I derive my position on the role of the federal government in Utah education by asking the simple question: Will federal intervention into our state-run educational system result in more freedom of choice or less freedom of choice for each individual?" He suggested that educational dollars be returned to those from whom the dollars were taken so that they may educate as they wish in an "atmosphere of freedom."

Bray, who received enough voter recognition to affect the opinion polls, is committed to eleven billboards around Salt Lake City and has contracted for 40 TV spots during the last week of the campaign.

The Salt Lake Tribune of Sept. 1 printed a discussion of the nature of human rights by Marge Chapman. Newspaper coverage continues on Bray's struggles with the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS demanded Bray's business records after a firm in which Bray was an officer, the Rocky Mountain Mint, purchased a full-page advertisement in Salt Lake City newspapers challenging the constitutionality of the June 13, 1973 wage-price freeze.

Fifty people attended the LP meeting on Oct. 1, and a libertarian group has now been set up at the University of Utah.

Bray is seeking to borrow \$20,000 to finance his campaign. He is offering part of his interest in an undeveloped gold mine as collateral plus 15% interest. The Bray campaign is headquartered at 150 South 900 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102.

VIRGINIA

The Arlington area LP, the state's best organized local group has plans to poll Congressional and local candidates on the issues this fall. The group will also be actively working for repeal of "blue laws." The last term of the legislature saw approval of a bill which allowed each county in the state to maintain or discard the Sunday closing statutes, with a local referendum necessary for repeal.

Several Arlington LP leaders have also been working with local conservative Republicans to urge rejection of Nelson Rockefeller as Vice President.

WASHINGTON STATE

There are LP campaigns this fall for the Washington State House of Representatives. In the 36th legislative district (covering Queene Anne, Magnolia, most of downtown Seattle, and the west side of Capitol Hill), Richard Dymont has sent a mailing to 3500 businessmen announcing his candidacy to replace the Democratic incumbent. A complete press release has been distributed to the Seattle-area media, and plans are underway to place weekly ads in the Queene Anne and Magnolia News, a paper serving Dymont's district. The Dymont campaign went into full gear immediately following the Washington State LP convention on Sept. 17.

In the 24th legislative district, Skip Barron and his campaign workers visited the Mason County Fair in Shelton, the Clallam County Fair in Port Angeles, spoke at the Chamber of Commerce in Forks, conducted a radio interview over a Forks radio station, appeared before the Jefferson County Republican Committee, spoke at a meeting of a Planning and Zoning Committee in Clallam County. They received good media attention in the newspapers in Port Angeles and in Port Townsend in addition to several announcements over radio stations in the area.

Members of the state LP are working on internal education as well. A study group led by Richard K. Kenney, recently arrived from Massachusetts, has been set up in Bellingham.

WISCONSIN

An LP booth was set up at the Brady Street Festival in Milwaukee on Labor Day weekend. A thousand party leaflets were distributed.

Organizing efforts are concentrating at present on building local party affiliates around the state. Campus groups are being developed at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and Marquette University in Milwaukee.

Author Becomes Life Sustaining Member

The most recent Life Sustaining member of the Libertarian Party is Leslie Snyder of Oxnard, California, who is the author of the outstanding book, *Why Gold?* Ms. Snyder joins an elite group of six LPers who have paid \$250 for Life Sustaining status.

The importance of "contribution memberships" cannot be overemphasized. Regular memberships themselves do not provide enough money to finance the ongoing new projects. Why not upgrade your membership today? Sustaining membership is \$12; Patron is \$50; Lifetime is \$100; and Life Sustaining is \$250. (Please do not feel inhibited by the \$250 maximum membership — we have recently programmed our computer to accept much larger sums.)

Hospers' Campaign Goes Into High Gear

John Hospers, LP candidate for governor of California, is generating publicity throughout that state as his campaign has shifted into high gear. The candidate was joined by Virginia LPer Roger Lea MacBride in a recent whirlwind tour of the state that featured three fund-raising dinners. Over 150 people attended each of the events, held in San Francisco, San Diego and Los Angeles.

At a press conference in San Francisco that kicked off the tour, Hospers labeled his two major party opponents as "tweedledum and tweedledee — both believe in big government." Hospers said the two men avoid the important issues such as the decline in personal liberty, the strangling of business, heavy taxation, and rising prices.

"Instead, Brown (the Democrat candidate) and Flournoy (the Republican) merely hassle over who is the more 'mature,' who has sat longer on a government bench, who has the nicer personality," he said. "It's ridiculous."

Over 100,000 copies of Hospers' campaign brochure have been distributed throughout the state. In addition, his campaign organization has sent 4,000 copies of a letter from Gary Allen (author of *None Dare Call It Conspiracy*) endorsing Hospers. Endorsements have also been obtained from Anthony Sutton and Poul Anderson.

