

Libertarian Victorious in Placer County!

Placer County, CA - Libertarian Erik Henrikson, a 34-year old excavating and snow removal contractor from Tahoe City, beat 4 year incumbent Larry Sevison in a two-way race for the District 5 Placer County Board of Supervisors (the county governing body) on June 5. Placer County extends from 20 miles east of Sacramento to Lake Tahoe, and surrounds the area immediately west of the bend in the Nevada-California border.

Henrikson's narrow victory makes him the second Libertarian to gain public office in Placer County, joining Ken Kott, a Tahoe-Truckee School Board member. It also marks the first time in California

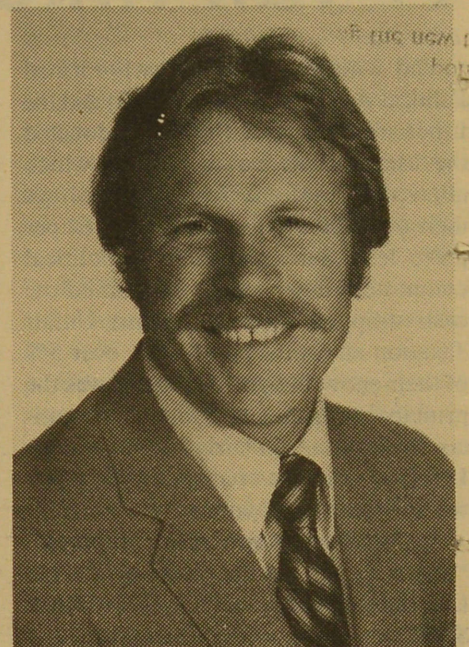
that a Libertarian has been elected County Supervisor. While political pundits, local media and the stunned incumbent reacted with disbelief, local, state and national Libertarian party members rejoiced at the news. "We're hoping that this portends a good November election year for us," noted National LP Director Honey Lanham, while *LP News* Editor Mike Holmes points out that there are several strong candidates in northern California, and Henrikson's victory may be duplicated elsewhere.

Upon taking up his four-year term in January, Henrikson plans to push for deregulation and budget savings through

increased contract services for the county. "I'm very excited," Henrikson said, noting he has never held office before. "I'm rather surprised. I think my opponent is real surprised."

Surprised, indeed. Henrikson's opponent, who admitted he vastly underestimated his LP challenger, initially blamed his loss on a computer malfunction which showed him losing by a slim 129 vote margin. After griping and grumping about a recount, he finally paid \$221 for one but gave up after a final tally and sampling of 800 votes showed Henrikson's victory to be even larger, 170 votes. Nearly 35,000 votes were cast in this officially "non-partisan" race.

Actually, the issue of partisanship was interjected by the local media and the opposition, since Henrikson officially ran a non-partisan race on a slate supported by the Placer County Taxpayers Coalition, which was headed up by Placer County LP Director Jim McClarin. Nowhere in any campaign literature or news releases was the word "libertarian" used. However, the local media knew from the local LP newsletter and other sources that the LP was behind the three man slate, and constantly identified the three candidates by party label. Sevison was not gracious in defeat. Citing a California law which forbids "official" party support in local elections, Sevison was threatening legal action as late as the end of June. "If I was going to lose, I



Erik Henrikson

would rather lose to a person, not a coalition. I don't feel I lost to Erik," sore loser Sevison complained.

But despite the sour grapes, Henrikson's election was no fluke. The Placer County LP is one of the best in the nation, and with its full time Director and polished newsletter, it has been making waves in the area for some time. While all political parties have grown in Placer County in terms of registration

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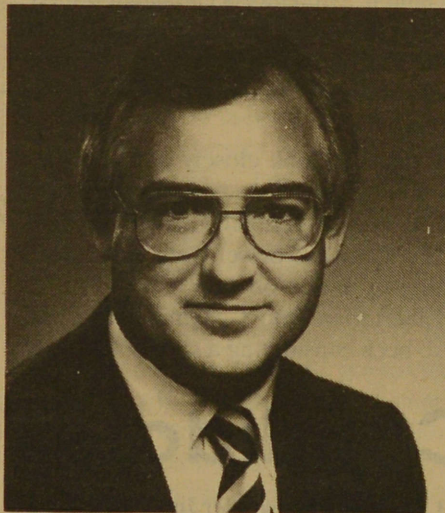
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California LPer's Defeat Tax Increases

Creighton Shelves 'Library Tax'

Marin County, CA - "WE DID IT!" read the first sentence of the June 7 Creighton for Congress mailout letter. The "it" referred to was the defeat of one of the strangest tax increase ideas ever developed: an \$18/year per household "library" tax proposed for Marin County unincorporated areas, plus the cities of Belvedere, Tiburon, Ross, Fairfax, Novato and Corte Madera. Marin County, of course, is the legendary California lotus-land area located directly north of San Francisco and reputed to be the hot tub and BMW capital of the world. While it is home to rock stars, George Lucas, and assorted cultural luminaries, it is also heavily infested with the typical unthinking statist mentality which is usually susceptible to all kinds of pernicious "good government" schemes usually calling for more taxes, more regulations, or both.

Into this highly volatile mix of California mellow and "good vibrations" facism, charged San Rafael real estate executive Howard Creighton, who is waging his second bid on the LP ticket for the Sixth Congressional District U.S. Representative seat. Creighton, 39, is a father of two, a Harvard MBA, former Navy officer and community activist and volunteer, who is also a member of the Marin and California LP Central Com-



Howard Creighton

mittees. In addition to running a first-class Congressional campaign effort, Creighton stepped forward and volunteered to lead Citizens for Library User Fees, which advocated a user fee plan which would cost the average library patron only \$7.00/year, considerably less than the tax that would have been levied on every Marin area household.

Once again, the establishment pro-tax forces were well armed and formidable. The opponents spent a year preparing for the election, secured the endorsement of the entire political establishment of Marin

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Orange County Sales Tax

Orange County, CA - The scenario started out typically. In May, 1983 the Orange County (Los Angeles area) Transportation Commission authorized a \$317,000 public relations campaign to promote a pet idea: raise the Orange County sales tax (already 6¢/dollar) another penny to "improve transportation" in the area. In the fall of 1983, the state legislature passed a special law to authorize a "special election" to be held in June, 1984, to ratify the tax. This typical tax-increase plan, usually accompanied by changing the rules of the game, is specifically designed to steamroller the tax increase through via the "special election", which usually is held in a period when voter turnout is guaranteed to be low, and hence improves the chance of passage. This exact same gambit was tried in May 1983 to authorize a \$5 billion government rail plan in Houston.

But, just as in the Houston case, Orange County voters saw through the smokescreen of "good government" propaganda and defeated this massive tax measure by better than a two-to-one margin. The \$5.8 billion dollar proposal was stopped dead in its tracks. And instrumental in this defeat was the California LP, under the leadership of Jack Dean, which provided badly-needed 11th-hour assistance to the anti-tax coalition,

Citizens Against Unfair Taxation.

The battlelines were drawn sharply, and the odds were formidable. The pro-tax "Citizens for Better Transportation" (sic) was backed by business and land developers and the Democratic Party leadership. Another pro-tax group, "Save Orange County Roads and Environment", was formed by former state Democratic Chair Richard O'Neill. Eleven days prior to the election, the pro-tax forces had raised and spent over \$1.5 million to push the tax increase. Anti-tax forces ultimately ended up broke, and raised only about 10% of what the pro-tax forces spent. The Citizens Against Unfair Taxation consisted of conservative Republicans, environmentalists, county auto dealers and Libertarians.

The forces of darkness (and higher taxes) managed to finance a seven channel TV blitz just 20 days before the election. A month before, the pro-tax group got the state Democratic Party to lend their bulk rate mailing permit to the cause and mailed out 200,000 pro-tax leaflets. Pro-tax forces staged another last minute media blitz, including freeway signs put up the day before the election. The politicians were already counting the new tax money.

But, at the last minute, anti-tax forces

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rallied with the aid of a newly-formed Political Action Committee (PAC) and the Libertarian Party of California donated the use of **their** postal permit, which allowed the anti-tax forces to mail out their own 200,000 leaflets for 4 to 6¢ per piece less than candidates or political committees must spend. This saved the cash strapped Citizens Against Unfair Taxation an estimated \$10,000, over 5% of their entire budget. Since this was the principal propaganda effort of the anti-tax coalition, it can fairly be said that the LP effort made the crucial difference between success and failure.

As the Santa Ann Register reported, "also a winner (in the election) was the Libertarian Party, which contributed \$7,500 to the anti-sales tax effort and donated the use of its bulk-rate postal permit ... In contrast to the Republican Party,

which was frozen into inaction by internal division over the measure, and the Democrats, who sided with the loser, the Libertarian Party lined up behind a popular cause." Even the County Democratic Party chair was forced to concede, "They (the LP) may be closer to the mainstream of the country than we are."

While such victories are always difficult to achieve, this effort demonstrates once again that despite massive odds, dirty tricks, "special elections" held at obscure times, and millions in special interest funding, Libertarians, in coalition with other interested taxpayers, can overcome pro-tax efforts and stave off new assaults on overburdened citizens. Victories are possible, and sometimes with a little luck, smart planning and attentive voters, the "tax yourself rich" forces can be beat. ■

Marin Tax Shelved

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County, and spent over \$30,000 advocating this tax. Initially, they also accused Creighton's Citizens for Library User Fees (CLUF) of "not having done their homework" and "talking nonsense." These reckless charges backfired, since they only provoked Creighton and allies to dig deeper, using sources such as Reason Foundation President Robert Poole's article "The Fee Public Library" for research.

Once again, this was a victory of the intellectually prepared underdogs vs. the monied pro-tax forces. The CLUF group was organized only three months prior to the election and spent only \$1100. The anti-tax forces ended up spending only 7¢ per vote received, vs. the pro-tax forces \$1.30/vote. The CLUF focused on grassroots tactics. They sent out five press releases to the Marin media, three of which received headline treatment in the 40,000 circulation *Independent-Journal*, the Marin daily. The CLUF secured the support of Marin United Taxpayers Association and the Irate Taxpayers of Marin, two groups which constantly monitor the Marin Board of Supervisors. The CLUF also wrote the ballot argument for the voters handbook and the rebuttal to the tax proponents argument, inspired dozens of letters to local papers, and distributed 2500 fact-filled flyers to ferry and bus patrons as well as to area shopping centers. The CLUF group also placed a large ad in three area papers (with combined circulation of 60,000) entitled "Howard Creighton Offers 12 Reasons to Vote No on the Library Tax Increase" followed by 12 closely reasoned arguments opposing the tax.

While the tax advocates merely wrung their hands and relied on the typical more-tax "civic minded" pleas for support, Creighton & Co., distributed chart and graph filled material detailing how

the library budgets had increased nearly twice the rate of inflation, despite the much heralded Proposition 13, and how library personnel had increased 55% while book circulation per staff member actually declined slightly over a 17-year period.

But despite the odds, the CLUF efforts paid off on June 5, when the Library Tax measure failed to get the necessary two-thirds vote required. The final tally was 23,200 in favor (59%) to 16,000 (41%) against, failing the two-thirds by almost 3,000 votes. Another victory for grassroots Libertarian activism!

Howard Creighton, and his campaign manager Dan Dougherty, deserve the lion's share of the credit for both defeating

Friday Wins Council Seat

Urbanna, VA - Libertarian businessman Phil Friday, who had been serving as a City Councilman as a result of a Council appointment last fall, was elected to that office during the recent May 1 elections. This tidewater Virginia town about 50 miles east of Richmond, elected 6 councilmen in an at-large election and Libertarian Friday garnered enough votes to tie for the third/fourth place spot.

Although he has been publicly identified as a Libertarian, the recent election was rather "low key", according to Friday, and focused mostly on economic issues. "My election was mostly a follow-up to my prior appointment, and apparently the voters liked what they had seen," Friday noted. This town of 700 elects Councilmen for two-year terms, and the principal issues involved ways of trimming the city's large \$220,000 annual budget, which Friday termed "way too big for such a small town as this." Fri-

LP News Scrapbook

June 7, 1984

Libertarians offer use of mail permit to fight Proposition A

The Libertarian Party of California has offered to donate the use of its bulk-rate postal permit to the anti-tax coalition fighting Proposition A. The offer is a significant contribution, as it allows the coalition to mail out leaflets at a much lower cost than if they had to pay for a separate permit. The coalition, led by Citizens Against Unfair Taxation, has already received support from the Libertarian Party and the Santa Ann Register.

Libertarian Party to mail anti-tax literature
By Tina May
The Register

Election '84

By Larry Peterson
The Register

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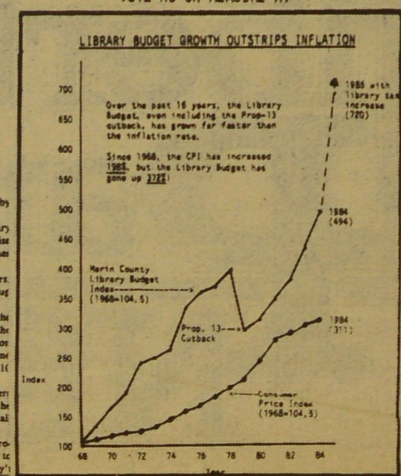
"They may be closer to the mainstream of the county than we are," said Orange County Democratic chairman Howard Adler. "There is very strong anti-tax sentiment in the county."

HOWARD CREIGHTON OFFERS 12 REASONS TO VOTE NO ON THE LIBRARY TAX INCREASE



1. The Library Tax is excessive. The proposed tax will increase library taxes by 21.34%.
2. The Library Tax is not needed. The County Controller estimates the library deficit over the next four years will total \$475,000. The proposed tax will raise almost \$3,600,000 over the same four-year period, seven-and-one-half times the projected deficit.
3. The Library budget has not been hurt by inflation. During the past 16 years, the Library budget grew 372% while the consumer price index only went up 198%.
4. The arguments by the tax promoters are deceptive. They use 1978 as the base year for all their claims about cutbacks in library service. 1978 was the last year of fat county budgets prior to the cutbacks imposed by Proposition 13. In 1979 Proposition 13 cut the library budget 22%, but this hardly came close to offsetting the 264% increase that had occurred over the preceding 11 years!
5. Business users of the library will be exempt from the tax. The tax promoters own literature claims that business and professional people depend on the County Library for vital reference information, yet the proposed tax will fall only on homeowners and residential renters!
6. Non-resident users of the library will be exempt from the tax. The tax promoters claim that the Marin Library is used by people "from Santa Rosa to Costa Rica." There are more than 160,000 library cards issued on the library's

THEY USED EMOTION. WE LOOKED AT THE FACTS.
VOTE NO ON MEASURE A1



the unneeded tax and publicizing the fundamental issues involved. And, in the process, generating considerable publicity about the principles involved and the Libertarian candidacy of Howard Creighton. Creighton's campaign efforts will continue, and have included a booth at the Marin County Fair over the week

of the July 4th holiday.

Anyone interested in more information about the Library Tax battle, or who would like to help support Creighton's Congressional race, should contact: **Howard Creighton for Congress, 3 Mann Drive, P. O. Box 367, Kentfield, CA 94904, (415) 453-3528.** ■

day plans to look closely at the operations of the town's waterworks and sewer plant, since he has been named as Chair of the Water and Sewer Committee since taking up office on July 1.

Libertarian Ron Courtney, who had also been considering a similar race, and

"would have been elected" according to Friday, had to drop out of the election at the last minute since personal circumstances required him to move outside of the city limits this summer, and he felt he should not run if he was not going to be a town resident. ■

Candidates' Books Due

Libertarian researcher Jim Peron, who also heads up Free Forum Books, recently announced that LP Vice Presidential candidate Jim Lewis has completed his forthcoming book and it is due out in early September. The book, to be titled **Liberty Reclaimed**, is currently at the publishers and will be released as a mass market paperback, just in time for the hottest part of the LP Presidential campaign. The book has five chapters and consists of a review of American history, natural rights theory, and a discussion of the virtues of the market and individual rights for societal organization. Single copies will cost under \$2.00 and substantial quantity discounts will be offered.

LP News will review the book in a forthcoming issue. □

Costa Mesa, CA - LP Presidential candidate David Bergland's campaign book, **Libertarianism In One Lesson** is due out in September, according to campaign sources. The book is a concise presentation of basic libertarian issues and will be issued in paperback form, suitable for mass distribution. Quantity discounts will be offered and additional information about purchasing the book will be available shortly. **Libertarianism in One Lesson** by David Bergland will also be reviewed in an upcoming issue of *LP News*. ■

Henrikson a Winner

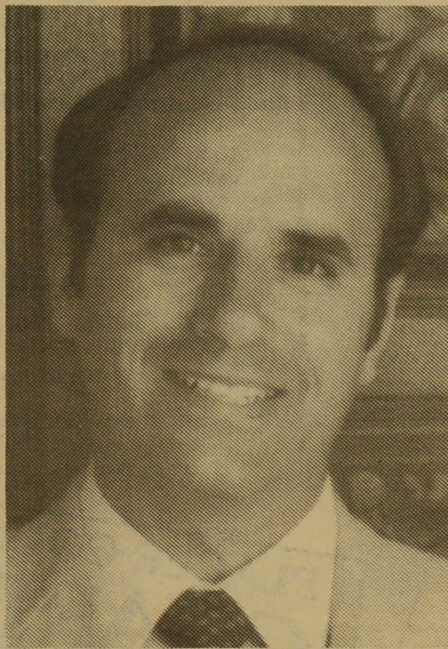
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through mid-May of this year, the LP led the growth parade with a 17.6% rise in registration. While noting that this is in part due to the "hyperactive" role the Placer County LP has played in recent months, LP Director McClarin said that it appears to "be part of a national trend, particularly among younger voters, of opting out of the traditional two parties." Additionally, the Placer County LP and the Placer Taxpayers Coalition has been active in the community stirring up the "powers that be".

Earlier this spring the Coalition forced the resignation of a county employee who worked as a press officer, after a Coalition member discovered a press release for a campaign rally for an incumbent Supervisor in an official county file. A copy of the partisan material found in the government file was made, but the official document somehow "disappeared" and a major flap ensued. Eventually the former flack was forced out, despite pious denials from the incumbents. The incumbents retaliated by raising a fuss about \$200 loaned by the Placer County LP to two of the Coalition Supervisor candidates, which was claimed to be a technical violation of the "non-partisan" election campaign laws. Although the issue was being heard at the state Supreme Court level, these funds were promptly returned by the LP contenders. The coalition also publicized a major purchasing scandal by County employees, as a result of an on-going Grand Jury probe. Purchasing Department employees were deliberately splitting up paint purchases into small lots to avoid official competitive bidding requirements for county purchases. As Northern California LP Vice Chair Dennis Schlumpf (who has been instrumental in the development of the Placer County LP) noted, "Because of the prodding of the Placer County Taxpayers Coalition of the Purchasing Department, a major contract for road repair asphalt will now go out to bid. This happened when one of the Supervisors, who was not up for re-election, insisted on following bidding procedures because 'the Coalition' and 'the Grand Jury' were watching!"

