



## Join Us For TaxDay April 15th

Probably the best day for recruiting libertarians is April 15. It's on this day that the message is brought home to average citizens that their labor belongs to the government, at least as far as the government is concerned. We undertake Tax Day to protest and express our anger and outrage about the income tax. We also want to:

- 1) Raise the consciousness of others-- people who may never have thought about the issue;
- 2) Make contact with other individuals who share our position and encourage them to join the LP;
- 3) Generate publicity, obtain media coverage, and thereby build LP name recognition;
- 4) Change public policy-- get rid of taxation;
- 5) Have a good time working together with other libertarians!

Fortunately for us, large numbers of disgruntled citizens gather at post offices around the country for last-minute tax filing. As in past years, we plan to meet the taxpayers with information about how the LP is the only political party that believes that they should control the fruits of their own labor.

To make Tax Day a success, we need your help handing out literature, and making a physical presence at local post offices. Please contact Eric Harlow at (415) 964-3655, or David Bonino at (408)947-0395, or Ron Pottle at (408)226-3250, for an assignment.

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## FROM THE TRENCHES

### The Drug War From The Bottom Up

by Eric Harlow, Activities Chair

First, a retraction: The report in the Feb '94 issue that 5 U.S. senators and 16 congresspersons had signed the "Resolution for Peace" was in error.

Investigation disclosed that Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke had sent out letters to senators outlining the resolution concept of calling for a Commission of Inquiry into the failing drug laws.

By late Feb, six senators had responded and requested further information on discussions with the mayor and his staff. Meetings are being arranged at this moment (mid March). Two additional senators, Sam Nunn (R-GA) and Joe Biden (D-DE) are "nibbling" at the mayor's effort. The six senators are: Danforth (R-MO), Mack (R-FL), Spector (R-PA), Mitchell (D-ME), Pell (D-RI), and Kerry (D-KA). Again: stroke them all with a letter of support for their COURAGE, and suggest they bring other congressional colleagues to the peace table. Address: c/o U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., 20510. Please keep it simple. Do it today!

The reason this idea of a commission is so vital to the cause of ending the war on drugs comes from our recent past.

It was the Wickersham Commission of 1929-30 that reported on Jan 7, 1931, to President Hoover and Congress that prohibition of alcohol was a failure. The legitimacy of this position allowed Democrats the opportunity to run against the National Prohibition Act, which gave alcohol control over to the Federal government.

They won over 100 "extra" congressional seats in Nov 1932, and with the repeal amendment passing in Utah on Dec 6, 1933, our National Alcohol Prohibition Enforcement Act-- and social nightmare-- ended.

All that awaits us today is the massing of public support for a present day commission. Judging from the results of Mayor Schmoke's action, support is growing.

Now for a few excerpts from the Wickersham Comm. Report:

Page 3: ..over one hundred and fifty years of experimenting with systems of restrictions through taxation and excise, closing hours prohibition of selling to certain types of persons, high license, local option, state dispensaries, state prohibition, and finally, National Prohibition, have not disposed of the subject (Con't on 3)

## What Are The Real Libertarian Magazines?

By Dante DeAmicis

**HURRY! HURRY!** Step right up and get your libertarian magazines. What, you say, is a libertarian magazine? Good question!

We have "Liberty" magazine for right-wing libertarians, and "Anarchy- Journal of Armed desire" for the libertarian left.

"Reason" magazine survives by marketing to policy-oriented conservatives, who usually cancel in droves whenever an explicitly libertarian article appears.

"The Connection", (formerly "Libertarian Connection") has been published since the mid seventies by Erwin Strauss (a.k.a., Filthy Pierre). This is a subscriber-journal entry-discussion format-- for all viewpoints, but still skewed toward libertarianism. Strauss's continuous advertising results in a subscriber base of 110 to 120 people.

Now that all my negative comment are out of the way, I'd like to proceed to what I call "real libertarian" magazines. These are publications that present libertarianism in a context that could result in a libertarian lifestyle - a term that totally baffles the California LP state chair.

First, there is the relatively new "Wired" magazine, devoted to cutting-edge information technology, and its connection to politics and culture. The sociological implications of computer, telephone, and video are emphasized. Specifically, are we going to take this brave new tech by the horns and use it to reinvent our lives toward freedom, or are we going to allow the state to dominate it and herd us around with it?

Second, I count the whole

self-sufficiency crowd's rags as real-lib. The mainstay for years was the "Mother Earth News" until it went rural-yuppie in the 1980's. Then the fired staffers formed "Back Home" magazine ("Backwoods Home" is a different but similar magazine) and are carrying on in the same "can do" spirit. Though skills oriented, it is laced with scathing political insight. "Organic Gardening and Countryside and Small Stock Journal", are good back-up sources in this genre.

