

Convention is Gateway to Three Party System

Final preparation is now well underway for the biggest single event in libertarian history - the 1979 Libertarian Party Presidential Nominating Convention in Los Angeles.

Initial response to the Convention brochure was greater than expected, raising the degree of optimism that the events at the Bonaventure Hotel will attract at least 2,000 visitors.

Present indications are that the Convention will be heavily covered by the news media from all over California, as well as correspondents from the national media.

A detailed program of speakers, events, panels, parties, and features has been distributed to an expanded mailing list of Libertarian Party members and supporters. Copies of the program, however, are still available from LP National Headquarters.

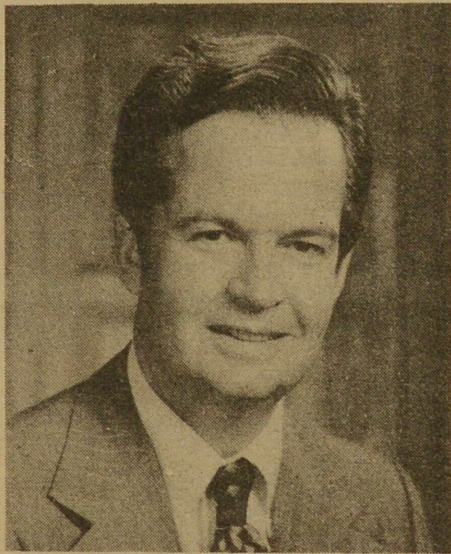
Featured Speaker

A last-minute addition to the Convention program is author Robert Ringer, whose books *Looking Out For Number One* and *Winning Through Intimidation* were national bestsellers. Despite their rather challenging titles, both of these books were generally receptive to basic libertarian concepts, and Ringer acknowledges the Libertarian Party by name in *Looking Out For Number One*.

A new book by Ringer, *Restoring The American Dream* has just been published (Harper and Row), and is the focus of the largest advertising budget for one book in history.

In this book, Ringer specifically endorses libertarian ideas and the Libertarian Party as vehicles by which the "American Dream" can be restored.

(See elsewhere in this issue of LP News for a review of *Restoring The American Dream* by former LP National Chairman Ed Crane.)



ED CLARK

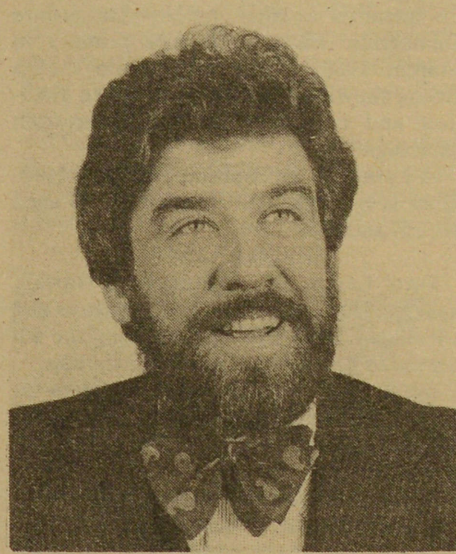
Elections

For delegates to the Convention, the highlight will be the nomination of the Libertarian Party candidate for President and Vice President. The presidential contest is expected to be a race between Californian Ed Clark and New Hampshire activist Bill Hunscher.

No clear front-runners have emerged for the Vice Presidential nomination, although some individuals have recently announced their candidacy.

The Libertarian Party Constitution permits the Presidential nominee to "veto" the nomination of a Vice Presidential candidate. Past experience indicates, however, that the use of the veto should not be precipitous.

Neither Clark nor Hunscher have se-



BILL HUNSCHER

lected a prospective running-mate as of this writing.

Also up for election is the entire Libertarian Party National Committee: Officers, At Large members, and Regional Representatives.

Officers and At Large members are elected by the delegates from the floor of the Convention; Regional Representatives are elected by caucuses of all delegates from the states in their respective regions of the Libertarian Party. Regional selections will take place at the conclusion of the Convention, and a meeting of the new National Committee is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, September 9.

Committees

Three important convention committees will be deliberating prior to the Conven-

tion, in order to propose changes and amendments to existing party documents.

The Platform Committee, chaired by Joan Kennedy Taylor, and consisting of ten members elected at large by the National Committee and one member each selected by the ten largest states in terms of national LP membership, will consider and recommend changes to the Libertarian Party Platform, the guiding statement of LP positions in the years between each Regular Convention.

The Constitution, By Laws, and Rules Committee will consider changes in party structure and operating rules. This Committee consists of ten members elected at large by the National Committee, and will be chaired by Bill Howell.

After the presentations of changes from each Committee, delegates will have the opportunity to propose further amendments from the floor, time permitting.

The Credentials Committee is the final arbiter of decisions regarding the seating of delegates on the Convention floor, as well as the allocation of delegates from among the various states. This committee will make its presentation on September 6; the Chair is the LP National Secretary, Sylvia Sanders.

All available evidence would indicate that, despite inevitable differences of opinion that will arise over party policy, rules, officers, and nominees, a spirit of harmonious, constructive progress will prevail at the 1979 Convention, in keeping with its theme, "Toward A Three Party System."

Thousands Register Libertarian In California

Perhaps the greatest political action news in Libertarian Party history is the current success of the Ballot Access Drive of the Libertarian Party of California (LPC).

California Libertarians were faced with a serious problem late in 1978: their candidate for Governor had won over 5% of the vote, but the California election code, as interpreted by the Secretary of State, did not permit the LPC to obtain permanent ballot status, despite its showing. (A showing of 2% is required for a previously-qualified ballot status party to maintain its ballot status.)

The LPC went to court in early 1979, seeking to overturn the Secretary of State's ruling; that effort failed in lower court, and will be appealed.

In the meantime, more and more Calif-

ornia Libertarians were considering their alternatives. The LP may qualify for permanent ballot status in California — but only if the seemingly impossible goal of acquiring 73,000 registered Libertarians was achieved.

A group of Orange County Libertarians began carefully considering the feasibility of persuading almost 65,000 California voters to change their party registration to Libertarian (the LPC had over 8,000 registered voters at the end of 1978). Led by activist Jack Dean, the Orange County group concluded that the project could be done, given sufficient time, money, and moral support from the LPC.