In addition to Henrikson, the 'slate' consisted of business consultant Allen Fink of Auburn, and Dr. Bruce Daniel of Newcastle. Daniel, Placer County LP Chair, and Fink waged much more active campaigns than did Henrikson but were matched against much tougher opponents. Even so, they did quite well, with Fink beating Auburn ex-Mayor Bud Pisarek and three others to take third (17.1%) in a crowded seven-way race, while LP Chair Daniel scored a hefty 38.5% against a three-term incumbent.

However, both Fink and Daniel waged much more active campaigns than did Henrikson, who was hesitant to run in the first place. Henrikson suffered extreme discomfort speaking before groups,



Allen Fink

and was only talked into running after repeated attempts by Daniel and Schlumpf to coax him into the race. Henrikson skipped a number of campaign appearances, and didn't always sparkle at the ones he did attend, according to observers. What then, was his secret?

While his campaign style was definitely low-key, Henrikson no doubt lulled his opponent into a too-smug confidence which proved to be his undoing. More importantly, the three LP candidates hired an experienced political consultant who forged a state-of-the-art campaign out of a budget only half as large as the \$34,000 originally projected. The real hero of Henrikson's upset was David Scholl, a 20-year veteran of the political campaign business. It was Scholl who wrote all campaign literature, news releases, and most fundraising letters, developed strategy, and made important political contacts.

Scholl had made known his desire in 1983 to take on a Libertarian candidate in a non-partisan race, and was signed on board in February with the aid of Placer LP Director Jim McClarin.

While Scholl's acceptance of the campaign added several thousand dollars in cost, once aboard he directed several more thousands to be spent on polling and extensive computer processing. He nixed expenditures on balloons, newspaper ads, campaign signs, bumper stickers and other supposedly essential ingredients, and instead focused the bulk of the available resources on direct mail lobbying of a carefully selected list of twenty-six thousand voter households.

Fundraising was a major hurdle, however, and many observers feel that if the original \$34,000 could have been raised Fink and Daniel could have also pulled off upset victories. Nevertheless, running a slate of three candidates did provide certain economies of scale, as well as such cost saving measures as "carrier sort" addressing (CART SORT) which reduced postage costs. Four campaign committees were formed, with funds shuttled between them as necessary.

An important bonus for the LP slate came when Howard Jarvis and Paul Gann, co-authors of California's famous

Q & A with Winner Henrikson

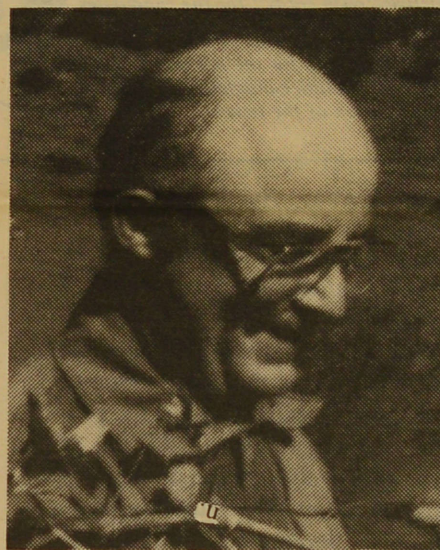
LP News recently interviewed the newly elected Placer County Supervisor about his views and election to office:

Q. LPN: How did you become acquainted with libertarian ideas and the Libertarian Party?

A. Hendrikson: My personal outlook was libertarian for years, but I didn't learn about the Libertarian Party until I met Dennis Schlumpf, who is presently the Northern Vice-Chair of the Libertarian Party of California. I actually registered Libertarian only last year.

Q. LPN: As a Libertarian, what are the issues most important to you?

A. Hendrikson: Deregulation and cutting taxes. As a businessman, I personally confront my share of red tape and taxes. Every time you turn around there's another bureaucrat who needs to be appeased and another form to fill out. Indirectly, it affects everyone.



Dr. Bruce Daniel

"prop-13" tax cut measure, gave their support. Gann posed with candidates for a photo while Jarvis wrote a letter of endorsement. Besides contributions from local people and state LP members, several Political Action Committees gave money to the Taxpayers Coalition candidates. These included the Placer Board of Realtors, the Free Market Political Action Committee, and the gun Owners of California, which also sent a mailing to its Placer County list.

The final factor enabling Henrikson's upset win came from Henrikson's opponent, who, according to the LP poll, was not well known in the county. A recent county charter change had forced the Supervisors to run county-wide, and this was a significant weakness for the incumbent. Severson also failed to submit a statement of qualifications to appear in the sample ballot, and didn't send out any campaign mailings. Instead, he bought signs and newspaper ads. Supervisor Cook (a Democrat) said, "He (Severson) did his display ads, he went to all the functions, all the candidates' nights. I just

Q. LPN: What are your plans as a newly elected Placer County Supervisor?

A. Hendrikson: I'm a complete novice at politics, so I have a lot of learning to go through before I even know what I'm able to do in office. That, plus arranging my business affairs to accommodate my job as supervisor will keep me pretty busy until I take office in January, 1985.

Q. LPN: Do you have any suggestions for other Libertarian candidates running this fall?

A. Hendrikson: Most definitely. I would recommend professional campaign help if the race is realistically winnable. Dave Scholl did a tremendous job for us. Also, for those who think most Libertarian candidates don't have a prayer, I want to say that I prayed!

Help Pay Off Hendrikson's Debt

Some of the \$17,000 which went into Erik's victorious race was loaned by individuals who need to be repaid. Enlist yourself as a Hendrikson campaign contributor by making out a check payable to the "Placer Taxpayer's Coalition" which supported Erik and his running mates, and mail to: P.O. Box 165, Loomis CA 95659. ■

don't know what went wrong." Incumbent Supervisor Mike Lee (Republican) was quoted as saying, "We didn't think the Libertarians had enough money to do anything." These bipartisan incumbents weren't pleased by the success of the new political competitor in their own backyard.

Placer County LP Chair Daniel also credits professionalism as a key to the election success. In addition to campaign expert Scholl, the county has a full time Director (McClarin) and publishes a high quality newsletter "designed to be read." "Volunteers are wonderful," says Daniel, "but you can't depend on them." Even predominantly volunteer organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, need full-time professionals.

Meanwhile, the Placer County LP is not resting on its laurels. In two years, two more Supervisor seats will be up for election. LP Chair Daniel is currently searching for candidates to run. Already two Libertarians have applied as prospective Grand Jury members, and others are eyeing City Council and assorted commission seats. And the Placer County Taxpayers Coalition shows promise as a permanent fixture in the county, directly engaged in electoral contests as well as serving as a taxpayers "watchdog" over local politicians.

As for Erik Hendrikson, much preparation needs to be done before he takes office in January. He will be learning about the structure and operation of county government, reviewing free-market solutions to local problems, and arranging his business affairs so he can accommodate the Supervisor's responsibilities in office. Perhaps, if all goes well in November, he will be joined by other LP members in California, who are also waging credible and important local and state political races. ■

Coalition Materials

The Placer County Taxpayers Coalition literature for Henrikson and running mates consisted of attractive "pushcards" for the candidates, a pseudo-telegram which read "URGENT TAXPAYERS NOTICE" and included a brief letter from Howard Jarvis, and a four-page, two-color tabloid called the "Placer County Guardian". An Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants 1984 baseball schedule which opened up to reveal the "winning team" of Fink, Daniel and Henrikson also proved popular, and contained discussions of taxes and spending, growth, roads, ethics in government and the Auburn Courthouse restoration. ■

Placer County Press Clips

You've read about peace candidates, yuppie candidates, anti-government candidates, even the Manchurian candidate.

Now meet "the reluctant candidate," Erik Henrikson. He practically had to be bulldozed into making the run. At a Libertarian Party meeting, a friend nominated Henrikson to run for the board, a notion Henrikson considered 'crazy'. A few days later Bruce Daniel called Henrikson and asked him to enter the race. Henrikson respectfully declined.

"I'm not a politician," he said. "I don't like to give speeches and socialize, which is what politicians seem to do most of the time."

Daniel persisted. He called Henrikson again and again. Henrikson put him off.

But he began to muse about the possibility of challenging Sevison. "I thought to myself, 'You're not very happy with government being too big and lording over individual rights. This is the opportunity to do something about it besides voting.'" So, he decided to run.

Placer Herald, May 31, 1984

"I'm not looking forward to it, but somebody's got to do it," Henrikson said earlier, about the possibility of assuming the job of supervisor.

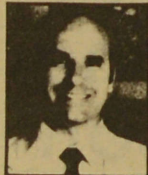
Tahoe World, May 31, 1984

The "Save Prop. 13" initiative by Howard Jarvis is an issue in the race for County Supervisor in the fifth district, the Lake Tahoe and foothills area.

Candidate Erik Henrikson has announced his strong support for the initiative, following a public statement by the incumbent, Larry Sevison, opposing the measure.

"This is a good example of the big difference between me and Sevison," Henrikson said, "I support tax and spending limits. The incumbent opposes them."

Taxpayers' Line-up for Placer County Supervisors



ALLEN FINK
3rd District



DR. BRUCE DANIEL
4th District



ERIK HENRIKSON
5th District

BATTLING FOR YOU ON THE ISSUES

TAXES AND SPENDING

When Prop. 13 passed, the people were saying it was time to cut taxes and end wasteful spending. Instead of doing what the people wanted, the politicians have tried to undermine Prop. 13. Instead of cutting the waste, and the "administrative" government, they cut services. Public employees should be paid less. Costs and regulations. They happened in Placer County - on waste and improper county

GROWTH

A natural growth policy is the core of our rural life-style and our property. Placer County's present arbitrary politicians too much control over us with their land. Some people who don't want to dev.

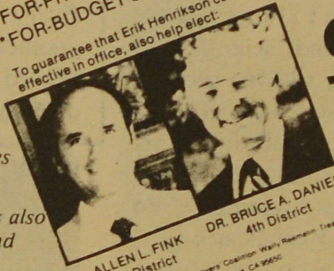
ROADS

Roads are one of the most important government services. We cut this year's road budget while increasing the 9 million, including a "administrative" expense. Problems, road im-



Vote for
ERIK HENRIKSON
for Supervisor, 5th District

*FOR-TAX REDUCTION
*FOR-PROPERTY RIGHTS
*FOR-BUDGET SAVINGS
To guarantee that Erik Henrikson can be effective in office, also help elect:



ALLEN L. FINK
3rd District
DR. BRUCE A. DANIEL
4th District

Attractive "push cards" for the candidates were designed for election day handout.

Baseball Schedules for the A's and Giants also contained Coalition candidates' photos and brief discussion of the issues.

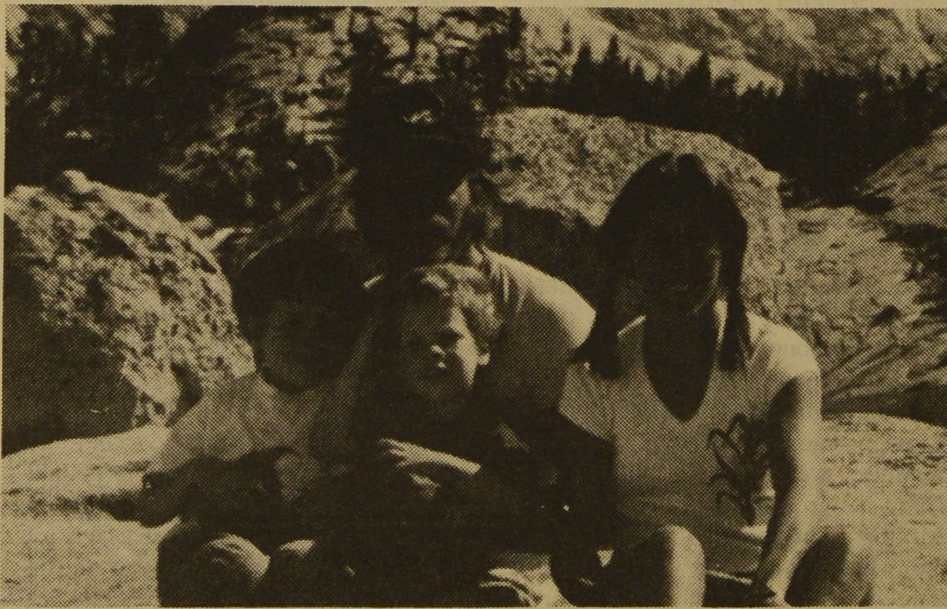
Loomis News, April 26, 1984

Although candidates don't like to admit it, restoring the historic Placer County Courthouse has become a leading issue.

Sevison, who earlier said roads, not courthouses, was the prime issue of the campaign, explained that the proposal to commit up to \$100,000 of county money to complete preliminary design of the restored building, is an effort "to demonstrate the board's good faith and intent" to complete the courthouse restoration.

Sevison's sole challenger, Erik Henrikson of Tahoe City, made his own proposal to rekindle the courthouse fire, which has been twice

Erik Henrikson, his wife Paula, and their two sons.



URGENT TAXPAYERS NOTICE

"URGENT TAXPAYERS NOTICE" resembles a telegram and contained a letter of endorsement from California tax-cutter Howard Jarvis.

ENDORSED BY
HOWARD JARVIS

URGENT YOU ACT ON JUNE 5, 1984 TO SUPPORT TAXPAYERS' RIGHTS.

THIS IS YEAR TO FIGHT TO "SAVE PROP. 13" TAX CUT - AFTER SIX YEARS OF ATTACKS BY POLITICIANS AND LIBERAL COURTS, WHO HAVE SLASHED SERVICES WHILE INCREASING "ADMINISTRATIVE" BUDGETS.

ON JUNE 5, PLEASE VOTE FOR:

YES ON PROP 23 - EXEMPTS FROM TAX HIKE IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY MADE FOR EARTHQUAKE SAFETY.

YES ON PROP 24 - "GANN INITIATIVE" - REFORMS LEGISLATURE AND GOV.

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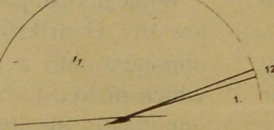
Illegal Expenditures "Placergate" Rocks County Grand Jury Probe Demand

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Illegal purchasing procedures by Placer County officials has led to a demand for a Grand Jury investigation into the widening controversy. The Placer Taxpayers' Coalition has requested the Grand Jury probe the following revelations that the county's purchasing department has violated the law by splitting purchase orders to avoid required bidding.

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Local Government Center Savings Projections



The "Placer County Guardian" tabloid contained detailed position explanations, photos, graphs and articles about the LP candidates.

doused by voters who turned down bonds to pay for the job.

Henrikson, a Libertarian, suggested turning the deed to the building over to the courthouse committee which could use the structure as equity to seek financing.

The county would then rent it back for a courthouse and, if the terms were unacceptable to the courthouse committee, it could be turned into private office space.

Placer County Journal, June 4, 1984

Although the official vote tally won't be completed until sometime next week, Libertarian Erik Henrikson of Tahoe City appears to be the winner

of a major upset victory over incumbent Larry Sevison in the race for Placer Supervisor District 5.

Unofficial results of Tuesday's primary election returns showed Henrikson defeating Sevison by a margin of less than 1 percent.

North Lake Tahoe Bonanza, June 8, 1984

"I attribute our success to the fact that our people were talking issues," said Dave Scholl, spokesman for the Placer County Taxpayers Coalition, which consists mostly of registered Republicans and Democrats. "We actually set the tone for debate throughout the campaign."

Sacramento Bee, June 7, 1984

"I don't think I underestimated Henrikson. I underestimated the Libertarian Party. I guess I really didn't expect their tenacity -- the type of effort they put into the election."

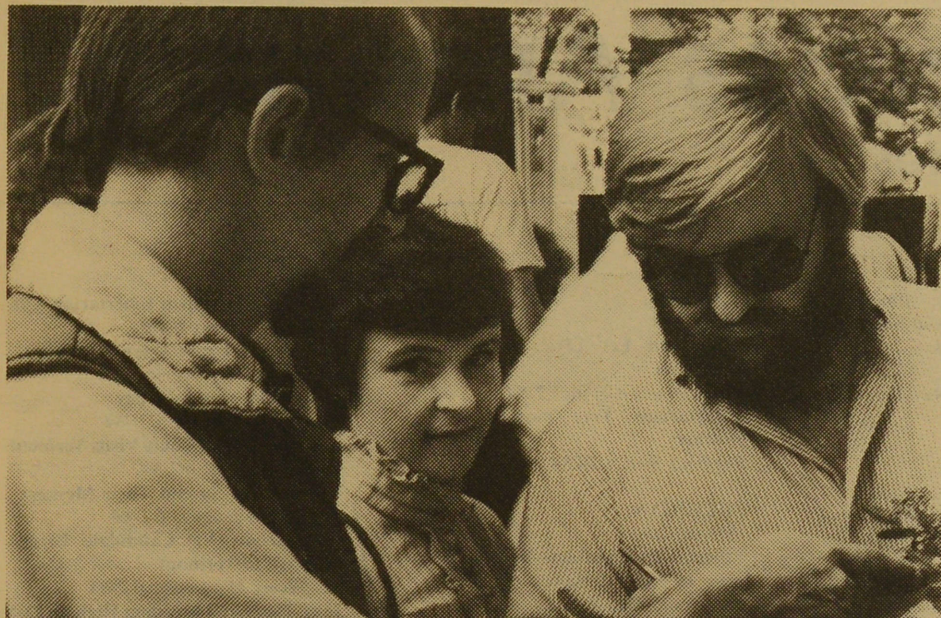
In the final days of the election, he claimed Libertarians "really hit me with both barrels."

Placer County Journal, June 12, 1984

From "Hit Where It Hurts", Editorial:

The legislative-reform initiative wasn't the only anti-government symptom on the Tuesday (California) ballot. Orange County voted two-to-one against a sale-tax increase for transportation improvements. A Libertarian unseated an incumbent for Placer County Supervisor.

The Wall Street Journal, June 7, 1984



Oklahoma petitioners enjoyed unusually good weather at a Tulsa Arts Festival. (Top) Neil Wright, (Bottom left) Anne Wampler. (Bottom right) David Carl Argall.

OK Ballot Drive Tough

by Charles Burris
Bergland for President National Ballot Drive Coordinator

Imagine standing helpless and dazed, clipboard in hand, as you watch your neighbors, the potential signers of your ballot status petition, being swept down your street by a raging flood. Contemplate the prospect of awakening morning after morning, wondering if yet another tornado has ravaged a nearby community.

Such events and circumstances during the spring prevented the Libertarian Party of Oklahoma from gathering the required number of signatures needed to obtain ballot status in 1984.

Oklahoma Libertarians face the most restrictive ballot laws in the nation. In order to be granted official recognition by the state, party members must submit petitions containing the signatures of registered voters equal to five percent of the total vote in the past presidential or gubernatorial general election. The 1982

Governor's race had the largest turnout in the state's history. This meant that 44,157 valid signatures had to be collected by petitioners in a 90-day period. All other states with a petition requirement of three percent or more grant a year or more to obtain signatures.

Oklahoma also has no provision for write-in candidates.

The 1984 ballot drive was the fourth such effort by Oklahomans. The Libertarian party launched two unsuccessful campaigns in 1976 and 1981. The 1980 attempt directed by Clark ballot Coordinator Riki Strandfeldt achieved full ballot status.

