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Ed Clark Makes History by Qualifying for Ballot through the Petition Process

On September 6, 1978, Ed Clark became the first person in California history to qualify for the California gubernatorial ballot by the petition process. The Ed Clark for Governor Petition Drive submitted the largest number of signatures ever turned in for an individual candidate—183,372. Of these 113,291 were declared valid on September 6, (one day after the date set by law for the completion of such counts). Three other successful local petition drives have resulted in the first candidates in California history to appear on the ballot as "Libertarians." (See story on page 5.)

Petition drives across the country have put hundreds of LP candidates on the ballot. Prominent gubernatorial races include Illinois (Georgia Shields), Iowa (John Ball), New York (Gary Greenberg), and South Carolina (Dr. Phil Dematteis).

In California, the petition drive was way behind until the very end (113,000 on August 11th), with roughly *one-third* of all signatures turned in during the last week. Bob Costello, campaign coordinator, estimates over 80 percent were collected by paid petitioners, who received over \$41,000 in payments. The total estimated cost for the petition drive for Ed Clark is \$80,000.

This tremendous expense leaves campaign finances in the following shape: *long-term debt*—\$15,000; *short-term debt*—\$15,000; *cash on hand*—\$30,000 (funds specifically designated for media advertising); *expenses incurred to date*—\$120,000; and *projected expenses*—\$100,000 (minimum expenses for the rest of the campaign).

Donations to the campaign are needed now more than ever. Please send your check or pledge to Ed Clark for Governor Committee, 1620 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California 94111.



Photo by Marvin Carlson Studio, San Marino

Ed Clark.

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Local Support Now Can Make Ed Clark Campaign Pay Off

With a successful, if excruciating, petition drive behind us, Ed Clark is getting down to the business of waging a full-time campaign for Governor of California. Ed's schedule for the next few weeks includes several radio and TV talk shows and many speaking engagements. Spots for radio ads have been reserved in Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, with more cities to be added when funds permit. The word "libertarian" is going to be heard much more often between now and the November election.

Howard Jarvis appeared on national TV on September 26 in a half-hour show promoting his federal tax program. The Ed Clark Campaign reserved one 30-second spot in San Diego and one 60-second spot in Los Angeles shown immediately after Jarvis's show. (The 30-second spot alone cost \$1,500.)

In addition to Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, and Los

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"Taxpayers Bill of Rights" Introduced in Congress

By Mark W. A. Hinkle

A new bill, H.R. 12593, (affectionately known as the "taxpayers bill of rights") has been introduced by Congressman Collins of Texas. The purpose of this bill is to insure that the rights of taxpayers facing IRS investigation are not violated by IRS employees. The bill was introduced on May 8, 1978 and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. No change in its status has occurred as of this writing.

This bill would direct the IRS to explain to each taxpayer contacted for "tax deficiency":

(1) "the rights and obligations of a taxpayer and the IRS . . . during an audit;

(2) "the procedures by which a taxpayer may appeal any adverse decision at the Service (including administrative and judicial appeals);

(3) "the procedures for prosecuting refund claims and filing of taxpayer complaints; and

(4) "the procedures which the Service [*sic*] may use in enforcing the internal revenue laws (including assessment, jeopardy assessment, levy and distraint, and enforcement of liens)."

Further the IRS will have to provide a pamphlet to taxpayers explaining their rights even if the IRS contacts them by telephone. The bill prohibits anyone acting in connection with any revenue law of the U.S. from authorizing, requiring, or conducting

(a) "any investigation into, or surveillance over, any person or records regarding the beliefs, associations, or activities of any individual or organization which are not directly related to such revenue laws, or

(b) "the maintenance of any records containing information derived from such an investigation or surveillance."

The only exceptions are members of organized crime and applicants to and employees of . . . the IRS!

Under the provisions of H.R. 12593, violations by government employees are punishable by up to a \$10,000 fine or imprisonment up to 2 years, or both. Victims may receive civil damages equal to the actual damages or \$100 a day, whichever is greater, and up to \$1,000 in punitive damages, plus attorney's fees.

If taxpayers go before the Tax Court and win their cases, they may be awarded a judgment based on reasonable costs including attorney's fees. If the taxpayers are contacted by the IRS concerning a "tax deficiency" and must have an interview with the IRS, it must be at a time and place convenient to the taxpayer. It also allows the taxpayer to record the conversation. The IRS may also record the conversation if the taxpayer was notified before the interview. Taxpayers will be warned that anything said can and will be used against them. The taxpayer may stop the interview at any time and request that an attorney be present. The taxpayer may also request a transcript of the interview.

Now the bad part. This bill also provides for hiring more IRS employees and the creation of an office to be known as "The Office of Taxpayer Services," headed by a new "Assistant Commissioner of Internal Revenue."

When you write your Congressman, you may wish to note your displeasure at the idea of hiring more government employees. It will undoubtedly take much voter pressure to get this bill through Congress but this is an election year and the rascals may be a little more attentive to the voters' wishes.

