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Clark, Mason, Guida Vie for National Chair Post

by Ray Strong

On Sunday, August 2, delegates to the Libertarian Party national convention from Northern California met in San Francisco to discuss the issues to be considered in Denver and to get an advance look at the three contenders for the office of National Chair. Most of the meeting time was devoted to the three candidates, **John Mason** of Colorado, **Alicia Clark** of California, and **Kent Guida** of Maryland. The meeting was organized and chaired by Northern California Libertarian Council Vice Chair **Martin Buerger** who provided as incisive and comprehensive a set of questions as I have seen addressed to a panel of candidates for any office.

The program began with a brief opening statement from each candidate. First speaker, **John Mason** emphasized his credentials and qualifications as an organizer and administrator, first reminding us all of his connection with the national convention organization in Denver. He was instrumental in convincing the LP of Colorado to run local candidates, serving as Colorado LP campaigns director, and running for local office himself in 1978 and 1980. He also mentioned his organizing participation in the Coalition for a Party of Principle. He impressed me with a low key and sincerity and dedication to purpose.

Second speaker, **Alicia Clark** emphasized the specific programs for organizing the LP proposed in her mailing to the delegates. She promised to be a full time chair in order to carry out the organizational duties proposed for herself. She reminded the audience of her supporting role in the early years of the LP (assisting her husband Ed Clark in forming the Free Libertarian Party of New York, organizing an LP region in Southern California, and spending two months full time campaigning for her husband during his presidential election bid last year). She suggested that she viewed herself as the appropriate peacemaker for the factional disputes that have arisen and thus the unity candidate.

Third speaker, **Kent Guida** emphasized the future in an upbeat and powerful speech. He asserted that we should concentrate on "winnable" races including Dick Randolph's Alaska gubernatorial campaign and that high priority should be given to obtaining permanent ballot status in a number of states where this is feasible. He believes the national headquarters should issue one news release per week and hold periodic news conferences featuring prominent Libertarians including the national chair. To illustrate the flexible nature of his work that would allow him ample time for the job of national chair, he recalled that he had been able to spend two months as a full time volunteer during the Clark campaign.

The first question was a detailed investigation of each candidate's views on the roles of national chair, national director, national committee, and national headquarters office. (Two minutes was allowed for a reply.) Included in this question were,

Professor Jenny Robach Speaks to Santa Clara Libertarians on the Case for Open Borders

On Thursday, August 20, Professor Jenny Robach will address the regular monthly meeting of the Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County. Her topic will be the current immigration fiasco, its cause and cure. She will discuss the libertarian solution of open borders with no special regulation of immigrants except that they may not apply for state welfare programs.

Robach is currently an assistant professor of economics at Yale University. She obtained her Ph.D. from the University of Rochester and did postdoctoral work at the University of Chicago. During 1979 she visited and was a member of the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County. At the national convention this August, she will represent her present region of the LP (Connecticut) as a member of the platform committee.

The Libertarian Council meets at 8:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at its headquarters meeting room, 401 East Taylor Street in San Jose. There is no admission fee and the public is welcome.

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specifically, who should be national director and where should the national headquarters be located. Guida said we should continue with Eric O'Keefe and that if financial concerns forced us to move the headquarters from Washington D.C., then he knew of a good location in Maryland. The audience enjoyed this remark as well as John Mason's later suggestion that Denver might be a nice location. Both Mason and Clark said they would talk with O'Keefe but they would not commit to any specific choice for director at this time.

Next came a question on the relation between national headquarters and the Randolph campaign. Answers were not particularly specific: Guida saying "no direct control"; Clark, "no direct involvement"; and Mason allocating a "lower priority" to the campaign than to general local organizing efforts. Mason appeared to have given more thought to this issue in advance than either of the others.

