

POLICE STATE LEGISLATION

[Shamelessly lifted from a recent S.I.L. newsletter and submitted by Florian Von Imhof]

A major rewriting of the U.S. Criminal Code is underway in the form of Senate Bill Number One. The effect of passage of this bill into law will move the United States, in a major way, toward police state status in the area of freedom of the press regarding so-called national security coverage.

The bill is sponsored by the Ford administration, conservatives, the regular G.O.P. and Democratic leadership, and such liberals as Sen. Birch Bayh and Sen. Frank Moss.

Among the bill's provisions are

-criminal penalties for publishing "a statement of fact if false" concerning U.S. military affairs or that of our allies "[i]f likely to create general panic."

-criminal penalties for journalists in possession of government reports without permission.

-authorization of the president to wiretap domestic activities where "a danger to the structure of government" is involved.

-provision of penalties for "movement of a person across state lines in the course of execution or consummation of a riot." A riot is defined as involving as few as 10 persons whose conduct creates a danger to property.

-permission of the use of entrapment by police agents unless defendant proves he was not predisposed to commit the unlawful act.

-establishment of penalties for refusal to testify before Congressional committees.

-establishment of penalties (30 day imprisonment and/or \$10,000 fine) for possession of marijuana (first offense).

-prohibition of prosecution of public servants for wrongdoing if their illegal conduct is a result of "mistaken belief that it was required."

-provision of penalties for inciting another person to commit acts that would facilitate destruction of the federal or state government.

-provision of penalties for membership in organizations which promote "lawless conduct that would facilitate the destruction of federal or any state governments."

LIBERDATES

[Liberdates is a regular column appearing in each issue of LIBERTY. If you know of any events of interest to libertarians, contact David Long, 95 Centre Street, Brookline, Massachusetts, 02146 (232-0050) to have them included in our calendar. Please try to give as much lead time as possible.]

SPECIAL EVENT: March 28, TAX DAY PLANNING SESSION to be held at the home of Lee Webber, 542 Massachusetts Avenue, Apt. 3, Boston, at noon. This will be a special meeting of the Suffolk Chapter and all interested libertarians for the purpose of planning our tax protest. (See April 10 listing for details.)

21 March: MacBride for President petitioners meeting. Noon to 2:00 P.M. in Rm. 3-133 at M.I.T. (main building), 77 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. Those who cannot attend the meeting but want to participate in the petitioning effort, contact Lee Webber (267-4606) or David Long (232-0050).

25 March: Sex and Romantic Love. Lecture by David Cormier at the M.I.T. Student Center, Rm. 400, at 6:30 P.M.

26-28 March: Free Libertarian Party State Convention, New York City (adjacent to Newark, N.J.). Write: Martin Nixon, Secretary, c/o F.L.P., 15 West 38th St., Room 201, N.Y.C., 10018. If short on time, call David Long, 232-0050.

28 March: Platform Committee Meeting. 12:30 to 2:00 P.M. at Steve Trinward's home, 19 Caltha Road, Brighton. First of a series to draft 1976 L.P.M. Platform proposals for MassCon '76. Open to all. Only L.P.M. members may vote. Contact: David Reardon, Platform Committee Chairman, 444-1906 or 266-7746.

1 April: Objectivism. Lecture by David Cormier at the M.I.T. Student Center, Rm. 400, at 6:30 P.M.

3 April: Middlesex-Essex L.P. Chapter meeting at 1:00 P.M. at Lee Nason's, 929 Mass. Ave., Apt. 11-D, Cambridge, between Harvard and Central Squares. Contact: Carol Steinberger 631-2583 or Lee Nason 864-6497 or Jacalyn Eis 388-4207. All welcome.

4 April: Platform Committee Meeting at Nathan Curland's home, 56 Halcyon Road, Newton. (See March 28 listing for more information.)

EXECOMM IN NEW ORLEANS

by David E. Long, National Committeeman
(Region 8)

I was extremely disappointed not to be able to attend the recent L.P. National Committee meeting in New Orleans which took place over the weekend of January 31 - February 1. Unfortunately, I was laid low by flu and pneumonia and spent the entire weekend of the meeting sucking aspirins and watching educational and inspirational shows on the tube (being too weak to change the channels, you see).

However, I have received a very comprehensive report on the meeting from Kathleen McAdam, regional committeewoman from the Mid-Atlantic area, and I talked to Rich Kenney, an at-large committeeman, to get his impressions of the meeting. A resume of actual committee business follows. (Much of what follows is shamelessly plagiarized from Ms. McAdams's report.)

HONESTY: Apparently, there was a great concern on the part of the committee members for honesty and integrity in official publications of the Party. There was considerable discussion about the "10,000 dues-paying members" statement released at the National Convention and the "organized in all 50 states" statement on the blue "It's About Time" cards. A resolution by Ed Clark of California was passed unanimously that the policy of the L.P. be to avoid any misstatements of fact in all publications, press releases, and other statements which it may issue.

DISCLOSURE: There was debate over the extent to which the Party would make public, sources of its funds. A concern for the privacy of donors was matched by the problem of avoiding an entrenched "partyarchy" funded by secret or undisclosed sources. A motion by Ed Clark that all contributions in excess of \$1000 in a calendar year be made known to the Committee was defeated.

NATIONAL PLATFORM: Rich Kenney noted that certain planks retained from the previous platform had been omitted in the current printing. Other errors were also noted. A motion was passed to include an errata sheet with all future copies of the Platform.

PARTY LOGO: Several motions to adopt a Party logo were defeated. Suggestions included the libersign, "A New Dawn for Freedom," and the porcupine.