Mark Hinkle was born in 1951, received a B.A. in Geography from San Jose State University and currently works as a circuit designer for IBM in San Jose. Mark is a life member of both the National LP and the LPC, and is active in the Santa Clara County LP though residing in Fremont.

Free Publicity for LIBRE

by William S. Wade, Jr.

The Libertarian Party of California *can* attain ballot status through LIBRE by 1980. But, in addition to spreading the word via personal contact, we must utilize the mass media. That usually implies considerable expense, so it hasn't received much attention before now.

There are at least two good reasons for considering use of the mass media. First, there are a number of ways of gaining free or inexpensive access to most of them, and second, as we gain momentum and hopefully attract or generate some funds in response to our other efforts such as speaking engagements, we can consider buying modest but frequent ads in newspapers and magazines, and on radio and TV.

I recently had some success writing short articles about the libertarian movement and getting them published for free in my county. I got the idea from the *Ad-Visor*, a penny-saver advertising newspaper which carries several pages of general information and articles of community interest that are called the "Peninsula Billboard." I called the *Ad-Visor*, described an idea for articles about the Libertarian Party of California, and asked if they would publish them. The response was very positive. In fact, the woman I spoke to added that, "We're all for you!"

It really charged me up to learn that there are many people out there just waiting to hear from us. I got to work with the intention of writing twenty such articles to last through 1979. (I learned they would publish more frequently if I sent them several at a time.) Here is an example of a recently published article:

LIBERTARIAN IMPACT ON VOTER TURNOUT

Less than half of those eligible usually vote. The reasons are many, but it is generally agreed that the outcome of most elections won't noticeably change our lives.

Proposition 13 on the June, 1978 ballot was an exception. It was a significant measure with wide-ranging effects. Possibly its most important consequence will be to limit government. That is distinctly libertarian in principle.

Possibly, more citizens would vote if every ballot contained such a libertarian choice. That is one reason to hope the Libertarian Party will soon attain ballot status in California. A party and a slate of candidates all devoted to limiting government would present clear choices to attract interested voters.

To help the Libertarian Party attain ballot status, just state a Libertarian preference when you register. Mailable registration cards are available at most banks, fire stations, and city halls. For more information call (415) 397-1336 or (415) 592-2574.

To date three articles have been published, and the response has been good. I began getting calls the day the first one appeared. A retired woman even came over to my house to register and sign my Clark petition! Now I am calling and placing the series in other papers in the county.

Since the idea works so well in San Mateo County, why not try it elsewhere in the state? I have assembled a package of twenty 150-word articles with suggestions for finding publications to carry them and to encourage their publication. I'll donate the prose and placement procedure suggestions, but I'd like \$10.00 per package to cover my costs of production and mailing and a \$5.00 contribution to LIBRE for each order.

Please contact me if you are interested at 3350 La Mesa Drive, #9, San Carlos, CA 94070, or call (415) 592-2574.

Bill Wade came to the Libertarian Party via objectivism and reading Reason magazine. He has been an enthusiastic supporter of the LP since its formation, but only recently has become an active participant in his county LP and in LIBRE.

"The Libertarian Catechism"

Part Two



In the opening part of this article last month, I argued the desirability of developing a "Libertarian Catechism," that is, a set of standard, "canned" answers/responses to the standard questions and arguments we typically hear. I urged, as criteria, that these standard responses be brief, hard-hitting, and quotable.

Assuming I'm correct, how might one go about putting together such a set of standard responses? An obvious first step in developing standard responses is to prepare a list of standard questions that we may anticipate receiving. You all know what they are, you've heard them a hundred times before; just to give us a jumping-off point, herewith a brief litany: "What is libertarianism?" "What do libertarians hope to achieve?" "Why do you oppose victimless-crime laws? Taxation? Regulations? (Shouldn't there be *some* regulations?)" "Why do you oppose gun control? Rent control? (What about rent gougers?)" "With no taxes, how do we pay for essential services?" "If you cut off welfare, won't people starve?" "Are you conservative or liberal?" And the ever-popular "What about the poor?" And there are probably many more you can think of.

Read the Literature

Once you've prepared your list of standard questions, you're ready for step two which, in my view, is to familiarize yourself with the libertarian literature. In particular, I would suggest reading the shorter literature: the position papers, the issue papers, candidate's literature, campaign statements, etc. Because of their length limitations, they've already undergone a considerable amount of cutting, pruning and tightening up.

As you read, always be on the lookout for a sharp, insightful comment, a hard-hitting phrase. When you see a good comment or phrase, *write it down, now*. Don't depend on your memory alone to remember it later. Read, read, read! We've had the benefit of some of the world's finest minds writing for our side; take advantage of them!

After you've assembled your cornucopia of phrases, comments and insights, start evaluating them, in light of the standard questions to which they would be appropriate, in terms of conciseness, pungency, quotability, and very importantly, how comfortable they feel to you. By all means, use the works and ideas of others to build on, but try to wind up with something *you* feel good with.