In a role-playing question Buerger asked each candidate to respond to a reporter's question about the Libertarian Party's position on Secretary Haig's recently publicized concern over the

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Soviet military buildup in Cuba. Clark answered briefly that since our foreign policy is based on noninterventionism, "we cannot do anything about it." Mason mentioned our noninterventionist policy, our emphasis on defense, and the fact that the U.S. is also guilty of military buildup around the world. With the most polished response, Guida began by saying "every six months" since the Castro takeover, some politician has expressed ritual alarm at the Soviet military buildup in Cuba, often as a pretext for advocating some other military intervention by the United States. Libertarian policy is "hands off Cuba...Cuba represents no threat..."

After a question on goals for 1982, the last question (from Buerger's formal list) brought the most varied response from the candidates, as it asked each to name other prominent Libertarians whom they consult for advice on political strategy or philosophy. Guida's first answer was so evasive that, in a departure from protocol, Buerger reiterated the question and provided a second chance for an answer. Under pressure (though always maintaining complete poise) Guida provided the names of Howie Rich, his campaign manager (whom he would consult for strategy but not philosophy), his "good friend" Chris Hocker, Roy Childs, and his philosophical mentor Ludwig von Mises. Clark listed John Hix, Emil Franzi (her campaign manager), Rich Winger, Murray Rothbard, David Nolan and Howie Rich. She said she had not checked with him yet but she was considering asking Ed Crane to take charge of fund raising, bringing the audience into uproarious laughter with a parenthetical "but I would get someone else to administer the funds." Mason listed his campaign manager Bill Evers, Dave Nolan, and Murray Rothbard. He also mentioned consulting Ed Crane. Mentioned by the others, the name "Ed Crane" was conspicuous in its absence from Guida's list, including as it did other prominent members of the Clark for President campaign team, and in view of the fact that Ed Crane is widely believed to be one of Guida's strongest supporters.

Asked from the floor to name their number one priority, the candidates replied, Guida: "fund raising," Clark: "education," and Mason: "membership/outreach." On the role of the LP National Committee in controlling a presidential campaign, Mason called for a much more formalized review procedure than either of the other candidates. A final highlight of the open question and answer period featured Alicia Clark easily outshining the others in her ability to move her audience. She told of a visit during the presidential campaign to an area in which the LP was running a "paper" candidate for local office. And she explained how her encouragement and persistent inclusion of the candidate in her meetings with the press finally convinced that candidate to become active. This accomplishment at the grass roots was her favorite and by implication would characterize her exercise of the office of national chair.

No candidate totally dominated the proceedings. In view of the great differences in strengths among the candidates, I was left with the conclusion that my decision must be based on my view of the appropriate role for a national chair during the period prior to our next presidential campaign. If we need a media personality for issue oriented press conferences, my ranking would be Guida, Mason, Clark, in order of poise, issue, knowledgeability, and presence. For a candidate projecting more sincerity together with the experience in national committee operations to be most informed on internal party politics, I would pick Mason. For a full time chair who would travel the country doing what Alicia Clark did so well during the last months of the Clark campaign, who could be better than Clark? I'm looking forward to a lively convention and a difficult choice. I hope to see you there.

Don't Forget the Real Enemy

by Ray Strong

At 6 a.m. the phone rings. You stumble out of bed, collect your wits, answer it, and hear "We have a warrant to enter and search your shop...you have 15 minutes to get down here or we will break in..." Could this nightmare really be happening to you? You live in a "free country." You haven't stolen anything or threatened or defrauded anyone. You don't deal in drugs or paraphernalia or firearms or smuggling or foreign currencies or precious metals or pornography or prostitution or gambling (you don't believe these activities should be illegal but you know that they sometimes are). You haven't been evading your taxes or violating any building codes (though you may rather admire those who have). Is it all a mistake?

No. The six armed federal agents camped on your doorstep and preparing to confiscate a good portion of your inventory are armed with a valid warrant, because you have violated the Lacey Act. This is a federal law that makes it a crime to buy goods that are legal in your state from a source where they are illegal. How do the federal agents know that you have broken this law? They know because they have spent over two years and millions of dollars setting up undercover agents to entrap you. Why are they doing this to you? Because some powerful special interest is threatened or annoyed by your activities.

