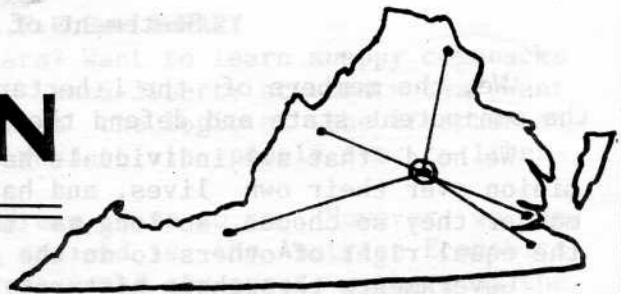


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THE EDITOR'S CORNER

WHO NEEDS YOU?

We do! Your editor could use YOUR help with the newsletter, for example. Have you sent in any photocopy-ready articles, ads or ??? Send 'em in!

Do you have a collating machine? How about a stapling or folding machine? Bring them on! They would sure make our job of getting this newsletter to you easier!

Have you joined us for any of our newsletter mailing parties? The more, the merrier, as they say! More is less, also: The more people you have the less work there is for all.

Or: Have you ever tried licking 400 stamps all by yourself? <<<<<<< YEEECCHHHH! >>>>>>>! If there were three people doing it, it surely wouldn't be as tasty.

See the calendar for the next newsletter party. And, I'll see YOU there!

---your humble editor

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Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they so choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to do the same.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the state has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual; namely, 1) the right to life-accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; 2) the right to liberty of speech and action-accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and 3) the right to property-accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all governmental interference in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives or property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders, and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

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RETURN OF THE A.P.E.S. LIBRARY

Want to receive a MILLION dollars? Want to learn snappy comebacks for collectivist rhetoric from your anti-liberty acquaintances? Want to be able to more eloquently discuss the logic of the libertarian philosophy? Want to learn the best ways to win people over to libertarianism?

The fulfillment of that first dream is up to you. However, we can help you with the rest. Now being revived is the Austrian Economics and Philosophical Society, with great works by great authors of the great Libertarian-Free Market-Austrian school of thought. The library will be set up in Jim Turney's office at 824 West Broad St. in Richmond.

Applications are now being accepted for the position of librarian for the library. Duties will include the ridiculously simple tasks of keeping tabs on the library's inventory (approx. 200 books and growing slowly...) once a week. This entails sending out notices to holders of books that are overdue. I am betting that you will find much of your check-in/check-out transactions occurring at Third District meetings. Total time per week will probably be about one to two hours. Most of the bookkeeping and mailings of notices can be handled before or after the District meetings, so other activists, including myself can help out if necessary. The librarian will have access to the Libertarian International computer at LPVA Headquarters in Richmond to keep records of fines owed, books out on loan, the name and address of the loanee, etc...etc...etc...

Grand opening will occur next month or sooner if we get a volunteer for the librarian's position before that time. If you are interested in helping out, please send notice of your interest to LPVA headquarters soon. Also, any submissions/contributions to the library are more than welcome.

---editor

LIBERTARIANS HOST TALK SHOW

Burke Pond and Lisa Welke, Arlington LPVA activists, will host the talk show "Afternoon Report" on TV channel 56, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm, during the weeks of October 8th and 15th. Starting October 22nd, they will host "morning Report" from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. These shows feature a call-in format and the phone number is (703)-560-3730. Channel 56 is carried on several cable systems outside of the Washington area and it specializes in gavel to gavel coverage of the House o' Rats... er, House of Representatives. Congratulations, Burke and Lisa!

---Cynthia Messina

BUSINESS, AS USUAL

Pious full-service gasoline station owners and dealers in the People's State of New York have recently given the poor, neglected motorists there a paternalistic "helping hand." They got the state soviet (legislature) to pass a law requiring all gasoline only stations to have a tire pump, either coin-operated or free.

As a mechanic of some experience, I can tell you that an air compressor will never pay for itself, with or without coin operation, if used ONLY for pumping up tires, which would be the case here. The full service stations, however, get more than their money's worth from THEIR compressors because they can use them in ALL aspects of their auto service.

Therefore, who gets to pay for the increased costs forced on the gas-only stations? You guessed it! Poor Mr. and Ms. Motorist get the honor of footing the bill. Where? At the gas pumps, which is where the full service boys really wanted them to pay, anyway. Why? Because of the price advantage the gas-only stations had (and still do but to a lesser degree. And watch them try and find other things to force on the gas-only companies---and you & me.).

