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## SPECIAL NATIONAL LP CONVENTION NEWS

(See inside)

### FINAL RESULTS ON INITIATIVE 295 CAMPAIGN

With just over two days to go to submit signatures to the Secretary of State's office in Olympia it appears that Initiative 295 will have collected approximately 92,000 signatures, or about 40,000 too few to put 295 on the ballot in November 1974. Look out 1975.

A few kudos to the real workers of this campaign. First, and foremost, to Richard Dyment for his Chairing of a real task force. Without Dick's drive and energies 295 would have received almost the same number of signatures as the number assigned by Olympia (295). Also to Pat Artz and Bill Rausch of the LPWS. Other LPers who helped included Dan and Sally Thompson, Skip and Dana, Gary and Elizabeth Phillips over on the Peninsula, Mary Songren in Spokane, Myrlene Wilkinson down in Vancouver, Paula Roemer here in Seattle, Jeff Smith out in the Bothell area.

Particular appreciation must go to people like George Lark of Tacoma (formerly with the Vic Gould Taxpayers group), Ron Armstrong down in Grays Harbor, Gladys Edwards of POPA, Roy Williams and other Non-LPWS members, without whose help we would not have been as successful as we were.

Even though we did not collect sufficient signatures to be placed on the November 1974 ballot there was quite a bit of Libertarian literature passed out throughout the State and there was considerable side benefits which will materialize as we move forward toward 1976.

My personal thanks to all those that helped.

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR...For real this time!!!

Fact...On April 30 I made a mistake while logging for a living. Reality promptly pointed out my mistake and I now have a shattered left knee. I will be able to walk, but my skiing and girl chasing days are over. I will have to talk them into it.

FACT...Announcement of the petition drive for Initiative 295 removing the sales tax from the four basic necessities of life, i.e., food, clothing, housing (building materials) and medical supplies, was made in our last news letter and at the 1974 State Convention in January.

Fact...The response to appeals for help and financial assistance from LPWS members has been almost zero. This response from people who joined the Libertarian Party for "action".

QUESTION...Where the hell were you? Did you send any funds, get signatures, or even sign a petition yourself?

We came so close to getting 295 on the ballot. With a little more help from LPWS members we would have made it. If we want the LPWS to move as a real third force in this state, let's get to work.

Fact...Even though seriously incapacitated I attended the National Convention in Dallas in a wheel chair. Reason...My own self interest and we needed all the votes the Washington State delegation could muster to keep the national Libertarian Party on a course of political action.

Although we elected six delegates and two alternates at our Convention in January we finally were able to count three delegates (plus the automatic status for me) and no elected alternates at convention time in Dallas. We, fortunately because of circumstances at the convention, were able to seat Sally Thompson as a delegate. The importance of early and firm plans for delegates and alternates to attend a national convention was brought home to us in a sad way and we will remember the lesson in the future. The Libertarian temperament does not always lend (Contd)

## PAT ARTZ ELECTED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Region 1 (The LP's largest in size)(California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii) is well represented on the new National LP Execom.

Our new National Chairman, Ed Crane, is from San Francisco, and Bill Westmiller, newly elected Secretary, is from Lancaster, California. Ed Clark (remember from our own 1974 convention) was elected Execom member at large with Bill Susel of San Fernando, Lynn Kinsky of Santa Barbara (Lynn is the Executive Editor of Reason Magazine), and our own PAT ARTZ being elected members of the Execom from Region 1.

"Our own" Tonie Nathan was reappointed Chairman of the Judicial Committee.

Other newly elected officers include Andrea Millen of New York City as Vice Chairman and John Kraft of Milwaukee, Wisconsin as Treasurer.

## NEWS FROM OREGON

Washington State LP Members seem to be the most travelled people in this state, what with Dan and Sally Thompson visiting Texas (not only Dallas for the convention, but Dan is always seeking new outlets for his fantastic energies), Skip Barron and Bill Rausch being content just to attend the Dallas Convention, but then we have Pat Artz who not only visited Dallas but took in some of the midwest, too, on her recent sojourn, and visited Portland before the larger trip to attend the Oregon LP Convention.

Pat reports that Rich Gray is the newly elected Chairman in Oregon, with Laura Bellis, the past chairman elected Secretary. Reports are good out of Oregon now for continued growth and activity.

Laura Bellis has filed for the County Council in Portland and Tonie Nathan may be filing for public office in Oregon shortly. We in Washington wish you all well in your quest to shrink government.

**\$25,000-PLUS RAISED IN DALLAS.....**  
**THERE IS MONEY FOR LIBERTY.**

During the course of the recent National Libertarian Party convention the New York delegation raised over \$18,000 for the candidacy of Jerome Tuccille for Governor of New York. This is a vital race which could put the LP on the New York ballot permanently. This \$18,000 represents an average of over \$100 for each and every delegate at the convention.

How much in money and pledges Sandy Cohen (running for Congress from New York State) and John Hospers (candidate for Governor of California) received was not announced.