In late spring, Dean and his associates presented a formal plan to the LPC Executive Committee to conduct a Registration Drive. Upon its approval the Orange County people began hiring, training, and sending out to the streets and beaches dozens of registration solicitors, paid to ask others if they would change their registration to Libertarian.

Armed with printed postcard registration

forms, the canvassers explain the unfair situation faced by the LPC, and request that the voter help out by changing his or her registration.

The system is working. For the first week in August, over 2400 new Libertarian registrants were recorded in Orange County alone, plus several hundred more in other areas around the state. This figure of approximately 3,000 registrations per week, if it can be maintained, will ensure that the LPC reaches its goal of 73,000 Libertarian registrations before the deadline of December 31, 1979.

The registration drive is very expensive, and is likely to cost well over \$100,000 at its conclusion. But whatever the cost, it will be less expensive than the constant need to qualify Libertarian candidates for the ballot each election year, a tremendous drain on resources which would be more effectively spent on the campaign itself.

In addition, achieving the registration goal will permit LP candidates to appear on the California ballot as "Libertarian"

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Platform

The Libertarian Party Platform Committee will be hearing testimony from Libertarians interested in expressing their views on Platform planks. Testimony will be heard beginning at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, September 4, at the Bonaventure Hotel.

Please notify the Platform Committee Chair, Joan Kennedy Taylor, at 1620 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94111 of any intention to testify.

Candidate Profiles - See Inside

LP Candidates For President, VP Profiled

ED CLARK

Ed Clark, 49, has been actively seeking the presidential nomination of the Libertarian Party since February.

Clark, a Los Angeles attorney, was the Libertarian Party candidate for Governor of California in 1978. In a five-way race, he polled 377,960 votes, or 5.5%.

Clark has been active with the Libertarian Party since its founding in 1972, serving on the National Committee continuously since then. He has been State Chair of the Libertarian Party in New York and in California, was Chairman of the Platform Committee at the 1975 LP National Convention, and Chairman of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules Committee at the 1977 LP National Convention.

In 1977, Clark was elected to the Governing Board of the Health Systems Agency in Los Angeles, a quasi-public entity which oversees health care in its area.

Clark has indicated that his presidential campaign would focus on a few specific issues, and that the momentum of his candidacy would build gradually, reaching a peak on or near Election Day. He has said that the resources of the campaign would be allocated carefully, with much of them being spent after the Republican and Democratic candidates have been nominated.

A graduate of Harvard and Dartmouth, Clark is married, with one five-year-old son.

BILL HUNSCHER

Bill Hunscher, 41, announced his intention to seek the LP presidential nomination in December, 1978, and has been campaigning full-time since then.

Hunscher, a businessman from Milford, New Hampshire, has been involved with the Libertarian Party since 1972, and became State Chair of the New Hampshire LP in 1977, after having directed the MacBride for President ballot drive in that state the previous year.

Hunscher organized a slate of candidates for various New Hampshire offices in

1978, managed them all, and was himself a candidate for the State Legislature, receiving 13% of the vote. Hunscher sponsored the full time, paid position of Executive Director of the New Hampshire party.

Hunscher has organized a number of businesses in the data processing and solar energy fields, serving in various capacities in each.

Hunscher has said that his presidential campaign would be a full-time, 14 month experience, with the candidate on the road virtually continuously from the nomination until Election Day. Hunscher has expressed his intention to enter the New Hampshire Democratic Party preference primary in March, 1980, in the expectation that a strong showing there would heighten attention and credibility for the Libertarian campaign.

A Lafayette and Babson graduate, Hunscher is married with three children, aged 18, 16, and 7.

PETER LARSEN

Peter Larsen, 35, of Honolulu, Hawaii, has notified LP National Headquarters and LP State Chairs that he is seeking the Libertarian Party Presidential nomination.

Larsen was the Hawaii LP candidate for U.S. House of Representatives in the First District in 1978, winning 3.7% of the vote in a three-way race.

Larsen has been a businessman for several years in Hawaii, his birthplace.

No statement regarding Larsen's candidacy has been received by LP News. According to conversations with other Hawaii Libertarians, Larsen is in disagreement with significant portions of the present Libertarian Party Platform dealing with Foreign Policy and Defense, and believes that neither Ed Clark nor Bill Hunscher represent his views satisfactorily.

OTHERS

According to the best information available to LP News at press time, no other person is actively seeking the presidential nomination of the Libertarian Party.

Two persons who have been the focus of speculation apparently do not intend to be candidates. Richard Randolph, the Libertarian State Representative from Alaska, was the "Favorite Son" candidate of his state's delegation, but has reportedly released all Alaska delegates to vote as they choose.

Allan Vogel, of Houston, Texas, has been proposed as a candidate by a small committee, which issued a mailing on Vogel's behalf, but Vogel himself has not campaigned or taken any steps to encourage the committee. Vogel was the Libertarian candidate for Mayor of Houston in 1977.

BRUCE J. CAMERON

Bruce J. Cameron of Phoenix, Arizona, has recently announced his candidacy for the Vice Presidential nomination of the Libertarian Party.

Cameron, 41, is a Charter Member of the Arizona LP since 1972, a Life Sustaining Member of the National LP since 1973, a delegate to the LP National Conventions in 1974, 1977, and 1979, and campaign manager for a number of local election contests of the Arizona LP.

He has recently been instrumental in the opening of a permanent headquarters for the Arizona LP.

Cameron has been active in the Arizona business community as a member of the Board of Directors of Dyna Resources, Inc., Dynacomp, Inc., Resource Consultants, and Lawyers Title of Arizona. He recently terminated most of his business obligations in order to take a more active role in LP affairs.

A graduate of the University of Arizona, Cameron is the father of a grown son who was an Arizona LP candidate for State Senate in 1978.

Cameron is the Arizona Coordinator of the Hunscher for President campaign.

BILL GREENE

William (Bill) Greene, of San Francisco,

California, has announced his candidacy for the Vice Presidential nomination of the Libertarian Party.

Greene, 41, is a self-described "tycoon" who runs "Bill Greene's Tycoon Class," a weekend-long seminar taught by Greene which deals with ways to make large sums of money in real estate.

Greene has written a book, *Two Years To Freedom*, which details his methods of making money successfully.