AND-CUT-UP-INTO-LITTLE-PIECES-PARTS

And here's something now lurking here in Virginia, among other things:

The VA General Assembly recently decided that convenience store companies that own their own refineries which are located in Virginia [Whew! Can you say that in one breath?-ed.] may NOT install Gasoline pumps on them if they so desire, unless the property on which that convenience store is being built was already a gasoline/service station! So what other kind of a---ine laws can those donkeys dream up?

This law is disturbingly, blatantly directed at one company in particular: The Southland Corporation, the parent company of the very successful 7-11 chain. Southland recently purchased Citgo Company, and its refinery just happens to be in Virginia.

The supporters of the bill come from you-know-where: full-service gasoline station owners and their ilk. And their reason for shackling 7-11 was simple: 7-11 has such a high volume at its convenience store gasoline pumps that they can charge a very low price. And at the same time, a look at the octane ratings for their gas reveals that 7-11 is offering BETTER fuel at the lower price in comparison to their competition! Double jeopardy for the poor neglected... competition.

If any of you need something to write letters to the editor about, jump on that one. There are millions of other topics you can write about, also. Find them!

---mischevious Marc

LPVA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

OCTOBER 7, 1984

RICHMOND, VA

Submitted October 8, 1984 by Cynthia Messina, Secretary, LPVA.

Members Present:

Jim Elwood, Chair; Henry Thrasher, Vice Chair; Cynthia Messina, Secretary; Paul Hite, Treasurer; David Saum, Membership Chair and NatCom Representative; Marc Montoni, Newsletter Editor; Alton "Buddy" Mountjoy; Al Anders, Fourth District Chair Proxy.

Brief Account of the Meeting:

1. CALL TO ORDER: The October 7th meeting of the State Central Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 12:30 PM, at the LPVA Headquarters in Richmond, Virginia.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Past Secretary Scott Bowden being absent, the minutes were read by the Chair, and approved unanimously, without correction.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul Hite reported \$750.00 had been sent to the Foundation for Free Campaigns and Elections for our pending challenge to Virginia ballot laws. \$304.20 was allocated for newsletter and Fundraiser printing and mailing. \$20 was received for renewals, leaving a balance of \$500.00.
4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: David Saum reported that corrections had been made to nearly 10% of the mailing list, and that many new prospects had been brought in from the National Headquarters and the Bergland Campaign. Plans are being made by Dave Pendleton, who maintains our list, to transfer the records to a Kaypro computer and floppy disk format.
5. NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT: David Saum reported recent discussion of the National Mailing List and how it can best be used by state and local campaigns.
6. LAWSUIT: FFCE has filed necessary papers and a hearing is pending on our lawsuit against the Commonwealth of Virginia. A Writ of Mandamus has also been filed to allow write-ins for Presidential elections, and this should be decided within two weeks.
7. PUBLICITY: The Chair stressed the need for coordination of activities for such projects as Letters to the Editor and the write-in campaign.

8. FUND-RAISER: Two thousand pieces of literature and revised LP pledge cards will be mailed within a week.

A motion to hold the next SCC meeting on Sunday, at noon, October 28th was passed. Al Anders moved for adjournment at 3:30 pm, the motion carried unanimously.

The reports from the District Chairs appear in this newsletter.

LP DISTRICT REPORTS:

First District (Chair-Stew Engel):

Al Anders reported that Phil Friday, the first Libertarian officeholder in Virginia, has succeeded in convincing the City Council of Urbanna, VA to NOT hire any replacements for the town's two police officers who recently quit. He said that all Urbanna needs is a night watchman, instead of policemen. See? One man can make a difference!

Second District (Chair-Buddy L. Mountjoy):

Al Anders and Henry Thrasher have been holding regular meetings. See the calendar for their next meeting.

Third District (Chair-Ed Alexander):

*** David Bergland will not be stopping in Richmond as originally ***
*** planned, due to some conflicting press interviews he has re- ***
*** cently been offered in Washington, D.C. This should be bene- ***
*** ficial to us as a party, as I am told it is NATIONAL expo- ***
*** sure... ***

Marc Montoni, the newsletter editor, still wants to receive your news, articles, and opinions. Please send them today!!! Remember, it might not get to me through the U.S. Snail by the next deadline if you don't do it today...

