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FRANK TALK By Frank Monachelli



Alabama Liberty just keeps getting better and better. Our circulation has doubled, and that's just the beginning! Thanks to everyone for contributing and for "making it happen" across the state.

Ballot access is moving forward. It looks like we have a good chance to change the ballot law this year (see last issue). We will still need 12,000 more signatures, however, for a spot on the ballot in 1988. Keep those petitions and contributions coming.

There are lots of extras enclosed. Inside the business reply envelop is a Ron Paul sticker compliments of Mark Thornton. Order more from Ye Olde Liberty Shoppe. Use the envelope to return petitions, memberships, renewals, contributions, ads, articles, orders, or whatever. A stamp on the envelope would be appreciated.

If you are in business or have something to sell or trade, advertise in Alabama Liberty. Very reasonable rates are included, and I know fellow libertarians will seek you out.

Be sure to order a RESTORE SOUND \$ RON PAUL FOR PRESIDENT rubber stamp. See ad in Ye Olde Liberty Shoppe. This stamp originated by the ALP is being advertised nationwide. It promises to become the libertarian pet rock. We call it the Powerful Political Persuader--and for good reason. Imagine thousands of libertarians nationwide stamping everything they can think of from now until election day. The media coverage and name recognition generated will be fantastic. This stamp is guaranteed to become a collectors' item.

If the founding fathers had such a weapon, the Revolution would have been over in half the time. Jefferson, Adams, Franklin, and the rest would have said to George III, "We don't need your Stamp Act, we have our own stamps!" Then they would have stamped everything, Vote yes on July 4th! Buy one or more, and help make history.

As related stories show, our outreach programs are paying off. Many others are ready to go as soon as funds are available.

Next issue, I will report on a new legislative program which the Executive committee has unanimously voted for. I promise you, it will make the Alabama Libertarian Party a household word throughout the state.

Alabama Liberty Interviews Thos. Jefferson



A.L.: Mr. Jefferson, we have recently been reading about tax reform (or lack of it), and the government has required more complicated forms and less understanding by the citizens. Would you care to make any suggestions?

Mr. J.: If they remain quiet under misconceptions, it is a lethargy, a forerunner of death to the public liberty.

Nothing could so completely divest us of that liberty as the establish-

ment of the opinion, that the State has a perpetual right to the services of all its members.

Still one thing more, fellow citizens—a wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government, and this is necessary to close the circle of our felicities.

A.L.: The problem is that the government HAS become out of control with its spending. It has made bad loans abroad and run expensive social programs at home. Any comment?

Mr. J.: I think we have more machinery of government than is necessary, too many parasites living on the labor of the industries.

And to preserve their independence for continued freedom, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our election between **ECONOMY AND LIBERTY, or PROFUSION AND**

SERVITUDE. If we run into such debts...Taxation follows that, and in its train wretchedness and oppression.

A.L.: There are some of us, Libertarians particularly, who are very concerned about these government agents usurping our liberties in just the manner you describe. There are many today who feel the concepts of individualism and liberty are archaic and that government must create regulations and revenues, because our society is so complex.

Mr. J.: My God! how little do my countrymen know what a precious blessings they are in possession of and which no other people on earth enjoy.

Let the General [Federal] Government be reduced to foreign concerns only, and let our affairs be disentangled from those of all other nations, except as to commerce, which the merchants will manage the better, the more they are left free to manage for themselves, and our General Government may be reduced to a very simple organization and a very unexpensive one: a few plain duties to be performed by a few servants.

The care of every man's soul belongs to himself. But what if he neglect the care of it? Well what if he neglect the care of his health or estate, which more nearly relate to the state? Will the magistrate make a law that he shall not be poor or sick?

A.L.: Sir, the Mideast is in a constant state of turmoil and indulges in constant terrorist activities against us. The government has us on the brink of war in South America, and there are hot spots in Africa and Asia that could erupt at any time. Now that the government has gotten us into these confrontations, what can we do?

Mr. J.: There can be no question, in a mind truly American, whether it is best to send our citizens and property into certain captivity, and then wage war for their recovery, or to deep them at home, and to turn seriously to that

policy which plants the manufacturer and the husbandman side by side...

I love peace and I am anxious that we should give the world still another useful lesson, by showing to them other modes of punishing injuries than by war, which is as much a punishment to the punisher as to the sufferer. I love, therefore [the proposition] of cutting off all communications with the nation which has conducted itself so atrociously. This, you will say, may bring on war. If it does, we will meet it like men; but it may not bring on war, and then the experiment will have been a happy one.

A.L.: We now have a new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Renquist, who stated that the constitution is a document that should be interpreted loosely to accomplish what the justices feel the majority wants. He implied that the only absolute in the document remaining was the powers it granted the judiciary. How would you answer him?

Mr. J.: To consider the judges as the ultimate arbiters of all constitutional questions [is] a very dangerous doctrine indeed, and one which would place us under the despotism of an oligarchy.

