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Louw to address convention

By Ron Bain

CLP Communications Chairman

It's convention time! Join us in Fort Collins over Memorial Day weekend to set the stage for what is sure to be the Colorado Libertarian Party's most successful year -- 1990 -- and to hear the man who has thought of a way to solve the South African crisis, Leon Louw, author of *After Apartheid: The Solution for South Africa*.

Coordinated by convention veteran Mary Margaret Glennie, the 1989 FREEDOM NOW! convention for Colorado, Wyoming, Alaska, Nebraska, Utah and Montana, will convene on Friday, May 26 at 8 p.m. in Fort Collins at the Holiday Inn. Glennie will introduce Louw for his first remarks of the convention at that time. A full slate of events, including bids for the 1990 state convention (which might be held on the Western Slope) and the election of new state officers, is planned for Saturday; the business session, including membership votes on the party constitution, platform and bylaws, will be conducted on Sunday. An Alternate Room will be available on Saturday for convention goers who would rather hear informative speakers than endure the duller party business. Louw will speak all three days of the convention, and an added feature is an independent speaker, David M. Brown, speaking on "How To Be An Intellectual Adventurer."



Leon Louw

If you haven't registered already for the convention, you'll have to pay the late fee of \$75 or, at the door, \$85; Brown's lecture is \$10 until May 22 and will be \$12 at the door.

Louw's book was a national bestseller in South Africa, and proposes a rational solution to that nation's problems through the implementation of a decentralized constitutional system of semi-autonomous cantons, similar to the governmental system of Sweden. The book traces the history of South Africa: how segregation and isolation of the races have been the rule since Dutch colonists first set foot on the southern African coast in the 1600s; how the blacks who successfully adopted white farming methods were forced into poverty by laws that favored the whites; how frustration has led many blacks to favor Marxism.

Calendar

Convention: Friday, May 26 through Sunday, May 28 - at the Holiday Inn in Ft. Collins. Register now - Leon Louw will be the featured speaker!

People's Fair: Saturday and Sunday, June 3-4 at the Civic Center in Denver.

CLP board meeting: Saturday, June 10 - noon at CLP office, 720 E. 18th Ave. Suite 309, Denver.

Make sure you call in your calendar items to CLIPboard Editor Ron Bain at 625-8563 or mail them to: P.O. Box 1132, Rifle, CO. 81450.

NRA, gun lovers should unite behind LP

By James C. Hinton

Two hundred years ago, a group of patriots who had just recently defeated an oppressive government in a war of revolution set forth a document that guaranteed the citizens of this new republic, among other important rights, the right to keep and bear arms. These founders of our country, and authors of the Constitution of the United States, found this right important enough to list it second only to the rights of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and the freedom to worship as you choose.

The reason they did this is really quite simple. Throughout history, governments have always tried to disarm their citizens so that the general populace can be easily subjugated. The British government, that this very group of rebels had defeated with a ragtag army fighting against nearly insurmountable odds, was no exception. At the time of the Declaration of Independence, the British had been trying to disarm the American colonists for nearly seven years. This government-imposed concept goes back to the very invention of the firearm.

During the Middle Ages, the church, which was basically the ruling power of the time, declared that the early crude firearms, along with the crossbow, were the "devil's own weapons." This declaration was basically due to the fact that the average serf, when armed with either device, was a match for the mounted knight. This armor encased nobleman representative of the reigning powers must certainly have been alarmed when he found himself lethally stymied from his hitherto dalliances with the common men's possessions, wives and daughters.

As history has progressed from that point, oppressive governments have continually tried, and in many cases succeeded, in disarming their country's populace. The general idea, of course, is that if you keep a populace disarmed, the government and its agents can do pretty well as they choose. Criminals, who throughout history have always been very well armed regardless of laws, can also do about as they see fit. Of course, once the government has achieved this degree of power, there is very little difference between the ruling powers and the criminal elements. They both do as they will, generally at the expense of the majority, and there is little the masses can do about it as they have surrendered their weapons, and, consequently, their right to self-defense.

The lie has always been the same. They will tell us that we must surrender our right to own a weapon for the common good. The government officials will all quietly nod their heads and agree that this action must be taken to protect the people from criminals, radicals and terrorists. Dr. Franz Josef Goebbels, the minister of propaganda for Nazi Germany, probably said it best: "If you tell a lie long enough, and loud enough, they will believe you." These same fascists had little trouble in subjugating the populations of western Europe due to widespread gun registration.

