

## 1975 LIBERTARIAN PARTY NATIONAL CONVENTION

2nd Edition

WE'RE GOING TO SHAKE THIS TOWN TO ITS CORE!

June 1975

# ROTHBARD, HOSPERS AND HUNDREDS MORE LIBERTARIANS TO CONVERGE IN NY CITY

An excitement-packed week is in store for those attending the 1975 Libertarian Party Convention at the Statler Hilton Hotel, 7th Avenue and 33rd Street in New York City. The Convention Week will begin Monday, 25 August, and continue through Labor Day.

#### CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Monday night at 8 PM the Convention Week will kick off with a special panel, headed by Dr. Murray Rothbard, on OIL AND THE MID-EAST. We expect much heated discussion on this controversial topic. The Press will be invited.

The business of the Convention gets underway Tuesday morning with the opening of the PLATFORM, BYLAWS, and CREDENTIALS COMMITTEES. Several prominent individuals have been invited to testify before the Platform Committee, including Senator William Proxmire, Antony Sutton, Fred Friendly, D.T. Armentano, Ernest Fitzgerald, and Bernard Siegan.

These are OPEN MEETINGS. There is no charge to attend, provided you are registered. (If you do not plan to register for the Convention for some reason, but do want to attend one of the open meetings, there will be a door charge of \$1.00.) Members of the Platform Committee include Murray Rothbard, John Hospers, Ralph Raico, Joe Cobb and Bill Evers. This battle of the giants is not to be missed!

During the period of the Committee meetings (Tuesday and Wednesday), there will be a series of ACTION WORKSHOPS and practical sessions. These are priced low (\$1.50 each). Some of the topics of particular interest are FUNDRAISING, a CANDIDATES' workshop, how to prepare an exciting and professional newsletter, how to create and maintain a viable LP organization, CAMPUS ORGANIZING, ADVERTISING and CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT. There will also be two Special Interest workshops: John Muller will give advice on how to open and run a libertarian bookstore; John Doswell will demonstrate some simple audio-visual techniques. These will all be valuable sessions. We are keeping the price low to ensure a high attendance. The package price for the 16-hour series is only \$12.00.

Beginning Tuesday and continuing through Sunday, the FREE LUNCH SERIES will take place during the lunch break. Since everyone knows There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch, you won't be surprised to hear that no lunch is served (dieters will appreciate this)

and it ain't free. What will be served is a potpourri of topics: a FEMINISM PANEL put together by Fran Youngstein and moderated by a leading MCP, a discussion of libertarian ARBITRATION led by Ralph Fucetola, a session of LIBERTARIAN FOLKSONGS, Howard Katz on the GOLD STANDARD, a chance to meet and talk with some libertarian CONGRESSIONAL AIDES, a discussion of alternate EDUCATION, some thoughts on KID LIB, and lots more. The price will be 99¢ at the door, cheaper yet for a carte blanche ticket. These events will all start at noon. Some will be short (½ hour), leaving time to run out for a sandwich or a gyro, others may run longer. Sometimes there may be more than one going on at once (the carte blanche ticket is based on 6 events, but once you have the ticket, you can sample one and if it doesn't suit you, go on to another, or wander in and out).

On Tuesday evening the much talked about GREAT AVERAGE WORKING PERSON'S ECONOMIC CONFERENCE (GAWPEC) will be hosted by Jerome Tuccille. Tuccille's latest books, "Who's Afraid of 1984?" and "Here Comes Immortality" (or is it the other way around?) make him the perfect optimist and visionary to lead a discussion of what we average folks can do in these chaotic times. Is there anything we can do? Is there really any need to be so concerned? Come find out.

On Wednesday evening there will be a BUS TOUR of Manhattan. See Chinatown, Wall Street, Ayn Rand's apartment house, the Empire State Building, Little Italy, Greenwich Village, Laissez Faire Books (the bus will stop here for ½ hour. Proprietors John Muller and Sharon Presley will provide refreshments and a chance to browse around their new store). Later that evening the bus will stop at Pier 43½ where the BOAT TRIP begins. We will be on a 250 ft. Circle Line tour boat which will travel down the Hudson River to the tip of Manhattan and out to the Statue of Liberty. On board we'll have folk or square dancing. Food and drink will be available.

Thursday morning will dawn with the first of our Breakfast Events, a talk by DAVID FRIEDMAN. Breakfast will be served and it will be a good way to start the day.