Make use of the invaluable 3 by 5 card: put a standard question at the top, and underneath write one or more of your favorite responses. As an evaluation criterion, try reading your responses aloud and time how long it takes you. Try to stay within 20 seconds, and if at all possible keep it under 30 seconds.

Examples: To the question "What do libertarians believe?" you might respond, "Each individual has the right to exercise sole dominion over his own life, and has the right to live his own life in whatever manner he chooses, so long as he does not forcibly interfere with the equal rights of others to live their lives in whatever manner they choose." That took me about 17 seconds to speak. Incidentally, you might recognize that as the second paragraph of the LP Statement of Principles. You could do a lot worse than to memorize that as your basic credo.

To the same question, a similar response by Antony Sutton goes as follows: "(1) Each individual must be free to establish his own values and achieve his own goals and he may do this in any manner he wishes so long as he does not restrict the rights of others to do the same; and (2) an individual may not *initiate* force; he has the right to retaliate if force is used against him." (About 21 seconds.) Again, from Antony Sutton, to the question, "What do libertarians hope to

achieve?", the response, "The aim of libertarian proposals is the establishment of a voluntary society without political coercion, and a world of such voluntary societies each guaranteeing the individual rights of its citizens." (About 13 seconds.)

There are a number of short phrases which express basic libertarian values across a wide spectrum of issues, which can be used almost any time, and are worth committing to memory; e.g., "Live and let live," "freedom of choice," "other men's lives are not yours to dispose of," "your life and body belong to *you*, and nobody else," "get the government out of our wallets, out of our bedrooms, and off our backs"; and one of my favorites: to the question, "What would a libertarian office holder do for me?", you might reply, "He'd leave you alone."

Learn the Anti-Libertarian Arguments

By these and similar techniques, you can build up your library of 3 by 5 cards with standard questions and responses, but don't stop there; there's plenty more you can do by way of practice and preparation. By all means, pay attention to your antagonists and learn their arguments; an excellent way to do this is to read the op-ed pages of your newspaper and study the editorials, signed columns and letters-to-the-editor. Give yourself an assignment: pick a statist letter, column, or editorial and refute it briefly by means of your canned responses. Pretend it's an argument put to you by a radio or TV newsmen and do your response out loud. Sometimes a line that reads well will not sound right to the ear.

When you see or hear a question or argument you can't handle right away, write it down and *develop an answer*.

More practice: work in front of a mirror, learn gestures and facial expressions; always work out loud, trying to develop a pleasant speaking voice and appropriate vocal inflections; don't speak so fast that your words run together or your enunciation suffers; get your friends together and do some psychodrama and play-acting.

By all means, don't forget humor. Examples: On the idea of public funding for congressional elections, "We must not only underwrite the operating expenses of the gravy train, we must pay for their tickets as well!" (Peter Fasolino, *Reason*, August, 1978); "Government policy towards Laetrile is the pits!" (Glenda Bull, private communication.) If you can make a bad idea look not only wrong but ridiculous, you're that much more ahead.

One final thought: A goodly number of you have probably developed your own snappy responses and comebacks; why don't you share them with us? Send in your favorites to *CALIBER* and we'll run the best every month. If we get enough reaction, we may be able to run the Libertarian Catechism as a monthly feature, with all LPC members learning and profiting thereby.

The goal of all the foregoing suggestions and effort is not merely: "Don't be stuck for an answer," more importantly, "Don't be stuck for a *good* answer."

Bruce L. Gagnon

Local Support Now Can Make Ed Clark Campaign Pay Off

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Angeles, the following cities will be added to the radio campaign as funds permit: San Jose, Stockton, Modesto, Fresno, Bakersfield, Santa Barbara, and Riverside. Likewise, the television campaign will add San Jose, Santa Barbara, and Fresno.

Campaign Director David Boaz said, "Media time has been reserved, but unless we receive donations toward the campaign, we will not be able to run the ads and Gov. Brown and Evelle Younger will use these spots."

This is the time when local support can make or break the Ed Clark Campaign. David Boaz and Robert Costello have prepared a

(as of September 11, 1978) appears on this page. Look it over while thinking of groups in your area who might like to hear from Ed Clark. Then contact the Campaign Headquarters in San Francisco at (415) 397-1336 or write Ed Clark for Governor, 1620 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94111. Also the accompanying boxes on advertising and letter writing give tips on how get started.

These are the times that try political parties. A small amount of success can be a dangerous thing, and that is just what we have with our successful petition drive. The real payoff comes with steady persistence over a long period of sustained effort. It's up to you to do the sustaining.

Advertise!

If radio advertising for Ed Clark is not scheduled in your local area, you can obtain cassette tapes from the Clark Campaign and take them to your local radio station yourself.

The cassettes will include the Clark ads which will be running in other areas.