In addition to unduly restrictive ballot statutes, this year's petition drive under the guidance of Field Coordinator John Robertson faced unexpected setbacks caused by Oklahoma's unpredictable weather.

"If you don't like the weather in Oklahoma," observed Will Rogers, "Wait a minute - it'll change."

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Nearly one half of the 90-day petitioning period of March, April and May was affected by bad weather. A series of tornadoes, thunderstorms, torrential rainstorms, and killer floods plagued the drive from almost the first day.

These turbulent conditions shattered the morale of both paid petitioners and volunteers. This was because much of the bad weather was on weekends, when large events such as football games, concerts and festivals generally take place.

If the ballot laws and adverse weather were not enough to affect the conduct of the drive, petitioners were arrested and jailed for petitioning on public property. LPO members Neil Wright (a former Oklahoma Highway patrolman) and Anne Wampler were charged with trespassing on public property at the Oklahoma City State Fairgrounds. LPO "Founding

Father" D. Frank Robinson was issued a citation for a related offense. Petitioners were either prohibited from or asked to leave other public properties. The Oklahoma State Capital grounds, various state colleges, and the Oklahoma City Zoo.

This situation led LPO General Counsel Loren L. Baker to obtain an injunction to stop further government harassment of petitioners from exercising their rights.

Due to the circumstances described above, the LPO ballot drive did not reach its signature-collection objective.

The party has retained noted ballot access attorney James C. Linger in a Federal Court suit to declare portions of Oklahoma's election code unconstitutional. The case is now pending before Federal District Judge Lee West. ■

News Flash! OK on Ballot!

Oklahoma City, OK - LP Ballot Access attorney Jim Linger of Tulsa reported that on July 16 the Oklahoma City Federal District Court put the Oklahoma LP on the ballot, in response to their lawsuit. Apparently the state of Oklahoma did not respond effectively to the suit, which charged that the severe weather and numerous instances where police authorities had arrested or removed LP petitioners from public property while petitioning, constituted adequate grounds for challenging Oklahoma's restrictive ballot laws.

The OLP had turned in over 28,000 signatures despite these obstacles, but over 44,000 were needed. Additionally, Oklahoma has no provision for tabulating write-in votes, which effectively disenfranchises all but those who support so-called major party candidates. It is believed that the state's inaction in responding was a means of allowing the LP on the ballot without setting any kind of legal precedent over the specific merits of the LP case. This surprising legal victory caps the long and difficult process of attempting to obtain ballot status this year. ■

LP Headlines Across America

A sampling of recent campaign headlines

WYOMING

(Bergland)
Libertarian Candidate Visits City
Wyoming Tribune Eagle, 5/28/84
Libertarian Candidate For President Stumps Wyoming
Wyoming Tribune Eagle, 5/29/84
Libertarian Presidential Hopeful Presents Policies
Rock Springs Daily Rocket Miner, 5/30/84

Bergland Defends Party's Stand During Debate
Rock Springs Daily Rocket Miner, 5/30/84

Libertarian Presidential Candidate Campaigns
Sheridan Press, 5/29/84
Libertarian Presidential Candidate Airs Party Views
Casper Star-Tribune, 6/2/84
Libertarian Claims He's Best Alternative
Gillette News-Record, 5/30/84
Libertarian Presidential Candidate Wants to Reduce Role
Rawlins Times, 5/30/84
Editorial Comment: Choice Means Everything
Cheyenne Wyoming Eagle, 6/1/84

UTAH

(Bergland)
Libertarian Gives Utahns His Vision of Personal and Economic Freedom
Deseret News, Salt Lake City, 6/30/84

COLORADO

(Bergland)
Policies of Hart Old Hat, Says Libertarian Leader
Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph, 5/26/84
Libertarian Candidate Knows He Won't Win
Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph, 5/27/84
Reagan-Mondale Run 'Excites' Libertarians
Denver Rocky Mountain News, 5/27/84
Voters 'Fed Up' With 2-Party System, Libertarian Says
Denver Post, 5/26/84
'Hands Off' Is Motto of Libertarian
Boulder Camera, 5/27/84
Libertarian VP Hopeful Visits Boulder
Boulder Camera, 6/13/84

IDAHO

(Lewis)
Libertarian VP Candidate Favors Government in Diminished Role
Idaho Press Tribune, 6/8/84
Libertarian Candidate Advocates Tax Resistance
Lewiston Tribune, 6/10/84
Libertarian: End System for Taxation
Idaho Statesman, 6/10/84
Libertarian Says Citizens Can Help End Taxation in America
Moscow Idahoonian, 6/11/84
Party Wants Less Government
South Idaho Press, 6/8/84
Libertarians Push Tax Protest
Idaho Falls Post-Register, 6/13/84

Libertarian Candidate Jim Lewis Urges Phasing Out Social Security
Idaho Statesman, 6/8/84
 (Bergland)
Libertarian Seeks Revolutionary Change
Idaho Statesman, 5/9/84

MINNESOTA

(Bergland)
Libertarian Visits Apple Valley
Apple Valley Countryside, 6/25/84
Editorial: Liberty, and a Whole Lot More
Red Wing Republican Eagle, 6/18/84

ILLINOIS

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'Live and Let Live': Libertarian Candidate
Peoria Journal Star, 5/2/84
Libertarians: Free Yourself of Big Brother
Rockford Star, 4/24/84

MICHIGAN

(Bergland)
Libertarian Candidate Predicts Surprise in Fall Elections
The Grand Rapids Press, 5/17/84
Libertarian Candidate Lashes Out
Macomb Daily, 5/21/84

IOWA

(Bergland)
Libertarians Gain Steam
Dubuque Telegraph-Herald, 5/20/84

VERMONT

(Lewis)
Cutting Government Libertarian Aim
Newport Express, 6/4/84
Libertarian Urges Voter Education
Burlington Free Press
Libertarian Visits Friday
Bennington Banner, 5/31/84
Libertarian Candidate Visits Vermont
Rutland Herald, 6/2/84
Libertarians Spread Their Message
Bennington Banner, 6/2/84
Libertarians VP Candidate Brings Message to Vermont
St. Albans Messenger, 6/2/84
Jobs, Peace and Freedom High on List of Libertarian Candidate for VP
St. Johnsbury Caledonian-Record, 6/2/84
Libertarian Brings Campaign to State
Brattleboro Reformer, 6/2/84

NEW YORK

(Bergland)
Libertarian's Campaign Trial Lonely, Presidential Platform Quite Different
Schenectady Gazette, 5/5/84
Libertarian Hopeful Runs Lonely Race
Binghamton Press, 5/5/84
Libertarian Campaigns Against Two-Party Myth
Albany Times-Union, 5/5/84
Libertarians Gain Support Across U.S.
Long Island Advance, 5/20/84

NEW JERSEY

(Bergland)
Libertarian: Government Has Only 2 Roles
Bridgewater Courier-News, 4/26/84

NORTH CAROLINA

(Bergland)
Candidate Feels Government Blocking Rights
High Point Enterprise, 6/21/84
Libertarian Presidential Candidate Envisions Reduced Government Role
The Durham Sun, 6/25/84
Libertarian Hopeful Seeks End to Taxes, Leaf Subsidy
Raleigh News & Observer, 6/25/84
Libertarians Want Reduced Government
Durham Herald, 6/22/84
A Candidate 'Working for Everyone's Liberty'
Winston-Salem Journal, 6/23/84
Bergland Sees Less Government
Raleigh Times, 6/3/84
Libertarian Candidate Hoping for 10%
Durham Herald, 6/24/84
Libertarian Candidate Sees Reduced Role of Government
Henderson Dispatch, 6/25/84
Editorial: All Libertarians At Heart
Durham Herald, 6/30/84

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Libertarian Presidential Candidate Tours Texas
Texarkana Gazette, 6/6/84
Libertarian Brings Drive for Presidency to Dallas
Dallas Morning News, 6/10/84
Libertarian Blasts Candidates
Arlington Daily News, 6/10/84
Libertarian Seeks Support in Texas
Houston Chronicle, 6/9/84
Libertarian Hopeful Sees Shift Toward His Party
Houston Post, 6/9/84

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Libertarian Says Party is Growing
Little Rock Arkansas Gazette, 5/18/84
Libertarians Offer Less
Fort Smith SW Times Record, 5/18/84
Libertarian Backs School Tax Credits, End of "Monopoly"
Little Rock Arkansas Democrat, 5/18/84
Libertarian Visits Conway
Conway Log Cabin Democrat, 5/20/84

TENNESSEE

(Bergland)
Editorial: Libertarians At Work
Johnson City Press Chronicle, 5/26/84

VIRGINIA

(Lewis)
Libertarian's Aim: Get Government Out of Business
Richmond News Leader, 5/11/84



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Ballot Drive Blues

by BFP Campaign Correspondent

Probably the most challenging and difficult responsibility for the Bergland campaign committee is acquiring ballot status.

With the 50-state success achieved by the Clark campaign in 1980, the LP had high expectations of accomplishing the same goal for the Bergland/Lewis ticket this year.

Unfortunately, a variety of problems plague the 1984 ballot drive effort. Ballot Drive Coordinator Charles Burris explains that, "in 1980 we were fortunate to have a donor who gave large sums of money toward the ballot drives. This year, we're working with far less money. Basically, we had Clark-style hopes on a MacBride-style budget." (Roger MacBride headed the 1976 MacBride/Bergland LP ticket.)

Although the Bergland Committee set the 50-state goal earlier in the campaign, it became apparent that a few states were in serious trouble. Realistic assessments had to be made to attain ballot status in as many states as possible.

"Shooting for a 50-state goal set by the Bergland Committee was valiant, but it is now apparent that it is an unrealistic goal. Due to cash-flow problems and lack of traveling petitioners, we have had to halt signature-gathering efforts in several states. These states include Georgia, Massachusetts, Florida, and West Virginia," Burris has noted. However, legal challenges which may put the ticket on the ballot will be pursued in some or all of those states.

Burris notes that this decision was especially hard to make since the local parties in these states were extremely helpful and offered extensive cooperation to the ballot access drive.

Some of the difficulties surrounding the ballot drive effort are high signature-requirements, unreasonable official deadlines, a lack of traveling petitioners, and insufficient funds.

The four states with suspended signature-gathering efforts have these sorts of problems. Circumstances dictated that petitioners be hired off the street in Florida, Georgia, and Massachusetts. "This is always difficult because new petitioners are hesitant at the prospect of gathering signatures without the assurance of a daily, regular salary. They are apprehensive about being paid on a per signature basis," explains Burris, "It is much more effective to offer the states traveling squads of experienced LP petitioners."

Georgia has one of the most difficult of all ballot drive requirements in the country with a July 15 deadline and needing over 85 thousand gross signatures.

Law suits are pending in six states including Wyoming, Texas, Oregon, Georgia, and Maine. The



In between media appearance, LP candidate David Bergland Assists the Texas ballot drive in Houston (L). Road Warrior Steve Plunket in action (R).



Bergland/Lewis ticket is currently on the ballot in 24 states.

Currently, the BFP campaign has launched an extensive petitioner recruitment program for new traveling petitioners, nicknamed "Road Warriors". Ads will be appearing in LP state newsletters asking for people to join the traveling petitioners and anyone interested in becoming a "Road Warrior" should contact Charles Burris at BFP Campaign Headquarters. Potential "Road Warriors" should contact Burris at 713-754-1776 (BFP Hq.).

"This is a great opportunity for a libertarian who really wants to work for liberty in our time," concludes Burris. ■

Road Warriors

by Perry Willis
BFP Campaign Staff

We call them the road warriors. They come not to pillage, but to petition. They travel in vans and cars and lead daring daylight raids on grocery stores and shopping centers. Their purpose: to overcome the state's evil ballot access laws. With pen and clipboard in hand they chip away, signature-by-signature, at the requirements of the various states, until at last they have collected enough names to place the Libertarian Party and the Bergland/Lewis ticket on the ballot. They are the valiant and often unsung heroes of the Libertarian Revolution.

If you are of sound mind and sound body, and looking for a summer job — if you would like to earn money in the cause of liberty, travel in the company of other Libertarians, and see far off and exotic places (such as Nebraska, Kentucky, and Oregon) then you should consider joining the road warriors. The pay is good and the cause great, and you will have had the experience of a lifetime. You can have war stories to tell the kids in later life without the hassle of having been shot at (we hope). If you are interested, then you should call the Bergland campaign at (713) 754-1776. Ask for National Ballot Drive Coordinator Charles Burris. ■

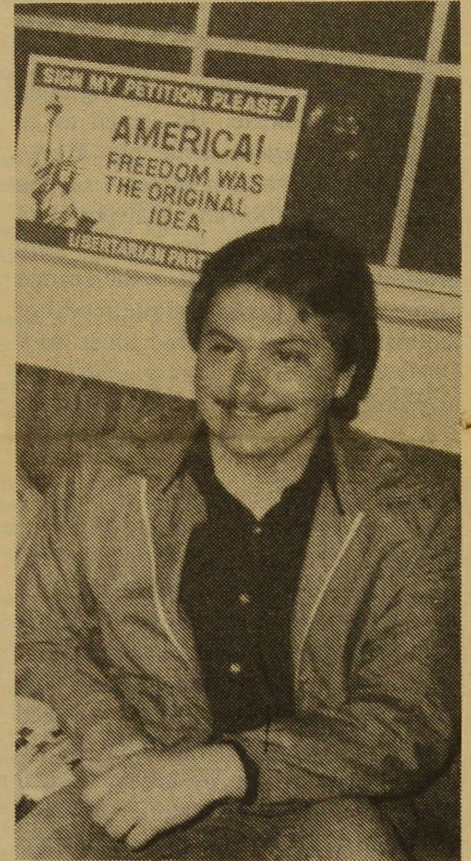
BFP Staff Profile

After braving Oklahoma tornados, floods and wind storms, new Ballot Drive Coordinator Charles Burris is enjoying the calm, balmy weather of Southern California. A native of Oklahoma, Burris joined the BFP staff in mid-June and brings to the campaign extensive experience in ballot access drives and petitioning efforts.

A libertarian since 1971 after reading *Radical Libertarianism* by Jerome Tuccille, Burris joined the party in 1973. He has worked on numerous campaigns including the MacBride and Clark elections. He was the campaign coordinator for the Robert Murphy Tulsa Mayoral campaign in 1979-80 and in 1981-82. He served as Executive Director for the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire in 1978 and holds a B.S. Degree in Political Science from the University of Tulsa. Burris also attended CATO Institute's 1978 Eastern Summer Seminar on Political Economy.

Burris enjoys fine cuisine, reading political esoterica and classic cinema. ■

Charles Burris



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Davis on the Attack in SC

Gramling, SC - Stephen A. Davis, 38, announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat on May 19 in Spartanburg. Davis is seeking the office now held by Republican reactionary Strom Thurmond, and may well be one of the hottest races in the country if Former Democratic presidential contender Jesse Jackson returns to seek the Democratic nomination, which he has hinted at.

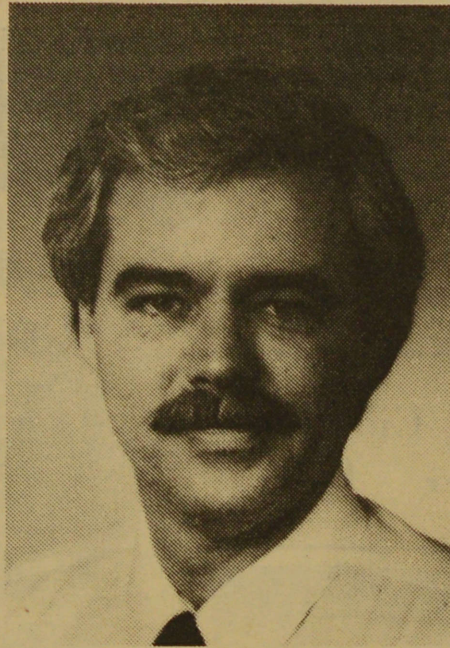
The more, the merrier, Davis sas. "If I didn't think I could win, I wouldn't be running," Davis told a group of LP supporters at a rally on behalf of Ray Pike, LP candidate for SC 4th Congressional District. "I want to bring to the people of South Carolina some of the issues that threaten our liberty in this country," said Davis. "I believe the voters of this state want freedom."

Davis has an impressive background as an LP candidate. He served as an Arizona State Senator in the mid '70's (as a Republican), and held seats on the Judiciary, Education and Transportation Committees during his term. "My greatest accomplishment in the second Senate session was to lead the repeal of the mandatory motorcycle helmet law," Davis said. "Arizona was one of the first to repeal that law, striking a blow for freedom and against the federal government."

Davis was born in Delaware and holds degrees in political science and an MBA. He was a Director of the "Up with People" musical show and traveled with it extensively throughout the world. He has been a commercial pilot, business consultant, and is currently an executive with a health resources firm. He has authored books on business management and in 1975 won the George Washington Medal of Honor from the Freedom Foundation for his article, "The Government Versus the Economy." Davis is the father of three and is presently married to the national LP Secretary, Dr. Heide Hartmann-Davis.

Davis's campaign has already generated considerable media coverage and enthusiasm from SC Libertarians, as a result of his professional campaign effort, which includes numerous well-written press releases and 3000 letters per month to potential supporters. An ambitious campaign budget of \$30,000 is being raised via personal solicitation and impressive direct mail appeals. Davis noted, "I'm producing three TV spots in early August, which I will start running in early September. I hope to show them at the August 18 SCLP State Convention."

Davis is hitting hard on a number of issues. While long considered politically invulnerable, Senator Thurmond is beatable, in Davis's estimation. "Strom Thurmond may have done himself in, when he co-sponsored Senate Bill 176 to remove all liability for IRS agents in the



Steven Davis

performance of their 'duty', while stealing our hard-earned money!" Davis is also focusing on other libertarian issues, such as FCC "Equal Time" requirements. "At no time during this campaign," Davis said, "will I ever try to force any media in the state to grant me equal time or equal coverage. The Libertarian Party does not agree with government ownership or control of any form of media expression, whether it's radio, TV or newspaper. If elected to the U.S. Senate," Davis concludes, "I will fight to limit the FCC to its only legitimate function, protecting media from force or fraud against their particular rights and ensuring their First Amendment freedoms. We must end this trend of increasing government control and regulation."

In another public blast as his opponent, Davis came out against huge taxpayer subsidies for Senate officeholders. "I have never accepted stolen money in my life, and I don't intend to start now," he charged. "If elected in November, I will refuse to operate my Senate offices using taxpayer's money," Davis explained. Noting that each U.S. Senator now costs tax victims over a million dollars each year, Davis said that he would establish an endowment for voluntary contributions to cover expenses. "There are literally thousands of people in South Carolina and in the country who would be willing to voluntarily support a principled Libertarian in the U.S. Senate," Davis maintained.

