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## FRANK TALK

By  
Frank Monachelli



A LETTER TO RON PAUL AND RUSSELL MEANS

Dear Ron and Russell,

Our cause needs you both! You both have great individual strengths: You both bring large numbers of new people into the freedom movement. I saw it happen when you each visited Birmingham--people we had never reached before with the libertarian message came in record crowds.

Together, your effect will be multi-plied. I don't mean merely doubled. I mean expanded beyond anything we Libertarians have ever hoped for. And, despite your great strengths, beyond what either could accomplish without the other.

You agree that the goal in 1988 is to make the Libertarian Party a main player on the political scene. The best way to do that is to field a team with our two all-stars, Paul and Means.

I have a vision. It is an image of the both of you, arms held high in victory at Seattle, as you launch your campaign as a team. And it is another image: Of your taking the oaths of office on Inauguration Day, 1989.

How do we get from one to the other?

Unity is the first and most important requirement. By emerging unified under two national figures, we

will get a fast start. Our greatest gains with the media and public can be made early while the other parties are still dealing with a confusing mass of faceless candidates.

You could become THE political story. Two men of different backgrounds, different colors, different outlooks, different styles, coming together to proclaim the same message. The message of liberty. People will see there is no difference between you as to that message. You both believe freedom is for everyone.

Candidates of your stature, generating enthusiastic support from a broad spectrum of people, will be almost impossible to keep out of the national debates. In fact, your presence will make freedom THE issue of those debates.

Together, you will also be best able to take advantage of lucky breaks. They happen every day. Just read any newspaper. The inconsistencies of our present system guarantee them. The key is to have a campaign strong enough to command attention, and candidates capable of capitalizing on the opportunities.

Both of you have great ability. Both of you are tireless workers with enormous dedication. Gentlemen, it is time to get together. Shake hands and come out, as a team, fighting the real enemy. A combined ticket will be greater than the sum of its parts. Let's put the fear of truth into every demopublican. Let's spread the message of freedom to every American. Let history record that liberty advanced in 1988, with Ron Paul and Russell Means, TOGETHER, leading the way.



# LIBERTARIAN MEDIA BLITZ

by Steve Smith

This summer has been a real sizzler for Alabama as far as media coverage. Most of the action has been on TV and radio.

WERC radio in Birmingham led the way with one hour interviews of both Ron Paul and Russell Means, prior to their visits to Alabama.

Although overall coverage of the ALP convention in June was less than hoped, TV stations 13 and 42 did come out and talk with Ron and Walter Williams. Channel 42 also filmed part of the humorous debate between Frank Monachelli of Alabama and Jimmy Harris of Georgia as to which state "grows the worst politicians".

The only newspaper to send a reporter to the convention was The Birmingham News. This resulted in a story the following day about the Monachelli vs. Harris debate but only contained one line about Ron Paul and the rest of the convention.

Coverage exploded a month later when Russell Means came to town. A Birmingham Post-Herald reporter interviewed Russell the day he arrived and wrote a long story (complete with photo) for the paper's July 4th edition.

Channel 42 taped a half hour interview with Russell at their studio and aired it Sunday morning while he was still in town. Petitioners working on the Alabama ballot drive report that many signers say they saw the program and were impressed.

TV stations 13 and 42 sent camera crews to Magnolia Park on Saturday for Russell's appearance at ALPA's Liberty Picnic. A Birmingham News reporter was also there, and this time the paper ran a well-written story on the candidate along with a picture.

Channel 6 TV caught up with Russell on Sunday outside the church where he was speaking. The spot ran that evening.

Russell was also interviewed by the student newspaper at UAB. For some reason the paper ran a large photo of Russell but no story.

Frank Monachelli has been notably audible

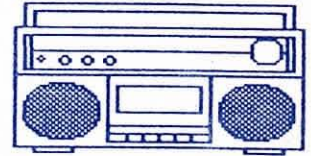
(and occasionally visible) on the state's airwaves. He and ALP vice-chair, John Sebastian, were guests on a radio talk show at WGAD in Gadsden. Then he and Steve Smith teamed up to present the libertarian message on a talk show over WDJC-FM, a Christian radio station in Birmingham.

Frank carried the libertarian banner alone as a guest on WLRH, the public radio station in Huntsville. The other guest on the program was a Keynesian-sounding economics professor from one of the universities. Frank ripped him to shreds--politely, of course.

TV 42 did an excellent spot, featuring Frank, on the LP's opposition to the city of Birmingham's spending tax money to urge people to vote "yes" in a recent tax referendum. Frank has also taped "Public Comment" spots which have appeared on Channel 13.

Speaking of the "Vote Yes" issue, The Birmingham News (which favored a "yes" vote) said in an editorial that the LP was right to question the legality of the city's advertising activities.

This increase in media attention is good. AL readers who know of media opportunities should get in touch with Frank, John, Steve, or their district representative.



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# WE CAN SHAKE THEM UP

by Steve Smith

"If Libertarians can get 10% of the vote in 1988, it will send shock waves through the political establishment", Ron Paul said at the Alabama LP convention.

The former congressman said he thinks 10% is "within the ballpark" of possibility.

Paul is a leading candidate for the LP presidential nomination. His speech capped a convention attended by more than 100 people and which also featured Walter Williams and Tibor Machan.

Paul said 1988 provides a window of opportunity for Libertarians that may never be open again. He said the Republicans and Democrats are floundering, trying to find a candidate who can excite someone.