The FIRST GENERAL SESSION of the Convention will follow. DR. JOHN HOSPERS, 1972 LP Presidential candidate, will give the KEYNOTE address. Anyone registered for the Convention is urged to arrive in time for this session. Those not registered may attend sessions by paying a door price of \$1.50 per session.

Credentials will follow the Keynote (will there be a floor-fight or can the Credentials Committee work it out in their meetings? You'll have to be there to find out). Then the cliffhanging Bylaws and Constitution battle (will 'Chairman' be surplanted by 'Chairperson'? Can we patch up the holes to avoid future credentials challenges? Who knows!).

By Thursday evening we should be ready for PLATFORM but to prepare ourselves, there will be a RECEPTION from 5 to 7 PM. Platform debate will carry us from Thursday evening through all day and evening Friday (we have scheduled a sleep break for Thursday night and hopefully for Friday as well).

Interspersed throughout the convention's several sessions will be a series of multi-media presentations on various aspects of libertarianism. These will be short (5 minutes or so), entertaining and exciting. These five-screen "modules" will begin with the origins of the concept of individuality...carry us through the American Revolution...through the events of the fifties and sixties which led to the modern libertarian movement...a Libertarian Party retrospective...plus a special presentation on what lies ahead. There will also be an entertaining module on life in New York City.

The Breakfast Event Friday morning will feature D.T. ARMENTANO, and there will probably be a Friday evening reception as well, before the 6th General Session.

Saturday's Breakfast Speaker will be ERNEST FITZGERALD, Pentagon cost-overrun expert who was fired by Nixon.

Then comes the Big General Session - the one we play up for the Press - the one we're all waiting for - THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING SESSION. The VICE PRESIDENTIAL nominee will also be selected at this time. A full-scale Press Conference is scheduled for noon to announce the LP's choices to members of the print and broadcast media. Following that will be acceptance speeches by the candidates.

At about 6 PM Saturday there will be a special seminar on PERSONAL PROMOTION OF LIBER-TARIANISM. This is our most requested event. The seminar will be headed by LEE EDWARDS, author of "You Can Make A Difference."

A MUSICAL THEATRICAL EXTRAVAGANZA will be presented Saturday night, as yet unnamed but featuring a host of new libertarian songs and original music. Proceeds of the Theatrical, to be held in the elegant Terrace Ballroom, will go to the Presidential Campaign.

Try to struggle awake for Breakfast Sunday morning. The speaker will be commentator JEFFREY ST. JOHN.

Sunday morning's convention session will feature the election of LP officers. The rest of the day will be spent on unfinished and new business (will the porcupine gobble up the Libersign? etc.).

A TAX STRIKE Seminar, headed by KARL BRAY, is scheduled for 6 PM Sunday. This is a topic of great interest to libertarians, which will feature the movement's leading tax resister.

Finally comes the celebration - THE BANQUET, to be held high above the city in the pent-house Skytop Ballroom. The Banquet Speaker will be Mr. Libertarian himself, MURRAY ROTHBARD. Entertainment will be provided by libertarian star JEAN PREECE and others to be announced. The Banquet should provide a stirring climax to the Convention Week.

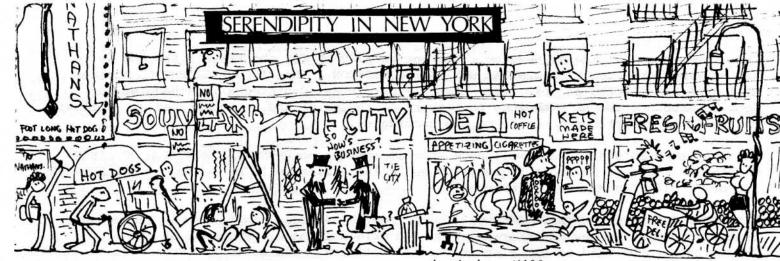
#### SOAP BOX

In the center of the Exhibition Hall there will be a stage upon which anything and everything will happen. Free concerts and acts will appear from time to time. If you wish to perform (small acts such as folk singing with guitar, magician, juggler, etc.) the stage is yours...FREE. (You can pass the hat if you want) If you wish to rent the stage to run a rally, orate about something, make a pitch, or whatever, you may do so at the rate of \$5.00 per half hour. More information in the August newsletter.