Davis has already established an extensive campaign effort, with buttons, bumperstickers, literature and a media campaign and travel schedule which will focus on schools, colleges, fairs, political rallies and media appearances. He has outlined an extensive travel schedule around the state and hopes to 'coax' Thurmond into holding televised debates around the state sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Davis is running the first statewide LP campaign in South Carolina. Campaign contributions and support is greatly needed, and can be directed to: **Davis, Libertarian for U.S. Senate, P.O. Box 1251, Gramling, SC 29348. (803) 472-6176.** ■

Bergland/Lewis Schedule

The Bergland Campaign schedule was current as of press time but is subject to change to take maximum advantage of campaign opportunities. Questions regarding up-to-the-minute Bergland campaign plans should be directed to the Bergland Campaign National Schedule Coordinator.

Aug. 2 Milwaukee WI
Aug. 4 Los Angeles CA
Aug. 5 Las Vegas NV
Aug. 7-8 Phoenix AZ
Aug. 9 New York City NY
Aug. 10 Washington DC
Aug. 11-19 California
Aug. 20-24 Texas
Aug. 27 New Orleans LA
Aug. 28 Atlanta GA
Aug. 30-31 Oklahoma
Sept. 1 Orlando FL
Sept. 3-4 Indiana
Sept. 5 Norfolk VA
Sept. 6 Tennessee
Sept. 7 New Jersey
Sept. 8-11 Pennsylvania
Sept. 10 Pittsburgh PA
Sept. 11 Philadelphia PA
Sept. 12-13 Vermont
Sept. 14 Connecticut
Sept. 15-17 Los Angeles CA
Sept. 18 Chicago IL
Sept. 20-22 New York
Sept. 24 Minnesota
Sept. 25 Detroit MI
Sept. 26 Flint MI
Sept. 27-28 Ohio
Sept. 20-Oct. 1 Los Angeles CA
Oct. 2 Indianapolis IN
Oct. 3 Milwaukee WI
Oct. 4 Des Moines IA
Oct. 6 Maryland

Oct. 8 Denver
Oct. 9 Colorado
Oct. 10 Salt Lake City UT
Oct. 11-12 Phoenix, Tucson AZ
Oct. 14 College Station TX
Oct. 15-17 Texas
Oct. 18 Chicago IL
Oct. 19 Washington DC
Oct. 22 Portland OR
Oct. 23 Seattle WA
Oct. 24-26 Alaska
Oct. 27 Orange County, CA
Oct. 29-Nov. 6 California

Bergland Campaign National Schedule Coordinator:

Melinda Pillsbury-Foster
(818) 342-9716

The schedule below is accurate as of press time, but is subject to change without notice. Please contact the Lewis Schedule Coordinator for up-to-date schedule information.

July 30-Aug. 3 Boston, MA
Aug. 4,5 Connecticut
Aug. 6-10 New York City
Aug. 11,12 Connecticut
Aug. 13 North Carolina
Aug. 14,15 Georgia
Aug. 16-19 South Carolina
Aug. 20,21 Nebraska
Aug. 22-Sept. 2 *

* States to be visited:

Iowa, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Texas, Wyoming, (exact order not yet determined).

Lewis for VP Schedule Coordinator:

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LP Computer Enhanced

Houston, TX - Liberty Services recently purchased an additional 25 megabyte disk drive for the Data General Eclipse S-140 computer, leased by the Libertarian Party.

Craig Franklin of Liberty Services arrived in Houston June 22 to format the new disk and aid Barbara Karkutt of Pennsylvania and David Miklean of New York in moving files and establishing new links among various data files and programs.

Karkutt and Miklean first visited Houston in April to evaluate the system and make recommendations. They wrote five programs, which together produce a new type of report which will allow file sorts by criteria that were not accessible before. These sorts cover all requests for different formats that had been received as of that time. The new report provides monthly reporting of contributions to the Bergland for President Committee. In addition to donating their time and considerable skills, Barbara and David made both trips at their own expense. ■

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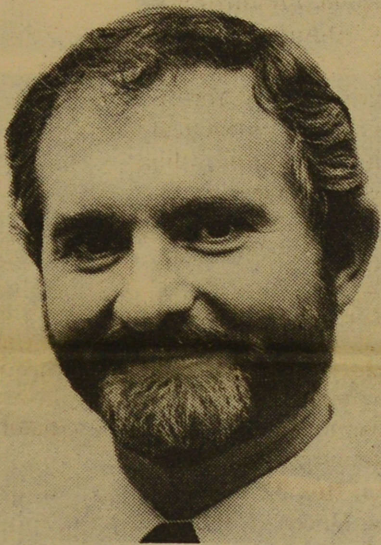
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Ridenour Announces

Indianapolis, IN - Indiana Bell Engineer Jim Ridenour announced his intention to seek the LPI nomination for Governor at the July convention, according to a recently released statement. Formerly an active Republican, Ridenour has been active in LP politics and has been organizing successful "Introduction to Libertarianism" sessions around the state. His emphasis on grassroots organizing has resulted in some well written leaflets on starting county organizations, which he hopes will provide a grassroots basis for his campaign.

Ridenour, 44, holds an engineering degree as well as a Doctorate of Theology from Abilene Christian College, and has seven children and eight grandchildren. He is a life-long resident of Indianapolis and has worked as a printer, minister, a part-time electronics instructor and gunsmith, as well as an engineer.



Jim Ridenour.

In his announcement, Ridenour discussed a number of topics he intends to address including unemployment ("the largest single cause of unemployment today is the government"), crime and civil liberties ("we should be making sure our city streets are safe before we begin to try to enforce laws which attempt to protect a person from himself"), the environment ("it is a criminal act-a violation of our civil rights-for anyone to poison the air, land or water"), the ERA ("I find nothing in the ERA which is contrary to my party's principles or to my own personal beliefs. I will support ratification . . ."), government employees ("should have the same bargaining rights as other workers"), education ("government control of public school education is, and was always doomed to be, a failure") and utilities ("allow the free enterprise system to work by permitting competitive utilities to open for business").

Ridenour plans on an active campaign, using the resources of the Speakers Bureau giving the "Introduction to Libertarianism" talk, weekend campaigning, and two full-time weeks of campaigning, stumping the state, towards the end of the campaign. ■

A Liberty Primer

Readers' Comments

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By Alan Burris

Reviews

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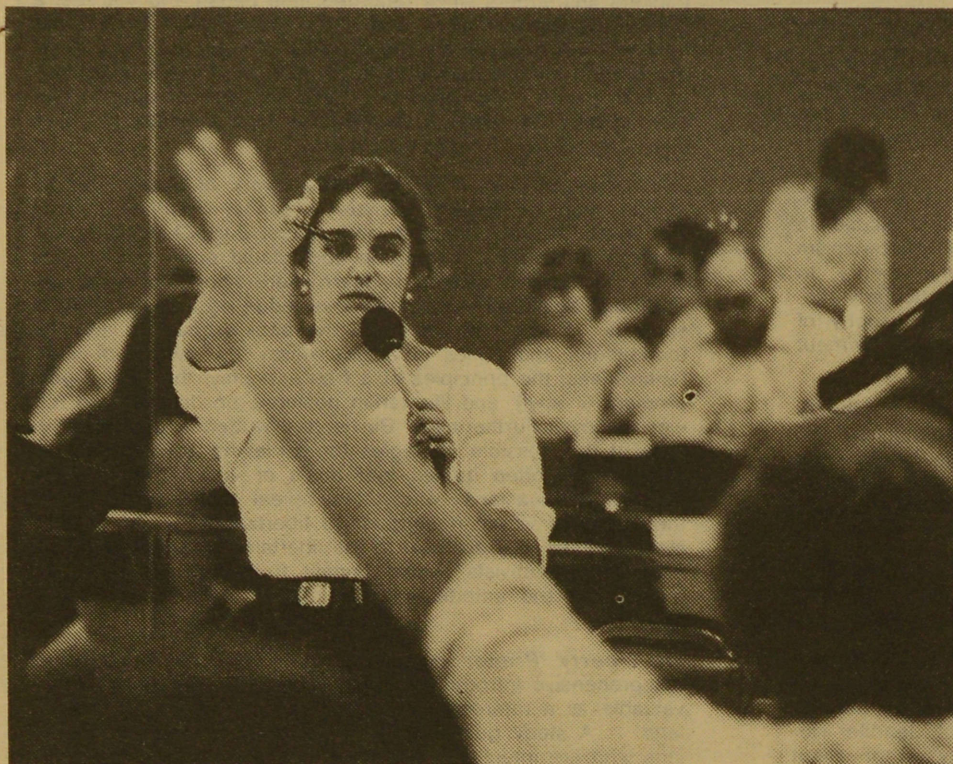
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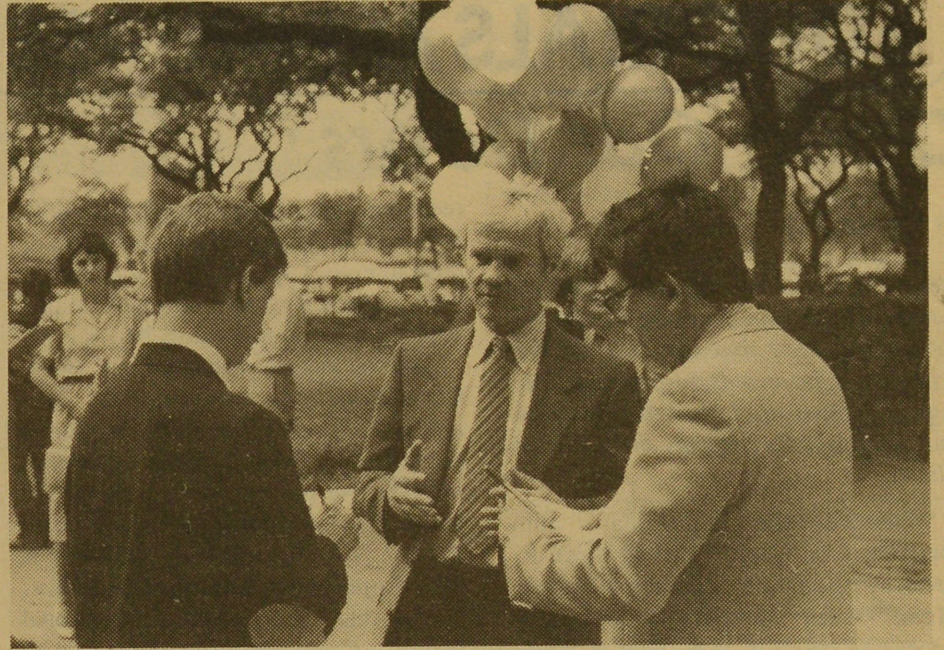
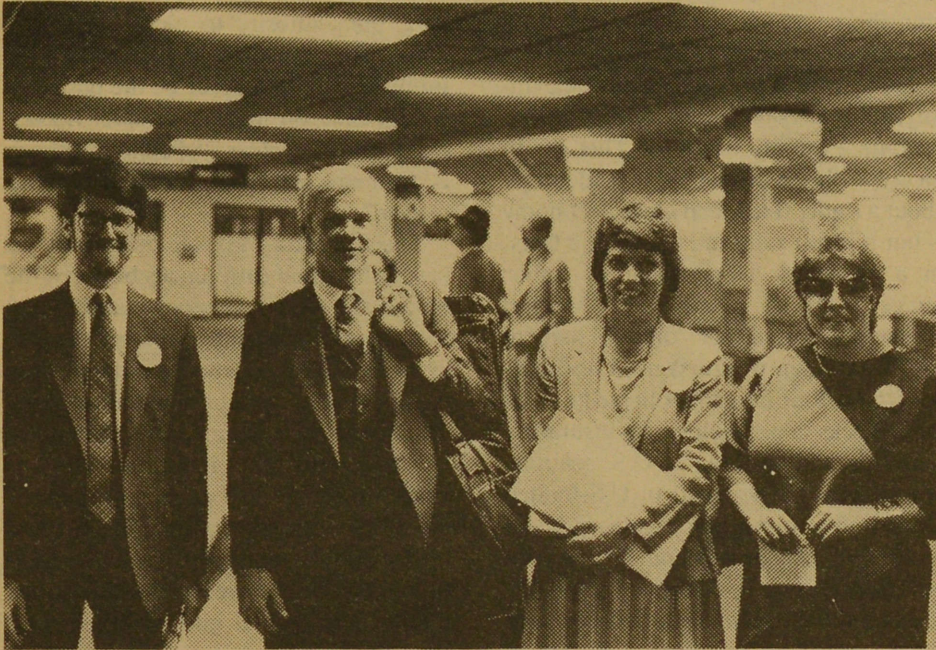
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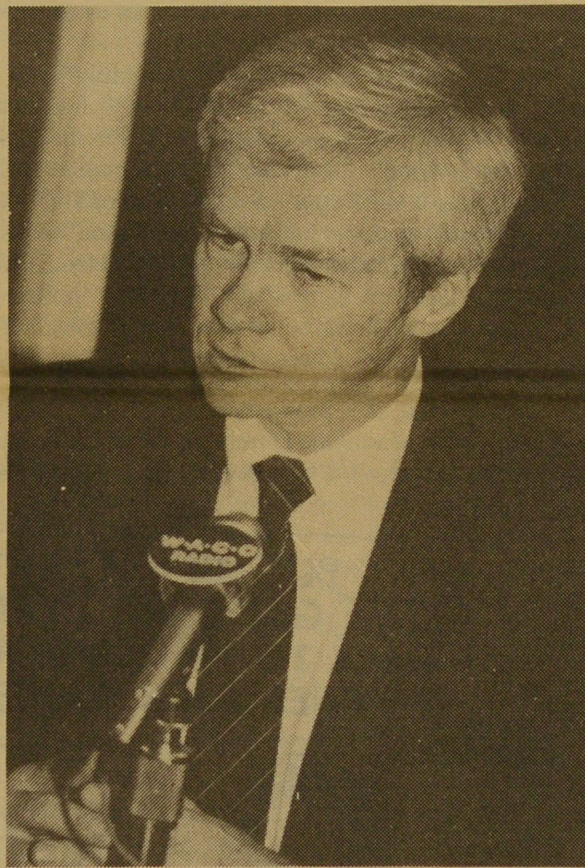
(Top right) David Bergland greeted upon arrival in Houston by Harris County LP Chair Wynne Dawson, LP Staffer Susan Van Dyke, and media coordinator Elizabeth Barthlow.

(Top right) Bergland interviewed by newsmen during Houston campaign stop. (Middle left) Bergland interviewed during Waco stop.

(Middle right) Allan Vogel auctions off Texas counties during Bergland reception fundraiser.

(Bottom left) Bergland addresses 200 supporters at Houston reception. Seated on stage are Gerald Milner, Wynne Dawson and Dr. Matt Monroe. (Bottom right) National Director Honey Lanham and Becky and Dave Hutzelman enjoy a moment of relaxation at the Texas LP convention banquet in Arlington.

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EDITORIALS/FEATURES

Open Our Doors

by Drew Clark

Drew Clark is currently a summer intern for the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research in New York City. During the school year, he attends Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania where he regularly and unabashedly presents the case for liberty.

Whenever the Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill sit down to "reform" the nation's "immigration problem," they shamefully disgrace America's tradition as a "land of liberty" -- to the detriment of past, present and future American immigrants. The House of Representative's passage of the Simpson-Mazzoli bill on June 20 is the most recent example of bipartisan tyranny. Essentially, the Reaganite nationalists hope to regain "control of our own borders," in the words of our confused President, while the welfare-state Democrats hope to stop dark-skinned aliens from "stealing our jobs". In its final form, Simpson-Mazzoli sugar coats "Employer Sanctions" (whereby employers caught engaging in capitalist acts with "illegals" could be fined up to \$2000 per worker) with provisions of "Amnesty" (only for those immigrants who have continuously resided in the U.S. since before January 1, 1982) -- the ideal compromise for politicians unconcerned with human rights. Amid various sundry special-interest provisions, Congress voted to beef up our brutal INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service) budget by 45% (all at the taxpayer's expense), building up our Iron Curtain ever higher, and signaling an end to the age where honest and hard-working peasants could consider America a land of refuge, opportunity, and freedom.

The cruelly ironic twist to the whole debate about what to do with illegal immigrants is that immigrants benefit the very economy they are purported to harm. Protective legislation against an "invasion" of foreigners, like trade barriers against the "flood of foreign goods," largely protects us from benefits. Immigrants choose to come to America because, in some way, they wish to better the miserable lots which are their lives. Whether because of economic conditions, personal reasons, or political persecution, they have decided to invest a considerable amount of money, time, and personal hardship by uprooting themselves and abandoning their familiar homeland, only because they hope to obtain a "return" on their "human capital." Unlike the typical investor, however, the refugee/immigrant is gambling with his life's savings and his life. Consequently, immigrants, both legal and illegal, are known to be very hard-working, taking jobs that many Americans consider de-

meaning, degrading, and low-paying. Says one Dallas restaurateur: "The illegal alien is a special kind of person -- very motivated, with a lot of drive, like American workers used to be."

And the facts do bear him out. Barry Chiswick has demonstrated, in the *Journal of Political Economy*, that despite linguistic and cultural barriers, most immigrants surpass the earnings of the native-born in about ten to twelve years. Economist Jennifer Roback, author of *A New Approach to Immigration Policy*, claims that "migrants are exceptional people, more forward looking than others, more eager to seize an opportunity." In short, they are able to provide an entrepreneurial "shot in the arm" to business. Even if immigrants initially do compete with native-born workers, as big labor protectionists claim, it is more than offset by the businesses that self-motivated immigrants start. A survey by the Canadian Manpower Immigration Office found that five percent of non-natives had formed their own enterprises within their first three years as residents; "thus roughly 30 percent as many new jobs were created as were held by immigrants." Moreover, as foreigners become more established in America, they increase the demand for labor in all occupations by their own consumption, creating jobs in the process. Instead of hindering the economy, aliens more than

"pay their way" by expanding and enhancing the economic cycle of production and consumption of goods and services.

Another foregone conclusion of the immigration debate is that illegal aliens become a "public charge." This fits in nicely with the welfare statist ideology about a static, fixed, and closed economy -- but it is not substantiated by the facts. In a landmark Department of Labor Survey, David North and Marion Houston reported that "only 27 percent (of illegal alien workers) used hospitals or clinics, four percent collected one or more weeks of unemployment insurance, four percent had children in U.S. schools, one percent participated in U.S.-funded job-training programs, one percent secured food stamps, and 0.5 percent secured welfare payments." Not excessively large numbers when one considers that 77% of them paid Social Security taxes and 73% had federal income taxes withheld. As libertarian columnist Steven Chapman concluded, "instead of aliens being a burden to the rest of us, it's the rest of us who are a burden to aliens."