Our current governments -- state, local and mostly federal -- are in the process of telling us a long and loud lie. They are telling us that if we surrender certain types of firearms that we will all be a lot safer. They are telling us that if honest citizens surrender the firearms they choose to own, simply because the government deems them evil, that the violent criminals and maniacs will also be disarmed, and I suppose cower in the shadows begging for forgiveness. It's a pretty safe bet that despite any gun bans which the government decides to impose on the

people it's supposed to serve, the law enforcement agencies at all levels of government will not be surrendering any weapons. Simply because they know as well as we do that removing from the honest citizen, the guns that are tagged by the reigning powers as being designed for criminal intent will do nothing to stop crime.

Today they want the so-called assault guns. Tomorrow the handguns, next week your hunting rifle and shotgun. The cries of those who want Big Brother to make all the choices in their lives are drowning out the voices of those who still believe people should be free to live as they see fit, and to bear the responsibilities of their actions.

George Bush has betrayed the NRA and, indeed, all Americans, and I am afraid that this time the honest citizen will lose. It looks like George Bush and William Bennett are going to be allowed to begin arbitrarily disarming American citizens. This overall implication of guilty until proven innocent is a constitutional challenge unparalleled since the incarceration of Japanese-Americans during World War II. This is exactly what the Second Amendment is all about.

Governments are naturally clumsy and inefficient. They have repeatedly proven that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. The current powers that reign in the United States are no exception. They cannot manage to put known violent criminals in jail, despite repeated arrests of these vermin, and then have the audacity to blame an inanimate piece of machinery for their own failures. And, if you happen to own a gun like the one they don't like this week, well then to their way of thinking, you must be a part of the problem too. Rather than incarcerate known dangerous felons, the government persecutes the vast majority. It is exactly this line of governmental thought that forces me to call for the NRA, and all Americans who think of themselves as free citizens, to throw their total support behind the Libertarian Party.

This is a large step, I know only too well. In the 1988 presidential election, for the first time in my life I did not vote for the Republican presidential candidate. I instead voted for the Libertarian candidate, Ron Paul, because he and the Libertarians stand for the constitutional rights of all American citizens, including the Second Amendment. The two big political parties have gotten completely out of control with campaign budgets that could launch a moonshot. They now feel that a lesser financed candidate has no chance and as a result, big government can have its way. The time has come for all people who truly value their freedoms to realize that there is a viable alternative, and there is a reason to vote.

The Libertarian Party champions all our constitutional rights, and if the people so disillusioned by the continual government onslaught so as not to vote would stand up and be counted, the people who truly represent our best interests, the Libertarian Party, would be empowered to reverse the current trend. The Libertarians are a grass root movement and do not accept large campaign contributions. As a result, they need the help of a mutual friend, such as the NRA to help them get the ball rolling. It is time for the NRA and all Americans who value their freedoms to forget the promises of George Bush. His promises of a "kinder and gentler nation" have turned into another excuse to disarm citizens, and his big government lie needs to be voted out of existence.

**Colorado, Wyoming, Alaska, Nebraska, Utah, Montana Libertarians
1989 Joint Convention
FREEDOM NOW**

For: Libertarians, libertarians, Democrats, Republicans, Unaffiliates, Moles, Skeptics, Conservatives, Liberals, readers of South Africa's all time Best Seller, *After Apartheid*, by Leon Louw and Frances Kendall, and OTHERS

When: May 26, 27, 28 1989 Memorial Day Weekend

Where: University Park Holiday Inn; 425 W. Prospect Road; Fort Collins, Colorado 80526
Take I-25 to Prospect Road Exit into Fort Collins. Straight west about 4 miles. On left.

Cost: Includes all programs, materials, Saturday luncheon and entertainment, Saturday banquet and ?Talent? show.