According to Hospers campaign manager, Jack Willis, the write-in

campaign has not been able to generate sufficient funds to seriously approach the approximately 120,000 votes that would have been necessary for the LPC to achieve ballot status. "Our vote objective is much lower now but we don't view the campaign as a failure," said Willis. He says the impact of the campaign has been substantial and that the groundwork has been laid for the rapid growth of the Libertarian Party in California.

Contributions to help in the last few days of the campaign should be sent to Hospers for Governor, c/o LPC, Box 71383, Los Angeles, CA 90071.



JOHN HOSPERS

Tuccille Seeks 50,000 Votes In N.Y.

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Albany Mall project, to point up the similarity between the tombs built for Egypt's Pharaohs by slave labor and modern-day monuments to politicians, financed coercively. And there's even talk of re-enacting Lady Godiva's equestrian streak, recalling that she was actually protesting His Lordship's high taxes.

Inevitably, any serious campaign has certain characteristics, like hand-shaking tours and booths at State Fairs. But even these are enlivened by the Free Libertarian touch. Imagine kids dragging their parents half-way across the fairgrounds to the place where they'll give you a free balloon (inscribed

"Tuccille/Governor," naturally) if only Mommy or Daddy will fill out a questionnaire — or just sign a nominating petition.

Then picture the unsuspecting Mommies and Daddies mesmerized by a sophisticated four-screen light show, hypnotically spelling out "Tuccille for Governor . . . Free Libertarian Party . . . A message they can't ignore . . . Tuccille for Governor . . ."

Then there's a rule that any serious candidate has to have TV commercials. But nowhere does it say that you're supposed to show a harried-looking fellow walking past desks of bureaucratic tax collectors who viciously snatch away his briefcase, jacket, tie, and, inevitably, his shirt;

then switch to a picture of Jerry Tuccille and the "Message" message.

To accomplish this much the F.L.P. has spent nearly \$60,000. They're looking for another hundred thousand to finish the job. Some of this will come out of a forum on the international liquidity crisis being hosted by Dr. Murray Rothbard for securities analysts. More from a theater benefit and an increasing number of small donations from around the state. There's also the hope that dedicated libertarians nationwide will get involved by sending contributions to: Committee for 50,000 Votes, 15 West 38th Street, Room 201, New York, N.Y. 10018. That's if you want to be part of a phenomenon.

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World News Notes For Libertarians

CAN'T WAIT: *Time* magazine reports that there are 3.2 workers for every person receiving Social Security benefits. That ratio should drop to 2.2 by the year 2025, by which time Social Security taxes will have to increase 50%. *Time* is finally getting the idea, although more realistic estimates say a 50% increase could come in 40 years.

THE COMPETITIVE ECONOMY: A British airline recently proposed a regularly-scheduled flight between London and New York for \$125. Needless to say, the Civil Aeronautics Board blocked this example of cutthroat competition, unanimously.

LET THAT BE A LESSON: A Los Angeles couple built a patio onto their property without a permit. The bureaucrats said they would have to tear it down, and that they'd need another permit to do it. Catch-23.

BLOOD GROUPS OF POLISH ZLOTNIKA PIGS: Not only was a study of this sanguine subject financed by the American taxpayer, but so was a \$375,000 Pentagon study on how Frisbees travel through the air. These and other delights were publicized by *U.S. News & World Report* in a feature story this summer that focussed on a list put together by the National Taxpayers Union detailing strange and bizarre projects financed by taxes.

Don't worry, whether it's lizards in Yugoslavia, Central American toads, the smell of perspiration from Australian aborigines, or Indo-Austrian ants, the bureaucrats in Washington are keeping track of it. Not to mention the purchase of an odor-measuring machine for Turkey and the study of why children fall off tricycles, but then why strain credibility?

THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH: The Labor Department is considering an investigation of the Ringling Brothers circus to see that it is safe. It will be so exciting to watch once it's safe.

A GOVERNMENT OF LAWS: A man in New Jersey was fined \$3000 and sentenced to 30 days in jail for selling a whole cantaloupe and a bag of frozen french fries on a Sunday. It is also illegal to sell whole tomatoes or frozen dinners on Sunday, although you may legally slice your tomatoes or cook the dinners. This vigilance is a result of the recent hiring of private detectives to track down violations of Ocean City, New Jersey, "blue laws."