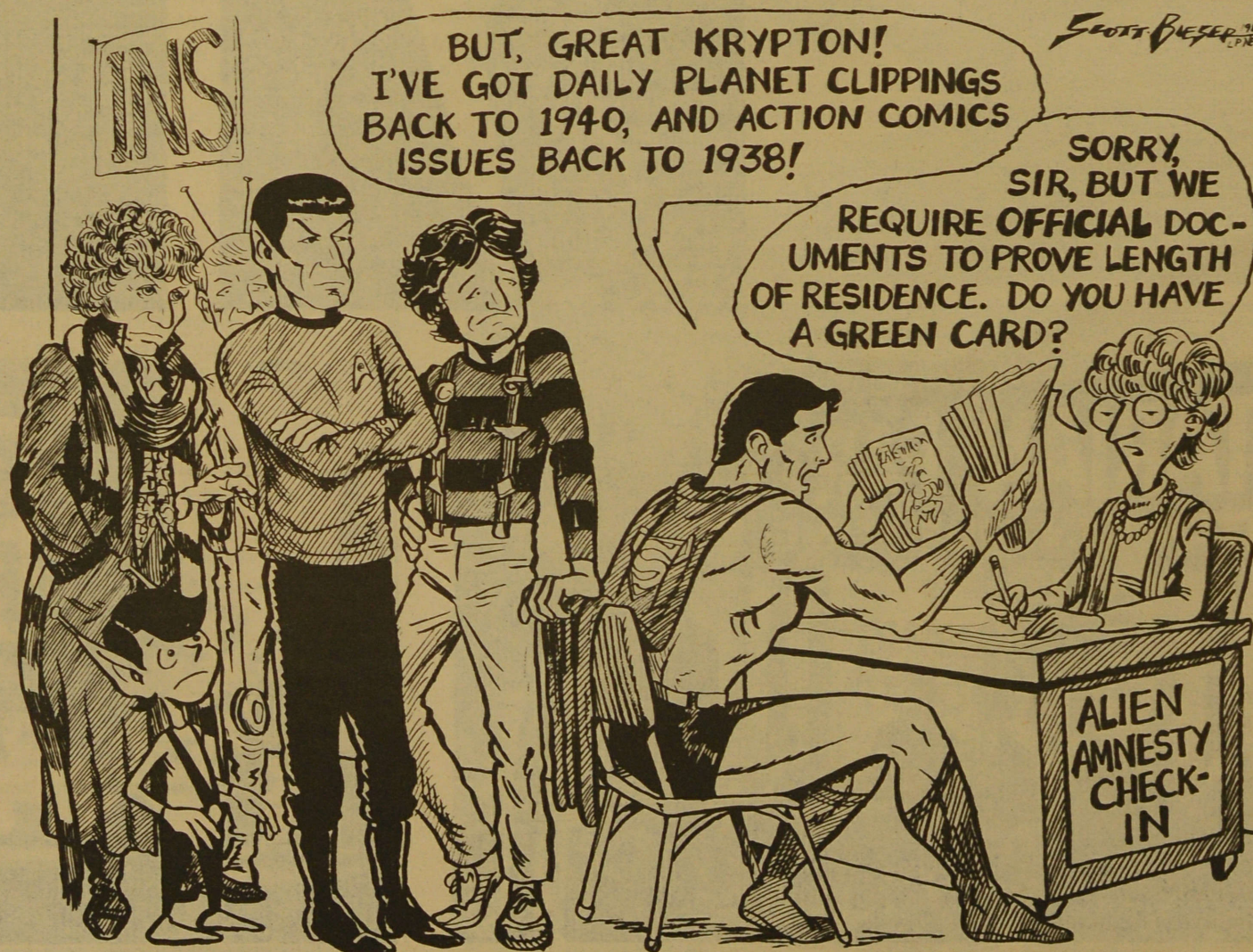
Finally, open immigration makes for good foreign policy. America can only gain in the eyes of foreigners when it admits the "huddled masses yearning to be free." Sympathizers of Third World Communism (at home and abroad) will no longer be able to defend Cuba's "progressive" domestic policies with a straight face, when Cuban refugees risk their lives to come to America. Nor will Ronald Reagan be able to get away with propping up repressive regimes (such as the Duvalier government in Haiti) if these "boat people" keep coming. But as long

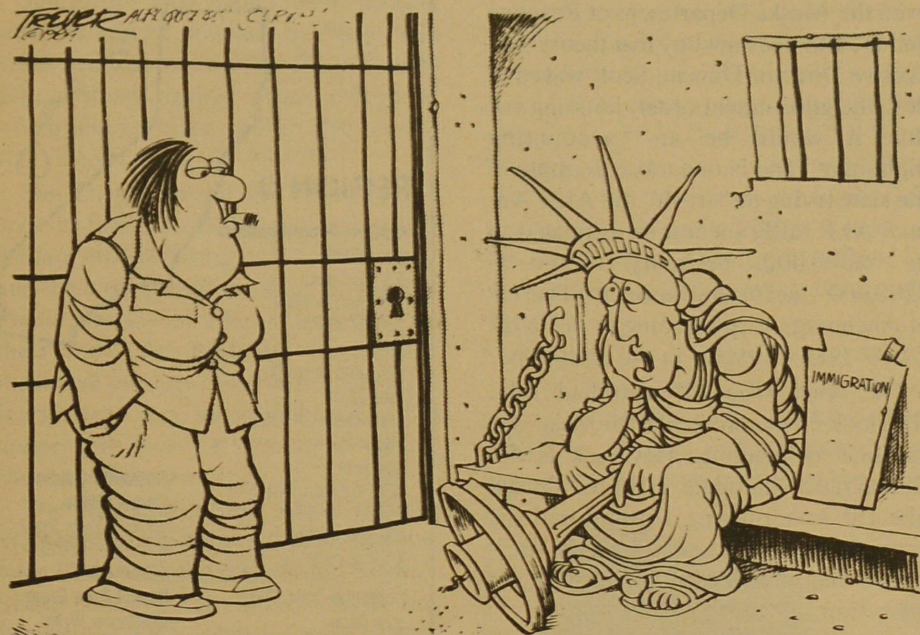
as politicians and upper-level bureaucrats have the authority to close America's door at their personal whim, refugees and immigrants will forever be the pawns of government war-making. Jennifer Roback makes the case clear: "open immigration is a humane and cost-effective alternative to war."

The Simpson-Mazzoli bill is not yet law. Substantial differences between the House and Senate versions mandate that a conference committee iron out the provisions. But don't expect too much from the pork-barrel politics of the bipartisans. The immigration issue clearly shows just how different the Libertarian Party is from the entrenched political establishment. It is the only part willing to stand up for human rights and open immigration in the face of overwhelming nativist bigotry and special interest legislation. We can do an amazing amount of good for both America and the world's most impoverished peoples by opening up our doors. What is unfortunate is that this must be explained to the hypocritical descendants of immigrants themselves. There are no "aliens" in a society based upon liberty, and the Libertarian Party is the only group willing to stand up and prove it. ■

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"I GOT CAUGHT HIRING THE TIRED, POOR, HUDDLED MASSES...."

FEEDBACK

Children's Rights

Michael Grossberg's article, "Delegates Amend Platform", in the Sept./Oct. 1983 issue included a discussion of the expanded version of the "Children's Rights" plank. LP members might wish to note that while it now specifically discusses some aspects of the legal relationship of children to their parents, the plank implicitly raises but doesn't address the basic question: Under libertarian principles, must parents see to it that their dependent children are provided for, either by themselves or by others?

This question is one that libertarian candidates are likely to be faced with, for it bears on such current questions as court ordered child support payments and medical care when parents fail to provide, as in the "Baby Doe" cases.

I think that we should recognize that individual candidates may come up with quite diverse answers, and that the current wording of the platform allows such diversity.

Doris Gordon
Wheaton, MD

Doris Gordon is National Coordinator of Libertarians For Life. Ed.

Human Dignity

Libertarianism, is solely not an appeal for greater freedom for ourselves, but rather is a plea for the dignity of those people who are now treated as though they were somewhat less than human. We don't want to legalize drugs merely because we want the freedom to use drugs. It is because when a person tells a drug user what he must not do with his own body he is stripped of the dignity that every person, however much despised, is entitled to. How can someone on welfare have any human dignity when another person enters his home and questions him about his family? Is it not humiliating for a traveller to have a

stranger rummage through his personal belongings every time he enters the country? Can a businessman hold his head up when another person can freely chastise him for hiring the wrong person or producing the wrong product? And the workers, are they not treated as children when the tax man decides how they must provide for their old age?

It is not only freedom for ourselves that we want, but dignity for others. We want the lowest and the highest to be treated as equal kings over their own domains. If government people want something, let them come on bended knee, not with sword in hand. An animal is commanded, a human being must be asked.

We are not right-wingers who want to return to laissez-faire capitalism so we can all get rich. No, we are the guardians of the victims, who want to lead the way to a civilized society where every person, however humble, is never treated as anything less than human. ■

Richard D. Fuerle
Monroeville, PA

Deficit Trap

Libertarians must be careful to avoid the Deficit Trap which the Republicrats have set for the voters this year. All politicians are running against the deficit, and we will feel compelled to join that race in order to avoid appearing to favor deficits. That would be a mistake. Instead, whenever the issue arises we must respond by shifting the focus from the size

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From the Chair

Paul Grant

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE CHAIR, PAUL GRANT

(This interview was conducted by Lori Massie, LP National Membership Chair)

Q. Paul, will the Libertarian Party be on all 50 state ballots this year?

A. No, Lori, we won't make it on all 50 ballots this time. We have already missed a few petition deadlines, and we may miss a couple more. Right now, Georgia, Florida, Massachusetts, Texas, West Virginia, and Oregon look to be the biggest problems, but we may get on a couple of those. We should make at least 40, but 45 looks a bit optimistic.

Q. But we were on all 50 ballots in 1980 - what happened this year?

A. Several things are different this year. First, and foremost, we have a **lot less money** this year. In 1980, the Clark campaign and the Libertarian Party spent over \$4 million; this year, the Bergland campaign and the LP will probably only raise \$1.5 - 2 million. We are trying to do the ballot drives this year on approximately \$250,000, only a third to a fourth of what we spent for those four years ago. Obviously, that makes a big difference.

Q. Are there other reasons for the difficulties this year?

A. Yes, several other contributing factors come to mind.

For, the experienced people we had running ballot drives in 1980 and 1982 are not around to help this year. They did not train new people to take their places, and they prepared no written manuals. That's no way to prepare for the future. There's been a lot of wasted effort learning things through experience that should have been covered in training sessions.

Secondly, a lot of our leading activists working in previous ballot drives are not available this year. They have jobs this year where they didn't before, they've knocked themselves out for previous efforts without getting much reward, etc. Again, we haven't done a good enough job recruiting and training replacements.

Thirdly, some of our state parties just aren't carrying their own weight. Perhaps the effects of too much money in the past are showing - subsidy having undermined certain state parties' sense of self-responsibility. Some states don't even handle 10% of their own petitioning requirements - they expect outside help for all but a tiny part which they are willing to do. This year, the outside money to bail them out just was not available. I know some of our smaller parties are faced with overwhelming petition drives - Georgia, for instance (over 70,000 signatures required), but they are still going to have to find ways to do more for themselves.

Next, we've built a lot of our fundraising efforts on supporting ballot drives, and our contributors' response is telling us that many LP supporters have more important concerns than ballot drives. Perhaps they thought someone else would

take care of it, as happened in the past. But they were wrong. David Koch, as our Vice-Presidential candidate in 1980, personally contributed **more than \$2 million**. That was incredibly generous of David, but he's not on the ticket this year, he's interested in other things now, and we have not found another such magnanimous donor.

Without that tremendous infusion of wealth from one source, we are now confronted with the reality of our true strength. That means more of us have to pitch in, and we must find ways to be more effective on less money.

And, in many ways, we are stronger this year than ever before. If you subtract one huge source of funds, we are **raising more money than ever before** in the Party's history! And we have more Libertarians in office than ever before. We're smarter now, and running better candidates, in more serious campaigns. We know where to try for a win (local races), and where to shoot for other effects (educational, balance of power, recruiting, etc.).

Q. How are we going to solve these problems of retired activists, lost experience from one election to the next, the burn-out problem, etc.?

A. Now that we recognize the problems, we can focus our energies on develop-

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Feedback

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of the deficit to the size of government. We can use this "issue" to illustrate how the politicians once again are attempting to divert the people from noticing how big government spending has become, and that "their" solution results in even more taxes.

Jim Conole
San Diego, CA

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Name Change

I read with great interest the "From the Director" column in the May/June issue *LP News* that touched upon the ever present proposal to change the name of the Libertarian Party to something more easily marketable. I want to state from the outset that I am not in favor of such a change for a number of reasons; not the least of which is the loss of automatic ballot status in several states. However, there are some intriguing possibilities if a name change is desired by the majority of Libertarians (libertarians?).

The article correctly observed that the two dominant parties have largely meaningless names which are of little or no philosophical significance. If the LP were to ever seriously consider changing its name I would suggest the name Constitutional Party. This name is not new and is quite meaningless. It has been used before in one variation or another in many states but is not to the best of my knowledge in active use at the present time.

Frankly, I like the name Libertarian because it really describes what we are all about, but as a candidate for office, both on the local and statewide level, I can see certain advantages to a more marketable name. For those of you out there who want to explore the possibility of a party name change; try calling yourself a Constitutionalist. How does it feel? How does it sound? Do you think you can sell it easier? Any other suggestions? Let's consider all aspects of a question as important as this before we do anything that could destroy our identity.

John D. McDivitt
El Paso, TX

John McDivitt received the LP U.S. Senate nomination in Texas. A rightwing "Constitutionalist" Party exists in several states. Ed.

In Memorial

Members of the LP headquarters staff and LP officers have expressed their regret and sadness at the unexpected death of Lanny Meyers, who served as Administrative Assistant at the National LP office. Lanny re-located to Houston when the party offices were moved from Washington, D.C., and he was known as a dedicated worker whose skills kept day-to-day operations running smoothly. Those who knew him, friends and co-workers, will sorely miss him. RIP. ■

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Alaska

The ALP is "on the march" again this year, with two strong candidates for State House already announced: Will Darsey for District 18 near Fairbanks, and Andre Marrou of Homer for District 5-B on the Kenai Peninsula.

The ALP is defying the state's election bureaucracy (the Alaska Public Offices Commission) by continuing its periodic raffles to raise operating funds, despite the APOC's attempt to get the party to treat the raffle proceeds as political contributions. Claiming that this is a "gigantic loophole" in the government's election laws (designed, of course, to hurt new political parties such as the ALP),

even the Alaska Department of Revenue and the IRS does not buy that theory. Executive Director Duncan Scott vowed to defy the government order, pointing out that it would be an "accounting nightmare" and is one more example of the state trying to "crush" the ALP. Annual ALP raffle income is estimated to be "\$100,000, probably closer to \$200,000", according to Scott. The LP of Anchorage is proceeding to raffle off a new 1984 Corvette in the meantime.

The Anchorage LP also had John Havelock on the proverbial "hotseat" for its June 11 meeting. Havelock is the Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate (the LP isn't running anyone) and his presentation was oriented towards libertarians and included an interesting Q & A session.

Former ALP Chair Dick Randolph announced that the ALP is taking over the petition effort to repeal the over 100% pay increase Alaska's politicians voted themselves in the waning days of the 1983 session. The pay is now over \$46,000 annually, plus \$80/day plus \$4000 annual "expense" money. The LP will take over the repeal effort from the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce effort, which faded at 19,000 signatures for the 1984 ballot. Randolph estimates that 26,000 signatures will be needed for the 1986 ballot.

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California

The California LP is in the enviable position of having overfulfilled its "good news" quota by a significant amount, in the wake of recent primary election victories. Erik Henrikson beat an incumbent to become Placer County Supervisor, LP Congressional candidate Howard Creighton helped defeated a bizarre \$36 per household "library tax" in Marin County, and the LP was instrumental in defeating a 1¢ increase in the Orange County sales tax (see related stories on these events elsewhere in this issue.)

Not all the news was good, however, since voters narrowly approved Proposition 20, the "political death penalty", by a 52% to 48% margin, which was opposed almost single-handedly by the LPC. This measure allows for removal from office if it can be proved that the victory was the result of provable lies and slanders about the opposition.

The LPC adopted a \$72,000 annual budget at its May 6 Lake Tahoe Executive Committee meeting, and also authorized Margy Gingell to continue as editor of the *California Activist*, the statewide newsletter. Gingell also serves as National LP Vice Chair.

Fresno-based California LP Executive Director Marshall Fritz announced his resignation as of June 15, and his leadership efforts will be missed by the state party. On the positive side, Fritz has been retained as a consultant by the National LP and is already providing much needed organizing experience in several areas. LP State Chair Jack Dean is conducting a search for a replacement Director for the California LP.

LP Presidential aspirant David Bergland made an extensive tour of his home state from July 8-July 17, with only two short breaks (one to attend the Missouri LP State Convention). His tour started in the southern part of the state, in the LA area and San Diego, traveled up the central valley to Bakersfield and Fresno, passed through San Francisco to Sacramento, and finally ended up in the Bay area to take advantage of the news media at the Democratic national convention in San Francisco.



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San Diego area LPer's were pleased with the results obtained by Betsy Mill in her two-way race for San Diego County School Board against an incumbent, in which she received nearly 40% of the vote (29,331 votes, for 39.5%).

San Diego libertarians heard from a speaker from SHARE (a self help private welfare group) during its June 19 meeting and from the president of the Americans for Separation of Church and State, at their July 24 meeting. San Diego theatrical producer Hadassa A.B. Small is casting a play about life in America under the first LP President, which should prove interesting.

The May supper club debate with the SD Mayoral candidates proved popular, with TV coverage and lively questioning. SDLP Vice Chair Dick Rider was featured in a TV editorial reply during May, opposing the so-called "prevailing wage" theory applied by the federal government.

Over 50 area libertarians helped with the LP exhibit at the Del Mar Fair, which helped spread the message in June. And San Diego LP Congressional candidate Sara Baase has been actively campaigning in recent weeks, with media attention on radio and in the papers. She has spoken at two candidate forums, sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the United Jewish Federation, and has responded to numerous questionnaires from interested groups. She held a chocolate tasting party for fund raising (these Californians are always thinking up something new...) on June 2 at the home of Jack and Carol Sanders, which was reported to be very successful, if not a tad fattening ...

Santa Barbara Libertarians heard from Reason Foundation President Robert Poole Jr. discussing national defense issues, on June 28, while Kern County LP'ers drew a record 20 in attendance to hear Dr. Dick Bilas, economics professor, talk-show host, and self-professed "born again" libertarian, speak on the subject of jury nullification. This presentation was also covered by a local TV station. The Kern County group is also sponsoring an informal study group focused upon Murray Rothbard's book **For a New Liberty**.

Fresno area libertarians heard from Dr. Howard MacCabee, president of Doctors for Disaster Preparedness, discuss the subject "Can Fresno Survive a Nuclear Winter?". The doctor downplayed the nuclear war/nuclear winter prospects but urged greater attention to civil defense measures.

The active "silicon valley" Santa Clara County Libertarian party has continued to be active, and now is conducting monthly supper club meetings in local restaurants. Their first speaker was Stanford Professor Ron Howard, recently returned from China, speaking on the subject "China - The First Libertarian County?" at their May 22 meeting. Libertarian "godfather" Murray Rothbard spoke on June 26 on the subject "The Flat Tax - and Other Fairy Tales."

Economist Joe Fuhrig received a coveted San Francisco *Chronicle* endorsement for his District 5 Congressional race, against opponent Sala Burton (Dem), and LP candidate Bill White received a nice "pat on the back" from San Jose *Mercury News* columnist Dale Lane, who noted that White "would not be outclassed by his big party rivals" in forthcoming candidate debates in his 12th District Congressional.