A.L.: Some parents have been arrested for not sending their children to school under the compulsory education laws. The strongest argument against them seems to be that others may choose not to educate their children at all. What about compulsory education?

Mr. J.: It is better to tolerate the rare instance of a parent refusing to let his child be educated, than to shock the common feelings and ideas by forcible asportation and education of the infant against the will of the father.

A.L.: How do you feel about religious freedom?

Mr. J.: The legitimate powers of

government extend to such acts only as are injurious to others. But it does me no injury for my neighbor to say there are twenty gods, or no Gods. It neither picks my pocket nor breaks my leg.

A.L. We at Alabama Liberty are trying our best to promote your philosophy of individualism and liberty. How would you advise us?

Mr. J.: No experiment can be more interesting than that we are now trying, which we trust will end in establishing the fact that man may be governed by reason and truth. Our first object should therefore be to leave open to him all the avenues of truth. The most hitherto found is the freedom of the press.

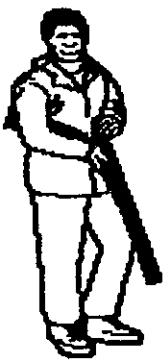
A.L.: Our time is regretfully running short. You have accomplished much in your lifetime. How best would you like to be remembered?

Mr. J.: I wrote my epitaph as follows:

Here was Buried
THOMAS JEFFERSON
Author of the
Declaration
of
American Independence
of the
Statute of Virginia
for
Religious Freedom
and Father of the
University of Virginia



We celebrate the 244th birthday of Thomas Jefferson on April 13th.



THE STATE STOPS HERE

By
John Sebastian

Save them Confederate dollars, Boys, 'cause they will soon be worth as much as what passes for money now. Which is almost nothing.

Our January Huntsville speaker, Dr. McCafferty of the Patriots (previously identified as a Constitutionalist, an error that is the result of this author having been misinformed several years ago and not having had the good sense to ask for himself), spoke on the Federal Reserve and U.S. money. The consensus at the end of a participatory discussion following his talk was that we will see the government monetize the debt—that is inflate the currency starting this year at a pace of 10% or more. The salient point of the discussion was that there is no conceivable manner in which the national debt may be paid off; so the government will simply rip off its creditors. In case you think that won't affect you, please look at what is printed on top of a dollar bill, "Federal Reserve Note". LAST YEAR THE "MONEY SUPPLY" GREW AT 15%. Here we go again. When will they ever learn?

This year marks the bicentennial of the framing of the U.S. Constitution. In my opinion, the document alone has failed to establish a limited government that does not violate men's rights. What this writer would like to know is: Can the thing be made to work? And if so, how?

Several possibilities for modifying the document come to mind. Foremost would be the removal of the power of judicial review from political appointees, i.e. the Supreme Court. How about reconstituting that body along the lines of a jury court. Wouldn't you rather trust the interpretation of the Constitution to twelve of your fellow citizens than to the legal lackeys of the party that happened to be in power

when the greatest number of sitting judges happen to finally keel over or resign?

Such a jury could be restricted in what reference material could be used in obtaining its decision. This jury could then be restricted to the Constitution itself and a standard dictionary in reaching a verdict. Even the charging of the jury could be rigidly defined thereby stripping the court of its awesome power.

There are several other parts of the Constitution that irk some libertarians. Two are the eminent domain clause and the general welfare clause, and these should be modified or eliminated. My point is that under a limited Constitutional Government, both the minimal governmentalist and the non-governmentalist could more easily proceed with their goals and aspirations. Anyway at least we would know what rules under which we are operating.

If you think the document might be saved for its original purposes and have any ideas on how it should be changed so as to protect freedom better, why don't you drop me a line at Box 7, Grant, AL 35747. If I get enough response, I'll put it together into a column.

Of course the best way that we as a nation could celebrate the Bicentennial of the Constitution would be to have the government adopt that document, 'cause I don't know what sort of constitution those guys are living by now, but it sure don't resemble my copy.

Keep your powder dry.



Grant and Mary Snead of Tuscaloosa
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CONTACT!

By **STEVE SMITH**

One of the most energetic and creative groups of individuals in the libertarian movement today may be Libertarian International.

With members and representatives in at least 40 countries, LI works to spread the freedom philosophy around the world.

Chairman Vince Miller emphasizes that LI is not a central world libertarian authority, but rather an international communications network. Affiliate organizations and members are totally autonomous.

Nonetheless, LI's activists have achieved some notable successes in the group's name. Prime among these is the sponsoring of libertarian conferences in various countries, including most recently that consummate welfare state, Sweden.

LI actively supports the work of Leon Louw and Frances Kendall, South African libertarians whose book, The Solution, may be the answer to their country's troubles. Louw, by the way, wrote the constitution of Ciskei, the most libertarian of South Africa's homelands. The Ciskei document eliminated all race laws and almost all government controls there.