Buddy Mountjoy and Ed Alexander have made plans to participate in the "Run for Liberty" on October 13th in Richmond. Jim Turney, who wanted to run, will be doing heavy drugs for the weekend (He loses three wisdom teeth the day before...we wish him a good time!) They are encouraging other Libertarians to put on LP tee shirts and run, as all proceeds go to the restoration of our symbol, the Statue of Liberty, which the Feds are too cheap to restore it themselves after draining \$150 billions annually on military welfare for Western Europe...

VCU students interested in reviving the VCU Libertarian Student Association (LSA) should contact Jim Turney, 824 W. Broad St., Richmond, for start up literature.

Fourth District (Chair-Mike Ridgeway):

Local newspaper articles of the Bergland visit were circulated.

Fifth District (Chair-vacant):

No activity was reported after the Chairman resigned.

Sixth District (Chair-Frewen Wilson):

A new Roanoke member is interested in forming a local group for discussion activities/political activities. Contact Alan R. Hock for more information. His address is: 2612 Avenham Ave., Roanoke, VA 24014. If you are a Libertarian in this district who wants to see the acceptance of libertarian ideas, it is your responsibility to get involved, and this is your chance...

Seventh District (Chair-John Kiley):

The Libertarian Student Association at the University of VA. is meeting weekly and drawing from 15 to 50 people for political discussions. Good work, guys and gals! For details, contact LSA President Dan Garrett, P.O. Box 521, Newcome Hall, Charlottesville, VA 22901. 804-971-2962. Current meeting schedule is in this month's calendar.

Eighth District (Chair-Richard Gardiner): No Report.

Ninth District (Chair-Michael Large): No Report.

Tenth District (Chair-Phil Kaczmarek): No Report.

Lynchburg (Coordinator-Tom Carwile):

A new activist has moved in from Maryland and wants to get an LP group going. Those interested should contact Eddie Howard at 703-384-3881 or Tom Carwile. (See Contact list.)

Arlington (Chair-Margie Rothenhoefer): No Report.

Tidewater (Chair-Al Anders): See calendar for 2nd District's monthly meeting.

(If there is no news from your district, it doesn't mean there isn't any. Dig some up and send it in to your editor!)

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THE FORUMva

In the "summer 1984" issue of VL, the following statement appeared:

"The money required to provide adequate food, water, education, health and housing for everyone in the world has been estimated at \$17 billion a year. It is a huge sum of money.

...About as much as the World spends on Arms every two weeks."

About which a reader comments:

Editor, Virginia Libertarian:

Perhaps you published the aphorism about \$17 billion in the last issue too hastily. The slightest reflection shows it is not credible. This country spends nearly \$300 billion a year on defense, which is in the neighborhood of \$17 billion in two weeks. About a third of that is spent on arms, so possibly the whole world spends \$17 billion as estimated. However, the allegation that the world's population of over four billion can be fed, housed, educated, and medically cared for at that amount comes to about four dollars per year each! Since the Virginia Libertarian has a greater responsibility for rationality than most other publications, I suggest you publish some sort of critique in the next issue.

Fred K. McCoy
Alexandria, VA

[I wholeheartedly agree. Newsletter editors should check facts before they are printed, as I have tried to do since I took over after that issue.. And readers should feel free to address points such as this that they feel should be questioned.]

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"With courage and prudence, a man can protect himself from illegal plunder, but no one can escape legal plunder. If someone tries, what is the distressing spectacle presented to society? A plunderer armed with the law, a victim resisting the law."

---Frederic Bastiat

LIBERTARIAN GROUP OF THE MONTH

This column will hopefully be monthly in the future. Each month's selection will be described briefly and will include membership information if available at presstime.

LIBERTARIAN INTERNATIONAL

Are you under the impression that the libertarian movement is all within the U.S.? Well, just because much of the free world has been turning socialist it doesn't mean that there's a complete lack of freedom-think everywhere. On the contrary, there are rather strong libertarian undercurrents gaining prominence all over, and if you want to find out about them, Libertarian International is for you.

The organisation has as its journal the Free World Chronicle, a newsmagazine chock full of essays and commentary on libertarian happenings around the world.

A biannual convention is held in varied locations, to which some of the most renowned libertarians come to review philosophy and to compare notes with their colleagues around the world; during the alternate years, the regional organisations hold their own local conferences.

LI welcomes anyone who has an interest in the worldwide freedom movement. Dues are \$20 per year. Send all requests for information and membership fees to: Libertarian International, c/o Vince Miller, 824 West Broad St., Richmond, VA 23220.

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from the chair

We are now in the home stretch of this election campaign. While we don't have David Bergland on the VA. ballot, this election still offers us a good chance to publicize the Libertarian Party and its principles.