He said he has raised close to \$200,000 already and compared that to Republican Jack Kemp's \$200,000 campaign debt. "Kemp is a supply-sider who told the president that deficits don't matter; so I guess that's understandable".

Paul answered questions on a range of topics:

On appealing to the peace movement:

"The whole message has to be that we aren't forcibly going to tell you how to live.

Because of our rejection of force, obviously the case can be made that we'd have a much more peaceful society."

On defense: "I'd like to have better defense. But three-fourths of the military budget goes to defending other countries. What are we doing in the Persian Gulf?...Iran is not going to invade Florida. Japan gets 90% of their oil from the Persian Gulf: We get 6% of ours. I say that it's not right to tax our own oil belt people to preserve the flow of oil to Japan."

On Social Security: "In a libertarian system, the government should not be in the insurance business, period. Besides, it's a misnomer to call it insurance. If an insurance company ran its program like the government runs Social Security, they'd all be in jail."

"If we had a reasonable group of people in Washington, we could implement some transitions. I would let young people get

out of it. There is no moral justification for extracting from one group to give to another."

On abortion: "I apply the principle of non-aggression to the fetus...I, for one, am unable to be a champion for Liberty if I am not a champion of all life...There are others who happen to disagree with me. One happens to be Murray Rothbard, my greatest champion, who says this is one area where thinking individuals can disagree."

On gun control (The questioner asked about machine guns in particular): "In Congress I was for repeal of the 1968 gun law. The gun issue should be used to bring more people into the LP. On machine guns, I don't think it's very logical for you or me to own them, but I think that's a red herring used by the opposition to get into the regulatory business."

On national health care: "We would have a national health care: It would be voluntary. The control of medicine through the federal government is a total disaster. The more money spent, the higher the cost, the worse the quality."

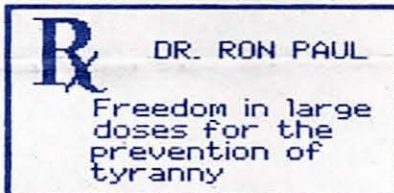
"People's need for something cannot be translated into a right. If somebody needs medical care, or a house or a car or a job, it doesn't mean they have a right to it."

On criticisms that Paul over-emphasizes economic issues and "makes us look like a party of right-wing conservatives": "That is not true. I was on 20 radio stations last month and talked about civil liberties and foreign policy as much and maybe more than economic issues. That type of criticism is not justified."

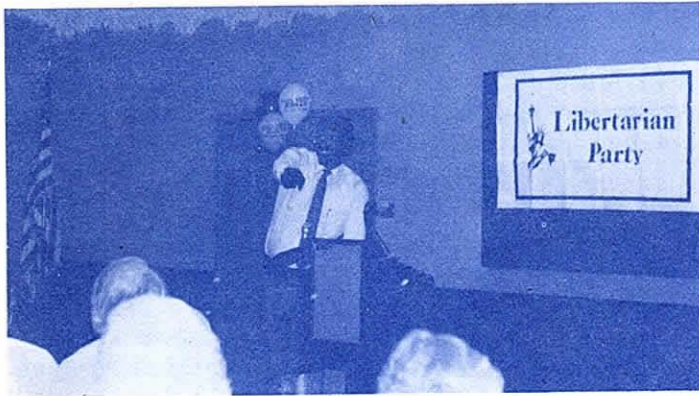
On the national debt: "You would have to get rid of the Federal Reserve. They're owed about \$200 billion. Then you'd buy more debt. You'd cut spending, cut taxes. Maybe there would be an interim period where people are taxed at 10% rather than 0%. You pay off the individuals who are owed money. But I don't think we're going to have that chance. The debt is not going to be repaid."

On AIDS: "AIDS should be treated like any other disease. Testing should be done voluntarily."

On selling government assets: "The government should not be a landowner. We should revive the Homestead Act and sell off government property and other assets."







## WALTER WILLIAMS LAUDS RON PAUL

by Steve Smith

Economist Walter Williams praised Ron Paul and the Libertarian Party during a show-stealing appearance at the Alabama LP convention.

The author of The State Against Blacks said Paul would be a great salesman for libertarian ideas because of the former congressman's knowledge and his "charisma and personality."

Paul himself was in the audience for William's speech on individual rights.

Williams would not rule out making his own run for a spot on the LP ticket in 1992 or later.

Asked if he would consider running for vice president on the 1988 ticket, he said, "I don't think it is time for me to throw my hat into the fray. I am doing other things that I think are more constructive."

He said he would not take a "Sherman-like stand" on whether he might run for president or vice president as a Libertarian in the future. He added he wouldn't even consider running as a Democrat or Republican.

Williams is a hero to many libertarians because of his pro-free market work, including books and articles showing that government actions to help minorities actually retard their progress.

He told convention goers the LP is the only party he sees as taking on the "uphill battle" to regain freedom, and "we all need to get behind them."

In an interview, Williams said Paul would be "far better able to carry the Libertarian banner" than any previous LP presidential candidate. Asked about Russell Means, Paul's leading opponent for the LP nomination, he said, "I don't know Russell Means at all, and so I couldn't evaluate him."

"As far as winning the White House, that's

out of the question, but the issue is who can further libertarian ideas the most, and I think Paul is one of the tops."