#### PICTURES WANTED

One of the multi-media presentations planned will concern itself with libertarian activities of the past three years. We are looking for pictures of campaign activities, newspaper articles (pictures and headlines), campaign photos and materials, demonstrations - anything and everything that's visual. We will re-photograph these items as slides and use them in the show. The originals will not be harmed. They can be B&W, color, slides or whatever. If you have any 16mm film, that too (8 mm won't work) - how about TV spots? ALSO WANTED...audio materials...such as radio interviews, radio spots, recordings of candidates' speeches, etc. Any form (cassette, reel to reel) acceptable. Items sent in should be IDENTIFIED CLEARLY, and will be returned at the Convention... or, if you're not coming, send a self-addressed return envelope and we'll send them back. Send pictures, tapes or whatever, to:

John W. Doswell Inc. 44 West 63rd Street New York, NY 10023



by Andrea Millen

I've lived in Manhattan for fifteen years. I love it.

New York is all the great things you've heard about - the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, Lincoln Center, Wall Street, the Met, the Bowery, the Botannical Gardens, the Bronx Zoo, the Museum of Modern Art, the Metropolitan Museum, the Brooklyn Bridge. But New York is so much more.

New York smells. It smells of hotdog stands and kielbase and sushi and souvlaki and curry and cannoli and sausage and steaks we don't have to call 'New York cut.' It smells of Puerto Ricans on the subway and Jews in the diamond market and WASPy brokers on Wall Street and ad men on Madison Avenue. It smells of sandals in Greenwich Village, Gucci's on Fifth Avenue. It smells of artists' paint in Soho, spray paint on every public surface (Felipe 102). It smells of grass in Central Park, tar in Harlem.

I've come to know New York in many ways. At first New York was identical streets, evens going east, odds going west. Then it was neighborhoods where I lived and worked and shopped. For three years New York has consisted of "good places to petition, or bad places to petition." I came to know every Italian Festival, every block party, every rock concert, every racetrack in town.

New York used to be Eighth Avenue where the fattest man I ever saw played a harmonica without using his hands...Park Avenue where all my friends went "garbage shopping" on Thursday nights before the sanitmen came so they could furnish their apartments with elegant castoffs...Orchard Street where the Jewish American Princesses shopped on Sunday mornings for their great bargains...snails in black bean sauce on Mott Street where the phone booths look like miniature pagodas...Broadway where BROADWAY is...Yorktown where young sailors danced with German maids on their nights off...Spanish Harlem where the music blared at 2 AM...Third Avenue where Louis XIV and George IV nestled...34th Street where Macy's didn't tell Gimbels...42nd Street where the new porns opened.

New York became Bethesda Fountain where "weekend hippies" signed for the candidate who wanted to legalize pot...St. Marks Place where a steel band composed libertarian calypso... Stuyvesant Town where senior citizens rebelled against "too much government, too much."

This summer I look at New York through new eyes - it's my home that I want you to share. I want - we all want - you to see the New York of turbans and caftans and kimonos and jeanshorts and Bill Blass. We want you to enjoy a libertarian week in a libertarian enclave, but we also want to show you OUR New York, not the most beautiful city (though the Manhattan skyline is hard to beat)...not the safest city (though we're not even in the top ten big crime cities)...not the cleanest city (words fail me)...but a city of variety and color and excitement, a city where the libertarian THING is happening.

We love New York. We want you to love it too. Share it with us the last week in August.

New York City has many famous neighborhoods such as Greenwich Village, Brooklyn Heights, Yorktown, Chinatown and Little Italy, but during the last week of August they will all be eclipsed by a new community - "Libertyville." During the Presidential Convention week at least 500 libertarians will occupy one city block in midtown Manhattan, otherwise known as the Statler Hilton Hotel. Imagine, more libertarians in one place than ever before in the history of the movement! The famous, the near-famous and the just plain dedicated people who are the backbone of modern libertarianism will all be there.

Have you ever read a libertarian article or book and wished that the author was close at hand so you could ask about a sticky point? Well, come to "Libertyville." All the writers will be there - Murray Rothbard, John Hospers, Robert Nozick, David Friedman and many more.

Have you suffered for lack of campaign or organizing experience? The knowledgable candidates, campaign managers and political organizers will all be in "Libertyville" during the last week of August. Come and talk to them.

Have you ever felt that the world is slipping slowly into a black hole and no one seems to see what is happening, much less care? Come and live in "Libertyville" for a week with hundreds of people who see things the way you do. They have been doing things that will warm your heart and recharge your batteries.