Contra Costa Libertarians hosted a July 11 Pot Luck Dinner, featuring among others, Berkeley LP candidate Fred Foldvary. On July 12 LP Ballot law ex-

pert Richard Winger hosted a reception for Dave Bergland at his San Francisco home, immediately followed by a radio interview for Dave on KGO.

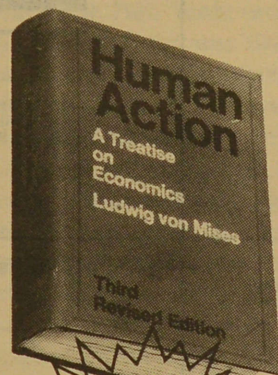
Finally, in addition to Henrikson's upset victory in Placer County, LP members Chuck Carr, Grass Valley surgeon Bob Murphy and Fred Colburn are mounting active campaigns in the area. Colburn faces a hawkish incumbent Republican and a Democratic opponent who reportedly "hears voices" and is convinced the FBI is following her (who knows, depending on who she is hearing...). Bob Murphy is also facing a flaky

opponent (no, the LP doesn't hold that monopoly...), a Democrat who is a Larouchite moonie, in addition to the incumbent conservative "independent" or "young conservative" Republican, in his State Senate race. Additionally, Calaveras County rancher Tom Tryon is thought to have a good shot at the District 4 Supervisor's race in that county.

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"Liberty Week" in the Aloha state took place on July 25 - 28, with the appearance of Presidential contender Dave Bergland on the 25th, at a chili and rice

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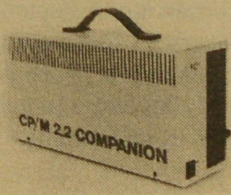
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dinner at the Maryknoll High School, and on Friday evening, July 27, Bergland was the featured speaker at the LPH banquet at the Outrigger Prince Kuhio Hotel. The Saturday, July 28 convention at the Ala Moana Americana Hotel also featured *Honolulu Star Bulletin* contributing editor A.A. Smyser, U. of Hawaii political science professor R.J. Rummel, and libertarian defense theorist Jeffrey Hummel.

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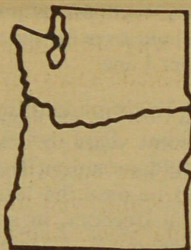
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Oregon

To an outsider, at least, from reading the OLP's state newsletters, it appears that this state party sometimes succeeds in spite of itself. In between long diatribes detailing nearly incomprehensible arguments over purported matters of "principle"; (the latest being the earth-shaking sin of being included in the government-published voter's guide), the OLP has made positive strides and genuine accomplishments despite this tendency to self-destruct. These seemingly childish antics have jeopardized the party's statewide ballot status, despite earlier legal victories and outside ballot drive assistance from the BFP campaign.

Despite these aberrations, 1972 LP Veep contender Tonie Nathan battled through the May 15 primary for a seat on the Lane County (Eugene) Commission, and will face incumbent Jerry Rust in November. Nathan received assistance from three Portland area libertarians who helped her distribute over 3,000 leaflets. Last minute endorsements and financial support

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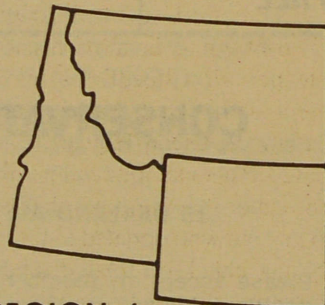
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helped her place second in the crowded field of five, as well as leaving her campaign in the black financially - a first for her!

Washington

The LPW was busy in July hosting LP Presidential candidate David Bergland in a brief tour of the state which culminated in his banquet appearance at the State Convention in Seattle July 21,22 at the Edgewater Inn. A follow-up nominating convention was held on July 28.

Potential candidates at this date are Karen Allard of Tacoma, Dean Brittan of Mt. Vernon, Doug Owens of Ancortes, and Mack J.T. Barnett, a CPA who will be shooting for the State Treasurer's office. The State LP is also working to support Initiative 468, dubbed as Washington's version of the famous "Proposition 13" of California fame.



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Idaho

Jim Lewis's Vice Presidential campaign tour through the Gem State was a tremendous success, judging from the press he received. His tour preceeded the State Convention, which was held in Boise June 9,10, which also saw extensive coverage of the 1972 LP: Vice Presidential candidate, Tonie Nathan (whose efforts preceeded Geraldine Ferraro's by over a decade). Lewis's press conference was covered by TV stations KBCI, KTVB and KIVI, as well as radio stations KIZN-FM, KBOI and KGEM. Lewis and Nathan appeared on KTRV-TV's half hour interview program as well as KAID-TV (PBS) half-hour program, Idaho Reports. Tonie Nathan made several speaking appearances as well, which were well covered, speaking on the topic "Libertarianism and Feminism." The Lewis, Nathan, and state convention activities virtually blanketed the state's newspapers and television with stories about the LP.

The three Boise TV stations also covered the state LP convention, including interviews with Jim Lewis. Other Convention business included the election of Barbara Sall as the new State Chair. Gregory Saylor was elected Vice Chair, D. Allen Dalton was chosen Secretary, Thomas Janstrom was selected Treasurer, and Sandra Sonntag and Bill Malan were tapped for At-large Executive Committee seats.

Montana

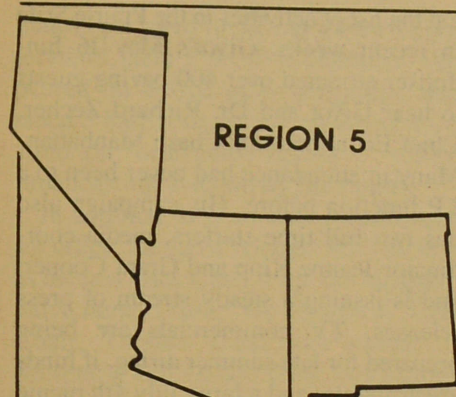
Montana's "Freedom Team" of gubernatorial candidate Larry Dodge and Lt. Governor hopeful Clifford Thies has kept

up a steady drumbeat of libertarian challenges to the political status quo. A sampling of recent press headlines tells the story: April 22 - Libertarian candidate against rate hikes for Montana Power, May 2 - Dodge gives views (questioning the incumbent's claim that 98% of Montanans have registered for the draft), May 5 - Libertarian protests study of Clark Fork (river basis, involving a water permit controversy), May 9 - Libertarian raps 'tourism welfare' (attacking governmental tourism promotional spending), May 12 - Indians match Libertarians (noting that American Indians are beginning to look at libertarian alternatives), May 22 - Libertarian takes on milk prices (Clifford Thies debating milk price controls with a representative of the Montana Dairymen's Association), and May 31 - Dodge says Schwinden farm proposals look like plans of communist world.

Wyoming

David Bergland capped a successful three-day tour of the state with his convention banquet speech at the WLP state convention in Casper during late May. David made an extensive tour through this large and sparsely populated state, visiting Cheyenne, Laramie, Rawlins, Rock Springs, Green River, Evanston and Casper, where he was interviewed repeatedly by local radio, television and newspapers.

Jim Blomquist was elected State Chair, succeeding Larry Gray, who became Secretary., Dave Dawson was chosen Vice Chair, and he also reports he plans to run for the State House.



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Arizona

Following the early May successful visit by David Bergland and the ALP State Convention, the Grand Canyon state libertarians have been active with a number of projects and meetings.

Looking ahead to 1985, three Libertarians have volunteered to begin planning and committee leadership for the Phoenix National LP convention scheduled for August 1985. Kim Horner, Kathy Harrer and Suzanne Kannarr have begun logistical planning for the festivities, and the state party has announced a contest for the convention "theme". Suggestions should be sent before Sept. 28 to 1985 Nat. LP Convention Theme, P.O. Box 501, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

Maricopa County (Phoenix area) Libertarians have begun a letters-to-the-editor campaign patterned after the successful Rochester NY effort, coordinated by Duncan Kunz. The Maricopa County LP also heard from Republican Sheriff's candidate Jack McLamb, who, while not a libertarian, was interested in presenting his case to the LP (who are not running their own candidate). This county also held a July 4 picnic at Squaw Peak Park, with beer, hot dogs, and music by a band led by Randall Clamons, the 1982 LP Senatorial candidate.

The ALP State Executive Committee met on June 23 in Flagstaff and approved a planned October 11, 12 visit to Arizona by LP Presidential candidate David Bergland. Trip coordinators will be Kathy Harrer and Chris Voss. The Committee also approved a state-wide voter registration drive as a number one priority, and will offer prizes to the persons registering the most voters as Libertarians.

Herb Johnson of Tucson is seeking to obtain the 5th Congressional District seat, and Randall Clamons, Tim Goodwin and Paul Dunakin are planning to run in state legislative races. Loraina Valencia is seeking the 3rd Congressional District seat and Tom Shook is aiming for the Mine Inspector position.

Perhaps one of the most interesting races to be held will be the LP battle for two of the three seats on the state's Corporation Commission. ALP Vice Chair

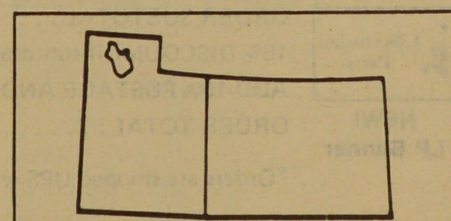
Ken Sturzenacker and Ron Tobin are seeking these offices, which hold the authority to regulate public utilities, among other things. A key issue in the campaign will be the fate of the Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant being built by Arizona Public Service Company, which is intended to provide power to areas in four states. The ALP has already gone on record supporting a state constitutional amendment opposing APS's attempt to collect construction-work-in-progress funds from state-mandated utility rates. Sturzenacker has repeatedly spoken out against the Palo Verde project including testimony at Commission hearings. The Palo Verde project is far behind schedule, far over original cost estimates, and current projections show that if completed, its will push utility rates to over twice their current level. The LP Corporation Commission candidates are facing either apologists for the APS or incumbents, and are making the necessity of a public audit a central plank in their campaigns. So far, Sturzenacker reports that the LP candidates are attracting support from a variety of groups opposed to Palo Verde, either on economic or technical grounds, and that a recent Rocky Mountain Poll by the Behavior Research Institute of Phoenix reports that opposition to Palo Verde is now running at 46%, up from only 20% a year ago.

New Mexico

NMLP Vice Chair Richard Jones reports that 1,022 signatures were filed on July 10 to place Shirley Jones on the ballot for the New Mexico 3rd Congressional District U.S. House. Only 685 signatures were required. Steve Curtis of the NM 1st Congressional District also filed his signatures, and Thomas Rushton of Albuquerque filed his signatures to run for the NM House of Representatives.

Nevada

NLP State Chair Dan Becan reports that there may be a first for the LP in that state with the nomination of two libertarians for the 2nd District (Northern) U.S. Representative seat. As of July 3, both Chair Becan and Kent Cromwell had filed for the LP nomination, to be determined in the September 3 primary. Both LP contenders are card dealers and Becan figures the race will be interesting, educational and good for the party.



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Colorado

LP Presidential candidate David Bergland's appearance topped off a successful Memorial Day weekend State LP convention in Denver, which also saw the election of Dwight Filley of Denver as new State Chair. Filley will also be doing double duty, as he is also the LP 1st Congressional District candidate, facing Democrat Patricia Schroeder. Betty Beverly was selected as communications director, Robert Hurt was chosen finance director, Victoria Mason was elected membership director and Penn Pfiffner was picked as campaigns director.

Also nominated for the November elections were Graig Green of Littlejohn for U.S. Senate. Jerry Van Sickle of Boulder was nominated for U.S. House, to run against neo-liberal Democrat Timothy Wirth. Jim Phelps was also nominated for State House from Clear Creek County.

Platform changes included calls for closure of the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant, an end to the state income tax, and opposition to development of the MX missile.

Utah

David Bergland swung through the Beehive State during May 30-June 1, and capped his visit off with a rousing presentation at the Karl Bray Memorial Dinner in Salt Lake City. He also visited Provo, Brigham Young University, the University of Utah and met with the LDS Church First Presidency while in Salt Lake City.

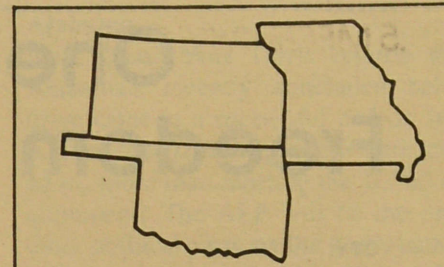
The ULP is running 30 candidates for office, including all three U.S. Congressional Seats, five state Senate races and 21 House races. In Davis County, for instance, the LP is running more candidates than the Democrats, with 5 versus the Dems' four. In four races, a Libertarian is running against a Republican incumbent with no Democratic opposition. State Chair Hugh Butler didn't predict any outright victories but was quoted in the Salt Lake City *Deseret News* as saying that some LP candidates plan to wage "very determined" races using door-to-door grassroots campaigns.

Among ULP platform positions adopted were calls to abolish the Utah Liquor Commission, repeal of laws prohibiting plural marriages, and repeal of campaign finance laws.

D.W. Crosby of Provo, who also announced recently for Utah's 3rd Congressional District race, is a professional carpet cleaner who headlined his announcement with "Utah Valley Carpet Cleaner Plans to Clean House."

The State LP also announced its plans to return state income tax check-off money to anyone who donated to the party via the tax check-off. All it takes is showing a copy of your tax return. The ULP has received about \$1000 from that process so far.

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Kansas

Sunflower State LPer's held a successful State Convention on June 9, which featured as guest speaker Reason Foundation president Robert Poole Jr..

The LPK nominated 14 candidates, with Senatorial candidate Douglas Merritt leading the ticket. Merritt, an Atchison City Commissioner and former Mayor, challenges incumbent Nancy Kassebaum, and must receive 1% of the statewide vote to keep the party on the ballot. Other candidates nominated include Bill Earnest of Wichita for State Senate and Cynthia Huber and Joel Heller for seats on the State Board of Education. James Melton, Lorence Bishop, John Brewer, John Foster, Kimberly Miller, Kent Earnest, and Tom Knop are all seeking seats in the Kansas House.

LP Vice Presidential candidate Jim Lewis made a two day swing through the state accompanied by KLP Senatorial candidate Douglas Merritt. The team visited Leavenworth, Atchison, Topeka and Wichita, and made appearances at Wichita State, Kansas State University, and Kansas University in Lawrence. A press conference was held at the State Capitol Building and a cocktail reception was also held in Wichita.

Oklahoma

Well, sometimes miracles do happen. Even to the LP. Only, usually a lot of pain and hardship must be endured first. The Oklahoma LP faced an extremely difficult ballot drive this year, from bad weather to arrests of petitioners on so-called public (i.e. government-owned) property. About the only thing which didn't occur was the proverbial "plague of locusts". (See related story in this issue.) Even arrest didn't deter the effort, as petitioner Anne Wampler got her fellow cellmate to sign her petition after they were both released. Despite these heroic efforts, the signature count came up short of the 44,000 needed in the 90-day period.

Fortunately, legal action proved more effective, despite initial setbacks such as an unfavorable Federal Court ruling for a 45-day extension. The state didn't even resist the successful court suit, which ultimately resulted in 1984 ballot access, made possible by the efforts of Tulsa attorney James Linger.

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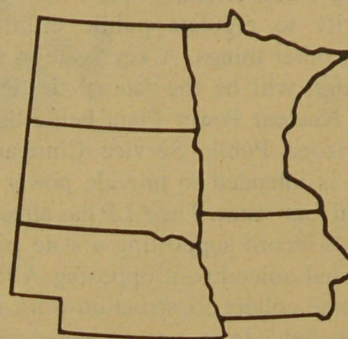
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Minnesota

The Minnesota LP heard David Bergland at their June 23-24 State Convention in Bloomington, which marked his 33rd appearance at an LP State convention since his nomination in September of 1983. He was also able to appear at several media events and managed to get some newspaper coverage in this hotbed of "Walter Mondalism". NatCom representative Linda Taylor was elected State Chair, replacing outgoing Chair Jack Ardoyno.

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Illinois

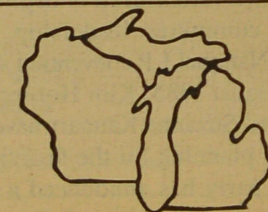
The ballot drive effort and Steve Givot's very active U.S. Senate campaign

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top the list of activities in the Prairie State in recent weeks. Givot's May 16 fundraiser attracted over 400 paying guests to hear Givot and Dr. Richard Zecher, Chief Economist for Chase Manhattan. Many in attendance had never been to a LP function before. His campaign also has two full time staffers, media coordinator Jeanne Kipp and Grant Cooper, and is issuing a steady stream of press releases. TV commercials are being prepared for late summer airing, if funds are available, and a large July 4th picnic also helped keep up enthusiasm for the race. State also met with a large PAC in Washington D.C. on June 5 and testified before the Congressional Joint Economic Committee on the role of the Federal Reserve. Givot suggested that the Fed be abolished and that a commodity currency be instituted. To date, Givot has appeared on television three times, over a half dozen times on radio, and over 25 times in newspapers.

The Libertarian Club of DuPage has also been active sponsoring petitioning parties and social events. On June 11 the anti-tax film **Harry's War** was presented at the College of DuPage.



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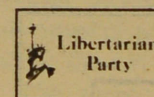
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Michigan

The highly active LPM is celebrating a "tremendously successful campaign trip" by LP Presidential standard-bearer Dave Bergland during mid-May, culminating with his appearance at their State Convention. Bergland gave more

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than 13 personal press and television interviews, held 5 press conferences, appeared on 8 live radio programs, and taped 3 half-hour television shows to be aired on local cable access or public broadcasting stations at later dates.

In addition to nominating candidates for office, the LPM selected Mart Hillard as the new State Chair, NatCom representative James Hudler was chosen as Vice-Chair, Thomas Jones was picked as Secretary, and Gerald Potts was elected Treasurer. Don Ernsberger, of SIL fame, conducted one of his successful fund raising efforts, and Indiana gubernatorial candidate Jim Ridenhour presented his workshop on "How to Win in 1984". Convention proceedings were filmed by Channel 56.

The LPM has also sponsored several special events, ranging from a two day candidate's training workshop held in Lansing on June 23-24, to a July 4th picnic in Kalamazoo and a July 8 lakeside picnic at Murray's Lake Club near Ann Arbor.

5th Congressional District candidate Richard Whitelock kicked off his campaign on May 25 with a news conference covered by 5 radio stations, two newspapers and one TV station. The Ionia mobile home dealer, Navy veteran and Ionia County LP Chair ran for state senate in 1982 and expects to run a lively race in the 5th District. His race is thought to be an important one since the incumbent U.S. Representative has withdrawn and Whitelock's presence is expected to significantly affect the outcome.

On the minus side, a state Court of Appeals perpetuated another injustice when it ruled (in true "bipartisan") fashion that a state law giving hundreds of thousands of tax dollars to Democratic and Republican gubernatorial candidates "is based on legitimate governmental objectives (!) and does not result in unfairness."

ning over government hiring policies to private political organizations amounts to unconstitutional usurpation, contrary to equal protection guarantees which should be honored.