HQ MOVE: There was a discussion of the September mail ballot which proposed moving the national headquarters to Washington, D.C., and making the job of National Chairman (Ed Crane) a salaried position. Rich Kenney

FROM THE CHAIR

There are two subjects I would like to discuss this month: (more about) local chapters; and this Party's support of Roger MacBride's candidacy.

First, local chapters. I want to thank everyone who attended the January 25 L.P. Caucus for their patience and thoughtfulness in debating and enacting enabling rules for local Party chapters. This is the single most significant transfer of power and responsibility *away* from the State Committee that has occurred since the founding of the L.P.M. Local chapters, once affiliated with the state party, will speak for the Libertarian Party Period. They will nominate and endorse candidates for public office; they will elect chapter officers; they will *be* the Libertarian Party in their respective areas.

Many of you now forming local chapters are inexperienced in organizing and in politics. That's great. You have a lot to learn, and in the process will make lots of mistakes. In this, you will be no different from the organizers of our state party (me, for one) and of many other state parties across the nation. New political parties are an uncommon occurrence, and the emergence of a party dedicated to rational, principled *individualist* change is so rare as to be almost unique. There are no handbooks, no manuals, no how-to-do-it guides for organizing a party like ours. Politicians of other parties can say, "Vote for me, I'm a Demopublican." We, on the other hand, have to say: "Vote Libertarian; *because....*"

For would-be chapter organizers I offer what is probably an unnecessary word of warning: it ain't gonna be easy. It will take time, effort, money, and, above all, thought to make our party viable at the local level. But hang in there: the results are worth it.

About Roger MacBride's candidacy. I was very pleased by the vote of the January caucus on the motion to support MacBride's candidacy. It should be noted that there were *no dissenting votes* to this motion. We may yell and scream in *LIBERTY* when we don't like what's going on, but that's all in the family, so to speak. When it comes to the nitty, we're ready to hang in there.

Roger MacBride is putting a very great deal of his time and personal funds into this campaign. The Party has made an excellent choice in its nominee for President of the United States. In the (unlikely?) event that Roger were elected, I believe that he would in fact be quite a competent President. This is a statement one could not make with a straight face about, say, Dr.

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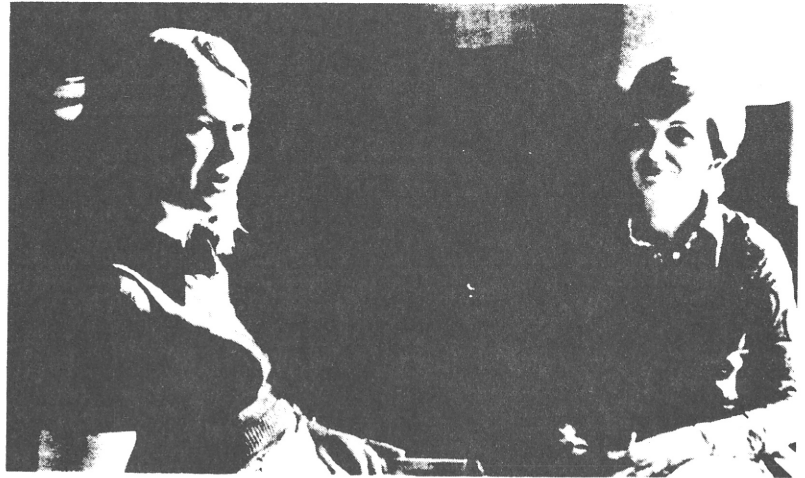
Libertarian Party forms local chapter

They draw members from the far right and far left of the political spectrum. Among their stands: no more taxes, no more compulsory public education

This headline and picture appeared in several north shore area weeklies as coverage for the formation of the Middlesex-Essex Chapter of the Libertarian Party.

This group has had two meetings since the last issue of LIBERTY.

In the February 14th meeting we discussed chapter purposes and your editor attempted to persuade someone (anyone?) to try for local office. There were no takers this year, but next year things will likely go very differently -- two of the attendees were libertarians who have had previous experience in running for public office! One important purpose did emerge: an ad hoc committee on taxation chaired by Carol Steinberger was formed. We planned a tax protest and other "educational" activities. Those present were requested to check with their local town halls to find out what the current plans for political pickpocketing are. The meeting was followed by a very cordial hour of coffee, chatter about local politics, and a very garish (but not too delicious) Valentine Cake supplied by your editor.



LIBERTARIANS: Lee Nason of Cambridge 9 (left) and Carol Steinberger of Marblehead chat in the Steinberger home last Saturday during the first North Shore meeting of the Libertarian Party. Thirteen persons attended.

At the March 6 meeting at the home of Pam and Sam Webe, we ratified a constitution which included a plagiarized version of the national non-coercion pledge and we elected officers: Chairperson, Jacalyn Eis; Secretary, Carol Steinberger; Treasurer, Curtis Siller. As her first move in office, Jacalyn Eis appointed your editor to "attempt affiliation" with the state party. The highlight of the afternoon was a talk arranged by Pam Webe and Carol Steinberger by our area TRIM (Tax Reform IMMEDIATELY) representative, Bob Reeder. It was sort of like bringing coals to Newcastle to tell us that deficit spending and inflation are inseparable, but his presentation, his graphics, and his literature table were economic and aesthetic joys to behold. The meeting was followed by convivial conversation over coffee and Pam Webe's (very delicious) home-baked breads.

The next meeting will be held April 3 (see Liberdates). People interested in joining the group should contact Carol Steinberger (631-2583). Note: there are no residency requirements nor must one be a member of the state party in order to join this chapter.

CRYPTOQUOTE

Last issues solution: WE CHALLENGE THE CULT OF THE OMNIPOTENT STATE AND DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL. From the L.P. National Platform, 1976.