He said the LP's great failing is that it has not attracted blacks to its fold. "If you look at a group of people who have suffered abuse at the hands of government, indeed it is blacks. Blacks were enslaved, because government didn't do its job. After emancipation, they were abused again, because government didn't do its job."

"...There are blacks living in slums in Philadelphia and Chicago who will be afraid to go out on the streets tonight. Again, it's government failure to protect property rights."

On abortion, an issue in the nominating race because of Paul's disagreement with the LP platform's pro-choice stance, Williams said the government "should be totally out of that question."

He added the abortion issue would be muted "if we had a market for the sale of babies. ...If my wife and I couldn't have a baby, we would pay \$20,000 for one, and I'm sure a woman contemplating abortion might accept it."

Williams' speech described the growth of government at the expense of individual freedom.

He said Americans in recent years have shown a "deep and abiding contempt for freedom" that has allowed the government to move toward totalitarianism.

He contrasted free market transactions with actions of government, labeling the former "seduction" and the latter "rape".

"An example of seduction would be where I walk up to my grocer with \$2 in my hand and I say to him, 'Look, if you make me feel good--give me that gallon of milk, I'll make you feel good--give you the \$2.' He walks away happy, and I walk away happy."

"...Rape is a relationship where we say, 'Unless you make me feel good, I'm going to make you feel bad--blow your brains out.'"

"...Widespread private ownership or control of property is consistent with the minimization of rape. Widespread government ownership or control over property is consistent with rape maximization."

"In other words, government is the major source of organized rape in the world throughout man's history."

Williams said many people reject the free market, because they fail to realize that most good is not done in the name of good.

"If you ask me what is the noblest of human motivations, I would say greed. I say that to some groups, and people say, 'Williams, why don't you temper your



remarks? Call it enlightened self-interest?' But I think greed is fairly descriptive."

"Rain or shine, the people of New York have beef and bread on their shelves. Do you suppose that the reason why the Texas ranchers and the Kansas farmers insure that New Yorkers have beef and bread on their shelves every day is because the Texas ranchers and the Kansas farmers like New Yorkers?...They don't give a damn for New Yorkers, but they care for themselves."

Williams concluded his often humorous talk with the observation that there may be no remedy for the erosion of freedom.

"In the Bill of Rights...our Founding Fathers had insight to say Congress shall make no law abridging free speech. ...But where in the Constitution does it say there's a restriction on how much of our earnings each year government can take? I see nothing in the Constitution that prevents government from taking one-half, three-quarters, or all of it."

"I think we would have had a better Constitution if that Bill of Rights had just said, 'Congress shall make no law, period.'"

## BEATING COLLECTIVISM IS MORE THAN POLITICS, MACHAN TELLS US

by Steve Smith

A "total cultural ethos" of collectivism exists today and will not be defeated by politics alone.

That's the view of libertarian philosopher, Tibor Machan, who spoke at the Alabama LP convention.

"Unless libertarians offer a comprehensive philosophy of human existence, the Marxian paradigm will remain well-entrenched in intellectual circles and genuine long-range progress will not be made in support of individual freedom", he warned.

Machan said Marxist influenced intellectuals have an advantage in debates, because "Marxism knows it all; it has an answer to everything--women's problems, education, divorce, AIDS, balding, you name it."

Capitalist theorists, though, have a narrower focus. "They want to stress only one political point, namely, 'Don't tread on me.'...But this leaves capitalists philosophically united on very little."

He said Marxism can be successfully attacked on its conception of human beings.

"By his own account, Marx's humanity will have grown up when it has reached the dumb state of an ant colony or beehive, carrying on without purpose or thought, automatically."

Machan pointed out that this notion of individuals as simply cells in a larger organism is contrary to common sense experience. But he said classical liberals share the blame for the grip this idea has.

"The classical liberals said that each of us is only an individual, that we count for one being among many others, somewhat as a chair in an auditorium is an individual chair among many others.

"But we are that and more: Namely, beings who create much of what is crucial about them quite on their own. They are separate not just physically, but morally. ...That is a major addition to the individualist tradition, one made by Ayn Rand."



Machan, who came to the U.S. in the 1950s from Hungary, was influenced early in his career by Rand. Asked if he was recommending that Libertarians become thorough Objectivists, he said, "No. I don't want to say anything about Objectivism, because it's being monopolized by Leonard Peikoff. You can't be an Objectivist unless he puts his hand on you."

He said the Libertarian Party should go on doing what it is doing, although he thinks political action is "premature, considering the kind of revolutionary task that stands before us."

Machan teaches philosophy at Auburn University. He is the author of the 1975 book, Human Rights and Human Liberties, and editor of the recently published anthology, The Main Debate: Capitalism vs. Communism.





# ALABAMA WELCOMES MEANS

by Desta Monachelli

Russell Means took Birmingham by storm. Literally. The sight of the powerfully built Indian activist against the passing thunder clouds at the Liberty Picnic was by all accounts impressive. Participants sat through the light rain feeling that it was a perfectly fitting and natural way to celebrate the Fourth of July. The conversations lasted far into the night, because people were excited by Russell's presence. Newcomers went home laden with literature, because suddenly they wanted to know more.

This phenomenon was not a mere fluke. It was repeated the next day at the Unitarian Church where Russell addressed a predominately liberal audience. A record number turned out to hear his stirring words. "I come from a totalitarian state, an Indian reservation", he told them. "Welfare robs our (Indian) young of their dignity, and we don't want it." He says Indians just want the government out of their affairs. When Means says it, the liberals identify with him. Most members of the audience were enthralled.

