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JIM HEDBOR OF VERMONT ran one of the most colorful Libertarian races this year. Enclosed is one of 4 newspaper endorsements. I have also included endorsements of several other candidates. There may have been still more. We get our clippings several weeks after the event. For that reason, I have not yet seen any coverage of our winners. The totals for Bergland are still not in...Television promos for election night coverage on Channel 11 in Houston ended with the line, "Houston is also home of the third largest party in the United States, the Libertarian Party"...The National Committee of the Libertarian Party met last week in Salt Lake City setting goals and a budget for 1985.

Unkindest Cut

Using a cut-out paper likeness of Vermont Rep. James Jeffords to illustrate his point, Libertarian congressional hopeful James Hedbor criticizes his opponent for not debating more often.

"With election day less than a month away, James Jeffords and his advisers appear to have decided to minimize or eliminate direct comparison debates or forums with other candidates for Congress," Hedbor said at a news conference yesterday, shortly after Jeffords sent his last-minute regrets to one of several debates he has agreed to participate in. "Jeffords think the election is in the bag. He just bought a house in (Washington) D.C. To appear before his challengers is just a nuisance."

Vermont can expect to see more of the cardboard candidate, Hedbor says: He'll be bringing it to political forums that Jeffords does not attend. Incidentally, Jeffords' tie reads "Tax and spend;" the button says "Don't think - Vote for me."



Caledonian-Record Editorial Comment

Jim Hedbor For Congress

The Libertarian Party of Vermont is a minor party, and there is little reason to believe that it will succeed in electing its candidates, at least for some time. Nonetheless we endorse the Libertarian candidate for the U.S. Congress, Jim Hedbor of South Hero, and we hope he makes a very impressive showing on November 6.

For many years this newspaper endorsed incumbent Republican Congressman Jim Jeffords for re-election. We can no longer do so. It has become perfectly clear that Jim Jeffords has for all practical purposes deserted most of what the Republican Party claims to stand for. On important votes in the House in recent years he has voted with the Democrats much more often than he has with his fellow Republicans. He has rarely missed an opportunity, at least until the last couple of weeks, to proudly proclaim his opposition to Ronald Reagan, ranging from Central America to

government of El Salvador guerillas, and then came business club that we must forts to seize control of simply not honorable beh

In our view, Jim Je Washingtonitis, coupled attack of chronic du challenger, Anthony Poll political activist whose s only from the left wing party, typified by Sen. & been his longtime support many of Mr. Pollina's vi policy, his frankness, tho to Jeffords' doubletalk, i for us to consider support.

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1984 ENDORSEMENTS:

JO deFOREST McINTYRE

Libertarian Party sentiment often lacks common sense, especially when adherents propose an end to all taxes in favor of user fees. We picture the owner of a burned-out home receiving \$100,000 bill for services from our Fire Department.

Libertarian Jo deForest McIntyre of McMinnville has a more practical vein, and to this she adds a strong work ethic and an understanding of how state laws impact local governments and communities. She would be a welcome advocate for fewer new laws.

Appointed Republican incumbent Stan Bunn of Newberg, perhaps, is more likely to be elected. He would, as in his past performance in this office, be a knowledgeable, effective representative, and we hesitate to change our previous endorsement of him.

But McIntyre's surprise entry into the race allows us to send the Legislature a political philosophy that deserves to be heard in Salem, along with someone who would be a diligent representative of her constituency.

debate of the presidential candidates.

The topic is scheduled to be foreign policy and we're certain the U.S. role in the Middle East will be discussed.

President Reagan is likely to be criticized, maybe even blamed, for loss of life in the international hotspot.

Democratic challenger Walter Mondale doesn't have much experience in comparison, but that won't stop him from taking a few shots at the president, especially in the area of U.S. - Soviet relations, which have chilled since Reagan took office.

The televised debate from Kansas City, Mo.

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To those curious about the Herald's endorsements and whether they reflect the private votes of the editorial board, the answer is: not necessarily.

I plan to vote contrary to our endorsements in at least two ways.

I will vote against the amendment putting the right to bear arms in the state constitution, on editorial grounds. As Professor Strunk says in his classic "The Elements of Style:" "Omit needless words. Omit needless words. Omit needless words." The amendment is needless words.

And I will vote for David Bergland for president. He's the Libertarian Party candidate. I don't endorse his ideology, but I do endorse the notion that the federal government is far too large and spends far too much, and that all governments interfere in our private affairs.

Final Debate

probably will spark more interest than the last, since Mondale has received so much mileage from the first confrontation.

Watch for both sides to claim victory when it's over.

We also want to point out, one more time, that others, including Libertarian David Bergland, weren't invited to the debate.

The Libertarian stance of avoidance of all foreign entanglements might have been an interesting angle in tonight's event, but we'll never see it, since the media and others refuse to acknowledge the presence of anyone but Reagan and Mondale.