Chairman Miller says he realized he was a libertarian after reading The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand. He was active in the Canadian Libertarian Party during its formation and helped found the Ontario LP.

He began LI in 1980. Today he is assisted by Jim Elwood, Bruce Evoy and an advisory board that includes libertarian luminaries David Bergland, Ed Clark, Roy Childs, Karl Hess, Ron Paul, Murray Rothbard, Henri Lepage, Thomas Szasz, Walter Block, Don Ernsberger, and others. Evoy plans to

travel the world in 1988 as an LI ambassador of freedom.

LI publishes the newsletter Freedom Network News which is full of reports on the progress of freedom (yes, there is some!) around the world.

There is also a recruiting brochure available from LI which takes an interesting approach to selling the libertarian idea. Quoting such persons as John Lennon, Alvin Toffler, and Timothy Leary, it avoids the right-wing "anti" flavor of some libertarian material and concentrates instead on promoting libertarianism as the way to "peace, brotherhood, freedom" and a world without borders.

If anything can appeal to liberals, this brochure might be it. Conservatives might have trouble with it because of a superficial "leftish" appearance. (A copy is included in this issue of Alabama Liberty). In any case it places the blame for humanity's ills squarely where it belongs—with the institution of government. And it strongly rejects the United Nations and other attempts at "supergovernments" as being unworkable and inimical to human freedom.

LI is also involved in smuggling books such as Hayek's The Road to Serfdom into Eastern bloc countries, where they are translated and then circulated via samizdat.

In yet another project, Miller says the organization is working with L. Neil Smith to promote Smith's "New Covenant" around the world (see last Alabama Liberty).

Basic membership in Libertarian International is \$20 which includes a subscription to the newsletter. The address is:

Libertarian International
9308 Farmington Drive
Richmond, VA 23229

If you write to LI, mention Alabama Liberty to receive a free copy of the newsletter.

CONTACT! provides information on groups and individuals working in the wider libertarian movement. Mention of a group or individual is not an endorsement by the Alabama Libertarian Party.



SPECIAL REPORT

POWER AND POLITICS

By
BILL WINGO

Libertarian theory recognizes voluntary and involuntary exchanges; but all exchanges have a voluntary component. Rothbard has pointed out that even in a forced exchange, there is always at least one voluntary party; the person doing the forcing. Even if the real parties to the exchange are both unwilling, the person who forces them does so voluntarily. The coercer may benefit, or expect to benefit, in a material sense from the forced exchange; or as Rothbard says they may get only "...a sense of psychic well-being from enforcing regulations upon others...."

This article examines what we will call the power obsession. We begin by postulating that there are persons in the world who value power for its own sake, irrespective of any material gain it brings them and regardless of whether or not the power benefits those over whom it is exercised, or anyone else. This assertion may appear cynical in the extreme, even coming from a libertarian; but long observation has convinced me that it is true.

Like other types of compulsive behavior, the power obsession may ultimately prove to have a biochemical basis. It has long been established that certain drugs act on highly specific molecular receptors within the body to produce pleasurable sensations; thus a rat in a Skinner box will press a lever thousands of times for a shot of cocaine. Similarly, natural substances produced by the body, such as "endorphins", (a term derived from "endogenous morphines") act on specific receptors in other parts of the body. This may explain the subjective pleasure produced by all kinds of activities from sex to skydiving. It is certainly not unreasonable to suppose that some

individuals have their "endorphin receptors" activated by the exercise of power.

Whatever the pharmacological basis, there are persons to whom power is valuable for its own sake. These individuals would probably be willing to pay their fellow human beings for the privilege of coercing them. Such a maneuver would be ineffective, however: the costs would become prohibitive and, more importantly, the very nature of coercion precludes hiring someone to be coerced. Thus, even though there might be people willing to work as subjects for the "power junkie", the fact that they were willing would negate the subjective value of the experience, which lies in making people do things (or refrain from doing things) against their will.

However, it may be possible sometimes to pay a certain person or persons for the opportunity to coerce someone else. Obviously this privilege would have to be obtained from agents of the state, which is the only "legitimized" coercive force. Examples in the areas of law enforcement, penology and the military come readily to mind. In these cases, the pleasure of forcing one's will on others falls in the category of "job satisfaction" and, to the extent that the power junkie enjoyed it, they would be willing to work for less. The difference between what such a person might earn at a non-coercing job and what they actually earn at a job which offers the opportunity to coerce is the amount "paid" for the privilege. From the Spanish Inquisition to the Gulag Archipelago and beyond, human history has abounded with opportunities for coercion. As with other occupations, people choose to enter this field for mixed motives: partly for the pay; partly because they sincerely feel that the work is important; and partly because they enjoy it.





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1987 STATE CONVENTION TO BE BEST EVER

Ron Paul. Walter Williams. Russell Means. Tibor Machan.

These individuals all have one thing in common (besides the crazy notion that freedom is better than slavery). They all may be guest speakers at the 1987 Alabama Libertarian Party convention, to be held in June in Birmingham.