"In order for an individual to be free, you have to be a responsible human being. That's the key that really grabs me", he told Michaëlle Chapman of the Birmingham Post-Herald in a long interview upon his arrival. The paper ran a 1/3 of a page story complete with picture about his visit the next day. The Birmingham News followed suit. The UAB student newspaper, Kaleidoscope, ran his picture on the front page. TV cameras from Channels 42 and 6 followed him to the picnic and to the church.

Channel 42 interviewed Russell on a half hour program called 'Newsmakers'. Frank Marok, the host, discussed the presidency, Nicaragua, Wounded Knee, the Indians, foreign policy, and his Libertarianism with him. With his many excellent responses, Russell affirmed many times that Libertarians and the free enterprise system have the solutions to many problems. "I am a freedom fighter", he proudly proclaimed. The word spread, and the people responded with calls and petition signatures.

Russell believes that all Americans need freedom--not just the Indians. That is his cause. That is our cause.



## CAPITAL NEWS

By  
George Elkins

I would like to thank everyone for coming to the picnic at my house on May 24th. We discussed starting a supper club here in Montgomery at that time.

I am proud to announce that the first MONTGOMERY SUPPER CLUB will be held at the Beverly located at 1250 Air Base Blvd. on July 20th at 6:30 PM. The cost to attend will be the price of your dinner plus 15% to cover room charges. Frank Monachelli, ALP chairperson, will be on hand to discuss what the Party will be doing in the coming months, and we will have a chance to become acquainted. COME ONE! COME ALL!

I have been reading a book entitled The Welfare State 1929-1985 by Clarence B. Carson. It is the fifth in a series, A Basic History of the United States. It ranges from the Great Depression to Reagan's first term with special focus on the FDR era and his push toward the welfare state.

Carson discourses on two types of communism, revolutionary and evolutionary. The one we hear about everyday on TV is the revolution-type communism, and the type that erodes us a little at a time everyday is, of course, the evolution-type.

All Americans are against Russian-style communism and socialism. But we vote ourselves into socialism every time we vote for a liberal or conservative. We vote them into office hoping they will take from one group and give to another. Whether we call it social security, farm subsidy, welfare, public schools, public roads, city-owned airports, government-owned railroads, we take from one group who may not want or need or use the program and give to another group. This is a redistribution of wealth and a form of socialism which in the ultimate form is communism. Every time we say, "There ought to be a law...", we are taking another step toward communism.

This is one of my concerns and may serve as a springboard for discussion and/or social action. There are many other issues in which Libertarians are interested. So on the 20th, come and see for yourself!



# ANOTHER FEDERAL CRIME AGAINST CONSUMERS

by Llewellyn H. Rockwell, Jr.

The Reagan administration has verbally championed free trade while imposing more protectionism than any other administration since World War II. In 1981, about 25% of our imports were restricted in some way by the feds. Today, the figure is over 40%. The latest outrage is an attack on American consumers in the name of retaliation against Japanese computer chips.

Because Japanese companies make these chips--the silicon hearts of computers--more economically than domestic producers, the administration has sought to protect inefficient U.S. firms at the expense of American consumers (and efficient U.S. firms).

The Japanese crime--say the U.S. businessmen who seem adept only at lobbying--is "dumping": selling products below cost. But there is no way to tell if dumping is taking place. The Austrian school of economics shows us that the notion of cost is necessarily a subjective and changing one. No government bureaucrat can tell what a company's cost is.

Even if dumping takes place, why should the police power of the State be used to impede it? It can't be bad for consumers, and as the great Ludwig von Mises taught, it is from the standpoint of consumers that all economics and economic policy must be judged.

Even if true and taking place, why outlaw this consumer-enhancing process only internationally? Why not prevent Safeway from selling ketchup at a loss to lure customers into its stores? Isn't ketchup dumping unfair to the A&P?

Because Japanese companies benefit American consumers by selling us well priced computer chips, the Reagan administration is levying a 100% tariff on Japanese electronic goods. This punishes U.S. consumers with higher prices to benefit inefficient but politically influential U.S. corporations. Trade restrictions are wrong on at least three counts:

1) Moral. By what right does the U.S.

government seek to benefit special interests by telling Americans what consumer products we can or can't buy?

2) Economic. Protectionism, like all government interventions into the economy, rewards political pull at the expense of economic efficiency, and thus makes us all poorer.

3) Political. It is no coincidence that trade wars usually precede shooting wars. Why increase international tensions to pay off unsuccessful (but highly paid) executives and unions?

The collectivist jingoism that accompanies protectionism is off-putting as well. "Japan is harming 'us' by \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank)." What "us"? I as an individual have a lot more in common with a free-market Japanese businessman than I do with a protectionist like Gary Hart, despite the fact that we happen to live within the same political dotted lines.

There's a big trade fight in Washington these days. But no one seems to care about the much-abused consumer. The battle instead is over whether the White House or the Congress will get political credit for protectionist rip-offs. How about thinking of the consumer for a change?

Ed. note: Llewellyn Rockwell is founder and president of the Ludwig von Mises Institute.