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NEW L.P. HEADQUARTERS

The Libertarian Party National Headquarters has completed its move to Washington -- home of the great bureaucracy. The new address is as follows:

LIBERTARIAN PARTY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1516 "P" STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C., 20005

The new phone number is (202) 232-2003.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS
DESIGNATED

Report by Nathan Curland

The State Committee of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts had a fruitful meeting at 8:00 P.M. on February 11 at the Henry George School, 1318 Beacon Street, Brookline. The main order of business was the selection of Presidential Electors in preparation for Roger Lea MacBride's petition drive to be launched later this month. The following fourteen electors were chosen by the committee members: Ann Clark, Nathan Curland, Edward Hacker, David E. Long, Stephan Klein, Vincent McCaffrey, Freda Lee Nason, Robert Nozick, David Reardon, Carol Steinberger, William Tarnowski, Stephen Trinward, Leland Webber, and Walter Ziobro, Jr.

On other matters:

-The State Committee actively endorsed the effort to launch a petition drive to get MacBride and Bergland on the Massachusetts Ballot. Lee Webber was designated to head the petition drive which will require approximately 60,000 signatures.

-A contract between Sharona Nelson and the L.P.M. wherein Ms. Nelson would act as paid fundraiser was deferred to be considered by the MacBride for President Committee since their effort would be her initial task.

-David Reardon was designated as head of the Platform Committee (again).

-Walter Ziobro, Jr. is soliciting ideas for a July 4th outing, party, protest, etc.

-Lee Webber is planning an anti-tax day event for April 15.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 15 (see Liberdates).

VON HOFFMAN PRAISES RLM,
PANS REAGAN AND FORD

A recent Nicholas von Hoffman column entitled "Only 1 Candidate Offers Right a Choice" has appeared which again praises the Libertarian Party. We quote, "In open debate with MacBride, it would be immediately apparent that a chap like Ronald Reagan is really Jerry Ford dressed up in a cowboy suit; likewise, it would be no time at all before it was obvious that Reagan and Rockefeller don't disagree on any matter of substance and importance." It certainly is pleasant to see our man being understood by a nationally syndicated columnist. A bit more of this kind of coverage and we might even find ourselves in the embarrassing position of winning the election.



BOBBY WILSON IS A BLOODY
ANARCHIST!

Book Review by Stephen Trinward

Illuminatus!, on the basis of discussions I have encountered is (choose one): 1) the greatest put-on since pre-Clifford Irving, 2) a painstaking volume of revisionist history, 3) an insidious political tract, or 4) just a delightful black comedy. Opinions on this rather strange piece of writing vary from "utter trash" to "the first half of *Illuminatus!* may be the best literature of the Twentieth Century," stopping along the way for "Let's nominate it for a Hugo!" or "No! No! The National Book Award!" and "In what category -- Philosophy and Religion??!"

The truth lies somewhere between however. Authors Robert Shea and Robert Anton Wilson have attempted the ultimate historical novel; they have also written an outstanding political treatise, and one which libertarians should welcome. On other levels, *Illuminatus!* is a classic horror story, a raunchy tale of lust and fertility rites, an extended acid trip (the chapters are even labelled "First Trip," "Second Trip," etc.), and an excellent example of stream-of-consciousness creativity in the tradition of Joyce, Mann, and Ken Kesey in his finer moments.

So who are these guys, anyway, that they can cope with the myriad ways of literary tradition so competently? Robert Anton Wilson is considered by his journalist colleagues (he is editor for *Penthouse*) to be the best anarchist writer in mainstream journalism; his upcoming interview with Timothy Leary is expected to turn some heads. Robert Shea is not as well-known; he currently blue-pencils for *Playboy*, but has little reputation to build on or at least none I could discover. Together they are a supremely-competent, dedicated pair of anarchists who may well know more about Liberty than all of us Party-member dilettantes put together. They can discuss Spooner, Warren, and Tucker like tax-rebels, but are also at home with Proudhon and Bakunin. They are comfortable with Locke, Mill, and Adam Smith, but can also weigh the merits of Marx, Lao-Tze, and the whole litany of collectivist and mystic philosophers and economists -- and unlike many who claim this talent, this pair seems to understand the common ground all strove for!

Moreover, the authors are adept with hallucinogens, meditation techniques, and countless other methods of consciousness-expansion. Add to this their considerable knowledge of horrific literature (from *Tibetan Book of the Dead* to Lovecraft and Crowley), Eastern (and Western) mysticism, and an immense amount of research into everything

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WHY OBJECTIVISM FAILED

Article and Opinion by Ross Vicksell

On the evening of February 25th, fifty of the faithful gathered in the back room of Simeone's restaurant in Central Square to hear Roy Childs, frequent contributor to Reason magazine, give a talk entitled "Why Objectivism Failed." This was the first lecture of the Spring TANSTAAFL dinner series.

In Childs' view, Ayn Rand, while preaching individualism, has, in practice, dealt ruthlessly with those of her followers who have dared to express divergent views. A taste for the novels of Thomas Wolfe or the music of Beethoven is deemed heretical. Those objectivists who stray too far from orthodoxy, or incur Ayn Rand's displeasure in any of a myriad other ways, risk excommunication. Such was the fate of Nathaniel and Barbara Brandon. However, banishment has its good side. Edith Efron, another ex-Randian, has risen to fame and fortune writing for T.V. Guide. Meanwhile, Leonard Peikoff, who has remained faithful, has yet to begin to realize his potential. So Ayn Rand not merely robs her disciples of their values, but also stifles their creativity. Nor is she content in demanding conformity in her followers. She also has broken off with such libertarian luminaries as Ludwig von Mises, Henry Hazlitt, Murray Rothbard, and John Hospers because they disagreed with her.