If you pay for the ad to run on your station, you'll need to record a disclaimer at the end which says, "Paid for by (your name)." This is a good way to get local coverage for Ed. Call the Clark Campaign Headquarters for details.

comprehensive advertising plan with radio spots beginning October 10 and television beginning October 24. The price tag on that plan is \$39,604. That money is not in the campaign coffers now. What happens starting October 10 will be determined largely by CALIBER readers. However, funds are not enough. Without a local, coordinated effort, the campaign will be a hollow shell with no follow-through on its advertising.

There are at least three forms of local assistance that the campaign can use: (1) scheduling appearances for Ed Clark, (2) writing letters to newspaper editors, and (3) buying and scheduling local radio advertising. A calendar for the October Ed Clark Campaign

Write Letters!

A great way to get free publicity for Ed Clark is to write letters-to-the-editor of your local newspaper, pointing out how Ed is *the major alternative* to Brown and Younger.

Writing a letter to the editor of a newspaper is easy. Getting it printed is the hard part. Generally, a look at the "Letters to the Editor" column of the newspaper that you wish to write to will give you an idea of how to write your letter.

First, pick a topic of current interest. Right now, in California, the governor's race is of constant interest, obviously. If you can tie your support for Ed Clark into a current issue, your letter will be even more relevant.

Second, be brief and concise, and use words which the average reader will understand. If most letters to the editor in your paper take up only two or three paragraphs, keep *your* letter to the same length. The editor does not want to have to cut your letter to fit; he'd rather not run it at all.

Third, remember that people will judge what you have to say by *how* you say it. If your writing is strident, condescending, or convoluted, it will reflect negatively on the point you make. Short, simple, rational, and down-to-earth is far more effective.

Last, keep trying. Even if your first letter is rejected, it doesn't mean that the editor doesn't like you. There are a lot of good, sharp letter-writers out there; you're probably one of them.

Ed Clark October 1978 Campaign Calendar

Sunday, October 1 Orange County
 Monday, October 2 San Diego
 Tuesday, October 3 San Francisco
 Wednesday, October 4 San Francisco
 Thursday, October 5 Los Angeles; San Gabriel Valley; Region 13
 Friday, October 6 Los Angeles; Hollywood; downtown
 Saturday, October 7 Los Angeles; Glendale; Burbank
 Sunday, October 8 **Open**
 Monday, October 9 **Open**
 Tuesday, October 10 Bakersfield; Fresno
 Wednesday, October 11 Modesto; Stockton
 Thursday, October 12 Stockton; Sacramento; Grass Valley
 Friday, October 13 Sacramento; Auburn

Saturday, October 14 Los Angeles; San Fernando Valley
 Sunday, October 15 Los Angeles; San Gabriel Valley
 Monday, October 16 San Francisco
 Tuesday, October 17 San Francisco; Santa Rosa
 Wednesday, October 18 **Open**
 Thursday, October 19 **Open**
 Friday, October 20 Sacramento
 Saturday, October 21 Los Angeles; Santa Monica-Westwood
 Sunday, October 22 San Diego
 Monday, October 23 Orange County
 Tuesday, October 24 Ventura; Santa Barbara
 Wednesday, October 25 **Open**
 Thursday, October 26 San Bernardino; Riverside

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\$100-a-plate dinner

You are invited to a \$100-a-plate fund raising dinner for Ed Clark which will be held on October 21st at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles. For details contact Glenda Bull at (213) 896-4504.

EXHIBITOR TABLES and ADVERTISING SPACE

"Something For Everyone"

EXHIBITOR TABLES

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\$ Deadline	25 Nov		15 Jan		At Cnvn	
	Half	Full	Half	Full	Half	Full
Space						
Friday	02.50	05.00	03.75	07.50	05.00	10.00
Saturday	05.00	10.00	06.25	12.50	07.50	15.00
Sunday	05.00	10.00	06.25	12.50	07.50	15.00
Monday	02.50	05.00	03.75	07.50	05.00	10.00
Entire Convention	12.50 (-2)	25.00 (-2)	17.50 (-2)	35.00 (-2)	25.00	50.00

CONVENTION BOOK ADVERTISING

(-1-3)*

\$ Deadline	25 Nov	15 Jan
3 1/2 x 2 Business Card on Business Card Page (-4)	05.00	06.50
Eighth Page = 3 1/2 x 2 1/4 or 1 1/4 x 4 3/4	08.00	10.00
Quarter Page = 3 1/2 x 4 3/4 (w x h) (-2)	15.00	18.00
Half Page = 7 1/2 x 4 3/4 or 3 1/2 x 10 (-2)	25.00	30.00
Full Page = 7 1/2 x 10 (-2)	35.00	42.50

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

(-5-6)*

\$ Deadline	25 Nov	15 Jan	At Cnvn	1 Day
Bulletin Board Only (Business or Personal) (-4)				
Business Card	02.00	02.50	03.00	01.00
Two Locations or Double Size Card or 3 x 5 Index Card	03.00	03.50	04.00	01.50
Bulletin Board plus round Table (Available for non-exhibitors only)				
Business cards only (-4)	04.00	05.00	06.00	02.00
Flyers only (limit: one 8 1/2 x 14)	08.00	10.00	12.00	04.00
Business cards plus Flyers (-4)	10.00	12.50	15.00	05.00