Where are my people  
I would in vain  
Walk these hills  
Without them

Sisters in kin  
If nothing else  
Show me your hearts

Do you too  
long after cool breeze  
on warm wet skin  
Soft laughing play  
With family and friends  
Orbiting within your range  
of gravity

Ed. Note: After seeing  
Russell Means, Little  
Fox was inspired to  
write this poem.



# WELFARE PIGEONS

by Michael Emerling

In the early 1970's, a group of scientists did an experiment called, "The Pigeon in a Welfare State." They took hungry pigeons and divided them into three groups: a control group, and two test groups. One test group learned to hop on a pedal to get grain. The other test group got the same grain, regardless of what they did. The control group went hungry.

All three groups were then put into cages where they had to learn to peck a lighted key to get grain. The group that had learned to hop on a pedal for grain learned fastest. The control group finished second. And the pigeons who got fed no matter what they did finished last.

Once they had learned this lesson, they were put into new cages where they got fed when they refrained from pecking. Same results. The group that learned that their dinner depended on their efforts did best. The control group was second. The Welfare Pigeons finished last.

Of course, people are not pigeons. People are far more intelligent and resourceful. But, like pigeons, we are dramatically influenced by our early learning experiences.



Think of a young boy whose parents are on Government Welfare. What lessons is he learning? That you don't have to work for a living. You can passively wait for someone, somehow to provide food, shelter, and clothing. That hard work, responsibility, and resourcefulness aren't necessary to get on in life. He learns to be helpless. And it pays off.

There are millions of young boys and girls learning these lessons every day. Some day, they'll be parents. They will instill these lessons in their children. By example. And this legacy of learned helplessness will be passed down from generation to generation.

The Government Welfare system is undermining the American way of life. We must make certain that people are rewarded for their work. And that they must work for their rewards. Otherwise, we're the pigeons.



By STEVE SMITH

Right here in the Deep South--the foothills of South Carolina to be exact--there's a school dedicated to teaching people about freedom.

Freedom Country, run by Kevin and Patricia Cullinane, has been in existence about four years. It is headquartered at the Freedom Country Executive conference center in Campobello, S.C.

Kevin Cullinane, a former U.S. Marine officer who once ran a wilderness school out west, built the conference center in 1982. "This is a place that's growing while the Northeast is not", he says. "It's a working place. I feel like our philosophy belongs in the part of the world where that goes on."

His philosophy is based on the belief that freedom means self-control, and that each individual has control of his or her life. In economics, Cullinane says he is a laissez-faire, free-market capitalist.

"The reason political systems never work is that they are designed to make us do something we're not designed to do. Every civilization starts out with people who are in sort of a frontier situation. They dig in, try this and try that, and progress through constant innovation and produce wealth. At some point a group comes along, takes advantage of the wealth and then creates a status quo..."

"Then you have the establishment of the state. Every time that happens it slows down the surge of progress, flattens it out, and drives it into the ground."

The five-day course that the Cullinanes teach is intensive. It covers history, economics and philosophy. For information, write to: Freedom Country, Campobello, S.C. 29322 Or call (803)-472-4111.





# TRUTH IN TAXATION

by Michael Baranelli

Many years ago the price card on gasoline pumps in filling stations showed the final total price and itemized the taxes and the price per gallon. Of course, not EVERY tax was shown--but it was a good idea for the station and the consumer.

It would be difficult (and it would be impossible to carry out to the ultimate degree), but it could be done to about 90% completion. The price tag of all goods and services should show ALL taxes, license fees, and duties--ALL. Everything should be included for all services and materials from the soil and up that went into those products.

Instead of income tax, it has been suggested that we have a so-called value added tax (VAT). This was to be charged all along the way of production, starting from the forest or mine and ending with the price tag with the taxes being added at each step but not being identified as tax in the final cost. The consumer then pays a higher price without realizing the hidden taxes.

Regardless of the arguments as to whom it would "hit" hardest, rather than the VAT to supplant the income tax, I would rather see a national sales tax (on everything equally) put on at the retail level in one lump sum, just as the 7% sales tax is now put on here. This coupled with itemization would go quite a distance in demonstrating how much tax we are in fact paying.

The middle class pays most of the taxes. Corporations raise their prices to cover their tax bill. The poor receive more tax dollars in benefits than they pay in on the various forms of taxes. Professional folks charge higher fees to cover their income tax payments.

The middle class, furthermore, suffers the additional burden of inflation. Their savings are usually kept in banks where it suffers a steady tax year after year. The proportion the middle class person keeps in the bank is a larger percentage of his total income than that of the wealthy or the corporation who can invest in real estate, stocks, gold, tax shelters, and business enterprises.

With truth in taxation the middle class would have a fighting chance.



# ALPA UPDATE

by  
Desti Monachelli

We are fortunate to have many able candidates for the nomination for President. A Ron Paul-Russell Means ticket would be the old "one-two punch" that would be difficult to ignore. Paul, strong on economics, and Means, strong on civil liberties, would command respect in 1988. We Libertarians in Alabama have been fortunate to meet and observe both these men. Ron Paul was at the Convention, and Russell Means attended the Second Annual Liberty Picnic.

Now it's on to Seattle to find out who will be nominated. It is with this in mind that the Auxiliary would like to start a fund drive for the official candidates. After the national convention, I know the libertarians will consolidate and support their candidates, and Alabamians will want to participate in that process. Of course, that takes money.