Greene has been the subject of numerous newspaper articles and feature stories over the past seven years about his entrepreneurial activities, particularly his "Tycoon Class." Greene describes himself as a millionaire, and states, "If you've got a million dollars, then you've got freedom."

Aside from biographical material, no statement of Libertarian Party activity or plans for the 1980 campaign on Greene's behalf had been received by LP News at press time.

ROBERT BAKHAUS

Robert Bakhaus of Houston, Texas, has notified LP News of his candidacy for the Libertarian Party Vice Presidential nomination.

Bakhaus, 34, has been active for several years with the LP in Texas, and is presently the publisher of *Efficacy* magazine, described as the "Gulf Coast Voice of Civil and Economic Liberty."

Self-described as a "professional libertarian," Bakhaus has worked for legislators Woody Jenkins (D-La.) and Rep. Ron Paul (R-Tex.). Bakhaus is also publisher of the AREA (Association for Rational Environmental Alternatives) *Journal* and managing editor of *Robotics Age* magazine.

Bakhaus believes "that his political knowledge and communications experience will enable him to function well as a VP candidate," and that "a southern VP candidate experienced in electoral/legislative procedure would add breadth to a west or east coast presidential candidate."

Four Seek Election As National Officers

(The following candidates for positions on the Libertarian Party National Committee have submitted their biographies and photos for inclusion in LP News. Their appearance in this issue in no way implies an endorsement, nor do they necessarily represent the entire field of candidates who may be running for these offices at the National Convention.)

The National Committee presently consists of four officers, seven members elected At-Large by the Convention delegates, and Regional Representatives from the 10 regions of the Libertarian Party who are elected by caucuses of delegates from their region at the conclusion of the Convention.)

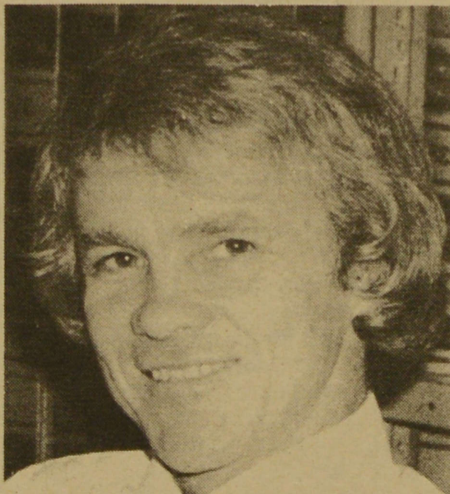
NATIONAL CHAIR

David P. Bergland has announced his intention to seek re-election to the position of Libertarian Party National Chair, a post to which he was elected without opposition in 1977.

Bergland was the Libertarian Party nominee for Vice President of the United States in 1976.

A Cost Mesa, California, attorney in private practice, Bergland was the Libertarian nominee for the California State Senate (36th District) in 1978, polling 5.8% of the vote in a three-way race, considerably more than the difference between his Republican and Democratic opponents.

Bergland first entered the political arena



DAVID P. BERGLAND

in 1974, as the Libertarian candidate (write-in) for Attorney General of California.

According to a statement announcing his candidacy, Bergland said: "During the past two years I have made running an open party a high priority. I have always maintained that our final goal is freedom, but have avoided the trap of predetermined conclusions on the best route to obtaining freedom.

"In my view, the policies of evenhandedness and openness have brought a wide diversity of people into the Libertarian Party

and have contributed greatly to our growth and effectiveness. It is important that these policies and results continue if our Party is to continue to grow."

Bergland, 43, is married, with three grown children.

NATIONAL VICE CHAIR

Mary Louise ("M.L.") Hanson has announced her intention to seek re-election to the post of Libertarian Party National Vice Chair. She was first elected to this position, without opposition, in 1977.

Hanson was a Regional Representative on the LP National Committee prior to her election as Vice Chair.

Hanson is Manager and Officer-in-Charge of the Credit Division of the First National Bank of Denver, Colorado, and President of the Downtown Denver Association of Business and Professional Women.

In 1978, Hanson ran as the Libertarian candidate for State Treasurer of Colorado, polling over 19,000 votes, the highest total received by any "third" party candidate for statewide office. She has been active on the speaking and lecture circuit in her home state since the campaign.

Hanson emphasizes the importance of organization, planning, and division of la-



M.L. HANSON

bor in her Vice Chair role, and has borne primary responsibility for the series of LP Regional Conferences which have taken place around the country since 1977. Most recently she has been instrumental in the development of a computer system for LP National Headquarters, scheduled to begin operation in late 1979.

Hanson, 35, is single and resides in Denver.

SECRETARY

Sylvia Sanders has announced her candidacy for National Secretary of the Libertarian Party, a post to which she was elected by the LP National Committee in January, 1978 to fill a vacancy in that position.

According to her statement of candidacy, Sanders has "taken an active role in debate and mediation" on the National Committee in addition to furnishing complete, detailed minutes promptly, compiling a full record of all National Committee resolutions and policies since 1972, and furnishing an annual report of party activities.

Sanders describes herself as "a born note-taker and organizer," and, in addition to her mandated duties as National Secretary, she seeks to develop "materials and techniques that will aid smaller state parties."

A graduate of Radcliffe, Sanders has been active in the Libertarian Parties of Massachusetts, Washington State, and, most recently, Iowa. She served on the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules Committee at the 1975 and 1977 National Con-



SYLVIA SANDERS

ventions, and will chair the Credentials Committee at the 1979 Convention.

Sanders, 31, is a resident of Pocahontas, Iowa, where she divides her time among farming, homemaking, and libertarian activism.

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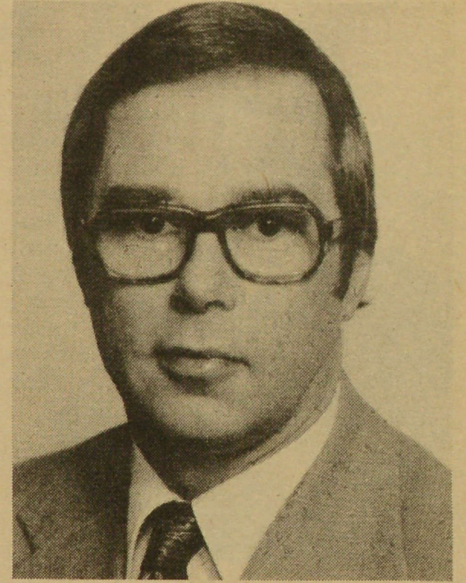
S. Dallas Cooley has announced his candidacy for the office of Libertarian Party National Treasurer, a position being vacated by Paul Allen, who is not seeking re-election.