Although none of them is absolutely confirmed at this point, Ron Paul and Walter Williams seem like pretty good bets. Means and Machan have at least indicated an interest in being at the convention.

The convention is the biggest annual event of the state LP. Anyone with the least bit of interest in libertarianism should attend, whether or not a member of the party.

The highlight is always the chance to mingle with freedom-lovers from around the state. Good-natured debate and argument, bull sessions over lunch, and one-on-one conversations to solve the world's problems, are a feature of these get-togethers.

During the business session, LP members chart the course of the party. Decisions made this year will be especially important as Alabama Libertarians pursue the struggle to win a spot on the 1988 ballot. Officers for the coming year will be elected, along with delegates to the national convention in Seattle. Only LP members may vote, but observers are welcome.

Then there are the speakers. This year's could be the most impressive ever. Here's a little something about them. (Remember, these are tentative to one degree or another.)

Russell Means. Means is leader of

the American Indian Movement, which works for the rights and freedom of Native Americans. He recently announced that he will seek the Libertarian presidential nomination. "I now realize that all Americans, not just Indians, desperately need to regain control of their own lives", he said.

Ron Paul. Paul is a Texas physician and former U.S. Congressman who also is seeking the LP nomination. He is an expert on the money system, banking, trade, taxes, etc. Two of his major projects have been to muster support for a return to a gold standard, and to abolish the Federal Reserve.

Walter Williams. Williams is a noted economist who teaches at George Mason University in Virginia. Plans are being made to have Dr. Williams on hand as the Alabama LP donates copies of his book, *The State Against Blacks*, to school libraries in Birmingham. Each school that sends a representative will have their copy autographed.

Tibor Machan. Machan is a leading libertarian philosopher who now teaches at Auburn University. He is the author of books dealing with human rights and the editor of at least two major anthologies of libertarian essays. He once carried the libertarian flag into debate with William Buckley on Buckley's *Firing Line* program.

The almost-firm date for the convention is June 13. Specific details on date, times, speakers, agenda, etc. will be mailed reasonably soon. Watch your mailbox, and make plans to attend and bring a friend or two. This one should draw a record crowd! Don't be left out.



STEVE SPEAKS OUT !



The following Op Ed piece written by Steve Smith was published by the Birmingham Post Herald on Feb. 27, 1987. The column was entitled, "Brave New Way to Save Us from Our Own Stupidity":

You dolts who don't use seat belts may soon find your windshield-diving days are over.

People are steamed, not over the cracked glass and skulls so much as the way you rip the social fabric on your way to the pavement.

As one writer here explained, we all pay for your "vacuity." (That means empty-headedness.) She for one doesn't want to pay.

Well, that's not exactly true. She doesn't want to pay in money. She's willing to pay any amount of freedom to end your reign of unbelted terror. What she wants is a mandatory seat belt law.

Of course. Laws solve problems. If not for the zillions of laws against drugs, we might have a drug problem today. Without all the laws enacted to fight a war on poverty, the poor would still be with us.

Besides, the way to make people act like adults is to treat them like babies.

She conceded that "the Personal Freedom Folks would holler loudly" over a seat belt law. Those Personal Freedom Folks are wacky like that.

They're so dumb they didn't know their civics teacher was joshing about this being the land of the free. They're so backward they still spell Amerika with a "c". They're so rude they might

say that the writer's assertion that there is no freedom of stupidity is its own disproof.

Not me, though.

Her arguments make sense and I'm ready to join the anti-freedom folks to save our inferiors from themselves and us from them. They boil down to two: Government protects us from ourselves in lots of ways already, and why should we have to pay (in higher insurance rates, for example) for others' retardedness?

Using that logic, I have some additional proposals:

Make it against the law to drive in the rain.

Make it against the law to drive at night.

Make it against the law to drive anywhere without a good reason. Going to the gulf for a tan isn't a good reason.

Speed limit, 25. Why should I pay for some imbecile plowing into a lamppost at 55? Long trips would become so excruciating, no one would want to drive to the gulf.

People die and get hurt lots of ways other than in cars, though.

We should have to get licenses before we can handle stoves, power tools, butcher knives, matches, electric cords, ladders and staple guns.

Some activities should be banned: skydiving, rock climbing, kayaking, scuba diving, hunting, and marching through areas rife with white bigots if your skin is black. And a safety-conscious society would never allow two nuts to fly a flimsy, fuel-sloshed airplane around the world just to prove a point.

People have a right to do these things? Where does the Constitution mention a right to be maimed or killed--whether from going through a windshield or falling off a mountain?

Does an individual's "right" to experience the bends or be eaten by a shark override everyone else's rights not to have to pay for his dumbness in being someplace humans shouldn't be?

For that matter, where is there a

"right" to stuff your face until you die from obesity, pushing up life insurance rates for the rest of us? We need a law creating Fat Patrols.