ALPA will collect the contributions, large and small. We will give receipts if requested and keep a record. A check for the entire amount will be split between the two nominees in Seattle. (We have collected \$500 so far.) We would like to present two scrolls, also, with the names of supporters (without amounts) in calligraphy following the statement:

The following Alabamians recognize, endorse, and support our national candidates for President and Vice-President.

As you go forth to spread the Message of Freedom, you are in our hearts and minds.

If you would like to participate, contact Kathy or me.



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## SPECIAL REPORT

PANIC ON WALL STREET  
by Murray Rothbard

There is a veritable Reign of Terror rampant in the United States right now--and everyone's cheering. "They should lock those guys up and throw away the key. Nothing is bad enough for them," says the man-in-the-street. Distinguished men are literally being dragged from their plush offices in manacles. Indictments are being handed down en masse, and punishments, including jail terms, are severe. The most notorious of these men was (a) forced to wire up and inform on his cohorts; (b) fined \$100 million; (c) barred from his occupation for life; and (d) possibly faces five years in prison. The press, almost to a man, deplored the excessive lightness of this treatment.

Who are these victims/criminals? Mass murderers? Rapists? Soviet spies? Terrorists bombing restaurants or kidnapping innocent people? No, far worse than these, apparently. These dangerous, sinister men have committed the high crime of "insider trading." As one knowledgeable lawyer explained to the New York Times: "Put yourself in the role of a young investment banker who sees one of your mentors led away by Federal marshals. It will have a very powerful effect on you and perhaps make you realize that insider trading is just as serious as armed robbery as far as the government is concerned."

This attorney's statement is grotesque enough, but it actually understates the case. Armed robbers are usually coddled by our judicial system. Columnists and social workers worry about their deprived backgrounds as youths, the friction between their parents, their lack of supervised playgrounds as children, and all the rest. And they are let off with a few months' probation to rob or mug again. But no one worries about the broken homes that may have spawned investment bankers and inside traders, and no social workers are there to hold their hands. They receive the full might of the law, and are sent straight to jail without stopping at "Go".

A major difference between the "crime" of insider trading and the other crimes is that insider trading is a "crime" with no victims. What is this dread inside trading? Very simply, it is using superior knowledge to make profits on the stock (or other) markets. A terrible thing? But

this, after all, is what entrepreneurship and the free-enterprise system is all about. We live in a world of risk and uncertainty, and in that world, the more able and knowledgeable entrepreneurs make profits, while ignorant entrepreneurs suffer losses and eventually get out of business altogether. This is what happens, not only in the financial markets, but in business in general. The assumption of risk by businessmen, seeking profits and hoping to avoid losses, is a voluntary assumption by businessmen themselves. Not only is this process the essence of the free market, but the market, by rewarding able and farsighted men and "punishing" the ignorant and short-sighted, places capital resources into the hands of the most knowledgeable and efficient, and thereby improves the workings of the entire economic system.

And yet there are no victims of inside trading as there are in robbery or murder. Suppose that A holds 1,000 shares of XYZ Co. stock, and wants to sell those shares. B has "inside knowledge" that XYZ will soon merge with Arbus Corp., with 1,000 shares for \$50 apiece; B, let us say, is right, the merger is soon announced, and the XYZ shares rise to \$75 apiece. B sells and makes \$25 per share, or \$25,000 profit. B has profited from his inside knowledge. But has A been victimized? Certainly not, because if there had been no inside knowledge at all, A would still have sold his shares for \$50. The only difference is that someone else, say C, would have bought the shares, and made the \$25,000 profit. The difference, of course, is that B would have made the profits as a knowledgeable investor, whereas C would have been simply lucky. But isn't it better for the economy to have capital resources owned by the knowledgeable and far-sighted rather than merely by the lucky? And, further, the point is that A hasn't been deprived of a dime by B's inside knowledge.

There is, in short, nothing wrong and everything right with inside trading. If anything, insider traders should be hailed as heroes of the free market instead of being apprehended in chains.

But, you say, it is "unfair" for some men to know more than others, and actually to profit by that knowledge. But what kind of a world-view dubs it "unfair" for some men to know more than others? It is the world-view of the egalitarian, who believes that any kind of superiority of one person over another--in ability, or knowledge, or income, or wealth--is somehow "unfair". But



men are not ants or bees or robots; each individual is unique and different from others, and ability, talent, and wealth will therefore differ. That is the glory of the human race, to be admired and protected rather than destroyed, for in such destruction will perish human freedom and civilization itself.

There is another critical aspect to the current Reign of Terror over Wall Street. Freedom of speech, and the right of privacy, particularly cherished possessions of man, have disappeared. Wall Streeters are literally afraid to talk to one another, because muttering over the martini that "Hey, Jim, it looks like XYZ will merge," or even, "Arbus is coming out soon with a hot new product," might well mean indictment, heavy fines, and jail terms. And where are the intrepid guardians of the first Amendment in all this?

But of course, it is literally impossible to stamp out insider trading, or Wall Streeters talking to one another, just as even the Soviet Union, with all its awesome powers of enforcement, has been unable to stamp out dissent or "black (free) market" currency trading. But what the outlawry of insider trading (or of "currency smuggling", the latest investment banker offense to be indicted) does is to give the federal government a hunting license to go after any person or firm who may be out of power in the financial-political struggles among our power elites. (Just as outlawing food would give a hunting license to get after people out of power who are caught eating.) It is surely no accident that the indictments have been centered in groups of investment bankers who are now out of power.