We have gotten some publicity in Virginia from our lawsuits against the restrictive and discriminatory ballot access laws. Those suits are presently on appeal. We are also suing the State Board of Elections to allow write-in voting for President. We have an excellent chance of winning the write-in suit, since the Virginia Constitution and the election laws both appear to favor our side.

If we win our write-in lawsuit, we will send an instruction flyer to the full state list. In the meantime, you as individual libertarians can help in the following ways:

---tell your friends about libertarian stands on the issues, about the write-in situation and the unfair election laws.

---start writing letters-to-the-Editor at least once a week on the above topics, and don't stop after getting printed! Keep on ritin'!

---call-in to local radio talk shows.

---flaunt those Bergland or LP bumperstickers!

---contribute to the lawsuit fund in order to knockdown ballot hurdles.

---form libertarian groups in your area for the express purpose of fighting your local City Hall...

Get the word out now! The sooner we start, the sooner we will see results!!

David Bergland got some excellent coverage on his September visit to Norfolk. One result of the visit was an excellent FRONT PAGE article in the Roanoke Times-World, which has already sparked some activism by libertarians in that area. We have also heard from new activists in Lynchburg and Newport News.

CALENDARva

*** NOTE: David Bergland will NOT be appearing in Richmond as was hinted in the last calendar (See the Third District report elsewhere in this issue). Please accept my apologies for the errors in last issue, to wit: the SCC meeting was in Richmond, NOT northern VA. There was some confusion in the notes I was handed, you see...Also, please see below for revised time & date for "The Political Party." ***

OCTOBER

16-Tuesday-evening. Henry Thrasher's house, 7416 Major Av., Norfolk.

WHAT: 2nd District-Tidewater-etc general business meeting.

23-Tuesday-7:00 pm. Peabody bldg room 110 at U.Va.

WHAT: Libertarian Student Association meeting: Speaker to be announced. (Default topic: Anarchism vs Minarchism...the perennial debate.) Add'l info: Dan Garrett, LSA Pres....971-2962

24 through 28-all day(s)-Williamsburg, VA

WHAT: Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS): Annual meeting for this group which promotes the privatization of medicine. They are interested in spreading the word that "freedom is available, that surrender to collectivist, [expensive, state-controlled medicine] is neither necessary nor desirable, and that private doctors and patients can work together to preserve private medicine."

28-Sunday-12:00 noon. LPVA Headquarters, Richmond, VA

WHAT: LP of Virginia State Central Committee business meeting.

30-Tuesday-7:00 pm. Peabody bldg rm 110 at U.Va.

WHAT: Libertarian Student Association meeting: Vince Miller, Chairman of Libertarian International, will come up from Richmond to talk about the resurgence of classical liberalism (i.e., libertarianism) in the rest of the world. There are exciting developments both in academia and real-world politics. Vince just got back from the Libertas conference in London, so he will have a lot to talk about. Dan Garrett, 971-2962.

NOVEMBER

6-Election Day Tuesday-7:00 pm. Peabody bldg rm 110 at U.Va.

WHAT: Libertarian Student Association Meeting: Personal Liberation. We will look at ways for you to find freedom for yourself, even if the rest of the world continues to vote for heavier and heavier chains. We will draw from How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World by Harry Browne. Dan Garrett, LSA President, will also talk about tax avoidance and evasion.

6-Election Day Tuesday-8:30 pm- LPVA Headquarters, 824 W. Broad St., Richmond.

WHAT: Election Night Party: Jim Turney will have televisions set up so we can monitor all three networks at the same time so we won't miss a thing...

- 11-Sunday-6:00 pm. LPVA headquarters, 824 W. Broad St., Richmond.
WHAT: Newsletter Mailing Party. Your help is needed, so come on!
- 11-Sunday-7:30 pm. LPVA Headquarters
WHAT: "The Political Party". We will show LP videotapes and, if we have complete election results at that time, we will display/discuss them. Free munchies and refreshments, but feel free to bring your own...And don't begrudge us too much if you get roped into helping with the newsletter...
- 13-Tuesday-7:00 pm. Peabody bldg rm 110 at U.Va.
WHAT: Libertarian Student Association Meeting. Subject: To Be Announced.(Default topic: Objectivism- What is it? Drawing from Paul Lepanto's Return to Reason.) Dan Garrett, 971-2962.
- 27-Tuesday-7:00 pm. Peabody bldg rm 110 at U.Va.
WHAT: Libertarian Student Association Meeting: Feminism, Individualism, and Libertarianism. What does libertarianism have to offer feminists? Might feminists have gone wrong in their solicitations of government? We will draw from Wendy McElroy's Freedom, Feminism, and the State. Members of the Charlottesville NOW have been invited to attend this one.