LIBERTARIAN YELLOW PAGES

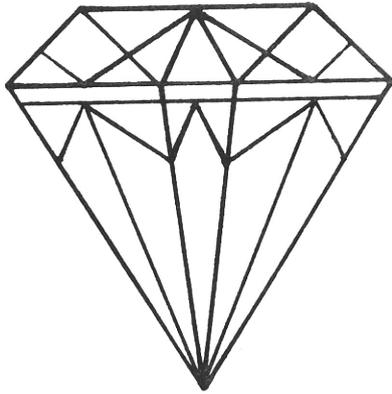
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A directory of Libertarian businesses, services, and organizations will be printed.

Rates: \$3 before 25 Nov, \$5 before 15 Jan.

Send: Name, Address, City, Zip, Phone, and description of business (15 word maximum). Additional 1 - 15 words - \$1

* -1 = 10% discount from the total for purchasers of both Exhibit & Convention Book Space.
 -2 = Free listing in the Yellow Pages included.
 -3 = Free classified space included.
 -4 = Send 6 cards (or facsimile) with your \$.
 -5 = Select category(s) from page 2.
 -6 = See page 4 for further details.
 -7 = Available at convention time.



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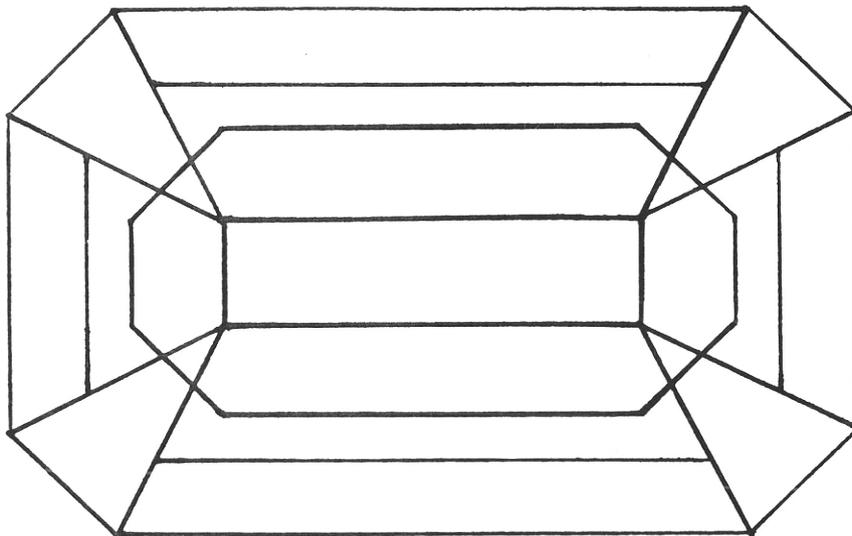
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LIBERTARIAN PARTY CONVENTION

SAN JOSE HYATT HOUSE



Full Time Paid Position Established by LPC and LIBRE

by June Genis

At the August meeting the Libertarian Party of California Executive Committee voted to join with LIBRE (the Libertarian Registration Effort) in funding a full time staff position. The person hired for this position will be responsible for the day-to-day running of a central LPC office as well as spearheading the registration drive for LIBRE.

The decision to fund LPC staff was the result of a recommendation by the paid staff committee appointed at the previous Exec Comm and consisting of Cynthia Hilton, Peter Cappello, and Mike Anzis. Their report included a detailed set of possible responsibilities which must be prioritized by the Exec Comm. These include insuring adequate funding to pay for the position, fundraising for LPC special projects, assisting with mailing list maintenance, routine office management including the development and coordination of other paid and volunteer help and the handling of logistics for the quarterly Exec Comm meetings. The staffer would also write a monthly column for CALIBER on current activities and deliver an oral or written report at Exec Comm meetings. He or she would also be called on to make media appearances for the LP in the absence of other suitable party representatives.

LIBRE will expect the paid staff member to handle phone and mail inquiries regarding the party and the registration drive, coordinate speaking appearances to promote the registration effort and in general to work with LIBRE's executive committee to develop and administer creative new ways of increasing registration.

Candidates are eagerly being sought. Any LPC member interested in the position should contact one of the members of the search committee as soon as possible. The current LPC search committee consists of Cynthia Hilton, Mike Anzis and Eric Garris who replaced Peter Cappello who has moved east to enter a Ph.D. program at Princeton. June Genis, Michele Kurtz, and John Ryland represent LIBRE.

Both committees must approve the final candidate and file a joint recommendation to the LPC Exec Comm. Final approval by vote of the full Exec Comm will be required for LPC participation.

The LP's participation is also conditioned on the raising of special funding. The newly redesigned membership form which first appeared in the September issue of CALIBER includes a box for specific donations to the state office project. One month advance funding must be collected before the LPC will begin participation.