Specifically, the realities are that, since last November, firms such as Drexel, Burnham, Lambert; Kidder Peabody; and Goldman Sachs; have been under savage assault by the federal government. It is no accident that these are precisely the firms who have been financing takeover bids, which have benefited stockholders at the expense of inefficient, old-line corporate managerial elites. The federal crackdown on these and allied firms is the old-line corporate way of striking back. And looking on, the American public, blinded by envy of the intelligent and the wealthy, and by destructive egalitarian notions of fairness, cheer to the rafters.



Lib Kids



## A KID'S VIEW OF RUSSELL MEANS

by Troydyn Monachelli

As the youngest Libertarian, I feel that Russell Means would do best as the Libertarian nomination for president. I feel this way because I think he knows what he is doing. He believes in individual liberties and responsibilities, and he would do more for the Libertarians than anyone else has done.

I said he knows what he is doing because he took his strong points and examined them to see if they would work and they did. Everthing he has talked about would work, in my opinion.

He says that government is not needed for our individual liberties, because if you're free you're free. And when I say our individual liberties, I'm including Americans, Hispanics, Cubans, Indians, and the Orientals in the United States of America. I believe he would help all of these people, not just Indians.

He would do more for the Libertarian Party, by following the Constitution itself, by going back to gold and silver not just ordinary paper, and by taking away some of the government's power.

These are three main reasons why I think Russell Means would be the best Libertarian nomination for president. So please nominate Russell Means for the next Libertarian president.

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## USA: THE SOLUTION

by Andre Marrou

In his book Fight, Flight, Fraud: The Story of Taxation, Charles Adams points out that throughout history great civilizations have been destroyed not by external aggression but by two insidious, internal forces: excessive taxation and currency debasement.

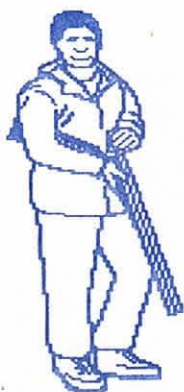
Americans now pay about 42% of their income to all four levels of government (federal, state, county, local). Only a portion of this is actually income tax--the rest is sales, real estate tax, personal property tax, estate tax, inheritance, import tax, luxury tax, oil duty tax, gasoline tax, ad infinitum.

Contrast this with the 25% that feudal serfs paid their manor lords during the Dark Ages hundreds of years ago. Compared to serfs, present-day Americans certainly live better, but they get to keep only 58% of their income, whereas the serfs kept 75%.

It wasn't always like this in "the land of the free and the home of the brave". From 1776 to 1913--or for 137 years--there was no income tax at all. Only during the last 74 years have we been blessed with it. The income tax was debated for three years in Congress before it passed--in fact, it had already been declared unconstitutional in 1897. When it became the law of the land, it was supposed to remain at 1% of income. But William Jennings Bryan, member of the U.S. House of Representatives, warned that "if we pass this bill, someday the income tax may rise as high as 10%". We should be so lucky as to have only a 10% income tax nowadays.

Debasement of the currency? American dollars lost the backing of, and instant convertibility into, gold in 1933. To add insult to injury our greenbacks lost the backing and convertibility of silver in 1967 and copper in 1983. Inflation has become endemic--people don't discuss whether we're going to have inflation, but how much. Prices have soared. American business is steadily losing competitiveness.

Paper currency? President Thomas Jefferson said in 1824, when the printing of paper money was being discussed in Congress, that if Americans printed money--instead of minting it--then "someday



## THE STATE STOPS HERE

By  
John Sebastian

The news from North Alabama. Marshall Fritz was our guest speaker last month I think that we may have found through the Fritz Blitz several new Libertarians, some of whom are very promin-

ent in North Alabama. I want to thank all who worked so hard. The Somervilles, Alan Barksdale (without whom nothing would get done up here), and my wife, Susan, who never complains when the time, money, and effort are for Liberty.

Now for the bad news. It's sad but true America's hope for Freedom the Libertarian Party is entrapped in chains of ballot access. If we must continually spend our hearts and treasures on merely gaining ballot access; then indeed the outlook is bleak.

Hope exists. In the House Election committee are currently two bills that would greatly reduce our ballot access burden. No longer would our struggle be for mere access to the ballot but winning elections and saving America's traditions of limited government and freedom.

You can help by writing your congressmen and senators. Examples and addresses--For anyone who needs them. Mail your letters before the postal rates go up again. The hardest part is putting the word 'honorable' next to the legislator's name in the salutation. (It helps if one holds one's nose).

Keep your powder dry.

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the price of bacon will rise to .04 per pound". How would you like to buy bacon at that price?

What can and should--perhaps must--we do? The answers are, surprisingly, simple and well known. All it takes is the guts to put them into effect. They include:

1. Reduce the size of government, at all levels, to a small fraction--say 10%--of what it is now.

2. Abolish the income tax and the IRS. Replace it with user fees (such as fuel tax going directly into road maintenance), voluntary contributions (people bequeath property to the government every day), and those few taxes stipulated in the original Constitution.

3. Adopt the Liberty Amendment, already endorsed by 9 states. It was proposed in 1962, several years before the Libertarian Party was founded. This Amendment would get the USA government out of competition (e.g. the TVA manufactures and markets fertilizer) and would abolish the income tax and estate tax.

