

# The Liberty Pledge News

## '88 EXCITEMENT GROWING

### Dear Monthly Pledger,

I have some great news concerning the Hedbor Family in Vermont. Eloise Hedbor is expected to be named Chair of the Vermont State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. This is a valuable office for a Libertarian to hold. Eloise will have the ear of the media to articulate the Libertarian approach to civil rights. Congratulations Eloise!

But that's not all. Jim Hedbor has decided to run for U.S. Congress. Jim made an excellent showing in 1984 with 4% of the vote in a 5 way race. He was endorsed by 4 newspapers in the state including the Burlington Free Press, Vermont's largest daily.

Jim is a great spokesman for liberty and has already begun to get a campaign team together. He hopes to raise \$35,000 and has a true chance to win.

### BIG PLANS

We have big plans for this election season. We're responding to more inquiries than ever before and selling memberships to an ever increasing number of them. In the month of November we gained 275 new members!

Of course, it costs money to send out literature and to have someone selling memberships and pledges to those who call the 800 line. And additionally we are committed to putting about \$40,000 into ballot drives in the next 6 months. But freedom isn't free — we have to invest in it with our time, money and energy. No one knows this better than you.

I know you're already a significant investor in the Libertarian Party. And although we've agreed not to fundraise from some Liberty Pledgers, I know that you are our most reliable supporters. We need your best effort in 1988.

Without our even asking, many of you have

renewed your monthly pledge at a higher amount due to the crucial election year ahead of us. Some pledgers have even doubled their pledge for 1988.

Thank you. The Libertarian Party has no more support, energy and activism than we can give to it. Freedom is as essential as oxygen. We must win this battle but without you we don't stand a chance.

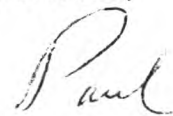
I don't want to break any promise we've made concerning fundraising appeals, but I have to let you know that we are witnessing a tremendous opportunity to make the Libertarian Party grow and prosper.

If your pledge comes to an end this year — please renew it. The Liberty Pledge program is the most cost-effective fundraising program we have. And it allows us to plan ahead, which is crucial.

I hope you'll consider raising your pledge in this important campaign year. Going from \$5 to \$10 a month or \$15 to \$25 or \$50 to \$100 can make an incredible difference in the number of people we can bring into the Party this year.

We would not have this golden opportunity before us were it not for the support you have given us now and in the past. As we work to spread the freedom message this year, I hope you'll do the very best you can. With your help, we can make it happen.

For freedom,



Paul Jacob  
National Director

P.S. Please check the Ballot Access update on the back page.

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# Libertarian: U.S. spending should be cut 40%

By PAUL BONNER  
Sun staff writer

It was something of a homecoming for Libertarian Party presidential candidate Ron Paul, stumping at Duke University last night.

Duke was where Dr. Paul earned his medical degree in 1961 and where his son Randy is in his fourth year of medical school.

And it was where Paul expounded a theme he hopes will find acceptance especially with young adults — that government's power must be drastically whittled down to avoid national depression and involvement in foreign wars.

Paul, 52, speaking to about 50 people, mostly students, said the Libertarian Party, which nominated him for president in Seattle, Wash., this fall, bases its radical proposals for individual autonomy, free trade and military isolationism on two basic moral premises:

"Number one, we promise never to initiate force or violence against our neighbor, and number two, we believe in voluntarism in everything we do. But in a free market, you have to do what you agree to do."

Congress-watchers have noted that in Paul's four terms as a Republican congressman from the Houston-area 22nd District, Paul's libertarian politics made for strange bedfellows. His opposition to foreign military assistance often put him in company with dovish liberals whose socialistic leanings were anathema to him.

After losing his Senate bid against Phil Gramm, R-Tex., in 1985, he resumed practicing medicine. This year Paul took the plunge and resigned from the Republican Party. Paul still practices obstetrics and gynecology in Lake Jackson, Tex., near Houston, but on a limited schedule.

Paul said he left the Republican Party because he was disillusioned with Reagan's record on cutting spending.

A jump toward big government could follow the recent stock market crash, just as it did in the 1930s, he said. That consolidation of governmental power led to World War II, he said. The same thing could happen again, he said.

"The depression could be worse than the '30s," Paul said. It could be longer. It could lead to

what bad times usually lead to, and that is war.

"Most wars are caused by economic reasons."

The intermediate-range missile treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union is something Paul "would have done unilaterally a long time ago."

In fact, Paul would essentially end U.S. protection of Western Europe. He said there's no justification for the United States assuming the role of global policeman anywhere, including the Persian Gulf, which he said is in no way vital to the security of the United States.

Combating communism is best done by a foreign policy that doesn't get people in developing countries angry at the United States and by ending export subsidies that help communist countries.