Dr. Cooley is presently the Region 7 Representative on the LP National Committee, and President of the Libertarian Health Association, a group of individuals with a professional or other interest in the health care field.

Cooley has been an active Regional Representative since his election to that post in 1977, helping to organize state parties in Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee, and the District of Columbia.

A physician in private practice, Cooley cites his professional business experience and his close proximity to the Libertarian Party National Headquarters as qualifications for the post of Treasurer.

"The Treasurer must be able to work closely with the National Headquarters staff at all times to ensure that all of the required financial, accounting, and reporting



S. DALLAS COOLEY

procedures are current and correct," Cooley said in his announcement of candidacy.

Cooley, 47, lives and works in Fairfax, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C. He is married with three teen-age children.

LP National Committee At-Large Candidates



VIVIAN BAURES

Vivian Baures has announced her candidacy for an At-Large position on the Libertarian Party National Committee.

Baures has been active as a campaigner and candidate with the Libertarian Party of Oregon since joining the party in 1975. She was State Chair of the Oregon party in 1977, and a founder of the Jackson County (Ore.) LP.

At the 1977 National Convention, she was a member of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules Committee.

In 1978, Baures ran for Clerk of Jackson County, polling 19% of the vote in a three-way race, and was endorsed by both daily newspapers in the county.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee) Baures served six years as the Finance Director of the City of Medford, Oregon. She is presently self-employed as a Management Consultant specializing in finance and data processing.

According to her statement of candidacy, she believes her "strong management background and experience will aid the LP in dealing with and properly directing the period of rapid growth and expansion before us."

Baures, 31, is married with one son, and lives in Jackson County.

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Veteran LP activist Ed Crane will seek election to an At-Large position on the Libertarian Party National Committee.

Crane was the National Chairman of the Libertarian Party for three years. First elected in 1974, he was re-elected in 1975 for a two-year term.

Crane is presently a member of the Na-

tional Committee as immediate past National Chairman, a position he must relinquish at the conclusion of the present Chair's term.

Present at the founding convention of the LP in 1972, Crane has attended each subsequent convention and has held numerous positions on convention committees. He is presently Chairman of the "50 in '80" Committee of the Libertarian Party, and Director of the 1979 National Convention.

Crane is President of the Cato Institute, a San Francisco-based public policy research foundation; publisher of *Inquiry* magazine; and president of Libertarian Review, Inc.

Crane is a member of the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts and was Vice President of Alliance Capital Management Corporation prior to his involvement with the LP.

A graduate of the University of California and the University of Southern California, Crane, 35, is a resident of San Francisco.



ED CRANE

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CAROL CUNNINGHAM

Carol Cunningham, a current At-Large member of the Libertarian Party National Committee, has announced her intention to seek re-election to that position.

Cunningham first became involved with the Libertarian Party in San Francisco, California, in 1972, and held numerous positions within that state's party. She was largely responsible for the planning and success of the 1977 Libertarian Party National Convention in San Francisco.

Cunningham has served on the LP Na-

tional Committee continuously since 1975, when she was elected a Regional Representative. She won election to an At-Large seat in 1977.

Cunningham was one of 13 women in a freshman engineering class at Northeastern University in 1968. Upon transferring to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, she graduated first in her class in 1971 with degrees in Civil Engineering. She is presently a civil engineer in New London, Connecticut, having held a similar position in San Francisco.

She is married to Ray Cunningham, present National Finance Chairman of the Libertarian Party. The Cunninghams reside in Quaker Hill, Connecticut.

(No Photo Available)

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G.E. Buddy Diamond has announced his candidacy for an At-Large position on the Libertarian Party National Committee.

Diamond is presently a member of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota State Executive Committee and an alternate to the 1979 National Convention.

Diamond is the founder of the "Free Communications Company," which, according to his statement of candidacy, "has made great advances into the fields of broadcasting, cybernetics and production with plain old pure entrepreneurship." The company markets MANUFAX: The Game of Industrial Production.

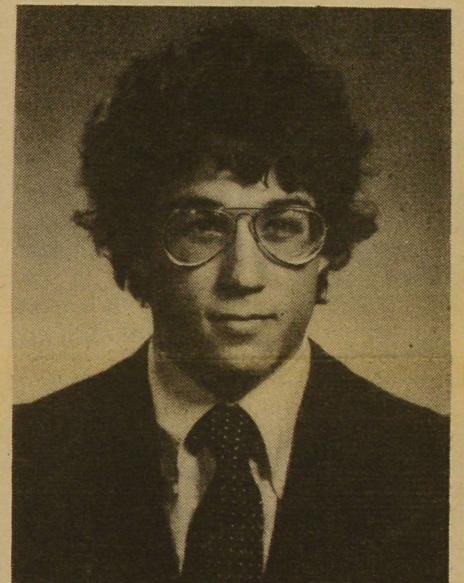
According to Diamond, his "researches into the cybernetic aspects of the human mind resulted in the elucidation of a new theory of personality called 'anthropotronics,' which allows the person to use his personality to control his life instead of to rationalize his problems."

Diamond, 23, is a management consultant and writer, and a graduate of Harvard University in 1978.

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Williamson M. Evers has announced his intention to seek an At-Large position on the Libertarian Party National Committee. Evers has been a Regional Representative on the Committee since 1975.

Evers has been actively involved in the libertarian movement since the late 1960's, and with the Libertarian Party since the early 1970's. He was founder of the Stanford Libertarian Society at Stanford University, and an instructor of three accredited courses dealing with aspects of libertarian theory. With the LP, he was editor of *LP News* from 1974 to 1976; Research Director of the MacBride for President Campaign in 1976; member of the LP Publica-



G.E. BUDDY DIAMOND

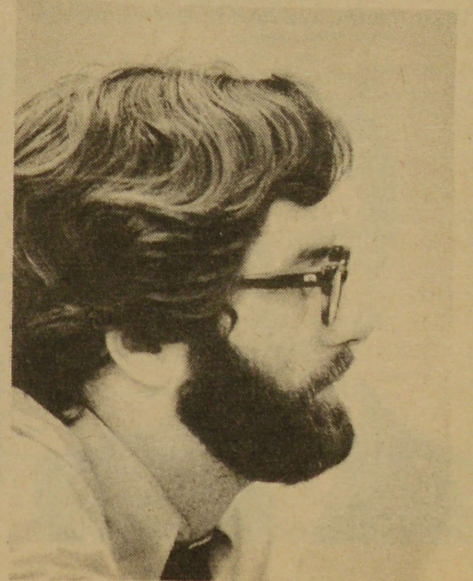
tions Committee since 1977; and an elected member of the Platform Committee in 1977 and 1979.