You are invited to a party

David and Anne Grappo are inviting all Libertarian Party of California members and friends, and all voters registered as Libertarians in the East Bay to a party at their home in Oakland on October 21st. Since over 600 registered libertarians will be receiving invitations, a large turnout is expected. If you have never been to Dave and Anne's home before, please be sure to call them for directions.

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Date: October 21, 1978

Place: 3911 Harrison Street

Oakland, California 94611

Telephone: (415) 658-1993

BYOB and munchies.

Local Candidates Will Appear as "Libertarian" on November Ballot

by Richard Winger

On September 16, Judge Robert Green of California Superior Court in Orange County ruled that Libertarian Party legislative candidates should appear on this year's ballot with "LIBERTARIAN" next to their names instead of "INDEPENDENT."

The candidates who will enjoy this ruling are David Bergland, running for State Senate in the 36th district, and Jim Gallagher, running for Assemblyman in the 73rd district.

The state is appealing this decision, but since the ballots are already being printed, the state's appeal cannot possibly prevent the victory from taking effect for this year's election.

Both Bergland and Gallagher qualified for the ballot under California's independent nominations law. According to state law, a candidate nominated for the November ballot by petition cannot have any partisan designation next to his name except the word "independent." But this law was found unconstitutional in 1976 by a 3-judge federal panel, in the CoDel lawsuit which had been brought in 1973 by five diverse political parties, the LP among them.

LP attorney Ray Hendrickson handled the court action in Orange

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT ON THE BALLOT QUALIFICATION OF ED OGAWA, DAVE BERGLAND, JIM GALLAGHER AND ED OGAWA

On behalf of the membership of the Libertarian Party of California, I am pleased to convey my heartiest congratulations and my most profound relief to our successful candidates, their staff and their workers, for a magnificent effort. With this dreadful task now happily behind us, let's go out and have some fun with hard-hitting, successful campaigns.

—Bruce Lagasse

ADDRESSES FOR LOCAL CANDIDATES

Ed Ogawa for Assembly
P.O. Box 5401
Pasadena, CA 91107

David Bergland for State Senate
854 Bear Creek
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Jim Gallagher for Assembly
P.O. Box 1078
Sunset Beach, CA 90742

County this year, and he is also representing all five unqualified political parties against the Secretary of State's appeal of the 1976 federal court ruling.

LP legislative candidate Ed Ogawa in the 42nd assembly district also succeeded in getting on the ballot this year under the independent nominations law. But he will have "independent" next to his name rather than "Libertarian" because he did not rubber stamp his petitions "Libertarian," as Bergland and Gallagher did.

Next year Libertarians will be lobbying for a change in state law to permit all independent candidates who actually represent unqualified political parties, to use the name of their unqualified party on the ballot. Such a bill was defeated by the 1977 legislature, but the current court ruling will greatly improve the chances for such a bill next year.

Richard Winger is a 34 year old San Francisco LP member, well known to election officials in all 50 states for his hobby of systematically and persistently requesting information on election laws and results pertaining to minor parties. His method for collecting registration information for the LPC is to send postcards periodically to each county registrar.

Eric Garris, Activist

When Eric Garris resigned from his seat on the National Committee of the Libertarian Party last month, some may have thought this meant Eric would be stepping away from political activism for a while. On the contrary, Eric's resignation seems to have cleared the decks for more action.

Eric is busier than ever, managing the San Francisco LP's fight for Proposition W, running for the position of Charter Commissioner of San Francisco, standing in the forefront of the fight against the Briggs Initiative (Proposition 6 on the statewide ballot), and working for the Ed Clark for Governor Committee.

• CHARTER COMMISSIONER

San Francisco voters passed an initiative earlier this year requiring the selection of a charter commission for the purpose of rewriting San Francisco's charter. The top 15 of an expected 150 candidates in this November's voter-mandated special election will become



Photo by Marshall Schwartz

Eric Garris, left, and Dennis Peron at San Francisco press conference.

charter commissioners. Two of the 150 hopefuls are Eric Garris and Dennis Peron. Eric's campaign manager is Venita Baldwin. Eric has officially listed his occupation as "Marijuana Initiative/Anti-tax Activist, Minister." We reprint here his "Statement of Qualifications":

Eric Garris—Charter Commissioner

I have been a community activist for 12 years, currently as Campaign Coordinator of the San Francisco Marijuana Initiative, member of the Bay Area Committee Against the Briggs Initiative, and local Director of the political party which believes in absolute individual liberty.

Of the many candidates running, I am the only one who will consistently stand up for individual rights in the City Charter. As an individualist, it would be repugnant to me to see government further trample upon the rights of the individual.

You have 15 votes for Charter Commissioner. You can afford one vote for individual rights.

VOTE FOR ERIC GARRIS FOR CHARTER COMMISSIONER.

