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Libertarians elect Mrs. Clark

DENVER — Alicia Clark was elected national chairman of the Libertarian Party on Sunday by delegates attending the party's 10th anniversary convention here. Mrs. Clark of San Marino, Calif., wife of 1980 Libertarian presidential candidate Ed Clark, succeeds David Bergland.

The above item is for all of us folks who are not members of the Libertarian Jet Set.

There are several other things that I'd like to touch upon this month. As I told you last month, Dick has an Anchorage office and a person to man (in this case woman) it full time. Michelle Mazzaro is there and if she isn't, her voice is. I called the Individuals For Randolph office at 272-6831 and got Michelle's voice by way of some recording tape but she was very prompt in returning my call.

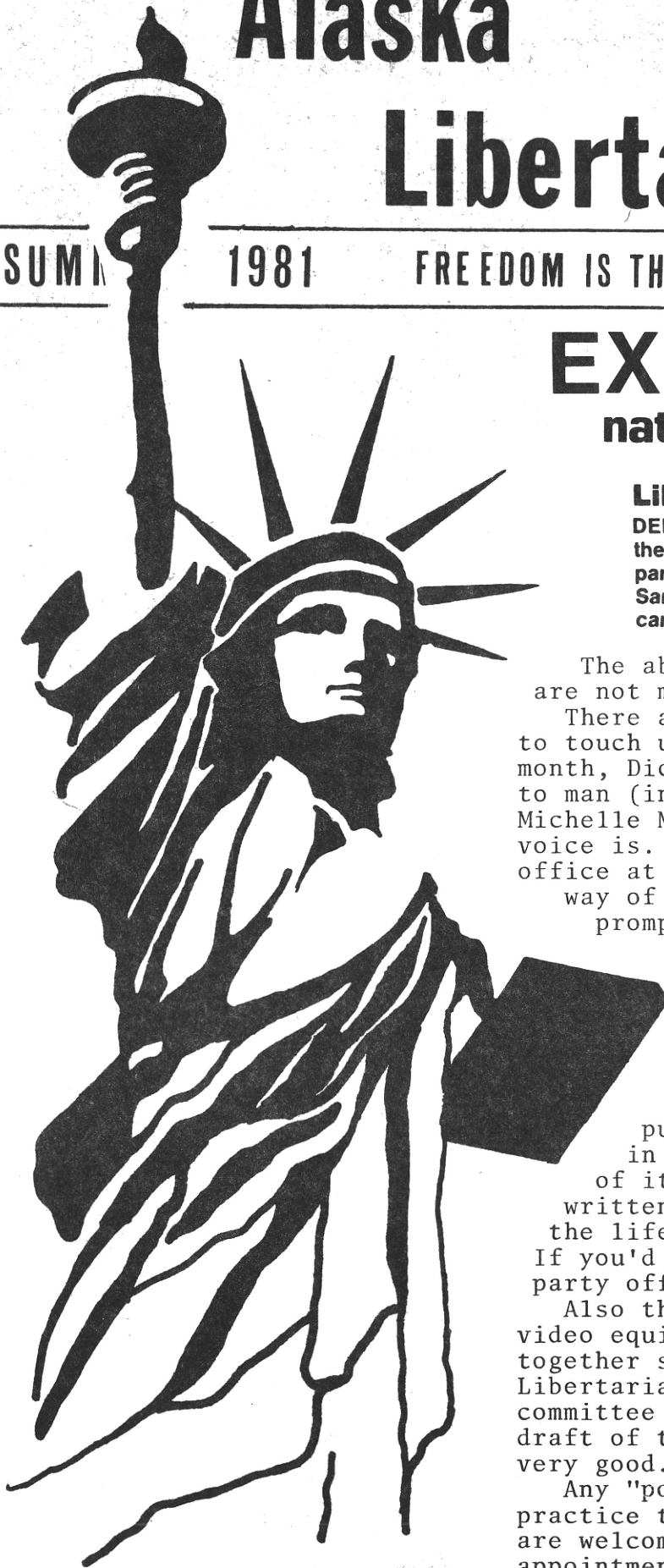
Last month's newsletter incorrectly listed the place of the meeting of the Libertarian Party of Anchorage.