How can you avoid this kind of trouble? Don't be too good or too innovative or too unusual. Don't try to compete against the powers that be. Don't violate the mores and customs of powerful groups within your society. Don't run an individual enterprise. In short, don't be different and, by all means, don't be an individual.

Otherwise, your turn will come.

As we work to free our society, it is easy to count our blessings and freedoms and forget that we have a long way to go. After all, we do live in what is probably the freest society on earth. Beware complacency, and beware internal Party conflicts that drain our energies away from their proper target. We do have an enemy out there, a massive, cruel, ruthless, organized enemy: the coercive State.

When you start feeling complacent ("What's the point of a Libertarian Party anyway?"), just begin making a list of all the things you can't do in this freest nation of the "free world." See how complete you can be. When you have finished, try guessing which class of dealers were raided on July 16, 1981. Which set of entrepreneurs are the latest victims of unrestrained force of the State? Hint: among those concerns struck was the Houston Zoo.

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—More Prisons for Less Money—

Fiscal Watchdog

by Robert W. Poole, Jr.

Crime today ranks second only to inflation as the nation's most serious problem. Increasingly, experts agree that the liberal crime-control experiments of the '60s and '70s did not work, and that one key to controlling crime is simply to put more criminals in jail and keep them there for reasonable periods of time.

But lack of adequate facilities makes this solution difficult to implement. Associate attorney general Ralph Giuliani calls the shortage of state and local cells "an emergency situation"; he's urging the federal government to help states finance new prisons. Sen. Bob Dole (R.-Kan.) has introduced a bill to spend \$6 billion in tax money on state and local prisons, jails, and courts. California Gov. Jerry Brown is proposing to increase that state's sales tax to raise \$2.5 billion a year for new prisons.

But the dismal record of our existing prison systems suggests that simply adding money for more of the same may produce little improvement. As Peter Greenwood, head of Rand Corporation's criminal justice research program, has pointed out, "Our prisons are a disaster area. . . . Facilities are antiquated and overcrowded. The level of violence and racial tension is up."

Greenwood is no starry-eyed academic theorist. He's worked with judges, prosecutors, and wardens on criminal justice problems for over a decade. So when he concludes that "the government is not going to give us better prisons, better programs, or better personnel. It has tried but it can't," it behooves us to listen. What Greenwood has concluded should come as no surprise to readers of *Fiscal Watchdog*: "There is absolutely no reason why the operation of our prisons could not be contracted out, and there are plenty of reasons to believe the job would be done better, at less cost."

That certainly has been our experience in contracting out other services. As I showed in my book, *Cutting Back City Hall*, virtually every type of public service—fire protection, courts, garbage collection, street sweeping—is being provided today by private-sector firms, often at cost savings of 20 to 50 percent. So as Greenwood points out, "If private agencies can run government-funded hospitals, drug- and alcohol-treatment programs, and job-training programs, they can run prisons, too."

Indeed, they are already doing so. Across the country about 200 minimum-security halfway houses are already being operated under contract by private (mostly nonprofit) organizations. One of the for-profit contractors is RUBE, Inc., run by Ted Nissen, a

25-year veteran of the California Department of Corrections. Four years ago, fed up with the bureaucracy, Nissen took early retirement and went into the private corrections business. His first vehicle was nonprofit SPAN, Inc.—an ongoing venture which currently operates two minimum-security work furlough centers under contract to the California Department of Corrections and two detention centers for the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Freed of stultifying civil service rules and bureaucratic mandates, SPAN and RUBE are able to house inmates at significant cost savings. SPAN's Pasadena INS facility, for example, costs just \$23 per day per inmate, compared to between \$30 and \$80 for the previously used government lockups. RUBE's halfway house contracts with the Federal Bureau of Prisons charge on a sliding scale starting at \$27 a day. The cost of federal facilities is difficult to pin down; direct operating costs alone exceed \$30/day, and when administrative overhead is added on, the full cost is much higher. All Nissen's facilities are accredited by the American Corrections Association, meeting that organization's standards for living conditions, medical care, etc.