• MARIJUANA INITIATIVE

Eric has also been very active in the fight for Proposition W, which, if passed into law, will be the first law of its kind in the

nation. Proposition W is an initiative on the ballot in San Francisco which would direct law enforcement officials of that city to give marijuana laws the lowest priority. The voters' handbook (sent to 350,000 voters in San Francisco) will contain three arguments in favor of Prop. W, and none against. The first of these arguments is signed by Ed Clark, Libertarian Party Candidate for Governor, Dennis Peron, Marijuana Reform Activist, and Eric Garris, Director, San Francisco Libertarian Party.

Eric Garris and Ed Clark were among the speakers at a marijuana rally held in San Francisco on September 14th and attended by several hundred people, including reporters from 17 radio and television stations as well as the *San Francisco Chronicle* and *Examiner*. In a written message read by Eric, Dennis Peron (who has been arrested several times for running a "pot supermarket") endorsed Ed Clark for Governor. Later the same day, Ed Clark called for the pardoning of all persons in prison for victimless crimes. Ed and Eric are scheduled to speak at a marijuana smoke-in on October 29th at the San Francisco Civic Center Plaza (between noon and 5 P.M.). For information on the event contact Eric Garris at Ed Clark for Governor Headquarters at (415) 397-1336.

• AGAINST THE BRIGGS INITIATIVE

At the Libertarian Party National Convention in Boston this past Labor Day Weekend, typifying his preference for activist politics over committee meetings, Eric joined other libertarians in a street demonstration against the stated positions of Anita Bryant regarding homosexuality. The Briggs Initiative (which would prevent known homosexuals from teaching in public schools in California) is now Proposition 6 on the California ballot, and Eric is working hard for its defeat. He will have an excellent opportunity on October 26th when he is scheduled to debate John Briggs, himself, at California State University at Fullerton. Details on this important event are available from Larry Samuels (Society for Libertarian Life), at (714) 537-8936 or (714) 548-1137. Admission will be free and a large libertarian turnout would be most helpful.

Eric welcomes questions, suggestions, and especially contributions to the Yes on W Committee, No on Prop. 6 Committee, or to Eric Garris for Charter Commissioner. Please send donations to Eric at 2338 Anza Street, San Francisco, California 94118. To volunteer call Eric at (415) 397-1336 days, or (415) 668-4857 evenings.

Letters

Bay Area Outing Club Forming

I have been involved with another politically conscious organization for the past four years and am convinced that such a group should offer more than just an opportunity for political involvement.

I am going to be leading two hikes in October, one on Saturday October 14. Anyone who would like to join me is welcome to do so. Give me a call at (415) 768-4947 (work) or (415) 585-8157 (home) for details. Ideas and future plans will be exchanged over beer and pizza afterwards.

Albert K. Heitzmann
San Francisco, CA

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The Chair Is Too Big

There are a number of positions and functions of the Libertarian Party of California which have grown too large and too time-consuming to be handled by volunteers who are otherwise gainfully employed in full-time careers. Sure signs of this situation are (1) a series of terms of office of a length of one year or less, (2) difficulty replacing resigning officers, and (3) no contests in elections. The statewide positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Chair are prominent examples. Many of the leadership positions in regional organizations also fall into this category. We believe it is time to redistribute the work and to eliminate overly demanding, unpaid, and largely unappreciated positions. The Libertarian Party has been in the business of overloading and burning out active participants for over five years. We believe it is time to try another approach.

There are two ways to spread the work load. One is to delegate and split out specific jobs to volunteers. The other is to pay people to do the work and spread the bill among contributors. The volunteer method requires a good delegater and lots of willing delegates. Delegation is traditionally the job of the chair and it can itself be extremely time consuming. The fund method requires fund raisers and lots of willing contributors. It has the advantage that fund raising can be and is usually performed by paid fund raisers.

The fund method has another advantage sharply illustrated by our petition drives: no matter how much we may enjoy collecting signatures, we still have to earn a living, and rather than miss the opportunity for collection represented by our working hours, we must pay someone to take our place. By this division of labor we keep our jobs and create the new (temporary) job of signature collector with our monetary contributions.

We believe it is time to apply the fund method on a more per-

manent basis within the LPC organization. The paid position offered jointly by LIBRE and the LPC is just a beginning. We need a well funded director with office and staff (modelled after National Headquarters in Washington, D.C.). We need to pay well enough to attract competent people who will not only maintain the party records, but also promote growth of the LPC membership, thus increasing the base from which our funds are drawn.

If 50 members were to contribute either a minimum of \$20 or ten hours per month (in addition to dues), we could maintain the LPC at its current level of activity. With 200, we can start growing with hopes of achieving ballot qualification in time for the 1980 Presidential election.

The fight for liberty will be won by a process of repetition. We have to be in a position to keep repeating the message over and over. One campaign and one candidate won't do it. Ballot qualification all over the United States won't do it. These are steps in the right direction; but it is a long battle with so many minor victories and setbacks that it is sometimes hard to keep focused on the goal.

Sometime during the next several weeks you will be contacted by an LP activist in your region requesting a pledge of \$20 or 10 hours per month. We strongly urge you to give generously of your resources toward this very vital goal, in order to insure a sustained effort for liberty.