The Anchorage Party now meets at the party office at 1106 Benson (next to last year's Clark For President office)

The Anchorage party is interested in putting on a "Haunted House" fund raiser in October. I think the person in charge of it is Andy Messer. I had his name written down on a piece of paper, but for the life of me I can't find it when I need it. If you'd like to get involved just call the party office at 272-2234.

Also the Anchorage party has purchased some video equipment and is in the process of putting together some tv spots to advance the cause of Libertarianism. There is currently a TV committee working on these spots. The rough draft of the first commercial that I saw looked very good.

Any "potential" candidates who would like to practice their delivery in front of the "camera" are welcome to call the office and set up an appointment.....SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!!



In the Editor's Opinion
E. SCOTT ROYCE

PARTY OR PURISM?

Let's lay it on the line. The time is rapidly approaching for the LP to decide whether it is going to be a serious competitor for political power in the US -- or a joke, like all the other rigidly ideological third parties.

The Mary Shell case, which Vince Drosdik discusses elsewhere in this issue, is a perfect example of what I mean. I disagree with Ms. Shell on both drug laws and (unlike Drosdik) abortion. In fact, my position on abortion is 180 degrees opposite theirs -- I strongly favor taxpayer subsidies, in order to reduce significantly welfare and related costs.

Our national platform and consensus notwithstanding, that's my position. Does that mean that I should be purged, too? No, not from any rational political party. Nor should any LP member who sincerely dissents from the "Party line" on a few issues.

I would guess that there is scarcely anyone in the LP today who agrees with every plank in our platform. In fact, this party is riddled with factions which disagree on specifics and emphasis re our "common libertarian philosophy."

If we insisted on 100% purity, we'd end up with few members and scarcely as many voters. What will that accomplish? Damned little. And when one considers that the purpose of a political party -- which is, after all, what we are supposedly striving to be -- is to elect candidates and affect government policy, such exclusionism becomes increasingly senseless.

MAT-SU

The other day I spoke with Mark Acton, the new chairman of the Mat-Su Libertarian Party. He said the next Mat-Su meeting will be on Thursday, September 10th and columnist Art Hippler will be the guest speaker. The meeting place had not been determined as we go to press. For more information you can call Mark at 376-4023.

All the things I ever learned in school I've never been able to put to use.

And all the things that have done me some good I had to learn from books that I had to smuggle into school.

Freddie Fisher 1966
Individualist

Should we have no standards at all? Certainly not. But the ultimate tests of one's political commitment to libertarian principles must be: (1) commitment, in general, to the National Statement of Principles, (2) support (or even lack of public opposition to) Party nominees, and (3) for candidates, ability to obtain Party endorsement in a primary, convention, or mass meeting.

The political road to a a libertarian society will, inevitably, involve compromise. And those libertarians who refuse to accept that belong in some other movement operation. Compromise -- if it helps to achieve long-range goals -- is no sin.

One of this Party's major problems is the attitude that prevails among too many of its activists that the LP is superior to, different from, all other political parties.

True, our general principles may be more wise, more rational, than those of our competitors. But as a political party we are subject to the same laws, the same political constraints as the opposition. Rothbard's FOR A NEW LIBERTY may provide ideal guidance on what society should look like, but our candidates would be better off considering how to advance liberty in terms that are politically palatable to the voters in their constituencies.

Returning to the "Shell Case," former California Libertarian Chair Jack Sanders summed up our view. According to the Feb.-March LIBERTARIAN VANGUARD (one of the worst extremist/purist rags linked to the Party), Sanders commented: "I consider her [Shell] a Libertarian...I regret that she doesn't agree with us on everything, but few politicians agree with anybody on everything. To many people, including too many Libertarians carp at people who aren't 100% pure. I'd rather make common cause with someone who agrees on at least a large number of issues.