Elsewhere, prison systems in Georgia, Illinois, and other states have begun contracting out prison health-care responsibilities to private firms such as St. Louis-based Correctional Medical Systems, Inc. Frequently, the impetus for such contracts is federal court orders requiring a substantial upgrading of the often-deplorable level of medical care provided to prisoners. Consequently, most of these contracts have resulted in initial cost increases, rather than cuts.

Nevertheless, contends Jerry Schriver, Correctional Medical Systems' general manager, prison systems in the long run may end up saving millions of dollars in legal costs by upgrading their health care by such contracts. Illinois Department of Corrections director Mike Lane points out that since that state began contracting out most prison health care in 1977, lawsuits and grievances relating to medical care have fallen off substantially.

The potential benefits of privately run prisons extend far beyond lower costs and/or better medical service. Rand's Greenwood suggests that contracts could be written to provide paid bonuses for reducing recidivism or increasing the number of inmates who successfully complete job-training programs. The

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firms would be free to experiment, to innovate, in ways the government prison bureaucracy could never do. Experienced, creative corrections specialists like SPAN's Nissen would have a chance to put into practice ideas they could never try out in the confines of a state prison system.

Although fear of crime ranks high on most people's list of concerns, so does resentment of high taxes. It is not at all clear that citizens will support still higher taxes for jails and prisons. With half our state prison systems already under court order to upgrade their facilities, the real challenge would seem to be to make existing spending go farther. A good way to do this would be to contract with the private sector. In doing so, we would probably also end up with prisons that do more than simply warehouse people.

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In economics, Libertarians advocate the establishment of the purely free market, that is a market unhampered by government intrusion.

In the field of civil liberties, Libertarians hold that individuals must respect the right of others to live different lives, to read and enjoy different commodities, to shape their relationships, sexual and other, in their own way, to live their lives in their own way, at their own expense and risk, never forcing others to pay for their mistakes.

Americans two hundred years ago knew that eternal vigilance was the price of liberty, and were prepared to pay that price. Whether we are willing to pay that price today is a question which must be answered individually, by each of us. But we of the Libertarian Party have made our choice. Moved by a passion for justice, by compassion for those oppressed by State power and privilege, we have raised the banner of Liberty.

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Legislative Log

by Mark W. A. Hinkle

This month's log is a pretty sad collection of bills aimed primarily at special interest groups. But as usual there's good news and bad news. First, the bad news:

1. Jerry Brown has signed AB 65, which reinstates mandatory item pricing in grocery stores. Here, so-called consumer advocate groups joined by retail labor unions pushed this bill through the legislature. These groups capitalized on consumers' fears that grocers would raise prices without changing the price listed on the shelf. The fact that the new scanner cash register itemizes the price next to the product's name and quantity purchased didn't seem to sway the legislature, nor did various guarantees from grocers. These new scanners are also used for keeping track of inventory. The cost savings in time and labor is significant, but alas, thanks to our legislature and our governor, we will continue to pay higher prices at the supermarket. This is just another typical roadblock to progress devised by our "protectors" in Sacramento.

2. Peaches—yes, peaches—are the subject of AB 990. Our assemblymen want to require the University of California to spend \$25,000 of your tax dollars to make cling peaches more naturally sweet. The bill has passed the assembly on a 69-4 vote. If the sum of \$25,000 seems only a small waste considering the billions wasted by all levels of government, consider further that the average cost of processing a bill through both houses of the legislature is \$50,000. It is obvious that such a peach, if developed, would benefit agri-business. Why the powerful agriculture lobby didn't just spend the money rather than spend the time, effort, and money to push this one through is beyond me.