Armed with scales and ideal weight charts, Fat Patrols would go into supermarkets and stop chubby folks from entering the with cookies or ice cream or beer.

On the home front, we need to outlaw backyard swimming pools. Also backyard cookouts: choking on a hot dog is no laughing matter.

Thousand hurt themselves falling down stairs. Let's get a law saying new houses can be only one story high.

People slip and fall in bathtubs all the time. Since stopping people from bathing would create social problems of its own, let's just require everyone to wear rubber hip and knee pads in the tub.

Skin cancer is an easy one. Slap a fine on anyone moronic enough to go out in the sun with less than 90 percent of their skin covered. Another good reason to discourage trips to the gulf.

Married men live longer than bachelors, so it should be the law that males who haven't tied the knot by age 30 will be supplied a mate by the government. Talk about incentive!

Outlaw X-rated videos. Anti-Freedom Folks already want this for moral reasons. Now there are public health reasons, too.

Recently a city employee in Florence who watched a "Debbie Does Dallas" tape said he got so sick he threw up and had to take Alka-Seltzers. (Good thing they weren't aspirins. Aspirins, which should be banned, kill 900 people a year.)

We can't have government employees with their heads in the bowl when they need to be working on ways to protect us.

Finally, the government needs to do something about irresponsible newspapers printing too much bad news.

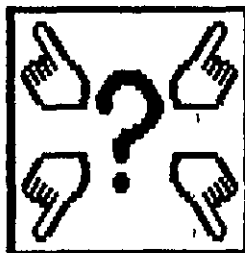
Some years ago the newspapers in a large city were hit by a strike. During several days without newspapers, there

were decreases in violent crime, hospital admissions and suicide attempts.

Clearly, government committees should review every newspaper before it goes to press to make sure unpleasantries are balanced by an equal amount (an Affirmative News Action quota?) of officially sanctioned happy news.

Censorship? Pshaw. How can there be a freedom to publish things that make people depressed, paranoid, even homicidal? You may as well say people have a right to decline to strap themselves in their cars.

Of course, it would really make those Personal Freedom Folks holler. They're so nerdy they believe in free speech. Even for people who sneer at freedom when it stands in the way of imposing their personal likes and dislikes on everyone else.



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RON PAUL SOCKS IT TO REPUBLICANS



Note: Ron Paul a contender for the Libertarian presidential nomination, was a Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1976 through 1984. On Jan. 8, 1987, he wrote a stinging letter to the republican National chairman, resigning his membership in the GOP. The following is a condensation of his remarks in that letter:

Since 1981 I have steadily grown weary of the Republican Party's efforts to reduce the size of the Federal government.

Ronald Reagan and the Republican Party have given us skyrocketing deficits and a doubled national debt. How is it that the party of balanced budgets, with control of the White House and the Senate, accumulated red ink greater than all previous administrations put together? Tip O'Neil cannot alone be blamed.

Tax revenues are up 59 percent since 1980. Because of economic growth? No. During Carter's four years, we had growth of 37.2 percent; Reagan's five years have given us 30.7 percent. The new revenues are due to four gigantic Republican tax increases since 1981.

Republicans rightly chastised Carter for his \$38 billion deficit. But they ignore or even defend deficits of \$220 billion, as government spending has grown 10.4 percent per year since Reagan took office, while the federal payroll has zoomed by a quarter of a million bureaucrats.

The debt poses a grave danger to our country. We have lost the chance to

reduce spending and the deficit in a non-crisis fashion. Worse, big government has been legitimized in a way the Democrats never could have accomplished. It was tragic listening to Ronald Reagan on the 1986 campaign trail bragging about his high spending on farm subsidies, welfare, warfare, etc., in his futile effort to hold on to control of the Senate.

Amidst the failure of the Gramm-Rudman gimmick, we hear the President and the Republican Party call for a balanced-budget amendment and a line-item veto. This is a smokescreen. Reagan, as governor of California, had a line-item veto and virtually never used it. As President, he has failed to exercise his constitutional responsibility to veto spending. Instead, he has encouraged it.

Far from being cut, the immeasurable waste in the Department of Defense has gotten worse, with the result that we are less secure today. Reagan's foreign aid expenditures exceed Eisenhower's, Kennedy's, Johnson's, Nixon's, Ford's and Carter's put together. Foreign intervention has exploded since 1980.

Only an end to military welfare for foreign governments plus a curtailment of our unconstitutional commitments abroad will enable us really to defend ourselves and solve our financial problems.

Monetary policy has been disastrous. The five Reagan appointees to the Federal Reserve Board have advocated even faster monetary inflation than Paul Volcker, and this is the fourth straight year of double-digit increases in the money supply. The chickens have yet to come home to roost, but they will.

Candidate Reagan in 1980 correctly opposed draft registration. Yet when he had the chance to abolish it, he reneged, as he did on his pledge to abolish the Departments of Energy and Education.