"If you want to do away with communism, quit funding them," Paul said.

But Paul reserved his sharpest barbs for American monetary and fiscal policy, providing a good illustration of the aptness of the Libertarian Party's mascot — the porcupine.

"If you throw money at something, what happens? The cost

goes up, but the quality doesn't go up, the distribution doesn't go up."

Higher defense spending only makes hammers more expensive, and more money for welfare only produces greater social dependency, he said.

And the IRS comes off as the ultimate bad guy:

"Do you want government to protect your liberties or do you want government to be a thief?"

Calling abolition of the national income tax "a good accomplishment for a first administration," Paul said he would compensate for the loss of revenue by slashing national spending at least 40 percent.

Paul also calls for erasing drug laws from the books, saying that only drug dealers profit from keeping drugs illegal and that keeping drugs illegal encourages more drug use. If the cost of marijuana, cocaine and heroin were lower, he contended, users wouldn't have to sell to others to support their own drug habits.

Persuasion, logic and boycotts are the only approved tools for social change, according to the Libertarian philosophy. Paul eschews legislation forcing integration, saying people have a right of personal liberty to discriminate.



THE DURHAM SUN/Kevin Kelster

## Paul addresses students

But, he said, the problem with racial segregation in America was that in some instances blacks were denied their constitutional freedom of assembly and freedom of speech to protest and boy-

cott. But he said social legislation is not the answer. "Governmental coercive programs will never work," he said.

# Libertarians select director

## Former Arkansan named to post

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Paul Jacob, formerly of North Little Rock, was named executive director of the Libertarian Party Sunday, the third anniversary of his arrest for not registering for the draft.

Jacob, 26, of Woodbridge, Va., was prosecuted in Arkansas and served five months in a federal prison at Segoville, Tex., before being released on probation. Former Representative Ron Paul (Rep., Tex.), testified on Jacob's behalf at his trial. Paul is now the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate.

Jacob was appointed near the end of the Party's two-day national meeting at Orlando.

The Party's national committee slashed funds from more than 20

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# There really are heroes

By JO McINTYRE  
Special to the News-Register Eugene, Oregon

EDITOR'S NOTE: As the major political party conventions approach, one already has selected its candidates for the 1988 campaign. Jo McIntyre of McMinnville attended the Libertarian Party convention, and came away with more than the normal political experience: a new feeling about "heroes."

There has been a lot of talk lately about the need for heroes, particularly for young people. I used to think such ideas were silly -- something verging on superstition or an attempt to manipulate us.

Political or other special interest groups may try to create heroes, but those creatures just get famous for a couple of weeks. There is no spontaneous outpouring of admiration and affection that genuine heroes get from the people.

Until recently, I considered myself a sophisticated, rational human being, immune from such emotions.

Oh, I've had my flings: Frank Sinatra, when I was a girl; later, Mickey Lolich, pitcher for the Detroit Tigers in 1967 and 1968 when the Tigers almost won, then actually did win, the American League pennant and the World Series; and, Geraldine Ferraro, who was such an admirable vice presidential candidate in 1984.

This fall, however, I had occasion to ponder, once again, just what a hero is and why we respond to them at a very deep emotional level.

A person who excites our admiration, even though we may not agree with his ideas, or lifestyle, is a hero. I found that my admiration is excited by a person who shows great courage without bravado, accepts public acclaim with dignity, and maintains unwavering commitment to his own principles.

A real hero makes you stand tall, knowing that as a fellow human being, you, too, can reach beyond yourself and achieve whatever lofty goals you strive for. A real hero is a mirror you look into to see yourself at your best.

## Question of 'savvy' vs. 'charisma'

The occasion for this discovery was the 1987

Libertarian Party Presidential Nominating Convention, held in Seattle the first week in September. The contest between the two frontrunners -- four-term U.S. congressman from Texas Ron Paul, and American Indian activist Russell Means -- had been long and was becoming increasingly bitter. Libertarians were wary about both, since each had just joined the party in February.

There was the question, as the Connecticut Libertarian newsletter put it, of "savvy" versus "charisma." Dr. Paul (he is also an obstetrician) was respected and admired by many people, but it was Russell Means who lit up any room he walked into.

Now, libertarians are like me: sophisticated, rational and, shall I say it? Colorless? Lacking in excitement? Square? They are not used to seeing a charismatic person proclaiming himself to be one of them. They aren't used to seeing a proven, successful vote-getter proclaiming himself to be one of them, either. What to do?

To condense the story of a four-day convention, they chose, by one vote, to go with savvy. Ron Paul was nominated on the first ballot, and Russell Means came in second.

## A hero showing grace in defeat

Andre Marrow, former libertarian state representative from Alaska, was nominated for vice president. So was Means. There was a moment of confusion, and then we heard, "The chair recognizes Russell Means."