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Among The Missing

The following are members that we don't seem to have received renewals from as yet. Since this is the first month for this column, we've gone back thru the records quite a ways....

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| Banks, Cheryl (J) | Fuller, Allan (J) | Marland, Dean & Eileen (F) |
| Barnes, William JR. (A) | Guild, Bernard (ER) | Matlock, Phil (ER) |
| Batchelder, Eleanor (V) | Hale, Don (A) | Montgomery, Jimmy (KE) |
| Bishop, Wayne (F) | Hales, Bert (MS) | Moss, Michael (F) |
| Black, Marie (A) | Hales, Myra (MS) | Murdock, Jim (KE) |
| Blair, Randal (A) | Harrison, T.J. (A) | Murray, Con & June (A) |
| Bowden, Jeffery (MS) | Hayden, Larry (A) | Oberg, Russ (ER) |
| Bowden, Wayne (MS) | Hayes, Charles (MS) | Olson, Tom (F) |
| Boyd, Biff (A) | Hepburn, Will (A) | Perkins, Chuck (F) |
| Bumpus, Charles (MS) | Homer, John (A) | Plummer, Don (J) |
| Caulfield, Betty (A) | Jeffers, Scott (J) | Pond, Dwight (S) |
| Clarke, Bruce (A) | Johnson, Charles (A) | Prax, Warren (F) |
| Clayton, Diana & Gene (F) | Johnson, Rick & Kim | Privett, William |
| Conover, Linda (MS) | Johnston, Jim (KE) | Rilatos, Don (J) |
| Cotton, Gary (A) | Kellard, James (MS) | Schwoyer, E.W. |
| Cotton, Jan (A) | Kimball, Raymond (F) | Simpson, Stan (A) |
| Daniels, Don (V) | Kittredge, Marianne (F) | Skidmore, Eric (ER) |
| Denkewalter, Eric (MS) | Koty, Ron (J) | Sutley, Michael (KE) |
| Devio, Al | Lamars, William (A) | Turinsky, Lois (A) |
| Dunlevy, Larry & Linda (MS) | Larabee, Bonnie | Victors, Chris (MS) |
| Dushman, Jill (A) | Lewis, L.D. (KE) | Victors, Lawrence (MS) |
| Ehrich, Dean (A) | Luce, David (F) | Ward, John & Olga (MS) |
| Ellis, Bill (F) | McGraw, David (A) | Wolff, Ernest (F) |
| Erwin, Jack (KE) | McGraw, John (A) | Young, Lavanda (ER) |
| Fraze, Harry (F) | | |

Letter(s) after the name indicate area of membership: A-Anchorage, F-Fairbanks, KE-Kenai, KO-Kodiak, ER-Eagle River, MS-Mat-Su, V-Valdez, if no letter is shown, there is no local in that particular area.

Stand up and be counted....don't remain AMONG THE MISSING! We need you! Renew your membership in the ALP today and become actively involved in one of the many activities. Send your check for \$25 to Lydia Randolph, P.O. Box 72874, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99707-2874



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ELECTIONS

Several Libertarians have been elected to City Council seats and they've just come to my attention. Bill Privett has been elected to a City Council seat in Wrangell, Alaska.

Marshall Danenburg, former state chairman, has been elected to the Elgin town council. Party leaders hailed the election as a sign that the public is increasingly ready for our ideas of less government. Danenburg, who served as chairman of the South Carolina Libertarian Party in 1980, was elected in a non-partisan race. "However," noted Vice-Chairman Bill Brooks of Columbia, "he is generally known in Elgin as a leader of the libertarian movement, and ran a campaign based upon opposition to more taxes and controls such as zoning".

"I will definitely not be the last Libertarian elected in this state," Danenburg declared.