Under the guise of attacking drug use and money laundering, the Administration has attacked personal and

financial privacy. The victims are innocent Americans who wish to conduct their private lives without government snooping. (Should people really be put on a suspected drug dealer list because they transfer \$3,000 at one time?) Reagan's urine testing of Americans without probable cause is a violation of our civil liberties, as are his proposals for extensive "lie detector" tests.

Under Reagan, the IRS has grown bigger, richer, more powerful and more arrogant. Reagan's new tax "reform" gives even more power to the IRS. Far from making taxes fairer or simpler, it deceitfully raises more revenue for the government to waste.

Knowing this Administration's record, I wasn't surprised by its Libyan disinformation campaign, Israeli-Iranian arms-for-hostages swap or illegal funding of the Contras. All this has contributed to my disenchantment with the Republican Party.

Republicans know that the Democratic agenda is dangerous to our political and economic health. Yet, in the past six years Republicans have expanded its worst aspects and called them their own.

The republican Party has not reduced the size of government. it has become big government's best friend. I conclude that one must look to other avenues if a successful effort is ever to be achieved in reversing America's direction.

An old New Mexico law says that a teacher must be able to read and write English. (Maybe they should have discussed adoption of a similar Alabama law during AEA week.)

All "Fun Laws" are quoted from *The Trenton Pickle Ordinance* by Dick Hyman, The Stephen Greene Press, Lexington, Mass.

SCHOLAR



to

LIBERTARIAN

Through the Alabama LP's new Scholar program, you can help create a future libertarian.

Do you know someone who is interested in libertarianism, but who doesn't want to join the party--yet? Perhaps someone who is a natural libertarian and doesn't know it?

The Scholar program is just for them. For just \$5 a year, the person receives a warm letter from the chairman, a copy of *Libertarianism in One Lesson*, and a year of *Alabama Liberty*.

The idea is to have current LP members or friends sponsor new Scholars. James and Arlene Somerville originated the idea and have already sponsored seven such Scholars.

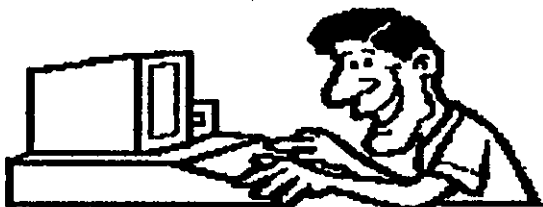
If you would like to sponsor a Scholar, send \$5 to the party along with the name and mailing address of the sponsored individual. Frank will take care of the rest.

If you are reading this *Alabama Liberty* but are not a member of the LP, yet would like to increase your involvement, a Scholar membership might be a great way to get your feet wet and continue on the mailing list. Again, just send \$5 to the Alabama LP. Use the order blank and enclosed business reply envelop.

In Cartersville, Georgia, you must be inside your house and seated to drink a bottle of beer.

EVE OF VICTORY?

By
STEVE SMITH



In going through my "archives", I found some intriguing material from Britain's Libertarian Alliance.

Now, I should point out that Libertarian Alliance activists disagree with the strategic thrust of the U.S. libertarian movement. They believe the way to change ideas (and thereby the world) is to propagandize over a long period of time, always stating the hard-core libertarian position, in an attempt to reach those few thinking persons who will embrace libertarianism whole-heartedly. They eschew mass appeals, believing this results in soft-pedaling or watering down the message in an attempt to be liked (or to get votes).

Nonetheless, they make some observations which can give all libertarians hope. This is excerpted from the Alliance's "Policy Statement":

"In the *Wealth of Nations*, (Adam) Smith ridiculed the possibility that free trade could ever be introduced in Britain. A few decades later, it substantially had been, and the *Wealth of Nations* was largely responsible. Other examples include the rapid spread of Marxism in Europe before the First world War, and in recent years the sudden collapse of the monolithic Keynesian consensus. In both these cases, preparatory developments in earlier decades, which might have seemed quite inconsequential to many, were vital.

"As a result of such changes, the parameters of politics shift. What was politically possible becomes politically impossible, and what was politically impossible may even become impossible to resist.

...After decades of these ideas being discussed by little coteries in unprepossessing journals and grubby meeting halls, barely noticed by the surrounding world and without any great effect upon it, the ideas were disseminated more widely and in due course played their part in the rise and fall of empires.

...Very roughly, the ideas which make the running in current social policy are the ideas embraced by the lower-order intellectuals twenty years earlier, and by the higher-order intellectuals fifty years earlier."

That last sentence especially intrigues me. Who are the higher-order intellectuals of the modern libertarian movement? I believe that the three who exerted the most influence in the beginning were Ludwig von Mises, F.A. Hayek and Ayn Rand (of the three, only Hayek is still living). There is also Murray Rothbard, of course, the man who put it all together. His work weaving various strands of thought into today's libertarianism took place roughly between one and two decades after the flourishing of the other three.