Oh yes, New York City also has an overwhelming number of sights to see and things to do. But don't kid yourself. Once you get to "Libertyville" there will be precious little time to wander around the "Big Apple" like a lost tourist.

#### CONVENTION BOOK

THE PRESIDENTIAL CONVENTION Book will be a high quality, professionally designed and printed volume in magazine format with pictures, articles, information about candidates and delegates and much much more. It will be an attractive piece that you'll want to save and show to your friends. This Book will be expensive to print...the selling price of \$5.00 (less if purchased in a package or with discount) will not meet the cost of printing. YOUR ADVERTISEMENT WILL HELP. Are you selling something, running for a party office, promoting an idea or publication...? YOU should advertise in this Book. The rates are as follows (8½ X 11 format):

There's still time, if you rush, to get an ad in the August Convention Newsletter.

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Beginning around midafternoon on July 31, the Presidential Convention will have the city of New York largely to itself, as the traditional Labor Day Weekend exodus commences. There's a good reason for that. It's called heat.

So, unless you plan to spend the entire convention in the air-conditioned comfort of the Statler, which we do not recommend (see food and sightseeing sections), be sure to pack lightweight summer clothing. And maybe a raincoat. You never can tell around here.

Exact directions and prices for getting to the Statler from train stations, airports or by car will be in the next newsletter. We've compiled a multiple choice of tactics. In keeping with our promise to help save you money, we will present a full rundown of these, including the Three Cheapest Ways To Get From the Airports to the Statler (70¢).

CHECK-IN: We will be using the main registration desk at the Statler. Check in as you would at any hotel, and let them know you are with the Convention. There will be a Libertarian Convention information booth or table set up nearby and tended (manned? personed?) throughout the Convention. I will probably either be there or at the Convention headquarters. Look for the dark-haired 30-ish female with the red looseleaf binder and the crochet hook clamped in her teeth.

ALTERNATE ACCOMMODATIONS: For those wishing to avoid the Statler's rates, we are working on cheaper accommodations and crash space. One alternative close to the hotel, for the men anyway, is William Sloan House, a YMCA residence at 356 West 34th St., NY, NY 10018. Their rates start at \$8.00 per day for a single with bath down the hall. HOWEVER, you're really going to feel "out of it" if you don't stay at the Statler where all the action is.

FOOD: To reiterate, don't eat in the hotel if you want to save money. As you enter the hotel you will observe that the block immediately to the left of it is solid eateries of every description. The whole area is like that: MacDonald's, souvlaki, pizza, Chock Full O' Nuts, Kentucky Fried Chicken, coffee shops, Woolworth's cafeteria, delicatessens, you name it. There are even 3 health food stores within a stone's throw. We will have a listing of the best bargains, hours, etc. at the information desk. There will be coffee and Danish available outside the main hall at all hours.

Please let us know if you are planning to bring small children. We will have an attended nursery if there is a market for one.

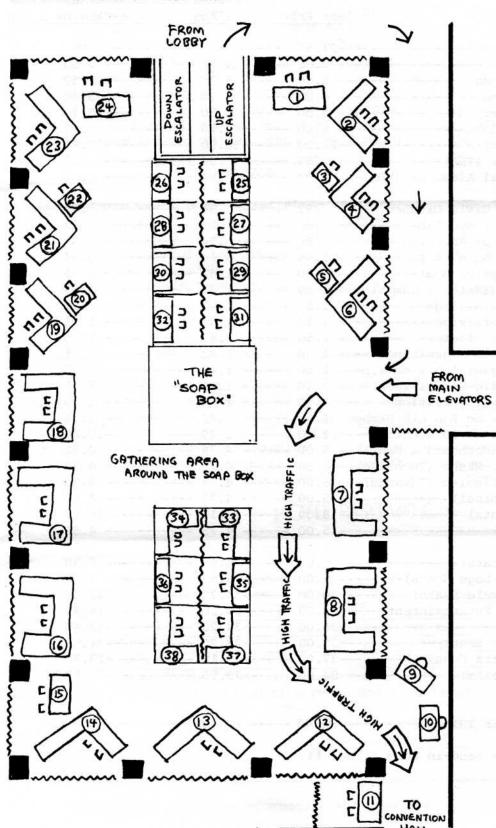
There will also be a "hospitality suite" open 24 hours a day during the Convention, where you can relax and refresh and meet other conventioneers. Ask at our information desk.