DR. SCHOLL, WHERE ARE YOU NOW

THAT WE NEED YOU: It is illegal in South Carolina for a woman to remove her shoes in front of more than one man.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD REVOKED: Norwegian factory owner Gunnar Nilsen will pay 145.7 percent of his total income in taxes this year. According to the Minnesota LP's *Reasonable Answer*, Nilsen is one of 2000 Norwegians who will pay taxes higher than their yearly income. He founded his food processing plant in 1936 when he was 23 and his only assets were "two hands, a quick mind, and relentless drive."

CAN WE SURPASS ITALY?: The U.S. Postal Service initially thought to allow internal mail between different branches of the same company to be carried by outside private postal and messenger companies. When it was discovered that this would cut into the Postal Service's revenues, the idea was abandoned.

BUSINESS AS USUAL: A computer equipment company plans to sue IBM as a result of its heavy losses last year. The reason: IBM stopped making the software needed by the other company to attach their devices to IBM computers.

THE POLITICIAN AS ECONOMIST: The Senate Democratic conference was unanimously of the opinion that "cutting the budget won't by any means bring an end to inflation." What we really need is bells, beads, and voodoo chants . . .

TELL UNCLE JERRY: California Libertarians are suggesting that Ford's request for 10 ideas to fight inflation be answered by writing "Stop increasing the money supply" 10 times.

OVERDOING IT: Ownership and use of guns in Jamaica was getting out of hand, in the opinion of the Jamaican government. So the government enacted a gun-control policy which involved: a house-to-house search, without warrants, for guns and ammunition; penalties for possession not only of a single gun but of a single bullet; the construction of a huge stockade for trial and imprisonment of gun-criminals; indefinite detention for such criminals; no access by the public or the press to the trials. The whole program was thought up by a group of Jamaican psychologists and sociologists . . . Meanwhile, in Lebanon all licenses for the carrying of firearms by civilians have been cancelled.

EMERGENCY SITUATION: Senators Frank Church (Dem.-Idaho) and Charles

Mathias (Rep.-Md.) got curious about the extent of the President's emergency powers. They stuffed a computer with the United States Code and programmed the machine to respond to the words "crisis" and "emergency." It turned out that the President has access to emergency powers in 470 separate areas, the most notable of which is his right to suspend radio and television broadcasting after declaring a state of public peril or disaster. He could also freeze bank accounts, close stock exchanges, and declare martial law.

Members of both the House and the Senate are working on bills to give Congress more authority in such situations.

SPLIT IN THE RULING CLASS: Overheard recently in the bombast of the usual bureaucratic infighting and empire-building in Washington, D.C. was Federal Trade Commission Chairman Lewis A. Engman, making some libertarian-sounding arguments early in October.

Engman's own bureaucracy promotes "bigness is badness" antitrust and is hardly an advocate of laissez-faire. Engman, however, did manage to make some good points on utilitarian, efficiency grounds and to get extensive, serious coverage in the New York Times of how a deregulated

market would work.

Citing the effects of the Civil Aeronautics Board and the Interstate Commerce Commission in his speech to the fall convention of the Financial Analysts Federation, Engman said: "Most regulated industries have become federal protectorates, living in a crazy world of cost-plus, safely protected from the ugly specter of competition, efficiency, and innovation."

NASTY, NASTY TENDENCIES: Harvard sociologist David Riesman told Robert J. Donovan of the Los Angeles Times last September that he fears the "anarchistic" tendencies of Americans.

"This country is very hard to contain," he said. "I have been reading in the letters-to-the-editor column complaining about having to have seat belts in cars. The writers take the attitude, 'I have a right to kill myself. Why should the government tell me what to do?' It goes back to the Whisky Rebellion in George Washington's time. Everyone has a right to be his own alcoholic."

"Americans are hostile to central authority, to discipline. I feel building up in this country enormous resentment, mostly political, waiting to be captured."

New Royce Report Out

Rep. H. R. Gross (Rep.-Iowa), who is retiring after a career of 26 years in the House, compiled the best voting record in Congress, according to the newly-issued Royce Report covering the first half of 1974.

Highest ranking senator was Harry Byrd, Jr. (Dem.-Va). Gross received an 80 and Byrd a 68. Scores generally tended to be lower in this, the third analysis of congressional voting records from a libertarian perspective.

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In the analysis of 25 votes in both houses, three Democrats had the dubious distinction of receiving the lowest scores. Sen. Henry Jackson

(Dem.-Wash.) managed to vote in favor of liberty two times for an 8 (thereby beating out his perennial rival, Sen. Gale McGee [Dem.-Wyo.], who checked in with 12), while Reps. Fred Rooney of Pennsylvania and Samuel Stratton of New York had incredibly poor scores of 5.

Overall, 23 Senators and 86 representatives voted correctly less than 25% of the time and only Gross voted correctly over 75% of the time. The great bulk of the congressmen in both houses scored between 25 and 50, clearly an indication that massive replacements are needed.

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