Help Wanted

Are you interested in working for LIBRE and the LPC on a full time basis? Applications are now being accepted for this paid position. Please see article in this issue for more information.

Libertarianism

Libertarianism is nothing more nor less than the politics of Liberty. While other parties and groups seek to use the tools of politics to give some groups power over others, to enrich some at the expense of others, or to impose some set of values on those who disagree with those values, Libertarians seek nothing more than Liberty.

In economics, Libertarians advocate the establishment of the purely free market, that is, a market unhampered by government intrusion.

In the field of civil liberties, Libertarians hold that individuals must respect the right of others to live different lives, to read and enjoy different commodities, to shape their relationships, sexual and other, in their own way, to live their lives in their own way, at their own ex-

pense and risk, never forcing others to pay for their mistakes.

Americans two hundred years ago knew that eternal vigilance was the price of liberty, and were prepared to pay that price. Whether we are willing to pay that price today is a question which must be answered individually, by each of us. But we of the Libertarian Party have made our choice. Moved by a passion for justice, by compassion for those oppressed by State power and privilege, we have raised the banner of Liberty.

Adapted from *Libertarianism*, Libertarian Party Position Paper #1, available at \$5/100 from Libertarian Party National Headquarters, 1516 P Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

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Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00

A subscription to CALIBER, the LPC state newsletter, is included in all membership classes.

- Dues only—no CALIBER subscription. (Deduct \$5.00 from above amount) _____
- CALIBER subscription only _____ \$5.00
- Additional contribution to help build the LPC. _____
- Contribution to support the LPC state offices. _____

Total _____

* This includes a 20% discount off the National Libertarian Party dues.

Brief Notes

Region 10 (San Bernardino and Kern Counties) has recently "annexed" Riverside County. Regional meetings are held the third Friday of every month, at 7:30 P.M. at the Redlands Community Center, 111 Lugonia Ave., Redlands.

Ed Clark will campaign in the Riverside and San Bernardino County areas Sept. 21 and Oct. 26. A campaign workers party will be held in the San Bernardino city area on Nov. 3. For more information, contact Mrs. Martha Webb, Membership Chairman and Campaign Coordinator, 32570 Avenue F, #1, Yucaipa, CA 92399, or call (714) 795-7086 or (714) 884-7045. (Source: Mrs. Martha F. Webb.)

The Nevada County LP elected new officers in May. **Jim McClarin** was elected Chairman; **Scott Browne**, Vice Chairman; and **Karen Coley Bridger**, Secretary/Treasurer. (Source: *North State Libertarian News*.)

October 14th is the date for a Los Angeles area fund raiser for the Ed Clark Campaign, sponsored by the LP of San Fernando Valley (Region 11). Featuring *Libra Colony*, the new science fiction movie by the makers of *The Incredible Bread Machine*, and Dr. Jerry Pournelle, coauthor of the excellent science fiction book *Lucifer's Hammer*, the event will be held at the Van Nuys Holiday Inn at Sepulveda and Roscoe. For information or reservations contact Laura Twombly at (213) 766-0552 or (213) 345-FREE.

October 21st is a big date for both North and South. In **Los Angeles** there will be a \$100-a-plate dinner for Ed Clark at the Century Plaza Hotel. For details, contact Glenda Bull at (213) 896-4504. In the **San Francisco Bay Area**, the East Bay (region 6) is

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inviting all registered libertarian voters and members of the LPC to attend a pre-election party at the home of Anne and Dave Grappo, 3911 Harrison Street, Oakland (between Monte Vista and Bayo Vista). The party will begin at 8:30 P.M. BYOB and munchies. Also bring a map and please call Dave or Anne for directions at (415) 658-1993.

Notes from the LPC Executive Committee Meeting August 5-6, 1978:

- **The Executive Committee** agreed to exchange mailing lists with the Society for Individual Liberty and to allow the Bay Area Coalition Against the Briggs Initiative (BACABI) use of our list. BACABI has about 50 member organizations including the LPC.

- **After a budget discussion** the Executive Committee appropriated \$300 for BACABI and set a general appropriation of "\$250/quarter in the budget for coalitions and front activities balanced by \$250/quarter additional contributions."

- **Zack Richardson** was appointed LPC publicity chair.

- **The next Executive Committee meeting** is scheduled for the weekend of November 18-19 in Sacramento.

- **There was a platform correction** mentioned to the Executive Committee but none of the members had any recollection of the missed item. Since the platform is already typeset, it was left as is.

- A **"No" vote** on the statewide no-smoking initiative (Prop. 5) was endorsed.

- **Cynthia Hilton, Mike Anzis, and Eric Garris** were appointed members of a Special Committee on Paid Staff with authority to negotiate salary, salary mix, etc.

If you don't see it covered in CALIBER and would like to, please send us information on your region's activities, candidates, special events, etc. Our deadline for the November CALIBER is October 6th.

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