3. Another bill which will now become law allows cities and counties to regulate rollerskating. AB 565 was signed by the governor on July 7, 1981. I guess I must have missed something here: rollerskaters must be wreaking havoc throughout California. But I imagine the sheer terror of unregulated rollerskaters running amuck around California prompted Assemblyman Larry Stirling, R-San Diego, to introduce the bill. So, for Mr. Stirling's dedication to the public good, I have nominated him for this month's S.L.A.P. (Silly Laws Actually Passed) award.

Well, that's enough bad news for one month. Now for the list of good news:

1. The legislature is in recess.

The United Libertarian Fellowship



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"Know the Truth . . . and the Truth shall set you Free."

Letters

The following letter by Libertarian Party member Jeffrey D. Smith appeared in the July 24, 1981 issue of the San Jose Mercury/News.

Take in all those yearning to be free

Among all proposed immigration policies for the United States, only one is both economic and humane—the total repeal of all border restrictions.

Free immigration need not lead to an incoming flood once it is made clear that new Americans are on their own financially. In fact, as low-wage job markets and low-rental housing become more crowded, the incentive to immigrate for those who have to pay their own way will be drastically reduced.

The myth that large numbers come here for welfare benefits has not survived examination. The myth that they take "American jobs" is based on the ludicrous assumption that there is only a fixed number of jobs available here. This assumption is most easily demolished by our 19th century experience, when employment kept pace with immigration-swollen population and income grew as never before in human history.

Will these immigrants be living in poverty? Certainly not by their standards. What looks to us like poverty is merely a stage on the road from near starvation to affluence, as has been shown in earlier immigrations. It is the height of cruelty to keep anyone off this road simply because they must pass through a stage we find unsightly.

In addition, closed borders mean tremendous enforcement costs and easy exploitation of those who have arrived undocumented. They may lead to their natural conclusion: national identification cards and midnight raids and random searches to check them.

Conservatives and liberals alike are willing to condemn people to a life of hunger because they were born on the wrong side of an imaginary line. Only the libertarian solution of open borders can give these people a chance at what used to be called the American dream.

Jeffrey D. Smith
San Jose

Endow A Chair

The names of the following famous libertarians have already been chosen:

Ayn Rand	Murray Rothbard
Thomas Jefferson	Ludwig von Mises
David Nolan	Karen Huffman
Lazarus Long	Ed Clark
Howard Roark	Timothy Leary
Adam Smith	Karl Bray
John Galt	Dante DeAmicis
Ray Strong	Frederic Bastiat
Bill White	Chuck Olson
Robert Anton Wilson	Jimmy Stevens
Tom Glass	Midas Mulligan

Justice William O. Douglas

Others are still available. Endow a chair at Libertarian Headquarters for only \$35 and choose the name of one of the remaining heroes and heroines. As of August 1, 9 chairs remain. The price of an endowment will go up \$5 each month until all the remaining chairs are endowed. So act now to be sure your favorite libertarian will have a place in the history of our headquarters.

Send your choice and check for \$35 payable to the Libertarian Council to 401 E. Taylor, San Jose, CA 95112.

Calendar

SEVENTH ANNUAL LIBERTARIAN PARTY BOOTH AT THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY FAIR

Thursday, August 6 through Sunday, August 16.
Noon to 10:30 p.m. every day.

A booth has been reserved in the center aisle (where the two other major political parties have their booths) in the Exposition Building at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds at 344 Tully Road in San Jose. Phone 408/CRY-FREE (11-6 weekdays) if you wish to participate in the planning of this year's booth.

RADICAL CAUCUS EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

Saturday, August 8. 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

An educational seminar featuring Murray Rothbard, Leonard Liggio, Bill Evers and Joe Fuhrig speaking on Monetary Policy, Foreign Policy, Land Reform, Political Strategy, and other topics. Fee: \$5.00 suggested donation. Location: UC Extension, 55 Laguna Street in San Francisco. A no-host cocktail party will be held at the 1800 Market Street headquarters of the sponsor, Libertarian Party Radical Caucus, until 8:00 p.m. Information phone: Eric Garris at 415/864-0952.