4. Withdraw our troops from protecting foreign soil; so that they can defend the USA itself. If an aggressor force invaded our country today, it would find only skeleton forces defending us; since most of our troops are overseas defending Japan, Germany, Korea, Britain, and on and on. This in turn allows these nations to spend less on defending themselves, leaving more to spend on industrial competition with us.

5. Get rid of all subsidies to business. For example, the Department of Agriculture spends millions of dollars subsidizing tobacco farmers, while the Surgeon General spends millions of dollars dissuading Americans from smoking, chewing, and dipping tobacco. Is this insane, or what? Tobacco is well known to be a harmful, addictive drug which directly causes cancer. And our government, using our tax money, is subsidizing addiction to this drug.

6. Get the government out of the personal lives of Americans. We should be able to do what we want with our own bodies, so long as we don't forcibly interfere with others or cost them money. Abolish the Drug Enforcement Administration, along with free hospital care for drug abusers. Get rid of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and their hideous, racist quotas--so that persons who can support themselves without

government help can become Americans. Send the Bureau of Indian Affairs--surely the most racist, discriminatory, condescending, paternalistic, arrogant bureaucracy in the last 100 years--into the wild blue yonder.

7. Put the police to solving crimes of violence and fraud, such as murder, rape, and robbery. Take them out of interfering with Americans' private, voluntary, non-coercive affairs--such as gambling, prostitution, and recreational substances. Make the police protect us from muggers and rapists, instead of making excuses why they can't because they're chasing speeders or busting hookers.

8. Get the government out of religion, out of education, out of communication, out of transportation, out of income redistribution. In his book Losing Ground, Charles Murray shows that mandated minimum wages hurt only young, uneducated, minority persons; that welfare (wages without work) begets more welfare and kills any incentive to get off it; that governmentally controlled and subsidized education is bad and getting worse. As President Andrew Jackson said, "Equal rights for all; special privileges for none."

The USA, the American way of life, does have a beautiful future, if--and only if--we exhibit the courage to change what's eating out our substance and causing immense strife in our society. If we do not, if we continue down the path of more governmental power and correspondingly less individual liberty; then "America the Beautiful" will become the late, great USA just as surely as the invincible Roman Empire joined the dust heap of history.

It is up to us. We can do it, if only we will.







## KATHY'S KUDOS

By

Kathy Hodges



Many exciting things have been happening with the Alabama Libertarian Party over the last two months, thanks to our members and friends.

GEORGE YOSSFIF has donated an IBM compatible computer system to the party. It's so advanced that it will take a while to learn, but it will be a great help in the future. We really appreciate it.

Congratulations to MARK THORNTON. He has been named Director of the von Mises Institute, Auburn. We wish you luck as you take on this new endeavor.

GEORGE ELKINS is trying to start a supper club in Montgomery. Their first event was a Memorial Day picnic. It seems there was a good core group there, and everyone enjoyed himself. Good Luck in getting things off the ground.

MARSHALL FRITZ was in Huntsville in May, due to the efforts of JOHN AND SUSAN SEBASTIAN, JIM AND ARLENE SOMERVILLE, ALAN BARKSDALE, and other members of the Huntsville Supper Club. Thanks to all of them for a successful meeting.

LONNIE BURFORD, one of our newest members, has brought new vitality to our group. He attended the public meeting debating "home rule" for Jefferson County and distributed Common Sense in more ways than one. "Give me more ways to help!" is his battle cry.

BILL SPRINGER from Mobile has adopted the Mobile Register and has already sent us five great letters to the editor. Packages are already on the way thanks to Bill.

Finally, thanks to all the folks who helped make the convention so successful. GEORGE BLAKE put much effort into increasing attendance at the convention. STEVE SMITH handled the public relations and speaker introductions. Kudos to KATHY for handling registration and impromptu child care. FRANK MONACHELLI coordinated the whole event and represented Alabama in the Worst Politician Debate with Georgia's JIM HARRIS. Thanks to everyone and keep up the hard work.

## Dear Libby



I attended the LP convention recently, because I had been assigned to cover it for my paper, The Skunk Blast. I expected to see some really neat people there. Instead of Madonna or Gary Hart, I had to listen to Ron Paul and Walter Williams. I still haven't written the story, because I don't know what to say!

They just talked about economics and liberty and things like that. Now, Libby, you know that doesn't sell papers! People don't want to know about that stuff. Besides that, those two guys looked downright respectable! They were well dressed and well spoken. There was no hint of scandal to write about. No lurid pictures to print. I hung around the Men's Room for an hour hoping to see one of them molest a little boy or something, and they didn't even come in to go to the bathroom! How can I make a story out of freedom, money, and the Constitution? If I did, people might think these men are worth voting for and that there is a possibility of getting out of this mess the government has created. Then I would be out of a job, because all the juicy tidbits and non-issues we sell would be unnecessary, and our paper would go out of business.

What if we didn't have the PTL? Months of stories never written. Seatbelts, smoking, child-raising, drinking, school textbooks, public health and safety, pornography, guns, gambling, pets, speed limits, election choices, sex, etc. all would be voluntary, personal decisions decided on individual morality and fairness. Now we cannot have a populace deciding THOSE THINGS! There wouldn't be any story in having people think for themselves. No, my living comes from mob rule and mob justice.

My problem is I just need a good angle to start my story. I know the rest will come easily after I have a good attention getter. Please help.

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