Tundra Rebellion organizers gather 17,000 signatures

The Alaska Lieutenant Governor's office is busy certifying 17,000 signatures on the Tundra Rebellion initiative--a proposal seeking to transfer the bulk of federally held land to state control.

Rep. Dick Randolph said the initiative he strongly supports is aimed at "getting land into private hands. As long as the federal government has control of the land, that will be difficult to do."

Deborah Baley, special assistant to the lieutenant governor, said it will take 60 days to determine whether the initiative has the roughly 16,000 valid signatures needed to put it on the ballot in 1982.

But Randolph said the initiative may not have to go on the ballot. "It is my hope that submission of these petitions will encourage the legislature to pass Tundra Rebellion legislation during the next session," he said.

Randolph and Rep. Bob Bettisworth introduced Tundra Rebellion legislation in the last session, but it was not supported by the Democrats who controlled the House for most of the session.

The Libertarian gubernatorial candidate said the new Republican-dominated House leadership may make gaining control of federal lands in Alaska a top priority of the 1982 Legislature.

"Alaska has more at stake in this issue than any other state," Randolph said, adding that 90 percent of the state's land is controlled by the federal government. "Until Alaskans gain control over Alaska's land, we will remain a colony of Washington, D.C.," he said.

If approved, Randolph said the initiative would give Alaska additional grounds for joining five Western states that have similar laws challenging federal ownership of land within their boundaries.

The initiative calls for the state to hold federal land "in trust for the people of

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The Next Governor

By Eric O'Keefe

Libertarian Legislator Dick Randolph is running for Governor of Alaska! He announced his candidacy at the Alaska Libertarian Party convention in early May.

In a 1978 victory, Randolph became the first Libertarian Legislator in the country. In 1980, he was re-elected with more votes than any other legislative candidate in the state.

The repeal of the state personal income tax in mid-1980 capped an 18 month Randolph led effort. When the legislature refused to pass Randolph's measure to repeal the tax, he led a successful petition drive to place the issue on the ballot. But as the 1980 election approached, Legislators finally got the message and passed a law repealing the tax. This successful income tax repeal effort helped to make Randolph one of the best known and most popular political leaders in Alaska.

In 1981, Randolph is continuing to provide Libertarian leadership on a broad range of issues. One of his primary goals is to promote the "Tundra Rebellion" (see pg. 4)-Alaska's version of the Sagebrush Rebellion---an effort to wrest control of Alaskan land and resources from the federal government. He wants to lead this rebellion to its logical, Libertarian conclusion ---ownership of all of Alaska's land and resources by the people instead of the state.

Dick Randolph's campaign for governor could be the most important Libertarian Party development in 1982 -- or even in the Party's entire history!

We see in politicians what we see in rats: creatures so free from conviction, so totally dependent on the temptations and conditioning of their immediate environment, that to understand them requires nothing more complicated than a look at geography and a list of campaign contributors.

James Fallows 1971

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THE MYTH OF THE OMNIPOTENT STATE

Did you ever look for a government? I submit that it's a myth. Last time I looked, I couldn't find one anywhere.

The phone book has a huge heading for State Of Alaska. But there's no phone number for him (her?)

There are lots of sub-head phone listings --- but all you get when you dial is a person --- no government.

And that's all there seems to be. Just people.

But I've discovered when you dial a sub-head of the mythical state, and get a person, you get a special kind of person.

You get an "elite" of the human race who believes he should control your life.

And the myth has grown to such proportions that no one questions that control.

The high priest only has to say "IT IS THE WILL OF THE STATE", and knees buckle, eyes dialate, and the public kneels down in submission.