Who are the lower-order intellectuals? My vote would go to the individuals who took the "thought-work" of Mises, Hayek, Rand and Rothbard and used it as the starting point for a host of new organizations and journals dedicated to advancing the cause of freedom.

Now re-read that last sentence from the Libertarian Alliance, do some quick arithmetic, and consider the following:

The *Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand:
published 1943.

The *Road to Serfdom* by F.A. Hayek:
published 1944.

Foundation for economic Education:

founded 1946.

Human Action by Ludwig von Mises:
published 1949.

Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand:
published 1957.

Reason Magazine founded: 1968.

Society for Individual Liberty:
founded 1969.

"The Death of Politics" by Karl
Hess: published (in Playboy) 1969.

Libertarian Party: founded 1971.

We are now approaching the approximate 20th anniversary of the "lower order" work that distilled into the present libertarian movement. We are not quite as close to the 50th anniversary of the "higher order" achievements of Mises, Hayek and Rand; that will come in the 1990s. But we are in the "countdown" decade to that anniversary.

Libertarian victory, of course, is not guaranteed, whether next year, in 1997, or ever. All the same, it is heartening to think that the lack of wide libertarian success thus far may simply be a result of the time not being right. I history is correct, the time of ripening could be just ahead.

In Indiana, motorists can be tested for alcoholic breath against their will under a law that "after the breath leaves the body it ceases to be the property of the person from whom it came."

In Cold Springs, Pennsylvania, liquor may not be sold to a married man except with the written consent of his wife.

New York has a law forbidding blind men from driving automobiles. (Ed. Note: This means that one time, some nut turned to his wife and said, "Honey, I think I'll take us out for a spin!")



ALPA UPDATE

by
Desti Monachelli

The Alabama Libertarian Libertarian Party Auxiliary is offering pencils commemorating the bicentennial of our Constitution. They are selling so fast that we are in the process of ordering another gross! If you would like some, they cost 3 for \$1.00 postpaid; 5 for \$1.00 picked up.

We are seeking a spot for our Second Annual Liberty Picnic. A large open area is required: a place where we could serve beer and wine would be super: a swimming pool would be ecstasy! If you know of such a paradise, please call Kathy (853-9307), Bessie (328-7095), or me (322-2991).

Spring will soon be here; so as your final phase of hibernation, why not consider THE LIBERTY MARATHON!?! That's right, 26 fun-filled hours which will be off and RUNNING at 7:00 p.m. on March 20th (Friday) and will end on the FINISH LINE at approximately 9:00 p.m. on March 21st (Saturday). WHO WILL GO THE DISTANCE?

If you think you're GOOD ENOUGH to endure any or all of it, you will need the following equipment: \$5.00 Entrance Fee (That's 3/10 of a cent per minute), a blanket or sleeping bag, a pillow, and the phone number of your favorite fast food place that delivers. Popcorn, soda, and coffee will be provided. REST UP! JOIN IN! Browse through the schedule and Come to the LIBERTY MARATHON, 1157 11th Ave., South, Birmingham! It's THRILLING! It's SPECTACULAR! It's the LONGEST LIBERTY FILM FESTIVAL EVER PRESENTED! It's SLEEP-DEFYING!

How can you resist? See you there!

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AT THE VIDEOS

by "Red" Read



The Fountainhead-Movie version of Ayn Rand's novel starring Gary Cooper and Patricia Neal. This story has made many converts. Not, as one critic claimed a film about architecture.

Harry's War-a 1986 release starring Edward Herrman as Harry who helps Geraldine Page fight the IRS with its evil district director played by David Ogden Stiers. If you hate paying taxes, join Harry's War.

Black Belt Libertarian-Give up being a 90 lb. weakling. Kick sand in the face of statist bullies. Marshall Fritz shows you how.

Federal Follies (Blondes Prefer Gentlemen)-Your tax dollars produced this masterpiece on etiquette for the Navy. As the Captain said to the deep sea diver, "Come up quick! the ship is sinking."

Capitalism vs. Socialism-Leonard Piekoff (author of *Ominous Parallels* and Ayn Rand's intellectual heir) leads the good side in the debate, Capitalism vs. Socialism: Which is the Moral System? Do YOU wash your own underwear?

"IRS"-60 Minutes piece on sinister doings at the IRS.

Winning-David Bergland, 1984 Presidential candidate, speaks on Libertarianism.

"Campaign"-starring Frank Monachelli. Frank's first City Council campaign speech. YOU ARE THERE!

Federal Follies (It's Your Decision)-Another Navy masterpiece. "What's a guy supposed to do for sex?"

Captain's second message to deep sea diver, "Or stay right there, and we'll meetcha!".

Whoops, Apocalypse!-starring Barry Morse. Riotous British comedy about how government incompetents stumble into World War III. "If God had wanted us to be consistent, he wouldn't have given us Milton Friedman!" You get the idea.

Marshall Fritz: An Introduction-Sunrise Semester, Libertarian Style.