DECEMBER

- 4-Tuesday-7:00 pm. Peabody 110 at U.Va.
Libertarian Student Association meeting: The Fountainhead. The English Department is showing this movie at 5 and 8pm. We will go to one showing, probably the 5pm, and then, pending the department's approval, host a discussion afterwards. The movie was scripted by Ayn Rand, and should provoke an interesting discussion of her ideas. *** Note: this will be the last LSA meeting until next semester. ***

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COMMENT ON A COMMENT

At the risk of souring a few grapes, I'd like to present a few of my own opinions regarding Jim Crowe's comments (last issue) in particular and the lack of enthusiasm on the part of former activists in general.

The frustration he feels is genuine. I never doubted it, and now, after bumbling around on a word processor for twenty hours and going through about twenty gallons of white-out correcting typo's for these last two newsletters (now on my third n.l. and hopefully only 5 gallons of white-out...), I know the feeling firsthand: No form of activism is easy.

Jim and the other major activists in the LP made great contributions to our cause before and during 1980-81. Unfortunately, they all also burned out at roughly the same time, shortly thereafter. What they had not left behind them, however, was an organized group capable of replacing them; a new superstructure, so to speak.

I would like to see all those fine activists we once boasted return to the fold. It means that those of us now in the Party have each got to do some activism of our own: Each member must do some footwork to bring in new members, to set up LP meetings in his/her own area, distribute leaflets & flyers, et al.

The veterans won't help you--us--unless we show them that they won't be wasting their time on an activity that consistently achieves nothing.

I'm going to do my damndest to do my part: To bring you a regular newsletter, even though I type at a snail's pace (Two words per HOUR ...) and am a complete novice at doing setup, mailing, etc.

How about you?

District Chairs, you have a job to do, too: send me the news in your area. If there isn't any, let's see you create some. The District Report section will be a monthly feature in this man's newsletter, and YOUR names will be on it whether you have reported anything or not. The only way to get people interested in this Party is to let them see that there are regular activities planned in their area on a monthly basis if not a biweekly or weekly basis!

See all of you at the '85 State Convention, and if anyone disagrees with my assessments of "What Happened", please write me a letter. I will print anything as long as it has the word "libertarian" in it somewhere. Then, once we've cleared the air a bit, we can shrug off the mistakes of the past, especially those of this year's, and flex our muscles for next year and beyond.

---your illustrious editor

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AFFIRMATIVE REACTION

Just to let you know that not everyone likes to use the government's flimsy bridges to "fairness", Nelson Lissabet, a Cuban-American, and Henry Harrison, a Mexican-American, both refused promotions to lieutenant's positions with the Miami Fire department. They were the highest-scoring Hispanic candidates for the positions, and under enforced-discrimination rules (a.k.a. Affirmative Action), they would have gotten the jobs ahead of five Anglos who scored higher on the proficiency tests than either.

In the words of one, "I didn't want to be promoted out of line." It sure is nice to hear that SOMEONE has enough integrity to stand up to the corrupting influence of the government dole.

Hear, hear! Why don't we send them some libertarian material emphasizing our stand against discriminatory measures such as "Aff-Action."

---editor

WHITHER LIBERTARIANISM?

With the November elections only days away, now, many of us are perhaps wondering, "What happened?" Why has our party and our movement become so disheveled and divisive on the national level between 1980 and the present? We were doing so well up until about 1982, and then we seemed to fall apart.

To answer this question, I am going to ask YOU some questions that you know the answer to. I doubt, however, that all of you have been able to put them all together, or maybe you haven't tried. The sum of these questions equals a larger answer which I will not state but which should be obvious.

As a starting point to this line of questioning, keep in mind that there is a sociopolitical philosophy which uses as a basic strategy the principle of 'divide and conquer'. You all should realize what philosophy I am referring to.

The questions:

- 1) Are we against the use of oppressive political power?
- 2) Are we not attempting to dismantle one of the largest structures of political power in the world?
- 3) Is that factory of oppression going to idly sit by while we slowly pull the rug out from under it?
- 4) Will the allies of political power attack us openly in the press, where exposure of the conflict would gain more support for us than it would for them?

A friend of liberty once said words to this effect:
"The price of freedom is eternal vigilance." That statement is true to this day, and it's time for all of us to begin paying.

---editor

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