Finally, I give you "Communities- Journal of Cooperative Living" which is just loaded with context. Formerly independent, it is now part of the Fellowship for Intentional Community. This group represents a movement that has been around for years, but which just had, in Aug 93, their first national outreach oriented convention. Although somewhat flaky around the edges, I found it both an inspiring and practical experience. The "Communities" magazine deals with the substantive issues involved in actually building the type of community that makes your own vision of freedom possible, without having to change the whole world first.

I left with the feeling that at last I'd come home. The difference between this intentional community conference and most libertarian conventions was like the difference between tantric sex and jerking off.

What all these "real libertarian" magazines have in common is this: They are meant to be used, not pulped.

## HOW BAD MUST IT GET?

(Editor's Note: This is an excerpt from a longer article published by the Fund to Restore An Educated Electorate, P.O. Box 3339, Kerrville, TX 78029. The views expressed are not necessarily those of the Libertarian Party, but are presented as being of interest to libertarians.)

How would the people react if the oil companies were authorized by Congress to change the quantity of gasoline in a gallon; or if farmers were authorized to change the quantity of wheat in a bushel; or if coal producers were authorized to reduce the weight of coal in a ton?

Would it be an overstatement to say there would be a revolution before dawn? And yet, this is exactly what has happened to our money system. Without complaint we allow the reduction in value of the "dollar" by the issuing banks through their participation in the Federal Reserve System.

The Dollar is defined in the U.S. Coinage Act of 1792 as 371.25 grains of fine silver. The word "Dollar" is a unit of weight just as a "gallon" is a unit of liquid measure and "bushel" is a unit of volume. To refer to a "Dollar" without saying of what is like saying "a gallon," or "a bushel," or "a ton" without specifying "of what." Congress, in fulfilling its authority under Article I, section 8, - "Congress shall have the power ... to establish weights and measures," - established the weight of a "Dollar." *That law has never been repealed nor amended.*

We would recognize the fraud immediately if the size of a gallon, bushel or ton were reduced by the producer in order to get the same value for less product. Why does no one cry "foul" or "fraud" when the money issuer changes the weight of the money unit?

We have allowed the "money changers" the bankers, economists, and educators to deceive us. They have convinced us that this reduction in value is a naturally occurring phenomenon called "inflation." Not only have they reduced the value of the Dollar to zero (now unredeemable in silver), but they charge interest for its issue. ... All the present argument in Congress about deficit reduction and paying off the Federal Debt only contributes to the confusion about the nature of money and conceals the causes for the decline in economic activity, loss of

jobs and export of industries. So, the economy of the United States is being gradually destroyed by the operation of its usury money system...

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**From the Trenches**

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*(drinking and drunkenness)*

Page 4 ... But there are special and intrinsic difficulties in liquor control and particularly in a regime of absolute prohibition. Settled habits (freedom of choice) and social customs (resistance) do not yield to legislative fiat.

Conclusion: ... The time has arrived when in the interest of our country we should lay aside theories and emotions, free our minds from the blinding influence of prejudice, and meet the problem as it exists.

Commentary of Harry W. Anderson:  
I regret that I cannot concur in the view that further trial be made of the existing system before reaching a final conclusion as to its (The Amendment) enforceability. Aside from the difficulties as to the future determination of the results of this trial, in my view a study of the facts and existing conditions, as presented in the report, and of fundamental and controlling causes thereof, leads inevitably to the conclusion that the Amendment and law cannot be enforced."

More on the Wickersham Report next time. Peace, Love, and Work Hard at circulating the "Resolution For Peace".

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**Santa Clara Libertarian**

This newsletter is the monthly publication of the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County, a non-profit organization. A membership application may be found in this issue. Interested parties may contact our office, or visit one of our scheduled meetings(listed in the calendar of events) for more information. You may also log onto the Liberty Bell BBS at (408)243-1933., or send comments to newsletter editor Don Cormier at 439. S. White Road, San Jose, CA 95127.

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**Calendar of Events**

Free and Clear KKUP, 91.5FM, Apr. 6, 20 6-8AM, hosted by Don Cormier, Jon Steele, and Chuck Olson.

LPC Officer's Meeting (open to the public) 7-10 PM, Libertarian Party Office, 3249 Stevens Creek Blvd. Call (408)229-1726 for date.

Discussion Group Sunnyvale, Apr. 13, 7-9:30 PM, Coco's Restaurant, 1209 Oakmead Parkway.

Election Campaign Meeting San Jose, Apr. 7,14,18,25, 7PM, Hosted by Terry Savage, 3021 Via Montez. For more info, call (408)920-2193 or (408)945-7633.

Party Party (B.Y.O.B.) San Jose, Apr. 9, hosted by Terry Savage, 3021 Via Montez. For more info, call (408)920-2193, or 408-945-7633

LPC Business Meeting Sunnyvale, Apr. 21, Coco's Restaurant, 1209 Oakmead Parkway. Dinner: 7:00 PM, Meeting, 8:10 PM.

**Don't forget  
April 15th at the  
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