This intolerance of opposition relates to a reluctance to accept the "free marketplace of ideas;" she has eschewed "intellectual entrepreneurship." She indulges in "habitual misrepresentation of the views of opponents."

The way she dealt with Viet Nam and domestic

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RENTCONTROL: A MEDIA REBUTTAL

Text of Channel 5 Media Rebuttal by Florian von Imhof speaking for Tenants Against Rentcontrol which was broadcast on March 11, 1976. TAR is an ad hoc libertarian committee.

Recently Channel 5 editorialized against vacancy decontrol urging a continuation of rentcontrol. Against Channel 5 we advocate the abolition of rentcontrol, once and for all, without even such intermediate measures as vacancy decontrol. We object to rentcontrol because it is at once fundamentally unjust as well as economically unsound. Unjust because rentcontrol is a clear violation of human rights: namely the right of every individual, including landlords, to use his/her own property and to use it according to his own best judgment. Economically unsound because rentcontrol creates, or aggravates, the very conditions it deplors: shortage of housing and high rental prices. For if a property owner cannot charge the free market price for housing, his low return, if any, invariably discourages new housing construction. The consequence is that the housing shortage gets worse and prices go up anyway. Which means: less housing at highest prices. Precisely the opposite of what was intended by rentcontrol.

In sum: Rentcontrol does not work, and never has. It creates an artificial housing shortage (or aggravates an existing one) by restricting competition, high prices, ill-will between landlords and tenants, and a general disrespect for human rights.

We therefore urge the repeal of all rentcontrol legislation without the intermediate step of vacancy decontrol.

LONG ADDRESSES SINGLES

Article and Opinion by Donald Hunt

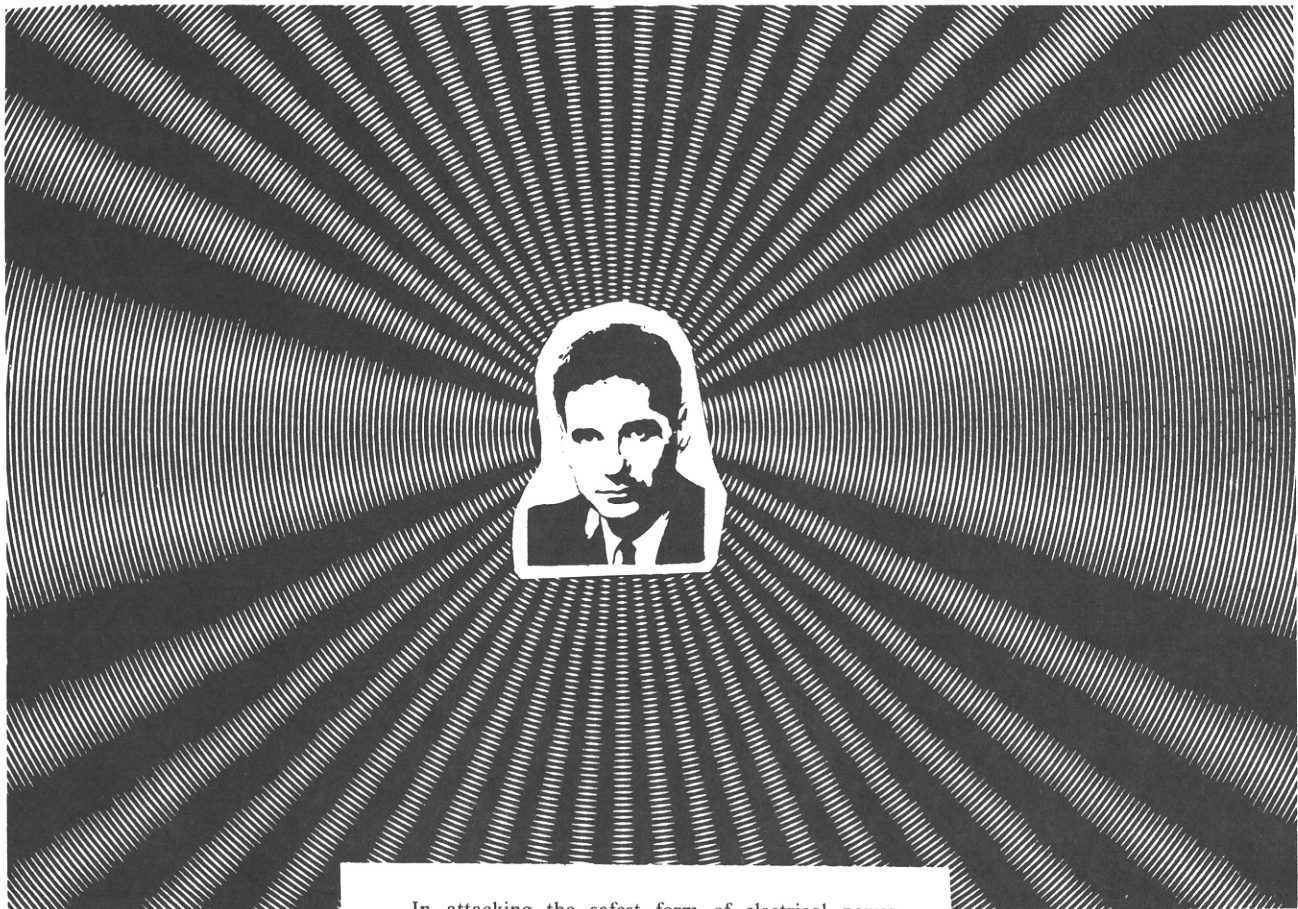
David E. Long dipped into his closet and pulled out two of his favorite hats. Yes, David is role-playing again; this time it was his educator's cap (*I believe it was conical in design - Ed.*) and his bachelor's hat (*probably a not-too-showy neon sign - Ed.*) David was the invited guest speaker at a singles brunch put on by Rosian Zerner, February 22 in Newton.