J.F. Whitson

The National Taxpayers Union offers a "Taxpayers Action Guide" with techniques for effective anti-tax educational activity, including letterwriting and airwave editorials. The brochure can be obtained from NTU, which is located at 325 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003

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-Daniel Webster

In October of '79, a 60 Minutes crew led by Morley Safer came to St. Louis and interviewed Tim Weir and Dr. Paul Hein of the Monetary Realist Society (Box 10744, St. Louis, Mo. 63129). The subject was fiat money, taxes, the Constitution, real wealth and liberty. After filming, the producer, Jim Jackson said: "When this segment is aired, it will have a devastating impact. It will make many - stop to realize how we got where we are...

A few weeks later we were informed that CBS went to the IRS for their comments. Not only did the IRS refuse to be interviewed, but TOLD CBS that the IRS did not think that 60 Minutes should run the interviews. CBS then decided not to run the interview.

This time bomb of truth now rests in the film library of CBS, and we need your help to set it off.

Write: Mr. Don Hewitt, Exec. Producer, 60 Minutes, 51 West 52nd St., NY, NY 10019.

In your own words, politely demand that CBS present this critically important piece of information to the jury of American public opinion.

Please send a copy of your letter to us. We must know how much pressure CBS is under as a result of your letters when we approach them.

(the above article, minus Daniel Webster, was submitted by Claudia Montelione, Free Libertarian Party, New York- Ed.)

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is something that is always changing...we don't mind the change as long as we keep growing and retaining former members.

Since the last issue, Carol Calvert has agreed to help with membership in the Kenai group and look what it did for their total!! We still need a volunteer to assist with membership from Cantwell, Valdez and Anchorage.

Here's the way it stacks up on Aug. 12th.

Anchorage	91 (-5)	Fairbanks	100 (+4)
Kenai	27 (+20)	Kodiak	9 (+2)
Valdez	6 (NC)	Mat-Su	9 (-2)
Cantell	10 (NC)	Juneau	22 (-2)
Eagle River	13 (+1)	At-Large	24 (+1)

We are still looking for a Statewide Speaker's Bureau chair, and one for the Fairbanks area. ANTONE INTERESTED?? We have a lot of education to do of the general public in the next year and these positions would help get the word out!

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Napoleon once observed, "An armies effectiveness depends on it's size, it's training, experience, and morale....and morale is worth more than all the other factors combined". Judging from the size and quality of this year's convention, I say the Alaska libertarian's morale is at an all time high.

We will achieve whatever we think we can! I think we can and will create an Alaska where freedom becomes a reality. Where land and wealth producing resources will be private and where government control over our personal and economic affairs will be reduced to a minimum. I'm convinced that we have an army out there, of sufficient size, training, experience and with the morale to WIN! In addition to the governorship, we must elect 8 to 12 legislators! Each of you will play a major role in this success, if it is to be!

We are going to win because we know that if we don't, we're all going to lose, we are going to lose our freedom and what else is there if there is no freedom!

Above all else, we must leave our children a permanent fund, a permanent fund of freedom;

- Freedom to think and to act,
- Freedom to use the God-given resources about them to enrich their lives.
- Freedom to succeed and
- Freedom to fail.
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Calendar

- Sept 2 - District 8 Libertarian Party meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Villa Restaurant in Eagle River.
- Sept 2 - Libertarian Party of Fairbanks meets in the Arctic Room of the Polaris Hotel, Fairbanks.
- Sept 7 - Libertarian Party of Anchorage meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Party office at 1107 Benson, Anchorage.
- Sept 9 - District 8 Libertarian Party meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Villa Restaurant in Eagle River.
- Sept 10 - Mat Su Libertarian Party will meet but to get more information, call Mark Acton at 376-4023.
- Sept 16 - District 8 Libertarian Party meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Villa Restaurant in Eagle River.
- Sept 17 - Kenai area Libertarian Party meets at the Golden Nugget Bakery in Soldotna.
- Sept 20 - Deadline for articles for the October newsletter.
- Sept 23 - District 8 Libertarian Party meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Villa Restaurant in Eagle River.
- Sept 30 - District 8 Libertarian Party meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Villa Restaurant in Eagle River.



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