Evers is a member of the Board of Advisors for Students for a Libertarian Society and a member of the Board of Directors of the Center for Libertarian Studies. His articles have been published in *Reason*, *Libertarian Review*, *Libertarian Forum*, and *Journal of Libertarian Studies*.

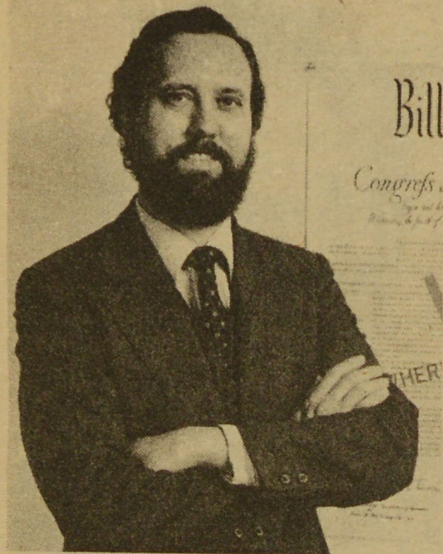
Presently, Evers is editor of *Inquiry* magazine and a vice president of the Cato Institute, positions which he has held since late 1976.

Evers is a San Francisco, California resident.

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WILLIAMSON M. EVERS



CRAIG FRANKLIN

Craig Franklin has announced his candidacy for an At-Large position on the Libertarian Party National Committee.

Franklin joined the Libertarian Party in 1972, and has been an activist and Executive Committee member in three states: Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and North Carolina.

In 1978, Franklin was the LP candidate for U.S. Senate in New Hampshire, running an active campaign. He plans an active, professional campaign for Governor of North Carolina in 1980.

According to his statement of candidacy, Franklin "has attended four of the last five National Committee meetings and knows how the Committee works." He favors "an open National Committee, and would distribute at cost all minutes and other public Committee documents" to those who requested them.

Franklin describes himself as "an activist, a decentralist, a computer expert, and a businessman." Since becoming involved with computers professionally at age 16, Franklin worked on the Apollo project, spent five years on the staff at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and five years at Data General.

Franklin is now the president of his own company, Carolina Software, and is a resident of North Carolina.

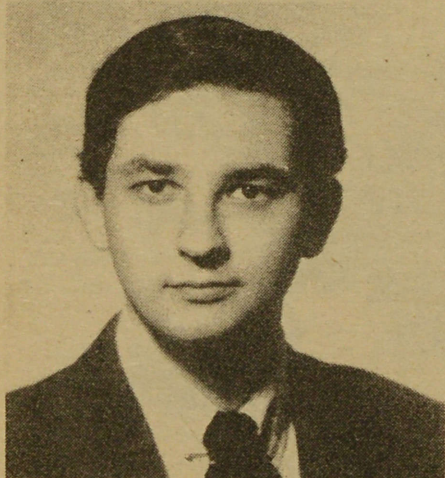
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Mike Gilson has announced his intention to seek an At-Large position on the Libertarian Party National Committee.

Gilson, of Brooklyn, New York, describes himself as a "Libertarian innovator" who runs a consulting firm which "pioneers philosophic methods in personal/management problems," and has "profited clients to 1000 times my fee - investment funds, African tribes, individuals facing tough decisions."

Gilson is president of the Management Group in MENSA, chairman of the North Atlantic Conference of the Parliamentarian's Institute, and an affiliate of the British Institute of Management.

According to his statement of candidacy, "Ideas, brains, and talent are our three top



MIKE GILSON

resources. Their startling, creative use continually disarrays our opponents. As our tide swells, I want to bring those resources to fullest use."

Gilson proposes a qualified management advisory board and a permanent idea-exchange for "inventing, re-discovering, evaluating policies and strategies," a "manpower commission to advertise for, inventory, and place members' abilities," and a "projects task-force matching and deploying strategies and members."

Gilson suggests that unusual contributions in the areas of campaign work, financing, and publicity be rewarded; that a PR kit be developed for hometown newspapers; and that professional advice be made accessible for LP activists.

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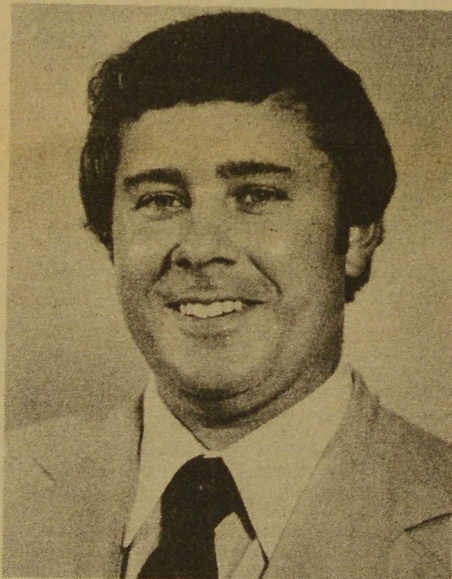
Julé R. Herbert, Jr. has announced his intention to seek an At-Large position on the National Committee of the Libertarian Party.

Herbert recently accepted the position of Executive Director of the National Taxpayers Union in Washington, D.C., a position which will put him into contact with anti-tax activists all over the country.

Prior to moving to Washington, Herbert was the State Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Alabama, a position he had held for two years. He was also head of the Alabama Taxpayers Union, an affiliate of the National Taxpayers Union.

Herbert is a member of the 1979 LP Platform Committee.

According to his statement of candidacy, Herbert "would like to see At-Large members take the lead in developing specific areas of organization which apply to the



JULÉ R. HERBERT

national organization, such as membership and fundraising," and favors "a close relationship between libertarian philosophy and the real issues and problems which face people every day."

