

LIBERTY PLEDGE NEWSLETTER

The Liberty Pledge Newsletter is a monthly publication for the participants in the National Libertarian Party Pledge program, and for Torchclub members. Because of your contribution we are able to carry on the daily activities of the Party, and we want you to know what we are doing. We also want the opportunity to thank you for your generosity, and let you know about others who are helping the Party as volunteers and contributors. So first, *thank you!*

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Dear Liberty Pledge Contributor:

It has been said that, "When the dust of battle has settled, everything that needed changing will have changed anyway."

The same can be said for the Libertarian Party. There has, indeed, been much "dust" raised with the hiring and firing that has gone on at the Party's National Headquarters.

Now the dust has settled and much has changed (we're confident) for the better. Here are a few examples:

1. National Director Perry Willis has instituted a system by which progress or lack of progress can be measured. We call this system "The Big Board." (See article below.) Perry states, "We've pegged every problem in this office, and nearly all have been eliminated."
2. Computer programs that were once obstacles in themselves are now running like lightning.
3. LP News is now going to have *Karl Hess* as editor! Our new newspaper will not only contain items of interest to Party members, but there will be special outreach issues as well.

THE BIG BOARD — The name was drawn from the nickname of the global display used in the War Room in the Pentagon. While our board is not as large, measuring 4' X 8', it is illustrated by hand, and has listed every function of the National Office. Everything coming in, everything in progress, and everything going out daily, weekly, monthly, and quarterly. It would take this entire paper to describe all its' categories and departments, but suffice to say it *works* in providing an excellent overview of Headquarters operations.

NATCOM — The December NATCOM meeting, held here in Houston, was reported to be a departure from past meetings. Several people I spoke to were deeply pleased by the mature mood of the meetings and the pragmatism of the decisions made.

For example: The proposal to raise the Party's operating budget was based on this comment, "Shall we base our budget on what we *think* we can bring in or shall we base it on experience?" Needless to say, experience won out.

The meetings themselves, while being mature and prudent, broke down only once when the "pressure release valve" opened and someone shouted, "Food Fight!" resulting in boisterous table-pounding and paper-throwing. Things quickly returned to normal and business went on, with everyone a little more relaxed. (Just because they're sober and serious doesn't mean they can't let their hair down once in a while.)

I spoke to Bob Lehman, California Executive Director, last week in reference to the colossal influx (35% increase) of new members into the California LP in a very short time. I requested copies of everything he mailed out. Anything successful has to be investigated. Congratulations California Activists!

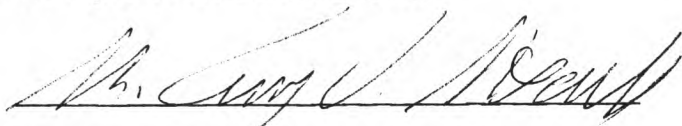
Anyone who has felt uneasy about the future of this Party should banish those thoughts entirely. Things have never looked brighter! You are getting more for your investment now than ever before!

The face and message of Liberty Pledge News are going to change, too. Some of the contents will stay the same, to keep you up-to-date as to where and how your money is being spent. But look forward to short articles and book recommendations that are chosen to stimulate your thinking. Liberty Pledge News 1986 is going to be fun as well as factual.

Your continuing financial support of the Libertarian Party (*Your Party*) is deeply appreciated and very much needed! Without your continuing contributions things won't continue to improve.

So, as they say in the media, "Keep those cards and letters coming in!"

See you next month!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mr. Terry V. Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr. Terry V. Mitchell
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