SIGHTSEEING: Speaking of the information desk, we will also provide subway and bus maps and sightseeing brochures. Especially if this is your first trip to New York, by all means get out there and enjoy the place whenever you have a chance. It needn't cost - we will have lists of freebies and inexpensives. This isn't just another city, friends... you can hardly go anywhere around here without running into something or someplace you've heard about sometime in your life. Just walking from one end of 34th Street to the other you'll spot the Empire State Building, Herald Square, Macy's, Gimbel's, Madison Square Garden, the Hudson River, the General Post Office with "Neither Rain Nor Snow..." carved across the front, Fifth Avenue, Park Avenue, and Ayn Rand's apartment house. To say nothing of all those libertarians at the Statler.

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#### PRICE INFORMATION

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For other packages, see the send-in form - Page 11

\*Alka Seltzer Package (THE WHOLE THING)-----84.40 ----- 80.18 -----75.96

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Weekend Events (Friday, Saturday, Sunday).	Same but with no Breakfasts	63.00	
THE BIG WEEKENDER PACKAGE A full package for those arriving Thursday		66.00	
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TICKETS WILL BE HELD FOR YOUR ARRIVAL. Refunds, if an event is cancelled, will be based on a pro-rated price according to the package they were purchased under.

### HOTEL RESERVATION

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# 1976 is too late to begin raising money for the 1976 Presidential campaign.

It's going to take about \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 to conduct an effective campaign in 1976. And our chances of raising that kind of money are directly proportional to the amount we start out with in September of 1975.

A realistic estimate is that we'll need a minimum of \$50,000 by Labor Day if we're going to raise the rest in the following fourteen months.

That's why the national Libertarian Party has established the Liberty '76 Fund . . . to serve as an accumulation point for that \$50,000. All money contributed to the Liberty '76 Fund — above the expenses incurred in raising that money — will be put into a special account, and turned over to our national candidates' campaign fund in September. It will not be spent on anything else.

If every state and national LP member will contribute just \$10, we'll have \$50,000. But since some folks are simply unable to help, we're asking you to contribute \$25... either all at once, or \$5 per month, April through August of 1975.

Do it today! Make your checks payable to Liberty '76 Fund, and mail them to LP national head-quarters, 550 Kearny Street, San Francisco, CA 94108.

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# LIBERTARIAN PARTY

# **Background Information**

#### CAPSULE SUMMARY

The Libertarian Party, planning soon to become the third major political party in the United States, was founded in Colorado in 1971. It was created as a vehicle for those who believe in the inviolability of both civil and economic liberty for all individuals. LP members believe the time is tactically ripe for a new party to enter the political arena to denounce invasions of these liberties by government at all levels.

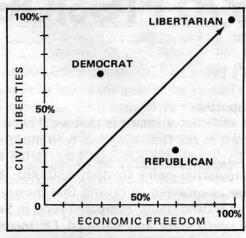
The LP ran Dr. John Hospers for President and Ms. Tonie Nathan for Vice President in 1972 and found its first official recognition when each received an electoral vote from Roger MacBride of Virginia, a Republican elector who bolted the Nixon camp. The electoral vote for Ms. Nathan was the first ever cast for a woman in the history of the United States.

The Party currently has over 5,000 dues-paying members nationwide and 40 affiliated state organizations. It fielded dozens of candidates for state and local office throughout the country in 1974. The LP's goal is to make the libertarian philosophy a major factor in American politics by 1980.

## **PHILOSOPHY**

By contemporary labels, the Libertarian Party is neither left nor right wing. It bases its political position on one simple premise: that each individual has the absolute right to exercise sole dominion over his or her own life, liberty and property so long as he or she also respects the equal right of all others to live their lives by the same principle. Applications of this principle are exemplified throughout the LP's platform which contains planks opposing censorship, the draft and victimless crime laws while supporting property rights, free trade and a sharp reduction in taxation.

The following graph illustrates the uniqueness of libertarianism in relation to existing political alternative:



LIBERTARIAN: C.L. / 100% E.F. / 100% DEMOCRAT: C.L. / 70% E.F. / 30% REPUBLICAN: C.L. / 30% E.F. / 70%

The graph and chart above provide a simple but meaningful description of the desire of modern-day "liberals" to limit human liberty in the economic sphere and of "conservatives" to limit civil liberties. Libertarians, to the contrary, support both personal and economic freedom, believing that one is not possible without the other.