Prior to his relocation in Washington, D.C., Herbert was an attorney in private practice in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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David F. Nolan has announced his candidacy for an At-Large position on the Libertarian Party National Committee.

Nolan was a Founding Member of the Libertarian Party in 1971, and served as the Temporary National Chairman of the Party in 1971 and 1972, until the Founding Convention. He was editor of LP News from 1972 to 1974, and served continuously on the National Committee from 1972 to 1977.

Nolan was a candidate for Colorado State Legislature in 1978 while serving as Campaign Director for all state legislative races in that year. He was also Campaign Director of the Colorado MacBride for President Campaign in 1976.

Nolan is the author of the LP Position Paper, "Pot, Helmets, Vitamins, and You," and was responsible for much of the writing, editing, and production of the

"New Political Times" LP recruiting brochure.

From his statement of candidacy: "It's important to have a solid core of experienced, knowledgeable people on the Na-



DAVID F. NOLAN

tional Committee as we move into the 1980 campaign. The At-Large seats provide a logical way for long-timers with proven credentials to participate in the shaping of party affairs. I strongly believe that the LP should operate through consensus, and that many views deserve consideration in our deliberations.

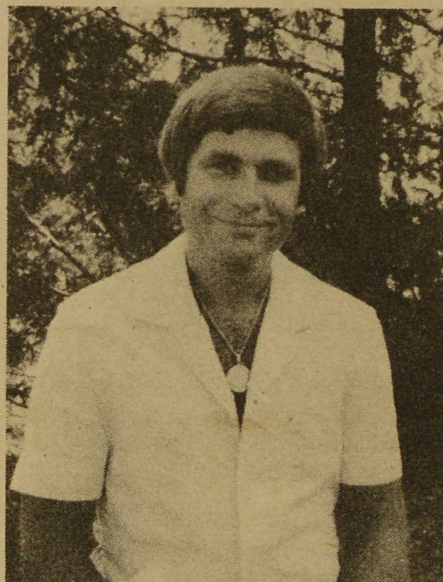
"My professional skills are highly relevant to the 1980 situation. The LP is the mass-marketing arm of the Libertarian movement, and this is where my professional capabilities lie."

Nolan is in the advertising and marketing business in Denver, Colorado, where he resides.

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Ben Olson has announced his candidacy for an At-Large position on the Libertarian Party National Committee.

Olson presently serves on the National Committee as Representative from Region 4, a position to which he was elected in 1977. He has been an active Regional Representative, responsible for the states of Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. He helped to reorganize the South Dakota



BEN OLSON

LP in 1978.

Olson has been involved with the Libertarian Party since 1975, and has served on the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Iowa continuously since then.

Olson was a candidate for the U.S. Senate in 1978.

According to his statement of candidacy, "I often mediate conflicts within the party and take pride in working out constructive solutions to problems. I'm looking forward to helping the national party prepare for the next big growth spurt that will occur with the 1980 campaign."

Olson, 36, is a graduate of Iowa State

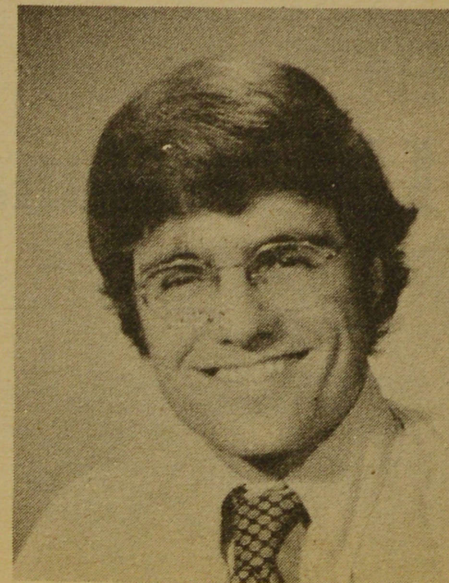
University and is a farmer in Pocahontas, Iowa.

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Tom G. Palmer has announced his candidacy for an At-Large position on the Libertarian Party National Committee.

Palmer, a member of the LP since 1973, was a member of the National Headquarters staff of the MacBride for President campaign in 1976, and was instrumental in founding the Young Libertarian Alliance. He was elected to the LP Platform Committee in 1977 and 1979.

Palmer is also a founder of Students for a Libertarian Society (SLS), a member of its Board of Directors, and is presently serving full-time as its Eastern Regional Coordinator and Washington Representative. In 1979, Palmer has appeared on the "Larry King Show," a nationally-syndicated radio talk show, and Tom Snyder's "Tomorrow" show, an NBC interview program, to discuss libertarianism, SLS,



TOM G. PALMER

and the movement to oppose the reinstatement of the draft. Palmer presently is the National Secretary of the Committee Against Registration and the Draft (CARD), a coalition of several groups including SLS.

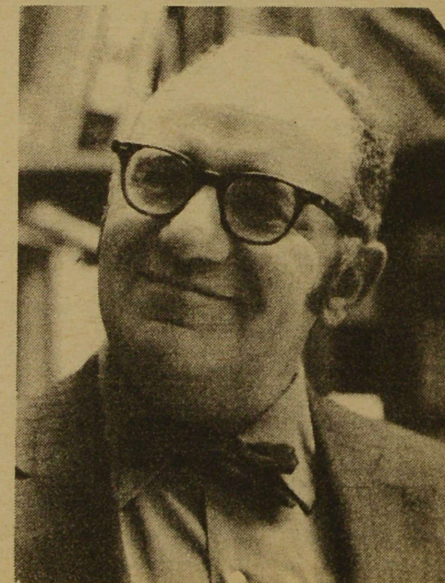
Palmer is a former contributing editor at *Libertarian Review* and former Assistant Director for Academic Affairs at the Cato Institute. He won first place in the 1978 Ludwig von Mises essay contest for his paper, "The Political Economy of Inflation."

Palmer is on leave from St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, while working for SLS in Washington, D.C.

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Longtime libertarian theorist and author Murray N. Rothbard has announced his intention to seek re-election to an At-Large position on the Libertarian Party National Committee, a post to which he was first elected in 1977.