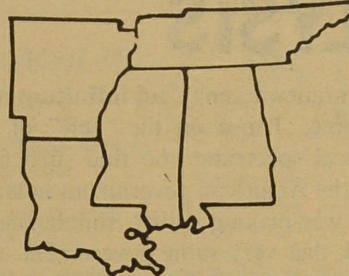
David Bergland made an extensive tour of the state during the week of July 4th, and was received very receptively by the press, according to State Chair Steve Dasbach, who was re-elected at the July 6,7 State Convention in Indianapolis. Dasbach said, "we were a bit surprised, but the news media were calling us up for interviews with Dave, in many instances, which was a pleasant change." Both Bergland and Veep candidate Jim Lewis were on hand for the convention banquet festivities, with over 50 people in attendance. Over \$2300 was raised. The Indiana LP also has filled all ten of its U.S. Congressional seats with candidates, and 4 out of 5 statewide offices were also filled with LP nominees.

Kentucky

Bluegrass State libertarians are still enjoying the positive fallout from David Bergland's April visit and their highly successful Tax Protest Day action in Lexington. The LPK also nominated a record 10 candidates for office, led by Ernie McAfee of Richmond, a former two-term state Chair. McAfee is planning to conduct an educational campaign, and in 1981 he received 13% of the vote in his State Representative race. Among the U.S. House candidates is investor and firefighter Thomas Vetter, who also champions the home schooling cause. In his campaign announcement, Vetter proclaimed, "a country where an average of 50% of the citizen's income is seized by the government is far down the road to a socialist tyranny."

Ohio

The Ohio State LP convention was held June 29-July 1 at the Hollenden House Hotel in Cleveland. LP Presidential contender David Bergland was the main banquet speaker, and Michigan LP Senatorial candidate and tax protester Lynn Johnston was a featured speaker. Robert De Brosse was selected as the new state LP Chair.



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Arkansas

Jim Lewis, LP VP candidate, made a valuable swing through Arkansas during the latter half of May, visiting Fort Smith, Fayetteville, Conway and Little Rock. His appearance sparked several good news interviews and he met with several local libertarian groups.

News reports indicate that libertarians will be focusing on local races, including Crawford County Justice of the Peace, and four ward seats on the Fort Smith Board of Directors.

Mississippi

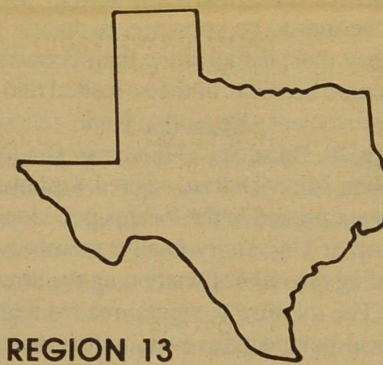
Mississippi LP Chair Charles Clark has been successful with his letters-to-the-editor effort, having two lengthy letters published in June in the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger*. In the first, he outlined a brief description of the libertarian political viewpoint in response to an earlier column, and in the second he questioned the need for centralized state water management, and instead proposed privatization of water supply systems as a practical solution.

Alabama

State Chair Yana Davis reports that Alabama's recently concluded ballot drive came to a successful end on July 6, when over 12,000 signatures were turned in, more than meeting the 11,300 requirement. The ALP will be the only other political party on the state's ballot, except for the two older "brand X" political parties.

The successful ballot drive effort was the result of outside BFP petitioners as well as local volunteer efforts, which gathered more than 1000 signatures. Davis reports that LPer's Steve Smith and Frank Montachelli "did a great job" in assisting the out-of-state petitioners with housing and meals.

The State LP will be fielding a record number of candidates, in addition to the presidential ticket. S.D. Yana Davis will be seeking the Senate seat, Timothy Gatewood is running for the Public Service Commission presidency, and Frank Tippler is seeking 2nd District U.S. House seat, Mark Thornton the 3rd District, Steve Smith the 6th District, Chuck Ewing the 7th District and Bob Chapulis is seeking the Jefferson County (metro Birmingham) Treasurer's post. Other Congressional races may be filled as well, and the ALP's first local candidates are running in Jefferson County for Tax Assessor (Frank Montachelli) and constable (Desta Montachelli and Ross Lowe).



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LP Presidential contender Dave Bergland made a very visible six-day swing through Texas during early June, visiting El Paso, Austin, Houston, Waco and Dallas-Ft. Worth, culminating in his banquet appearance at the State Convention in Arlington (Dallas metro area). He was interviewed by literally dozens of newspapers and radio stations, and TV coverage was surprisnbgly good, with appearances in El Paso, Austin, Houston, Waco and Dallas. While in Houston, in between appearances, *LP News* editor Mike Holmes obtained a two hour interview with Bergland which will be published in upcoming issues of this paper. Nearly 200 Houston area libertarians turned out for a Bergland reception at the Grand Hotel, and over \$2000 was raised.

The State Convention on June 8-10 saw

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While the LP lost its suit over the bipartisan personalized license plate racket in a recent federal suit, the LPI and the Indiana State Employee's Association filed suit in early May in Federal Court to challenge the constitutionality of the political patronage system in hiring state employees. Currently, over a third of the state's 29,000 employees need "clearance" from the Indiana Republican State Central Committee before being hired. Tur-

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POLICY ANALYSIS

by Donald Billings

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"Let all those who are actually concerned with peace--those who do love man and do care about his survival--realize that if war is ever to be outlawed, it is the use of force that has to be outlawed."

--Ayn Rand

Many Americans believe that the likelihood of a nuclear war between the two superpowers is greater than ever before. In November, most of us watched a movie which described a gruesome detail the horror of such a conflagration. More and more people, including the Germans, the British, and even the Soviets (to the extent their system permits feelings to be known), are deciding that they must demonstrate their concern -- become activists in the so-called anti-war movement. Recently, I and fellow libertarian, Boise State University faculty member Allen Dalton, signed a public statement printed in the local paper, along with other University faculty members, regarding the risks of continuing the arms race. The mixture of signatures from all political perspectives was, unfortunately, both encouraging for the cause and discouraging from our point of view.

It might very well be true that the prospects for reducing world tensions are improved by the show of concern for the human predicament by people from both the "left" and the "right." There remains, however, a fundamental distinction between those who oppose the use of force by government abroad, but relish and support it at home; **and**, those, like ourselves, who would eradicate the use of force and aggression where ever found. War has always been justified by the doctrine that the state is supreme. The case is made for coercion and the police power of the state from the unwarranted proposition that the use of force is justified by an appeal to the "public good." The notion that the rights of individuals can be sacrificed to the needs of government, as long as "good" is being done, stems from a collectivist ideology which holds the attention of much of the larger fraction of America's intellectual community.

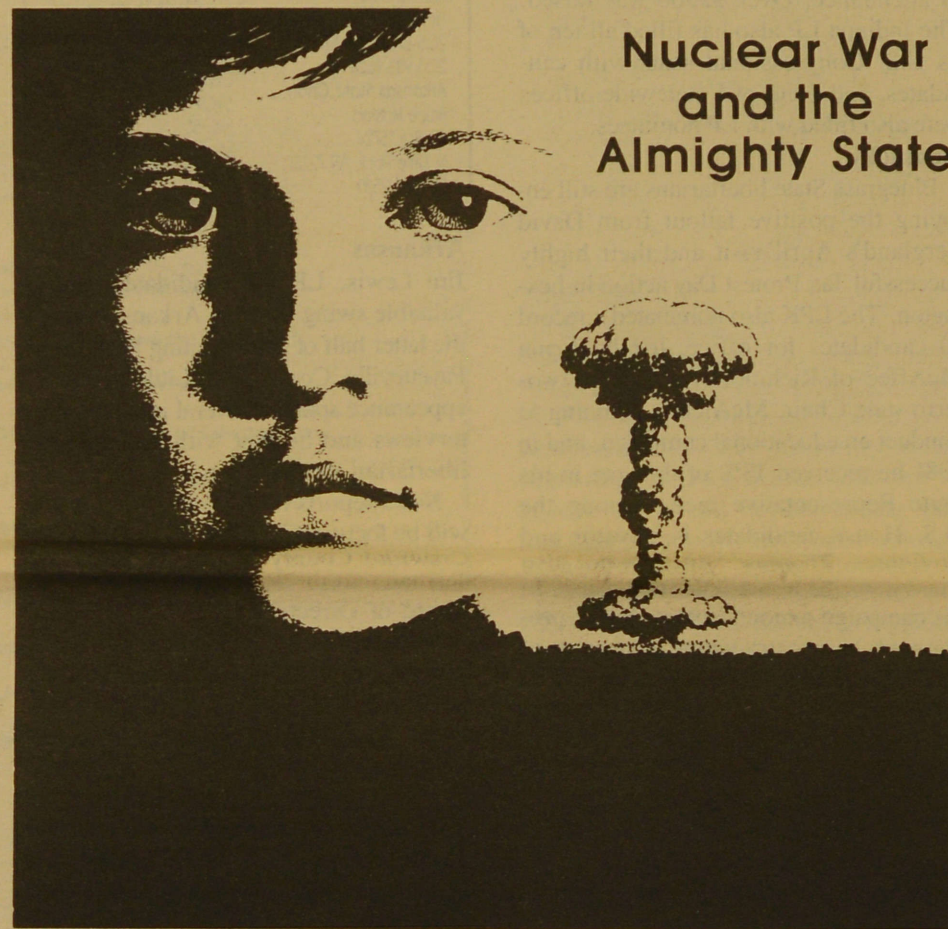
It is this very same idea, the power of the state to supposedly do good, which justifies the confiscation of people's property in the name of poverty, injustice,

urban renewal, envy, **ad infinitum** here at home. Those on the "left" of the political spectrum who find such fault with the American government in terms of its war-making ability, simultaneously ask that very same government--that institution in society with the legal monopoly on the use of force--to deprive some people of rights (to trade, produce, consume, acquire) in the name of some greater good.

Both before and after World War II, the "old right" advocated an American foreign policy, in accordance with George

world's major power blocs is the most likely way for nuclear war to develop." The television movie "The Day After" adopted this scenario. In this regard physicist Sam Cohen, the inventor of the neutron bomb, recently raised an interesting point: "This ought to make every American wonder why this President (Reagan), supported by Congress, continues to involve us in military intervention . . ." all over the world.

The current administration assumes that the judicious use of military force in our foreign entanglements is desirable. But they simultaneously argue that voluntary economic arrangements and limited government ought to prevail at home.



Nuclear War and the Almighty State

Washington's admonition to avoid foreign entanglements. The great Senator from Idaho, William Borah, for more than 30 years provided an eloquent case in the U.S. Senate for non-intervention abroad. After the war Robert Taft of Ohio, almost alone, carried this respectable banner. In contrast, the socialists and left-intellectuals bent on collectivizing the United States, pushed Teddy Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt toward war to "safeguard the national interest." Today things have been reversed. The "peace movement" is dominated by the left--the New Deal liberals, socialists, Marxist sympathizers and others; while the "conservatives" rattle their sabres and continue to assume both that it is our responsibility to police the world with the use of military force **and** that it is within our limited power to do so. George Ball, George Kenan, Earl Ravenal, and many others have convincingly shown the futility of this view.

The prestigious Snowcroft Commission in its report to the President on strategic nuclear forces reminded us that " . . . conventional war between the

Those on the left who decry the Reagan administration's bellicose foreign policy, simultaneously advocate the overthrow of private property and the market economy at home. The collectivists who would politicize all human interaction ask us to join with them in opposition to the American government's use of military power abroad, but at the same time try to convince us that Lenin and Mao were good guys. The omnipotent, all powerful government of both the right and left must be rejected. The totalitarian state, irrespective of its ideological base, must be condemned wherever found.

War is least likely where the police power of government is severely limited. It is **not** mere coincidence that the world was relatively free of war during the century following the Napoleonic Wars: the age of capitalism. The center piece of competitive capitalism's foreign policy is free trade. The leftist clergy who lie down on the railroad tracks to slow movement of nuclear bombs pray for peace when they **also** should be praying for free trade and limited government.

Which kind of government is most like-

ly to plunge a nation into war: a government of severely limited powers **or** the unlimited communist or fascist state? As we continue to assign greater and greater powers and responsibilities to the U.S. government to deal with the "public interest" at home, much like the Germans and the Italians did in the 1930s, the Leviathan State becomes ever more realistic. When all property belongs to the state, the presses, the great halls, we exist at its mercy. That's when we will really be in trouble. The philosopher and novelist Ayn Rand, in a piece entitled "The Roots of War" provided a profound and thoroughly libertarian summary of the problem we have with our collectivist friends who believe we can have it both ways:

"Observe the nature of today's alleged peace movements. Professing love and concern for the survival of mankind, they keep screaming that the nuclear-weapons race should be stopped, that armed force should be abolished as a means of settling disputes among nations, and that war should be outlawed in the name of humanity. Yet these same peace movements do not oppose dictatorship; the political views of their members range through all shades of the statist spectrum, from welfare statism to socialism to fascism to communism. This means that they are opposed to the use of coercion by one nation against another, but not by the government of a nation against its own citizens; it means that they are opposed to the use of force against armed adversaries, but not against the disarmed."

Indeed, true lovers of peace would do well to remember that message. Once the sword of coercion is unsheathed, regardless of purpose, it becomes a weapon not easily laid down by those who wield it. ■



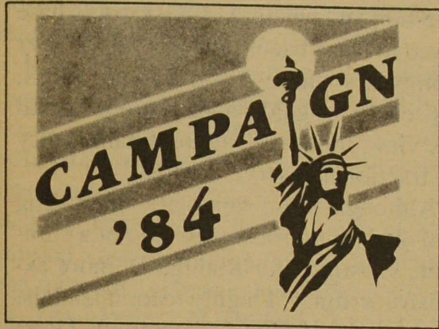
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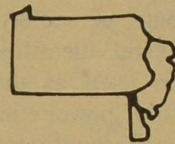
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the election of Roger Gary of San Antonio as the new Chair, with *Free Texas* editor, veteran LP activist and *LP News* cartoonist ("Invasion of the Bipartisans") Scott Bieser slotted for the Vice Chair position. Gary Johnson of Austin was elected Secretary, and other convention business included platform revisions and rules changes. John McDivitt of El Paso narrowly edged out Elizabeth Barthlow of Houston in the hotly contested race for U.S. Senate nomination. Dallas LP activist Ken Fisher was selected as Texas "Libertarian of the Year".

Despite the many LP gains in Texas in recent years, the Texas LP Ballot Drive came to a virtual halt as the July 9 deadline came and went. Remaining hopes for ballot status center on legal actions being taken to challenge several provisions of the state's tough election laws, which hold the dubious distinction of being among the most litigated in the nation.

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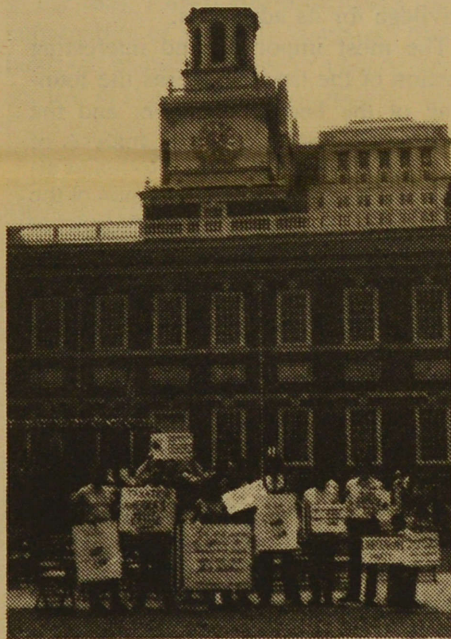
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Pennsylvania

Keystone State libertarians have been very busy in the past few months with their difficult ballot drive. A tremendous 65,000 signatures must be collected before August 1, and as of early June, only a quarter of those had been collected. The overwhelming majority of those collected have come from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and half of those have been collected by five real 'heros of the revolution': Frank Burns, Henry Haller, Rich Caligiuri, Keith Dudley and State Chair Ralph Mullinger.

Frank Burns was chosen to replace Ralph Mullinger as Philadelphia LP



Fifteen libertarians celebrated July 4th at Independence Hall with signs, costumes and literature, and were interviewed by local news media.

Chair, and LPP Secretary Russ Moon volunteered to become the Bergland for President Campaign Chair for the state.

In addition to the ballot drive, Pennsylvanian libertarians participated in at least two literature distribution efforts in the past few months. Rich Caligiuri, Keith Dudley, Soli Forouran, Daniel Tobias and Jean and Henry Haller distributed literature outside Heinz Hall in Pittsburgh prior to a symphony "Concert for Peace" on May 1. A leaflet written by Dan Mulholland describing Dave Bergland's pro-peace libertarian positions was distributed until all 500 were gone. And on July 4, 15 LP and SIL members distributed over 1000 Fourth of July brochures at Independence Hall, in a truly appropriate commemoration of that noble and historic data in America's history.

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Maryland

The May 12 Central Committee meeting approved a plan to help support Sxam Grove in his effort to obtain ballot status for his Congressional race. The state party is also offering to partially subsidize local parties to participate in their county fairs with a free booth and a \$50 rent subsidy.

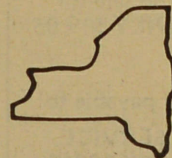
The LP's traveling salesman for Liberty, Jim Lewis, was also in the Free State during July, as the guest of honor at a wine and cheese party at the home of Barry Chodak in Westminster.

Maryland holds what is probably the latest state LP convention in the nation, with the 1984 convention scheduled for October 6 in Silver Spring.

West Virginia

Tim Hayden of Charlestown filed for the 40th District House of Delegates seat in the eastern end of the state, on July 2. Hayden is a building materials salesman and the Vice Chair of the Second District WV LP. A member of the LP since the 1980 Clark campaign, Hayden's race is believed to be the first of its kind by the LP in this state. He will be running against just one opponent, a Democrat, and needs to collect only 34 signatures to run. While the district is 82% Democrat, Hayden stresses he is going to "build for the future" and his main campaign issues will be the increasing burden of taxes which are stifling new business growth and the unfairness of the current hysteria to legislate a new 21 year drinking age.

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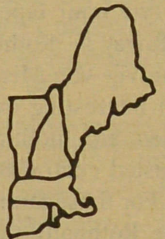
In addition to hosting the LP National Committee meeting in Rochester over the July 28-29 weekend, upstate LPer's in Rochester also celebrated the July 4th holiday with a rally and parade and also held a July 22 Libertarian Picnic.

The Free Libertarian Party concluded its spring series of events at NYU's Loeb Student Center by hearing from Mr. Tenzin Tethong, representative of the Tibetan government in exile, who spoke of Tibet's history and human rights problems under the thumb of Chinese Communist occupation.

The FLP has also invested its \$20,000 profit from the 1983 NYC LP Nominating Convention and is using the income to finance local chapter projects to further public awareness of the LP.