PURGE PARTY

Saturday, August 8. 4:00 p.m. to Midnight.

The 2nd annual PURGE (Party Unchained on Robert's Good Earth) will include swimming, buffet dinner, open bar, pool, pinball, hot tub, and other games. Flexible social and other volitional interaction. Smoking and other acts of aggression discouraged. Location: 2020 Cordilleras (near Edgewood Road), just outside the Redwood City limits. For additional information telephone the sponsor, Robert Mish, at 415/574-1100.

SUMMER SEMINAR IN POLITICAL ECONOMY

Saturday, August 8 through Saturday August 15.

Nine a.m. to mid-afternoon daily.

The seminar will ground participants in economics, history, ethics, political theory, energy, and strategies for freedom. Location: Stanford University. Fees: Students \$95, others \$295. Sponsor: Cato Institute, 747 Front Street, San Francisco, CA 94111. Telephone 415/433-4316.

STUDENTS FOR A LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY NATIONAL CONVENTION

Saturday, August 14 through Sunday, August 15.

The convention, which will be held in New York City, will feature speakers, movies, workshops, parties, and debates. Help decide the goals, structure, and future of libertarianism on campus. For more information write to: SLS, 2262 Hall Place, NW, Washington, DC 20007 or telephone 202/965-6997.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, August 20. 8:00 p.m.

This month's meeting will feature Jenny Robach, currently a summer fellow in economics at the Institute for Humane Studies in Menlo Park. Professor Robach will be speaking on Immigration. Permanent Location: 401 East Taylor Street (corner of 10th & Taylor) in San Jose. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. For more details about the speaker or the meeting telephone 408/CRY-FREE.

THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Wednesday, August 26 through Sunday, August 30.

The highlights of this historic gathering will include panels, workshops, a reception in honor of our three past presidential candidates, a trip to an old gold mining town, a great debate on the future of the party, and a gala 10th Birthday Banquet. Fees: (After July 4th) Full package \$180 (\$225), Delegate package \$150 (\$185), Economy package \$120 (\$150), Barebones package \$80 (\$100). Location: The Downtown Hilton Hotel in Denver, Colorado. For more details write to: LP/10 Convention Committee, 1041 Cherokee Street, Denver, CO 80204. Or you may call Hilton Hotel Reservations direct at 800/652-1094. Be sure to mention you will be attending the Libertarian Party Convention to obtain special convention rates.

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LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL BOOTH AT THE DE ANZA FLEA MARKET

Saturday, September 5. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed, especially in the morning to staff our permanent information and merchandise booth at the De Anza Flea Market in Cupertino. Help us to raise money to support our many local projects and educate yourself and others on the issues by talking to the public about libertarianism. Donations of books and other fast-selling items are needed and may be dropped off at the flea market or our Taylor Street office. Location: De Anza College Parking Lot C, Stevens Creek Boulevard and Stelling Road in Cupertino. For more information or to volunteer call 408/CRY-FREE (11-6 weekdays).

EASTBAY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 9. 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are now being held on the second Wednesday of each month. For information on the speaker and the location telephone Mark Tarses at 415/843-4019.

SAN MATEO COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 14. 7:30 p.m.

This month's agenda features the quarterly business meeting. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the Seven Oaks room of the A.P. Giannini branch of the Bank of America at Third Avenue and El Camino in San Mateo. Information phone: Don Smith at 415/368-8148.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 17. 8:00 p.m.

Next month's meeting will feature a "Meet the Prospective 1982 Candidates Night." Each "candidate" will give a short presentation. Our "non-partisan" audience will be expected to ask them hard, political questions. Location: 401 E. Taylor St., San Jose. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Information phone: 408/CRY-FREE.