Free Market Fearfulness-How You can Provide the Cure-Robert Anderson. Superb sample from the Advocates Summit '86 workshop.

The State Against Blacks-The incomparable Dr. Walter Williams demonstrates that it's discrimination against capitalists not against race that brings on economic and social woes.

Chickenomics-starring the San Diego Chicken, a leading economist. Will he receive the Nobel Prize for this one?

Give Me Liberty, Not Equality-Dick Boddie, nationally known motivational speaker. If you've never seen Dick in action, you're in for a real treat.

Paint Your Wagon-Mayor Clint Eastwood, Lee Marvin, Jean Seberg. Libertarians in the Gold Rush Days. As Lee Marvin sings, "They've civilized freedom til no one is free, except by coincidence Little Ole Me."

Incredible Bread Machine-Ode to production of goods. If government makes bread, no one has "bread".

"Campaign"-starring Steve Smith. Steve's first City Council campaign speech. YOU ARE THERE!

Country-starring Jessica Lange, Sam Shepard. Farmers vs. Farmers' Home



ADOPT A NEWSPAPER

Libertarian-sounding letters appear often in the newspapers, and not all of them are written by identified libertarians. Until now we have had no systematic way of monitoring the papers in order to respond to the writers of these letters.

Now we have. It's the "adopt a newspaper" program.

Each person who participates agrees to "adopt" a newspaper. It becomes that person's job to read the letters page of that newspaper every day, and to clip any letter which takes even a quasi-libertarian stand on an issue.

The clipped letters are sent to Frank Monachelli along with \$2 per letter to cover the cost of responding. Frank will send a letter of appreciation, a copy of Libertarianism in One Lesson, and a one-year subscription to Alabama Liberty to the letter writer. (This assumes that the mailing address has been published with the letter; Not always so.)

So far, these people have adopted newspapers:

Bobby Chapuis--B'ham Post-Herald
 David Singleton--The B'ham News
 Ross Love--The Western Star
 Steve Smith--B'ham Business Journal,
 misc. Jefferson County newspapers
 Wayne Hicks, John Sebastian, and
 Alan Barksdale--jointly adopting The
 Athens News Courier, The Huntsville
 Times, and The Huntsville News

This leaves plenty of newspapers still to be adopted. If you have a newspaper in mind that you could read regularly, and you'd be willing to help with the cost of responding to letters at \$2 a shot, send your name and the name of the newspaper to the state party.

Then--start reading.

Dear Libby

MEMO
 TO: Libby
 FROM: Heartsick's
 Father
 RE: Kangaroos



I want to set the record straight once and for all. The cages that my wife mentioned in her letter had been shipped through Iranian customs. Apparently "Bozo" arranged for their importation on that expensive junket with the Russians on the Riviera. Anyway as I was rounding up the kangaroos, I noticed that their pouches were all stretched out as if something big had been kept there. In the bottom, some stray bullets were laying loose; so my guess is that weapons and ammunition were smuggled out of Iran.

In one of the kangaroo's pouches were checks made out to José Rojo y Blanco cleared through the People's Bank of Nicaragua as well as a receipt for a Swiss bank account made out to Clarence I. Ackerman (that's Bozo). Also included in this particular pouch was a carbon of a letter written by Ackerman complaining that he did not get his toaster for opening a \$187 million account.

Anyway it all spelled big trouble for him. He was transferred far away from Gear; so we won't be seeing him again. My daughter understands now why we disapproved and joins us in thanking you.

Father: Good work, Dad. C.I.A. is undoubtedly hopping into expensive monkey business at the new location!

Confidential to LW: though Libby cannot understand why anyone would want to be governor, if those were the terms, you were right to divorce him. Problems? Write Dear Libby, c/oAlabama Liberty. For a personal response, enclose \$100.00 in REAL gold. Libby will have it assayed.

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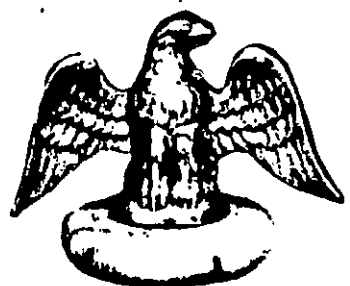
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**PETITION FOR BALLOT ACCESS-POLITICAL PARTIES NOT SUBJECT TO
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According to Act Number 82-572, precleared by the U.S. Department of Justice, Voting Section, each political party receiving less than 20% of the vote in the previous general election "shall have filed with the Secretary of State or other appropriate official at the same time set by law in Section 17-16-11, Code of Alabama, 1975, for candidates in the primary elections to qualify a list of the signatures of at least one percent of the qualified electors who casts (sic) ballots for the office of Governor in the last general election for the state, county, city, district or other political subdivision in which the political party seeks to qualify candidates for office . . ."

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED PETITIONERS, WHO ARE QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN ALABAMA, REQUEST THAT THE ALABAMA LIBERTARIAN PARTY BE GIVEN BALLOT ACCESS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 1988.

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