Thus, libertarians are the only consistent defenders of individual rights, often siding with liberals in the area of civil liberties, and with conservatives in the area of economic liberties — but without the contradictions to be found in each. The libertarian vision extends to a time when individuals will be left free to pursue their own ends and to live in a community where they may cooperate and trade with others as sovereign equals.

#### HISTORY

Though the libertarian philosophy can trace its historical antecedents as far back as the classical liberalism and radicalism of the American Revolution, libertarianism as a modern movement — or at least as a movement conscious of itself as such — is perhaps only ten years old. In the mid-sixties, there were a number of campus-based libertarian

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organizations stretching from Berkeley to Columbia, and libertarians formed influential minority factions in both the Students for a Democratic Society and the Young Americans for Freedom.

Plans for a libertarian party were first formally launched at a meeting held in Westminster, Colorado in the home of David and Susan Nolan in July of 1971. During that summer and fall, the original planning group contacted other libertarian activists throughout the country. Though some argued that a libertarian society could not be brought about by participation in electoral politics, most libertarians saw the party both as a long-range educational tool and as an instrument to start immediately a "Fabian" program to dismantle governmental programs and controls. Thus, on December 11, 1971, the decision to launch the new party was made.

The Libertarian Party's public debut was on January 31, 1972, by which time it had grown to about 250 members. At its first national convention in June of that year, membership had already risen to nearly 1,000. At this first convention, bringing together approximately 100 new members in Denver, Dr. John Hospers and Ms. Tonie Nathan were nominated. Dr. Hospers is a professor of philosophy at the University of Southern California and a respected author of books on philosophy and politics. Ms. Nathan is a broadcast journalist and television producer from Eugene, Oregon.

Due to its late start, the Libertarian Party was able to get its national ticket on the ballot only in Washington and Colorado in 1972. Nonetheless, Hospers and Nathan crisscrossed the country for four months, espousing the libertarian philosophy and finding an encouraging reception for their ideas wherever they travelled. In addition, nearly a dozen other candidates ran for state and local office under the LP banner that first year. The Libertarian Party received news coverage in virtually every major newspaper in the country as well as on the three television networks. By election day, 1972, the Libertarian Party could boast nearly 2,000 financial supporters nationally.

In 1973 the party continued to grow, spurred on by the nationally covered New York mayoralty race, in which the LP was represented by Ms. Francine Youngstein. Ms. Youngstein, the first woman candidate for mayor ever to be on the ballot in New York, outpolled all minor party candidates combined, receiving election night coverage on NBC and a write-up in the Washington Post by Nicholas von Hoffman. By the 1973 elections the LP had exceeded 3,000 members, with organizations working in 32 states.

Toward the end of 1974 the growth of the Libertarian Party had begun to accelerate as membership passed the 5,000 mark and affiliated parties existed in 40 states. Of the dozens of LP candidates fielded in 1974, the New York gubernatorial candidacy of Jerome Tuccille, the Utah congressional candidacy of Karl Bray and the California gubernatorial candidacy of John Hospers generated the most interest. Over 300 libertarians attended the Party's 1974 convention, held in Dallas, and made plans to get an early start in the 1976 presidential campaign.

#### THE FUTURE

While the progress of the Libertarian Party to date has been just short of phenomenal, its future looks even brighter. Public disillusionment with both the Democratic and Republican parties has been growing for years and was only accelerated, not initiated, by the Watergate revelations. This phenomenon has dovetailed well with the solid structuring of a Libertarian Party organization throughout the United States.

The state and county LP organizations form a working superstructure capable of absorbing and effectively directing the political energies of those millions of Americans who desire nothing more from government than the protection of their right to live their lives as they choose. More and more individuals are recognizing that government is the cause of most social ills and that a vastly reduced bureaucracy is urgently needed if the United States is to become a freer and more peaceful nation.

Results of recent elections indicate that in its brief history the Libertarian Party has already gained sufficient momentum to outpoll the Peoples Party (Peace and Freedom) and American Party in the 1976 presidential election. From there the LP anticipates becoming the third major political force in the United States in 1980. The LP expects to be on the ballot in about 20 states in '76 and will challenge discriminatory election laws in other states which now prevent voters from supporting an alternative to the two largest parties.

As the bicentennial anniversary of the American Revolution approaches, the Libertarian Party is determined to revive the libertarian goals of 1776 — minimal government and maximum individual liberty.

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