The affair began at noon and continued until after 4:00. Each attendee brought some munchie and coffee was provided. From noon until 1:00, Rosian introduced us around. By then about fifty singles had arrived and David began his lecture.

The speech lasted about a half hour. In that time David created a desert island, transported us all there, and described the process of building the islandic culture the result of which happened to be the "ideal" libertarian society. Having developed the ideal, he briefly showed how the utopian aspects of the island could work in today's world, and it was here that he made his one mistake (?). To this group of some fifty singles, he said, "The government is trying to tell you how to make love to your wives." Whether intended or not, it did bring a brief chuckle to the group.

He then threw open the floor to questions, and the onslaught began. The majority of the questions related not to the use of libertarianism in today's world, but pertained to David's island society. One such question was: "What would happen in a libertarian society if an irrevocably harmful act was committed, i.e., a river owner dams his river which feeds the lake which

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In attacking the safest form of electrical power generation, the anti-nuclear crusaders love to make 10-second assertions that it takes half-hour lectures to counter. As often as not, these assertions are false. But the following assertions are not false:

Ralph Nader is radioactive

The annual dose he gets from his own blood is more than 100 times higher than the average US resident gets from all the nuclear power plants in the country.

The probability of contracting cancer from exposure to Ralph Nader's radioactive body is not zero.

At least one of the radioactive ingredients in Ralph Nader's blood has a half-life of more than one **billion** years and will pose a hazard to countless future generations.

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I am also (unconnected with the University) editor and publisher of **Access to Energy**, a pro-science, pro-technology, pro-free enterprise monthly newsletter. Unlike Ralph Nader, I dislike telling half-truths, and if you will subscribe to my newsletter for one year (12 issues for \$6), I will send you the **whole** truth behind the assertions above.

LOCAL CHAPTERS AFFILIATE

Report by Nathan Curland

A historically significant State Committee meeting was held the evening of Monday, March 15 at the Henry George School of Political Science. The major order of business was the affiliation of the M.L.P.'s first two local chapters.

Lee Webber presented the affiliation application from the recently formed Suffolk Chapter. The Chapter encompasses the senatorial districts of First Suffolk, Second Suffolk, Norfolk, First Suffolk and Norfolk, and Second Suffolk and Norfolk. A chapter constitution was presented which contained such novel provisions as raising funds by passing the hat at the approval of 2/3 majority of the members present. The Chapter application was approved with minimal fanfare.

Lee Nason then presented the application from the Middlesex-Essex Chapter. This Chapter encompasses First Essex, Second Essex, Third Essex, Fifth Middlesex, First Essex and Middlesex, Second Essex and Middlesex, and Middlesex and Suffolk. A chapter constitution was similarly presented but failed to provide for disbursement of funds in the event of chapter dissolution as required by the M.L.P. by-laws. The affiliation was provisionally awarded by the State Committee pending adoption of an appropriate rule by this Chapter.

In other business, an addition was made to the by-laws in which the State Committee member from a local chapter would be the chapter chairperson if the chapter took no action on the matter. Sharona Nelson was designated M.L.P. Finance Director. It was announced that a Road Rally would tentatively be scheduled to celebrate the 4th of July.

The next State Committee meeting will be held Monday, April 26, at Lee Nason's home (see Liberdates).

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questioned the necessity of making such decisions so quickly. There was also some question of the propriety of such a move so soon after the National Convention at which time neither proposal had been mentioned. Ed Crane said that he had no plans to move from California until after considering the difficulties of working with the MacBride staff and with the federal bureaucracy during the coming year.

AND: This year's convention will probably be held in Washington, D.C. in mid-September.

AND: Affiliations were accepted for state L.P.'s in North and South Carolina.

SARCASTIC STEVE

Opinion by Steve Trinward

Hello again, Sarcastic here, ready for another onslaught against the forces of absurdity.... Well, the MacBride campaign has finally acknowledged the existence of fair Taxachusetts. Word has it that Roger will indeed be speaking here at our Glorious Convention in May (said convention will be held on May 8th, presumably after the Seven Days in...oh, forget it!).... Meanwhile Roger, after ducking/bowing/whatever out of the New Hampshire primary just as the last LIBERTY went to press, continues to poll strongly...with the Conservative wing, at least. At the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington this month, MacBride finished a strong third. Ronnie Ray-Gun, of course, swept first-place honors decisively, and George "Ah-am-not-a-bigot" Wallace came in second. Roger tallied about half of Wallace's total, but trounced Jerry the J by a 23-to-2 margin.... Speaking of Mr. Model T, the Prez had a couple of good moments in his latest press conference. Despite the fact that his intelligence "reorganization" simply makes Kissinger the Godfather in name as well as in fact, and that the chastisement of the C.I.A. amounted to little more than a hand-slap, Ford recouped admirably during the question period. When asked how he managed to spend roughly \$2600 per week while in office (according to his filed financial statements), he replied that college tuitions and long-term "security" investments had swallowed up "about that much." It's nice to see that he is at least somewhat capable of tipping the scales from honest idiot to smart crook! He also positively shone when a woman from the Associated Press charged that he violated an executive order (actually it was a Congressional suggestion) barring public officials from patronizing establishments with discriminatory admissions policies. Ford had an answer, however; in reference to his frequent golf dates at Burning Bridge Country Club -- which has a policy which excludes women -- he replied, "To my knowledge, Burning Bridge does not receive any money from the Federal Government!" Between the snappy comeback and the principled stance on private matters, perhaps Jerry is showing some signs of knowing what he's up to, after all...! Another Boston Libertarian organization is spreading its wings: the Boston Citizens for Better Government has thus far held two meetings, and has established very little, except that "we are all committed" (or should be). The BCBG is dedicated to the proposition that it's easy to be Part-Libertarian Most of the Time, or Mostly-Libertarian Part of the Time, but that Hard-Core Left Sectarians (or even Consistent-in-Action/Pragmatic-in-Principle Partyarchs) don't roll by every day. The BCBG is intended to serve as a clearing-house for ad hoc action groups,

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-criminal penalties for receipt by journalists of "national security information."