Registered nurse Wanda Hudak announced her candidacy for Broome County Executive, according to the *Binghamton Press*, and proposes to abolish the county's 3% sales tax over three years, opposes a county-wide housing code, and favors privatizing garbage disposal services. She is the first candidate the LP has run for County office in this county. Hudak was a Democrat until last year.

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Lewis for Vice President campaign coordinator Thomas Ross was elected Chair of the LPC at their state convention held in Meriden on June 2. Charles Sundblade was elected Vice Chair, John Trappen was tapped as Treasurer and Bob Ortscheid was elected Secretary. Stimulating presentations were also given by Jim Peron, on his recent study of highway privatization, Mark Brady, who spoke on international libertarianism, Dave Hoesly and Alan Burris of New York, who discussed internal education using the book *Liberty Primer*, and Yale economics professor Jennifer Roback, who discussed her recent book research on the topic "Government and Racism."

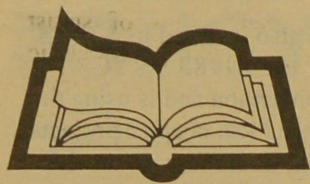
Currently announced LPC candidates include Don Wood for District 2 Congress (he was also written up recently in the *Middletown Press*), Mike Cohen for District 3 U.S. House, Monte Dunn for District 6 and Charles Sundblade for District 1.

The state party has also approved the filing of a lawsuit in Federal Court challenging certain portions of the state's election law, including the inability to register as "Libertarian" and the prohibitive cost for new parties to obtain ballot access.

Massachusetts

The LPM is laboring under a July 30 deadline to complete their ballot drive, which was extended as a result of court

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BOOK REVIEWS

by Tom Bernhardt

Banking & The Federal Reserve, two audio tapes, two-hours, set \$19.95

Tom Bernhardt is a Houston-based computer consultant and libertarian activist. His hobbies include breaking the 55-MPH speed limit and reading history and economic theory.

Banking & The Federal Reserve is a two hour taped speech given by Dr. Murray N. Rothbard at a meeting of the Ludwig Von Mises Institute. The tape is an interesting exposition of the events, men and political forces which have foisted central banking upon us.

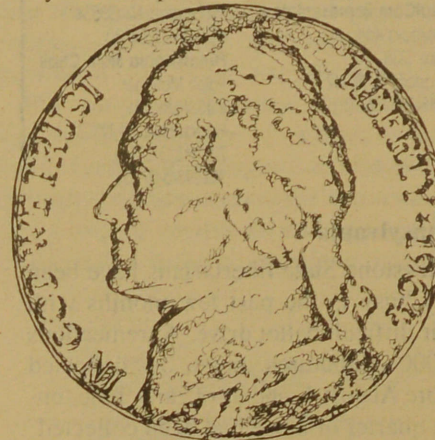
For those familiar with the writings of Dr. Rothbard, the tapes are essentially a mix of **The Mystery of Banking** (also reviewed in this issue), America's Great Depression, and a sprinkling of **Conceived in Liberty** (all by Rothbard), without all the "gory detail." Many people who have an interest in these topics have difficulty reading these scholarly works because of the great detail. For all of the "amateur" scholars out there who have little interest in every date, event, name, economic theory and political movement associated with banking, but who still

would like to understand the fundamentals and historical high points, these tapes will prove of great value. They are highly informative, well organized, and often amusing.

These taped talks begin with the premise that "if its (central banking) origin is steeped in iniquity and the form and nature continues the same after that ... than one can conclude that the current situation is iniquitous." Dr. Rothbard then proceeds to give an historical account of how central banking began in the very late seventeenth century when the British government, in a continuous search for more revenue to finance imperialist expansionism, hit upon the creative idea of central banking. As a result the Bank of England, which through the use of inflation, suspension of specie payments, and certain monopoly privileges, was able to succeed where other governmental methods of "revenue enhancement" had failed.

A pervasive theme is an analysis of who the advocates of central banking were, what their previous history was, who their associates were, and what they got out of it. This conspiracy theory, or what Rothbard prefers to call "power elite analysis", is of a different ilk than that associated with prevalent conspiracy

theories. Most contemporary conspiracy advocates seem to think that it is the evil association of certain powerful men which creates the wrongs of society. Rothbard, on the other hand, identifies government intervention itself as the culprit and merely uses his "power elite analysis" to explain how and why it came



about. This conveys an important insight for libertarians, many of whom think that the origin of government perversion is unimportant, capricious, or solely the consequence of some lofty philosophical errors. Rothbard shows that although the philosophy of statism is a necessary prerequisite, almost every new government expansion has its roots in special privilege for its advocates.

The most important and interesting portion of the tapes concerns the founding of the Federal Reserve, and the Austrian Economics school analysis of the great Depression. Here, Rothbard attributes the creation and expansion of the Fed to the devious workings of agents of J.P. Morgan & Co., with the foundation laid by the populist sentiment of the Progressive movement. Rothbard cannot help but take a few pokes at the "Friedmanites" (followers of Chicago School economist Milton Friedman), who have often been associated with the Austrian school because they both share the view that monetary policy played a critical role in the Depression. However, as Rothbard says, "this is where the similarity ends, because the Austrians and the Friedmanites (Monetarists) have the opposite view." Friedman believes that the Depression was caused by the Fed's failure to keep the money supply from rapidly deflating, while Rothbard's Austrian analysis states that it was the monetary inflation of the twenties which produced the business cycle leading to the Depression.

The final tape segment proposes a mechanism for returning to the gold standard. The first step in the establishment of a gold standard is to define the dollar in terms of gold, i.e. a certain weight per dollar. This would result in the abolition of the Fed because it would no longer have any assets or function, and 100% reserves for the banks would be mandatory. Rothbard has some problems with this proposal himself, since it gives the banks a big bonanza by making them solvent (via 100% reserves). It is clear that his emotional sentiment would be to have the bankers all publicly hanged. However, he has heard of no better proposal to date. Unfortunately, these tapes lack a

question-and-answer period. I would have loved to hear discussion and debate over Rothbard's more controversial ideas, especially his gold standard proposal and his view about the inherent bankruptcy of fractional reserve banking.

Although these tapes are interesting and often humorous, they are not a complete substitute for Rothbard's more extensive writings. I highly recommend the booklet **What Has Government Done to Our Money** and his newest book, **The Mystery of Banking**. Both are readable and explain complex issues in a clear manner. For the more scholarly, I would also recommend Rothbard's **America's Great Depression**.

by Joe Fuhrig

The Mystery of Banking, by Murray Rothbard, 286 pages, published by Richardson & Snyder, distributed by E.P. Dutton. hdbk \$19.95.

Joe Fuhrig is a Professor of Economics at Golden Gate University in San Francisco. He has been active in the Libertarian Party for many years, and ran for Congress in 1980, receiving 7.5% of the vote. In 1982 his statewide U.S. Senate race resulted in 105,000 votes for the Libertarian ticket. He is currently running for Congress in the 5th District, and was endorsed in the recent primary by the San Francisco Chronicle.

Murray Rothbard's **The Mystery of Banking** accomplishes a couple of major tasks in the formulation of a Libertarian framework for a sound, free-market monetary policy, while leaving unfinished some interesting and important ideological discussions.

The real strength of this volume lies in two crucial areas. First, Professor Rothbard has offered us a primer on the essentials of money and banking which builds on the persuasion and the logic of his essay "What has Government Done to Our Money?" Second, he has made the issue of the separation of money and state the central one in any discussion of long run economic stability.

Libertarians and hard-money advocates have passed around their much-used copies of "What has Government Done to Our Money?" in an effort to convince their friends and associates that money is more than a bureaucratic invention. In fact, many libertarian professors of economics have made this little pamphlet the outline of their monetary theory lectures in beginning and intermediate courses. **The Mystery of Banking** serves as a welcome elaboration on the ideas of this earlier work. Indeed, it is an invaluable teaching tool.

In the course of his discussion on the emergence of money in society, Professor Rothbard manages to communicate one of the important fundamentals of the Austrian School of Economics: that there are institutions in society (such as money) which are the result of human action, but not of human design. This places money squarely in the tradition of many other delightful results of spontaneous pro-

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It was Dr. Ludwig von Mises who first asserted that money could not be explained except as an unintended creation of voluntary market processes. And, that government monetary policy could neither mimic nor improve upon the market's ability to conduct and regulate the monetary affairs of a complex society. **The Mystery of Banking** is a cogent restatement of this concept with the added benefit that it is likely to reach a far wider audience than its literary predecessors.

Professor Rothbard's discourse on the place of money in a free society lays the groundwork for his argument that the only lasting solution to the monetary problems of the 20th Century is the complete separation of money and state. This insight clearly distances his work from the Keynesian-Demand Management position, while just as certainly distinguishing his view from the Friedmanite-Monetarist camp.

As **The Mystery of Banking** chronicles the development of bank regulations through the centuries, and traces the centralization of authority in the Federal Reserve Board, it is clear that the central issue is the socialization of money and banking. The distinctive feature of the 20th Century seems to be that government has completed the project. The central problem confronting the Keynesians was (and is) the central problem confronting the Monetarists. Both schools take, as given, the assumption that money will be socialized and banking heavily regulated. All that remains to be discussed is the specific form of the political solution designed to counteract the "Crisis of The Moment."

Professor Rothbard argues that monetary problems do not admit to political solutions. The Friedmanite prescription of steady-state monetary growth is just as harmful and dangerous as Keynesian pump-priming. Both policies rest on the notion that the unintended negative effects of turning the control of money over to government can be managed or eliminated by the leadership of wise and selfless authorities. The Friedmanites point to the leadership of Benjamin Strong in the early days of the New York Fed, while the Keynesians romanticize about the vision and boldness of Walter Heller's "Great Society". **The Mystery of Banking** coldly states that neither path has the slightest chance to achieve even the modest results attained by the gold standard of the 19th Century. Once government is in charge of the monetary mechanism, the leaders will utilize their position to seize the monetary property of ordinary citizens. To presume statesmanship or nobility of motives is to demonstrate a refusal to examine overwhelming amounts of historical evidence.

The Rothbardian solution involves a principled and thorough reaffirmation of free-market monetary practices. But this is more than a simple return to the institutions and folkways of the 19th Century. It is a program to label fractional reserve banking as fraudulent, and to



establish a social consensus that only full reserve banking will be tolerated.

There are obvious problems implicit in this solution. Foremost on the list must be the observation that there is nothing unlibertarian or immoral about fractional reserve banking if the community is aware of the essential nature of the contract they are making with their bank. It would be tantamount to proscribing mar-

riage because the intended mate might die within the next six months. As long as the parties understand the risks involved, no fraud can be said to exist. As to the critique that such banking practices are destabilizing or "cycle-inducing" it can be argued that an unexpected autonomous change in social time preference could have the same result, and that no libertarian would wish to forbid a voluntary change in time preferences.

But this is all a small part of a much larger question. A question which, regrettably, was not addressed in **The Mystery of Banking**. It is a question of ideology and social consensus. Society gets a monetary system and a level of state interference that reflects what it believes to be necessary. We suffer the awesome burden of intervention in our lives in the

1980's because generations of statist academicians have convinced the public that nothing else works. Unless or until we can reconstruct a consensus that free enterprise capitalism and free-market money are viable, practical solutions, the debate over full reserve banking will be a purely academic exercise.

The rebuilding of pro-capitalist ideology on the ruins of two decades of Keynesian Stagflation is a question perhaps beyond the scope of Rothbard's current book. But it speaks directly to the role of the libertarian activist in our society. If Professor Rothbard's ideas are to have an impact on the monetary system of the 21st Century, it will be because libertarians have convinced the public that freedom works in every part of our daily lives. And that this is particularly true in monetary affairs. ■

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action. Even so, the Massachusetts effort faces many obstacles and is considered to be among the most difficult states in which to obtain ballot access.

State Committee member Joseph Coyle came within 108 votes of winning election to the Dracut Charter Commission in the May 7 town election. It was the culmination of an active campaign that holds out realistic promise of a libertarian success in Dracut in the near future. The Commission election chose the top nine finishers, and Doyle finished only 2% out of the money. Even more interesting was that Coyle's close finish was in a race where virtually all of the winners were either town employees, former employees or relatives of town notables. It is hoped that the name recognition obtained can be used in future election efforts.

New Hampshire

Granite State second Congressional District LP candidate Alan Groupe blasted the incumbent Congressman's proposal to have the federal government study a Chrysler-type bailout of the troubled Public Service Company of New Hampshire, which is in poor financial shape due to its decision to build uneconomic nuclear power plants. Groupe was quoted in the *Nashua Telegraph* as saying, "if you reward people for being poor managers, you're going to get lots of poor managers. The best thing that could happen for New Hampshire electricity consumers is to have PSNH go the way of the Edsel and be replaced by a company that would not look upon its monopoly status as a license for recklessness." Groupe, 27, is a Nashua homeowner and is a technician for the Telesis Systems Corp.

Vermont

Jim Lewis, LP Vice Presidential candidate, completed a highly productive tour through the Green Mountain state during May 31-June 2. Accompanied by State LP Chair C. Lynn Fyfe, LP Congressional candidate Jim Hedbor and gubernatorial candidate William Wicker, Lewis managed to squeeze in 16 stops during this three day tour. Virtually every mealtime and evening was booked for

campaign stops and appearances. His visit resulted in over a dozen stories carried on the statewide AP and UPI wires.

Jim Hedbor has been active with his campaign, having traveled more than 2500 miles so far and has distributed thousands of pieces of campaign literature. Among his campaign visits have been a speech at a meeting of the National Association of Life Underwriters in Burlington, a presentation outlining highlights of his campaign themes at the University of Vermont in Montpelier, and speaking to the Vermont Law School in Royalton. He has also taken up the cause of the Vermont home knitters, who have been under increasing legal attack by the Department of Labor trying to "protect" them out of business.

Gubernatorial candidate William Wicker also spoke at the UVM Libertarian Campus Organization recently, highlighting his call for increased personal, economic and political liberty.

Vermont LP members were also helpful in a recent effort to assist the ballot drive effort in the neighboring New England state of Maine.

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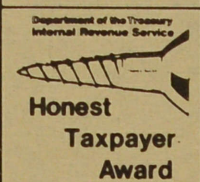
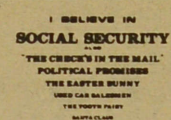
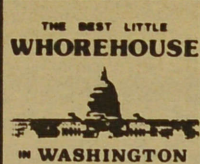
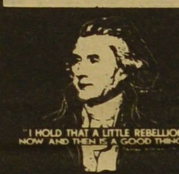
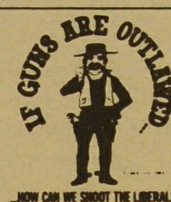
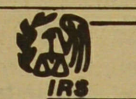
South Carolina

The SCLP will reconvene its state convention on August 18 at the Town House in Columbia. LP VP candidate Jim Lewis will be the featured speaker, capping his planned statewide tour which encompasses Greenville-Spartanburg on Aug. 16 and Columbia and Aiken on August

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LP Senatorial candidate Steve Davis is mounting an active challenge to incumbent Strom Thurmond (see related article in this issue.) Other LP candidates in the state have also been receiving considerable publicity.

Darlington physician Hugh Thompson has been attacking the incumbent 6th District Congressman Robin Tallon in a series of fiery press releases. "Robin

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Tallon told reporters the MX missile program was 'wasteful and useless', and then turned around and voted for it anyhow," Dr. Thompson charged. "We don't need, and can't afford, a 'wasteful and useless' Congressman." He also noted that his opponent has been labeled a "Big Spender" by the National Taxpayers Union, and observed that "we must get the big spenders out of Congress."

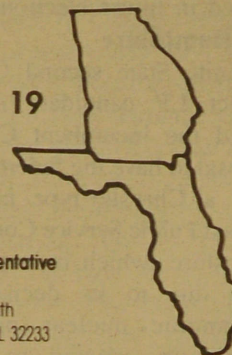
Meanwhile LP 3rd Congressional District candidate Robert Madden has publicly attacked the proposed nationwide 21 year drinking age limit. A June 28 AP wire story quoted Madden as saying, "if raising the drinking age to 21 is justified because it might save one life, why don't we raise the drinking age to 60 and save even more lives?" He blamed anti-drinking groups for trying to scapegoat the under-21 year olds for problems attributable to individual irresponsibility.

North Carolina

LP Presidential contender Dave Bergland made a successful sweep through the state in late June, resulting in numerous media appearances and news stories. It was culminated by an appearance at the State Convention in Charlotte on the weekend of June 23-24.

IBM programmer Fritz Prochnow also received considerable attention with his prediction that he may receive at least 10% of the gubernatorial vote, which resulted in several newspaper stories. Bobby Emory's Senate race may also prove decisive, since his presence may well prove to be the "balance of power" in the heated contest between Dem. James Hunt and incumbent Republican Jesse Helms.

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Florida

The LPF selected new officers at their Memorial Day Convention in St. Petersburg. Dianne Pilcher was elected Chair, Andrew Parramore Vice Chair, Bill Hill was elected Secretary and Chris Cummings, Treasurer. Elected to the State Executive Committee were Rex Curry, Robert Vogel, Jon Asfor, Gerald Nyren, Alan Turin, Stan Walker, Guy Webb, and David Travis.

The originally scheduled "Galt's Gulch Reunion" previously advertised for Labor Day Weekend in Ft. Lauderdale has been indefinitely postponed, according to the organizer. The original hotel site was sold

and the organizer has relocated to California. The event may be re-scheduled at a new place and date. ■

From the Chair

Paul Grant

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ing solutions. For the longest time, too many people said that we didn't have these problems, or that they would somehow cure themselves. Now we see that this isn't so.

A number of LP members feel burned out or used up because they didn't fully understand the long-term nature of the process of political change. Too much hype, too many unrealistic objectives, too much emphasis on short-term goals -- all have led some Libertarians to think that libertarian political action has failed. That people have rejected libertarianism. That they, personally, have failed.

But our political action has not been a failure. Not, at least, by objective standards. And the general public is just barely aware of us, and doesn't know us well. So they certainly haven't rejected us. Libertarianism has long-term solutions for society's problems. We're going to have to stick around long enough to show people that this is so. As problems in society keep re-occurring, we have to keep providing consistent application of libertarian analysis and libertarian policy recommendations. If we do, we will earn considerable respect for ourselves and for our ideas. When we gain that respect, we can begin to make some real progress in the pro-freedom direction.

Along the way, we have to do what any political organization must do to grow: recruit new members, train new activists, build enthusiasm for our ideas, and reward people for their efforts. Some of our state parties are way ahead in implementing programs for this growth and development. California, for one, has developed wonderful outreach and recruiting techniques.

Where we have learned some of the successful techniques for party-building and the spreading of libertarian ideas, we must take that learning and share it. The Libertarian Party is working on a program to do just that. Marshall Fritz, who recently stepped down from a very successful tenure as the California LP Executive Director, is now doing some consulting work for the National Party. We'll be working with him and with others to see that our most successful experiences and techniques are communicated throughout our organization.

If we handle 1984 correctly, this can be the year that marks the Libertarian Party's graduation to the status of a serious, viable, long-term political organization. No longer dependent on one source of funds, or upon a few self-anointed "indispensable leaders" we can now get on with our long-term program of bringing about a truly free society. ■

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