Even more exciting for those of us who have been demanding a national voice on the issues of the day was the \$9,000-plus donated for the establishment of a national office. San Francisco will be the location and an executive director will be hired to coordinate party functions and act as a full-time fund raiser.

\$407.27 was turned over to the National LP from the Fran Youngstein campaign for Mayor of New York City. This was the agreement regarding the funds raised for her in California prior to her highly successful campaign.

AND THERE REALLY ARE ANGELS....The Canadian National Libertarian Party is fielding 28 candidates for their Parliament this year. It seems the cost of filing for office in Canada is around \$200 and their financial angel who appeared suddenly and without warning at their recent national convention volunteered to pay as many filing fees as there were willing candidates. We wish them success.

## GETTING TO KNOW US by Pat Artz

There is no better way to get to know the character, stability, temperament and idiosyncracies of individuals than to observe the group interplay at a convention. This six day, and most of six nights, political convention was an unexcelled experience in group dynamics. A more heterogeneous assembly couldn't be conjured up in the mind of the finest writer of fiction; certainly no other political party has been conceived of and sustained by such diverse individuals. Our platform speaks against discrimination because of age, color, creed, national origin or sex; the complexion of our convention testified eloquently to our statement.

We were factionalized by the same "limited government" versus "no government" controversy. The statement of principles was retained with some changes in wording - the essence remains. A seven-eighths majority is required to change is hereafter.

The platform was torn to shreds, then put back together (including an all-night session) in committee and later in convention - again with an all-night session.

By dawn of Sunday morning the delegates were exhausted, irritable and uncompromising on the smallest detail; the third presiding chairman had retired and Ed Clark, Platform Chairman, was in the chair. The planks under consideration were those most controversial and thus difficult for our candidates for public office to live with, whatever their personal beliefs. Led by "firebrand" Tonie Nathan, they requested a "Committee of the Whole" and out of these floor caucuses came some of the finest work of the convention. The final planks were adopted almost unanimously.

We were no longer tired and irritable, we were happy and exhilarated; we knew that persons who came together because of adherence to common principles can reach understanding - not compromise, but understanding.

The Libertarian Party's 1974 Convention adjourned sine die at 8:30 a.m., June 16th.

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

## INITIATIVE NITTY-GRITTY by Bill Rausch

Little did I realize when the idea of putting on a state-wide initiative campaign first surfaced during late 1973 how big Washington State really was and what would be entailed in time and work involved. Now, just six months later, I can not only spell initiative without hesitation but I can recite to you the names of some of our state's most out of the way places.

How much money is involved in a successful initiative campaign? Over and above the usual expenses involved such as printing and distribution of initiatives, there are such little incidentals as envelopes, paper clips, staples...who but the most professional would ever sit down and make such a tabulation prior to making a commitment?

And yet, meeting such diverse personalities and travelling to various localities all seem to make the program worthwhile. All the time espousing the causes of Libertarianism. You know there are Libertarians in all walks of life...in most communities throughout the state. Only through a campaign such as the 295 campaign could Libertarians surface so effectively.

Libertarianism is alive and well in Washington. Give the people an opportunity to express their opinions freely. Put the issues squarely before the electorate and Libertarianism will triumph. Remember this always, however. A lawyer friend of mine once said that free advice is worth exactly what is paid for it. This same fact applies to election campaigns. Just exactly what would saving YOU an average of \$60 per year be worth? And that is the conservative estimate prepared by the State Department of Revenue on what Initiative 295 would have saved the average Washingtonian. Despite several appeals for funds from LPWS members there was negligible response. Disappointing to say the least. And yet, really not so surprising when you really stop to think about it. We are definitely all individuals...fortunately...who tend to proceed in our own fashion to create an atmosphere in which we want to live our own lives. If only we could meld the entire state together there  
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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR (Continued)

itself well to detail and the nitty gritty of organizational structure or functions. We have learned that the detail and structure oriented members are one of our most valuable assets.

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INITIATIVE NITTY-GRITTY (Continued)

is literally nothing that would stop Washington Libertarians. Won't you stand up and be counted? Let's move this Party forward. 1976 is the 200th anniversary of the founding of this nation. 1976 could also be the start of the return to the ideals on which the nation was originally founded ... Libertarian principles.

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SHOCKWAVE vs MEMBERSHIP DUES

At the 1974 State Convention the delegates voted unanimously to eliminate all membership dues for the Washington State LP. This has left us with no income and little in the LPWS treasury. In order to keep all members advised of both state and national activities of the LP we will be issuing the SHOCKWAVE on a regular monthly basis. To do this we need funds to cover the cost of printing and postage. All labor involved will continue to be voluntary. Let's do your part by forwarding to Post Office Box 2096, Seattle 98111, your check. An informed membership is an active membership. Let us know also your suggestions for SHOCKWAVE improvements and also your input in the form of articles and letters. We'll print them.

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1975 CONVENTION - AN INQUIRY

The Washington State LP constitution calls for an annual convention to be held in January of each year.

What would be your reaction to holding the convention later in the year, say April, to avoid hazardous travelling and to better coincide with the National LP conventions which will be held in September of each year. Your feedback on this is important. Thanks.