-direction to telephone companies to cooperate with government wiretapping.

"Senate Bill One is simply atrocious and would establish what is essentially a police state." Sen. Sam Ervin.

What can libertarians do about this piece of legislation? Clubs and organizations can launch educational campaigns against it, and all individuals can write "their" Senators and Congressmen urging that the bill be defeated. [Note that several of the provisions of the above bill are directly opposed to our state and/or national platform and that this bill could conceivably be used against law-abiding libertarian activists -- this bill would make anarchy a forbidden topic. What ever happened to free speech? - Ed.]

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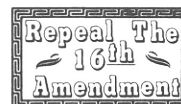
- 7 April: C.S.S.S. dinner at Simeone's at 7:00 P.M. featuring Walter Block discussing "Defending the Undefendable" which is the title of his new book. Dr. Block has a Ph.D. in economics from Columbia University, has worked for the National Bureau of Economic Research, has taught economics at Baruch and at Rutgers, has served on the editorial board of Business Week, is an L.P. activist, and is currently working for the TAX Foundation in N.Y. Cost of admission is \$3.00. Contact: C.S.S.S., P.O.B. 920, Boston, 02103, or call Chris Cole at 498-4619.
10 April: National Tax Protest Day, sponsored by the Society for Individual Liberty (S.I.L.). Local organizers: Mike Shanley, 545-5339 (Boston); and Carol Steinberger, 631-2583 (North Shore).
11 April: Platform Committee meeting at 12:30 - 2:00 P.M. at Lee Webber's place, 542 Massachusetts Avenue, Apt. 3, Boston. (See March 28 listing for details.)
11 April: Ayn Rand, novelist, speaks at Ford Hall Forum. 8:00 P.M. Topic to be announced.
13 April: Thomas Jefferson Birthday Party at Avenue Victor Hugo Bookshop. Wine and cheese, etc. Bring a friend. Buy a book. Theme and speaker to be announced. Contact: Vince McCaffrey, 266-7746.
16-19 April: Star Trek Convention, Sheraton Boston. Contact: Steve Trinward, 787-3475.

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- 17 April: N.H.L.P. Convention at the University of New Hampshire. Contact: Arne Erickson, (603) 868-5278.
26 April: State Committee Meeting at the home of Lee Nason, 929 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Apt. 11-D at 7:30 P.M. Agenda includes discussion of convention plans and MacBride's visit. Contact: Lee Nason, 864-6497.
1 May: Mayday. Also the founding of the Bavarian Illuminati. Also, International Workers' Day. Watch for big parade in Red Square. Coincidence??
2 May: Organizer's Workshop #2 on the basics of parliamentary procedure. Everything you ever wanted to know about using rules of order to defeat your enemies and confuse your friends. A must for would-be political has-beens. Conducted by the chief has-been, Hizzoner Himself; 3:30 - 5:00 P.M., 95 Centre Street, Brookline. May be followed by Anarcho-Alcoholic Caucus debauch. Contact: David Long, 232-0050.
7 May: Roger MacBride arrives in Boston for several days of campaigning. Join us at Logan Airport to greet the "Presidential Special," Roger's own DC-3, as he arrives. Contact: David Long, 232-0050.
8 May: Massachusetts L.P. Convention '76. Featuring: Roger MacBride, Robert Nozick, movies ("Incredible Bread Machine" and S.I.L.'s "We Won't Be Fooled Again"), sumptuous banquet followed by entertainment extravaganza, and much, much more. Contact: Donald Hunt, Convention Manager, 864-6497.
21-24 May: Libertarian Party of Canada Convention, Holiday Inn, Toronto. Key-note speaker: Louis "Woody" Jenkins (Rep., Louisiana Legislature). Contact: L.P.C., 4866 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5N2.
?? June: Graphics Workshop. Everything you ever wanted to know about newsletters, fliers, ads, etc., featuring our own, our very own, Freda Roark. Fee: \$2.00 to cover materials. Contact: Lee Nason, 864-6497.
?? July: Giant Road Rally in celebration of the Fourth of July. Prizes donated by our own Anarcho-Alcoholic Caucus. Motorcycles welcome.



FROM THE CHAIR

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Spock or Ellen McCormack.

The petition period in Massachusetts will begin around the end of March. We need a total of 37,900 valid signatures. Our goal is 60,000. It will be tough to put MacBride on the ballot. It will take a lot of shoe leather and sweat. But if we make it, the Libertarian Party will have established itself in this state. If you are part of the effort, you will have established yourself as an active, political Libertarian. The choice is yours: are you going to spend the next years of your life just complaining about what's wrong with our system, or are you going to try to do something about it? Think it over; you haven't much time.

In liberty,
David E. Long

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contains the only source of available protein. Most of the questions contained similar dilemmas, and David managed to field them all very well.

I would say that though there were no immediate converts, a large number could see "possibilities" and that, to me, is encouraging. Further, I must add that though the lecture did not interest me, seeing David's fervent belief as he fielded the questions was truly inspirational and renewed my enthusiasm for libertarianism.