From that moment, the huge grand ballroom at the Seattle Sheraton Hotel vibrated with an electric throb. As Means walked down the aisle, he received a standing ovation that lasted for several minutes. Supporters shook his hand and embraced him as he passed delegations from all over the United States.

Even Means' closest friends and advisors did not know what he was going to say, except that he would decline the nomination for vice president. If past conventions were any guide, delegates could have been treated to a denunciation and walkout by the defeated candidate and his supporters, not unlike what has happened in the republican and democratic parties in recent decades.

Instead, Means began with his usual Sioux greeting, a sonorous salute with which he had begun every address in his quest for the nomination. He had always translated it before.

"By now you know what that means," he said with a smile. Then, as expected, he declined the nomination. But he did it in the most gracious terms, without bitterness. He said he supported Andre Marrou, who had campaigned for the spot. He thanked his supporters and said he would continue to work for Libertarian principles of personal freedom and personal responsibility. Again there was massive applause as he left the platform.

I don't know if everyone was crying. I couldn't see through my tears. I do know that everyone I saw or spoke to later admitted to having wept freely.

Why? I think we were moved by seeing the best that mankind could offer, the rare display of such tremendous dignity and courage that the only emotional response available to us was weeping. For the first time in my life, I understood the meaning of the term "overcome by emotion."

At the banquet that evening Ron Paul introduced Russell Means, and again, there was a huge ovation.

"He always gets more applause than I do," Paul said, showing his own brand of class and grace. "Good thing the election is not tomorrow."

proposed budgets to concentrate income on ballot petition efforts.

The Party will be on the 1988 presidential ballot in 20 states and is petitioning in all others, Tonie Nathan, a Party spokesman, said. The Party qualified for the ballot in 39 states in 1984 and in all 50 in 1980.

Asked about the budget shakeup, Jacob said the changes reflect the Party's commitment to nationwide ballot access.

"It gives the national headquarters sufficient money to build membership and organize throughout the country," he said.

The Houston-based Party will be moving its headquarters to Washington, D.C. later this month, Nathan said.

During his July 1985 trial, Jacob testified that Selective Service registration was not vital to the defense of the United States. "Selective Service is a bogus way, a false way, to try to pretend we are prepared," he said. "I felt I had a duty not to register."

Federal Judge George Howard Jr. rejected Jacob's argument that he and other draft registration resisters were singled out for prosecution. Jacob's request for a new trial was denied by the United States Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis.

The United States has not had a draft since January 27, 1973, but registration was revived in 1980.



—Gazette File Photo

PAUL JACOB

# Libertarian Party leaving Houston for D.C. base

By John Gravois

POST POLITICAL WRITER

Libertarian Party officials announced Tuesday they will "take our battle to the battlefield" by moving their national headquarters from Houston to Washington by Jan. 1.

Actually, we'd prefer the sunny weather and the hospitality of Houston," said Paul Jacob, the party's national director.

"I'm sure George Washington would have preferred his northern Virginia home to Valley Forge, too, but we need to be at the center of things in Washington.

We want to carry our fight to them and go on the offensive."

By "them," Jacob was referring to elected and appointed government officials, the media, government consultants and the assorted "think tanks" that operate in Washington.

Ironically, the Libertarian Party moved its headquarters from Washington to Houston in 1984, in part to save money and in part to satisfy party officials who despised the idea of basing their operations in what they call "Moscow on the Potomac." Jacob acknowledged there was "some controversy" in making the decision to move back to Washington because some party officials dislike the city.

The Libertarian Party since the early 1970s has evolved into the nation's most successful third party, calling for less government and a return to the gold standard. Its 1988 presidential nominee is Ron Paul, a former congressman from Lake Jackson.

Many party supporters have predicted that Paul, whose national campaign will continue to be based in Houston, will be the first Libertarian candidate to break the 1 million-vote barrier.

## DO YOU HAVE BALLOT ACCESS?

The following states are now petitioning and need your help:

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| Florida  | Nebraska      |
| Georgia  | North Dakota  |
| Idaho    | Oregon        |
| Kentucky | New Hampshire |
| Maryland | Wyoming       |
| Missouri |               |

Libertarians in the following states should be looking into getting on the November ballot:

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| Alaska    | Massachusetts   |
| Arkansas  | New Jersey      |
| Colorado  | North Carolina! |
| Indiana   | Ohio            |
| Iowa      | Oklahoma        |
| Kansas    | Tennessee       |
| Louisiana | Virginia        |
| Maine     | West Virginia   |

Every volunteer signature you collect is just like a contribution to the campaign!! To join Team Liberty (Libertarian petitioners) call (713) 333-1988. Your State Party officials should be able to give you the ballot status of your state. If not, please call the number above or Richard Winger (415) 922- 9779.