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MURRAY N. ROTHBARD

Restoring The American Dream: A Review

by Ed Crane

A remarkable thing occurred on August 19. A major New York publishing house placed 43 full-page ads in newspapers across the country extolling the virtues of a new book. The publisher is Harper & Row. The advertising campaign is the largest in publishing history. The book is *Restoring the American Dream* by Robert J. Ringer. It is a book about libertarianism.

Think about that for a moment. More money will be spent to publicize a book on libertarianism than has ever been spent by a single publisher to promote any book in history! It's a fact. It goes without saying that this could be a major breakthrough for the libertarian movement. And the timing couldn't be better, coming as it does just prior to the Libertarian Party national convention and our major presidential campaign.

But is this *really* a book on libertarianism? And if it is, how good is it? How accurate? And from what libertarian perspective is it written? And who is Robert Ringer to be writing about our movement? These are questions I asked myself when I received the manuscript in the mail. The answers, for the most part, came as a pleasant surprise.

To begin with, Ringer, the author of the number one best-sellers *Winning Through*

At-Large

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A prolific writer, Rothbard is the author of many books and articles on libertarianism, most recently the second edition of *For A New Liberty* and the fourth volume of his history of pre-revolutionary America, *Conceived In Liberty*.

Rothbard has been a member of the Libertarian Party Platform Committee in 1975, 1976, and 1977; a member of the LP Judicial Committee from 1975 to 1977; and a speaker at every National Convention since 1975.

Rothbard is the author of two recent statements of policy adopted by the National Committee: "On Purposes and Strategy," and "On Coalitions and Alignments."

Rothbard is a Professor of Economics at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, New York, presently on leave.

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WILLIAM J. WAGENER

William J. Wagener has announced his candidacy for an At-Large position on the Libertarian Party National Committee.

Wagener has been involved with the Libertarian Party since 1976, and has participated in state LP organizations in Wisconsin, Florida, and California. He is presently a member of the Libertarian Party of California State Executive Committee.

Wagener was a candidate for the non-partisan office of Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College in 1977, polling 60,000 votes, and has participated actively in other state and local campaigns in California.

Wagener has sponsored opinion surveys in an attempt to "determine our strengths and natural constituency," and describes himself as "an activist, chiefly concerned with and working for uniting the LP and fostering our growth, by reaching out to those most likely to be attracted to our principled approach to politics."

Wagener is self-employed, and a resident of Los Angeles.

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FRED ESSER

Fred Esser has notified LP National Headquarters of his candidacy for the National Committee.

Esser, a Phoenix, Arizona attorney, is presently the State Chair of the Arizona LP, and is a longtime Libertarian Party activist.

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Intimidation and Looking Out for #1, has left behind the harshness and amorality that characterized much of those two books. This is a book that is clearly an attempt by the author to convey to a broad audience his sincere beliefs about what is wrong with our society and what we can do to solve society's ills. His message is for the American people to return to their heritage of liberty; to become libertarians.

Restoring the American Dream is a simple, clear and powerful introduction to libertarianism. Ringer, rather charmingly, has been influenced strongly enough by Ayn Rand, Sy Leon, Murray Rothbard, John Hospers, Robert Nozick and Milton Friedman so as not to be easily identified as any kind of hyphenated libertarian. He was, in fact, obviously developing his own libertarian ideology as he was writing the book, and the resultant enthusiasm for his task is apparent on each page.

Ringer has high praise for the Libertarian Party: "The recent formation of the Libertarian Party represents a bold attempt to bring together people to think of themselves as liberals or conservatives, only to find that what they really believe in is total freedom." And later, "The only party I know of that offers a platform consistent with Natural Law and is therefore respectful of the rights of the individual is the Libertarian Party." And, "The party platform spells out across-the-board freedom for *everyone*, much more so than even the Declaration of Independence..." Finally, perhaps reflecting an as yet unresolved conflict between the LeFevrian (via Sy Leon) anti-politics approach and that of the LP, Ringer states, "But my strong belief is that the only two alternatives which offer hope for restoring the American dream are non-voting or a vote for the Libertarian Party."

At the very beginning of the book Ringer establishes the "premise underlying the philosophy of libertarianism (and of this book)" to be the non-aggression principle. He is an advocate of natural law and goes to great lengths to demonstrate that human liberty requires a system of property rights, justified by natural law.

There are those who will complain that Ringer is not a philosopher and that much of his philosophical foundation he builds for his later arguments has been structured in a somewhat crude and rudimentary manner. And indeed that is the case. But I wonder if this really is a problem. The *initial* hardbound production of *Restoring the American Dream* will be 200,000 copies. It will be reaching a very broad audience — one which the relatively more sophisticated introductions to libertarianism may well not be able to reach due to their more rigorous approach to its philosophical underpinnings. In any event, Ringer's instincts are on target in this area whether he is exploding the myths of egalitarianism and majority rule or defending the right to own one's life.

Ringer is at his best in the second half of the book where he systematically exposes the counterproductivity of dozens of government programs and agencies. Interwoven throughout his various critiques is an elementary but effective sort of class analysis. *Who* benefits from these endless government schemes which fleece the average American? *Why* are these plans constantly being proposed and implemented if it's so obvious they are evil? One gets a steady stream of "the people versus the bureaucrats" that will do little to help restore faith in government. Pity.

There is no doubt that *Restoring the American Dream*, despite the humanism and class analysis, will appeal more to conservative audiences than to those of a more liberal persuasion. There is, for instance, a very lengthy (and quite good) section on inflation. Criticism of foreign countries is limited for the most part to left-wing regimes. From time-to-time remnants of Ringer's *Looking Out for #1* "me generation" rhetoric creeps in. But Ringer has at-

tempted to be even-handed and my guess is he will personally develop a more effective means of communicating with liberals as he becomes even more immersed in the libertarian movement.

A clear indication of this is found in his section on victimless crimes. Ringer demonstrates a real compassion for the victims of these absurd laws, rather than simply dismissing them as wrong or emphasizing that they take the police away from real crimes. "The notion that someone is committing a crime," writes Ringer, "because he does something to himself that others may believe to be immoral, self-endangering, or in some way harmful to him is ignorant, irrational and insulting." On the draft: "The bodies of millions of innocent men which lie in military graves throughout the world serve as a monument to the true meaning of "promoting the general welfare."