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OOPS

LIBERTY is normally sent to three categories of people: first, L.P. members and subscribers (the paying customers); second, selected worthies such as national officers, media good guys and so forth; and third, persons potentially interested in L.P. activities.

Whenever a member gives us the name of someone who might be interested in us, or whenever we receive an inquiry from someone who is curious about us, we put these people on a list to receive a trial subscription of three free issues of LIBERTY. The boo-boo was this: our entire state mailing list is computerized and the turkey who wrote the program which prints LIBERTY's mailing labels fouled up slightly. Instead of getting a nasty message after three free issues, a number of people received it after only two. Anyway, we have corrected our programs and we apologize to those who will have to bear the mild inconvenience of receiving two nasty "you are expiring" messages, and for the future we look forward to error-free issues of LIBERgah/ ;jgwe;zxvdgrishhhkk.

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WHY OBJECTIVISM FAILED

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protests to the war exemplifies her shortcomings. She deplored the campus demonstrations, especially the one at Berkeley, because of the "lawless" destruction of property that took place. She neglects to consider just how applicable the concept of "rightful ownership" is to the property of a state university, which property was acquired by force in the first place. (On other occasions she herself has pointed up the immorality of taxes.) She considers civil disobedience justified only as a means to bring unjust laws to court. One wonders, "What would her attitude toward the abolitionists of the 1850's have been?"

With regard to the prosecution of the war, she has been a spokesman for "John Wayne-ism" in foreign policy. No holds are barred in fighting dictatorial regimes. She refuses to concern herself with the bombing of civilians (including those in the South), since this is apparently not a philosophical issue. But, as Childs observed, "Why is murder not a moral issue?"

So the primary charge emerges. "Ayn Rand and her followers chose to abdicate their chance for leadership in the 60's." Rather than seizing the opportunity to capitalize on the anti-statist feelings of the people, the objectivists sat back and indulged in their business-as-usual theoretizing, while the radical left was out making history.

All the preceding is my paraphrasing of Roy Childs' presentation. What follows is my viewpoint.

Ayn is more a conservative, a la Robert Welch and William F. Buckley, than a libertarians. She certainly shares the conservatives' anti-Communist and pro-law-and-order bias. The main differences between her and Buckley are: (1) She writes better; her stuff I can't put down -- his I can't keep from putting down, and (2) he believes in God.

With regards to her anti-Red credentials, it is interesting to note that she is probably the oldest living cold warrior. Ever since coming over here from Mother Russia circa 1920 she has been fighting the good fight. In the 30's she published her anti-Soviet novel *We the Living*. In 1947, when Welch was just another candy magnate's brother and Buckley was still a college boy, Ayn Rand was appearing before the House Un-American Activities Committee in Hollywood as, needless to say, a "friendly" witness.

It is unfortunate that Ayn Rand fails to recognize the common elements in the Soviet tyranny, which she abominates, and in the American government, which she defends.

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BOBBY WILSON IS A BLOODY ANARKIST
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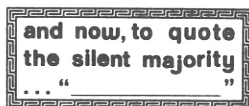
from the Kennedy assassination to Chicago '68, and you come to realize that these lads have indeed done their homework.

Of course, the issue of prime importance to Libertarians is the political basis of the novel. Rest assured, gentle readers, Shea and Wilson are as libertarian as they come. The major plotline involves the struggle of a band of anarchists against the Ancient Illuminated Seers of Bavaria, an age-old cult of authoritarian, unprincipled power-brokers who want control of the Universe... or something like that. These young rebels use every means conceivable to stop the take-over, and ultimately succeed...I think! (One of the oft-heard arguments against the book is that it doesn't make sense in the end; can you conceive of a story which tries to stay within sight of historical truth which would?)

Several years ago in California there were a series of gatherings of activist groups called Left-Right Mind-Liberation Festivals. The purpose of these sessions was to formulate, through teach-ins, seminars, and tactics labs, anti-authoritarian methods for political action and social progress. In a way, *Illuminatus!* is a novelist's answer to these gatherings; instead of teach-ins, Shea and Wilson use narrative and character development to the same ends. The philosophy put forth is pure Liberty; the authors have taken from the Left, the Right, and occasionally more moderate ideals, bringing forth only the decentralist, the anti-authoritarian, the freedom-seeking, and molding it all into a semi-coherent creed. Non-coercion, humanism, and psychic liberation are the watchwords, and the authors work overtime to sell these qualities to the reader.

If you haven't read *Illuminatus!* (yes, hokey exclamation point and all!), do so. You'll revel in the company of Hagbard Celine, Mary Lou Servix, Eris, Howard-the-talking-porpoise, FUCKUP (First Universal Cybernetic Kinetic Uni-Programmer -- imagine Mike from *Mistress* with E.S.P., almost), and all the other seven-thousand-odd strange persons inhabiting the seven-hundred-odd pages (plus a dozen appendices, no less!) of this epic. If you want to learn about Atlanta Hope, author of *Telemachus Sneezed*; if you seek the mysteries behind Yog-Sothoth, Leviathan, John Dillinger, and the Dealy Lama; if you want to be confused, enlightened, befuddled, liberated, fascinated, enslaved, and genuinely entertained all at the same time... give *Illuminatus!* a try.

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organized by libertarians but including issue-oriented people of all stripes. I fear this aim to be rather high for a seven-member cadre of devoted activists facing organized battalions of people with dissimilar viewpoint who may even buy your story on one or two points but would as soon swallow your little band of revolutionaries as...oh well, time will out.... We were at the BOSKONE XIII convention in mid-month, watching movies, going to lectures and panels, drinking a bit, and even catching a discussion on *Illuminatus!*, which, alas, did very little to improve my review. Along the way, the famous Walking Revolution hat made me the acquaintance of about two dozen assorted crazies and a few sane people even. I chanced to see the Avenue Victor Hugonauts scurrying about the premises several times, hawking books in the Hucksters Room, stalking writers for their proposed Sci-fiction mag, and ducking creditors undoubtedly as well. Another attendee, about whom I have only hearsay info, actually, was apparently found smoking during the costume parade Saturday. No sin this, except that there had been designated smoking and non-smoking areas set up beforehand, and he happened to be standing in the non-smokers line. When a friend asked him either to quench the flame or move to the other side of the room, the offender pulled himself up to his full height, puffed up his chest, and stated, "I am a libertarian; I smoke where I please!" Question: If anybody knows who this turkey might be (description: 5' 10", slight build, blond crewcut, early 20's), he deserves at least a reprimand. If he happens to be a member of an L.P. organization, especially a state party affiliate, he should be thrown out on his ear! Reason? Smoke in the air *is* an imposition on those who would prefer not to breathe it; if one person is offended by smoking, the smoker should either cease and desist or move elsewhere. As a former smoker myself, it has taken me two years to arrive at this conclusion, and I now feel no compunction about asking/telling/threatening a person who is smoking either to quit or to leave if it is bothering me (and my apologies for past transgressions, Irene Arman!).... That was an atrocious job Tibor Machan did in defending himself in the Letters column of February's *Reason*. Some day that man is going to discover that subsuming of arguments and snide character assassinations do not the rigorous philosopher make. I for one am far from satisfied with his rationalization.... A sidelight on the Child's speech: just before the talk began, onlookers were treated to the Battle of the Philosophers...waged over a rather dysfunctional electronic ping-pong-table. Dr. Robert "Broadway Bob" Nozick, Ph.D., Harvard Philosophy Department, squared off

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against Dr. Edward "The Prof" Hacker, Ph.D., Northeastern University Philosophy Department, in a death-struggle for pong supremacy. The table itself was the winner, as sticky or non-working controls made it a matter of luck as to who scored first. Nozick ultimately eked out an 11-8 victory, largely because he discovered how to return serve (through psycho-kinesis, I think!). A rematch is still in the hands of promoters.... A late breaking note: apparently Roger is not dealing as straight a deck as we might have hoped. It has been reported that in a recent speech at Yale, MacBride was solely concerned with the social-issues side of the campaign, which still leaves us uncertain as to how many economics-only talks he gives to conservatives! Further, according to the Southern Libertarian Review, Eric Scott Royce's mag, Roger was recently asked why no woman was on the L.P. national ticket. Roger said, "I couldn't find one who was qualified!" I'm sure Tonie Nathan finds that an enlightening comment. [MacBride cast his electoral vote for Ms. Nathan for Vice-President in the last presidential election - Ed.] Watch it Mac...! A quick wrap-up: Anybody heard from PUMA yet? The Prostitutes Union of Massachusetts apparently held a meeting earlier this month (excluding men) from the proceedings, but only 4 or 5 people showed. Sounds as though they're having more troubles than the L.P. had when it started! If you haven't as yet seen Freedom Today, get hold of a copy; it is perhaps the best mag on everything from inflation survival to tax resistance to fast-breaking issues and decisions on the libertarian front. See me if you'd like to see a copy. In closing, a mild reprimand for our Fearless Leader, who somehow let his 102 temperature affect his disposition at the last State Committee meeting. But then I'm about the twelfth person to tell him so.

PUBLICATION NOTES

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KENNEY IN WASHINGTON

Your editor recently received a letter from former L.P.M. chairperson, Rich Kenney. Rich moved to Washington State as while back and has apparently proved himself as able there as he was here. For your enjoyment, we quote Rich:

"MLP'ers who moaned and groaned while I chairpersoned my nimble way from April '73 to April '74 can enjoy a moment of mirth now, when they learn I've become chair of the LPWS (that's LP of Washington State). The current chair resigned and I was the only real contender for the 'honors', and so was elected ten days ago.

"Hopefully I'll be able to manage a rerun of my MLP escapades: while I'm chair the LPWS will linger on, barely surviving my tyrannical ineptitude; then, when my successor takes over and the fresh atmosphere of non-kenneydom is established, the LPWS will flourish to many times its former size and stature! (We basso-profundo bunglers are rarely appreciated....)"

For any of you who wish to write Rich and congratulate (?) him, his new address is available from David Long or myself.

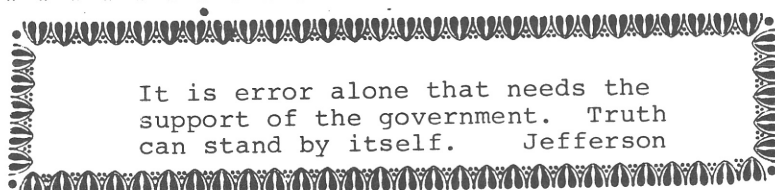
CANDIDATES NOTICE

If you wish to have written position papers or biographical data distributed to attendees of MassCon '76, please forward 200 copies of your stuff to Don Hunt, 929 Massachusetts Avenue, Apt. 11-D, Cambridge, and your material will be included in the registration packet.

CAMPAIGN REFORM DECISION

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On January 30, a sharply divided Supreme Court announced its long-awaited decision on the constitutionality of the Federal Election Campaign Act. The Libertarian Party was among the plaintiffs in this action. On the positive side, the court struck down provisions limiting campaign expenditures, independent contributions in the form of "unauthorized" spending on behalf of a candidate, and personal contributions by the candidate toward his own campaign. However, the rules regarding other contributions, disclosure, and public financing provisions were upheld.



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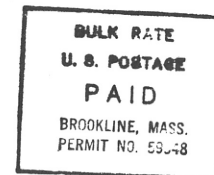
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