The conclusion of the book does not really live up to what has preceded it. His strategy for bringing about a libertarian society is a mixed bag with an underlying "gradualist" approach (which perhaps accounts for his disclaimer of pessimism in the introduction). Some of the advice is good: Everyone should question authority; businessmen must stop being hypocritical "defenders" of free enterprise; release all victimless "criminals"; end interference in the affairs of other nations.

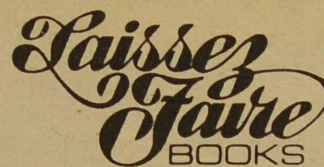
But much of the advice is nothing to excite most libertarians: phase out taxes "over a long period"; redistribution of wealth programs "should be phased out"; "most government property and businesses should be sold"; and so on. Happily, this gradualist approach to ending government tyranny is in stark contrast to the rest of the book.

One final footnote to *Restoring the American Dream*. The foreword was writ-

ten by one William E. Simon, former Secretary of the Treasury and titular author of Edith Efron's *A Time for Truth*. That is good to the extent that it will help sell more books. It is bad to the extent that anyone reads Simon's foreword. In it he says that Ringer is "a true and total libertarian, and I heartily support the basic premise of the book," whereupon he proceeds to demonstrate a total lack of understanding of the book.

Simon's true political philosophy must have come straight out of his high school civics text. For instance, Simon wonders "how much control over our lives can we and should we tolerate?" Indeed. Politics, we are told, consists of attempts to "reconcile these conflicting rights." And you'll like this: "We must all realize, however, that the United States today is not an FDR-type welfare state, a state in which those who are reasonably prosperous are asked (*sic*) to lend a hand to the helpless. That was our system once, but it has changed drastically..." Oh, for the good old days. Simon concludes his foreword with this inspiring cliché: "Perhaps with our help, government of the future truly will be government 'of the people, by the people, and for the people.'"

Enough of this negativism. *Restoring the American Dream* is a damn good book. Robert Ringer, who will be the banquet speaker at the national convention in Los Angeles, has done the libertarian movement a great service. As yet, Ringer does not seem to appreciate the critical need for a self-conscious libertarian movement if we ever hope to have a free society. No matter. With this book he has struck a major blow in the battle to create such a movement. As Ringer says in his introduction. "Just when you're sure there is no hope for mankind, you run smack into a libertarian in the least likely place."



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Other campaign-related developments around the country:

ALASKA

Libertarian State Legislator Dick Randolph of Fairbanks is picking up support and publicity for his effort to cut the Alaska personal income tax to one percent. Randolph is spearheading a petition effort to place his proposal on the state ballot as an initiative.

Randolph has been the subject of any number of favorable newspaper articles in Alaska, and his initiative has been supported editorially in many of these papers.

CALIFORNIA

Libertarians in San Francisco have led an apparently successful petition drive to place an initiative on the ballot which would abolish the Vice Squad of the San Francisco Police Department.

The LP in San Francisco took the lead in developing and publicizing this effort. In early August, 17,000 signatures were

turned in, to satisfy a requirement of only 10,000. The initiative has met with intense, specific opposition from Mayor Dianne Feinstein, but has been endorsed by at least one leading newspaper columnist, Charles McCabe of the *Chronicle*.

San Francisco attorney and LP member Bart Lee is running for District Attorney partially on the basis of his opposition to enforcement of victimless crime laws.

A similar effort to abolish the Vice Squad is now underway in San Jose, California, and once again is being led by LP members and supporters.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

D.C.'s unique system of advisory government will give Libertarians an opportunity to gain nonpartisan victories at the local level in November. The District is divided into many "Advisory Neighborhood Commissions," which meet to hear problems and issues of neighborhood residents, recommend policy, and advise for or against proposed laws and regulations which may affect a given area. Commissioners are elected from tiny neighborhood districts, and several D.C. Libertarians are planning to run for these positions.

FLORIDA

Acting quickly in response to the energy "crisis," the LP in Florida adapted and distributed an inexpensive flyer conceived at National Headquarters to give a libertarian response to the problems of the gasoline shortage.

The Florida efforts have been rewarded

by several newspaper articles, speaking engagements, and requests for reprints from interested people in the Miami/Palm Beach area.

LOUISIANA

Former LP State Chair Dr. Jeremy Millett has announced his candidacy for the position of Louisiana State Superintendent of Public Instruction, a non-partisan post. Millett, a college professor in Lafayette, intends to focus on non-government alternatives to the public schools in his campaign.

MASSACHUSETTS

Two municipal candidacies highlight electoral activities of the LP in Massachusetts. Peter Hadley is running for Boston City Council, and has qualified for the ballot by collecting over 2,000 signatures. In neighboring Cambridge, Don Hunt will be running for a seat on the City Council, drawing upon his experience in working with neighborhood groups in recent years.

NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey LP will be fielding a number of candidates in state legislative races this fall. They include: Ginny Flynn (9th District), Cindy Kretchman (oth District), Chris Toto (12th District), Dick Roth (26th District), and Henry Koch (39th District).

NEW YORK

The very active group of LP members in the Rochester area is planning to run as many as 15 candidates in local races this fall. They will join other announced Free Libertarian Party candidates in Suffolk County, also for local-level races.

NORTH CAROLINA

LP State Vice Chair Les Koehler will run for a seat on the City Council in Raleigh this fall. Koehler, who ran for Congress last year, expects to run a grassroots race against at least two opponents.

PENNSYLVANIA

The two LP candidates for Bucks County Commissioner, State Chair Hans Schroeder and activist Dave Walter, appear to be on the verge of qualifying for the ballot in their race. Over 2,000 signatures for each are required. The Libertarian effort in Bucks County, a populous area north of Philadelphia, was noted in a large article in the Philadelphia *Enquirer*, as well as by Republican Party officials in the County who expect a close election and who are not thrilled to see a third party entrant.

TENNESSEE

LP member Mary Alice Chapuis is actively seeking election to a City Council seat in Nashville. The results of her race were not known at press time.

In Memphis, longtime LP activist Perry Boling has decided to seek a City Council seat later this year, in preparation for an all-out LP effort in the Memphis area in 1980.

VIRGINIA

As noted in the last issue of *LP News*, two candidates for office are running in Northern Virginia: Richard Gardiner for State Senate in Arlington, and Michael Maddox for County Board, also in Arlington. Both candidates intend to run active campaigns.

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