Early Bird: before January 30	\$50.00	Late: April 16 - May 20	\$75.00
Regular: January 30 - April 15	\$65.00	Door:	\$85.00
Business meetings only: free		Free Market and Information Tables	\$20.00
Half Day	\$20.00	Luncheon	\$12.00
		Banquet	\$18.00



PROGRAM

Friday:	6 - 8 pm	registration
	8 - 10 pm	welcome: Mary Margaret Glennie LEON LOUW LEON LOUW
Saturday:	9 - 10 am	LEON LOUW
	10 - 10:15 am	break
	10:15 - 11:30 am	state reports
	11:30 - 11:45 am	break
	11:45 - 1:15 pm	luncheon and entertainment
	1:15 - 1:30 pm	break
	1:30 - 2:30 pm	LEON LOUW
	2:30 - 2:45 pm	break
	2:45 - 5:30 pm	1. presentation of bids for 1990 convention 2. vote on bids for 1990 convention 3. elections 4. B.S. (business session) platform
	5:30 - 6:30 pm	break
	6:30 - 10:00 pm	banquet and ?Talent? show
	10 pm --->	?!?!?***zzzzz
Sunday:	9 - 10 am	LEON LOUW
	10 - 10:15 am	break
	10:15 - 12 N	B.S. (business session) platform, constitution, and by-laws
	12 N - 1:30 pm	lunch break
	1:30 - 2:30 pm	LEON LOUW
	2:30 - 3 pm	break
	3 - 4:30 pm	board meeting

REGISTRATION

_____ name _____

_____ day phone _____ evening phone _____ address _____

Room Reservations: \$44.50 plus *! \$3.98 tax !*
= \$48.48/night. 1-4 per room, no additional cost

____ room(s) Friday ____ Saturday ____ Sunday _____

____ 1 queen bed or ____ 2 full size beds

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Name _____

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R: \$65.00 _____

L: \$75.00 _____

D: \$85.00 _____

_____ Table(s): \$20.00 _____

Total payment enclosed: _____

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Mail registration, conference payment, table payment, and room reservations to:
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AFTER APARTHEID

**LEON
LOUW**

**FRANCES
KENDALL**

Leon Louw is the director of the Free Enterprise Foundation of South Africa, a strong intellectual force against the awesome power of the state and hence the very roots of apartheid.

*Persuaded by domestic and international examples of how free markets can make a significant contribution to the solution of seemingly intractable socio-economic problems, Louw and his wife, Frances Kendall Louw, coauthored the book *After Apartheid: The Solution for South Africa*, which has become the all-time bestseller of nonfiction in South Africa. *After Apartheid* outlines the development of apartheid, demonstrates how it is a weapon to suppress the operation of the market, and offers a political solution for eliminating apartheid in a way that none of South Africa's racial or ethnic groups can politically dominate the other.*

INTERVIEWED BY WALTER E. WILLIAMS

Private charity needed for lymphoma victim

By Ron Bain

CLP Communications Chairman

CLP Chairman Mary Lind has often endorsed the concept of forming a private charity to demonstrate the Libertarian Party's commitment to non-governmental aid the needy, but never before has the need for such a charity been so obvious as it was when Libertarian Anna Pickett wrote concerning her husband Jim, who is suffering from lymphatic cancer.

"I need the help of the party (almost like one needs one's church when things turn hard to bear)."

Anna continued in her letter, "Jim has had lymphoma for the past year. He has also been unemployed for awhile, almost a year before that. So when the news hit, we were already 'in the red' and hoping to make do. I lost my teaching job in Denver, program cuts."

The Picketts, who have two daughters, have been forced to sell virtually all of their personal possessions to buy medical bills, and still about \$5,000 remains to be paid. Despite their Libertarian desire for self-reliance, they have been forced onto Social Security and food stamps, and have turned to the United Way, Friends of Man, and the Salvation Army.

There are about 1,000 subscribers to the CLiPboard, so if everyone reading this article were to chip in five bucks, the Picketts could pay their medical bills. Perhaps there are other ways that Libertarians could help the Picketts. Donations can be mailed directly to the Picketts at the following address: 637 S. Broadway, No. 121, Boulder, CO. 80303.

Or perhaps a bank account should be established for the deposit of funds that will be distributed to the Picketts and other Libertarian families like them. In this way, perhaps we can demonstrate that Libertarians are not cold-hearted when they advocate the end of government welfare programs, but merely want to see effective, voluntary help provided to the needy. There might even be a story in this for the **Boulder Daily Camera**.

Contact me or call the CLP headquarters in Denver if you would like to help the Picketts, or work on forming a private charity under the auspices of the Colorado Libertarian Party.

Alternate Room schedule set

Here's the schedule for Saturday's Alternate Room during the Memorial Day weekend convention at the Fort Collins Holiday Inn (the specific room number of the Alternate Room will be announced at the beginning of the convention):

10:15 a.m. - Mark Nairne, director of the No More Drug War Foundation, will speak about the goals of the foundation he directs;

2:30 p.m. - L. Neil Smith, science-fiction author and Fort Collins resident, will speak on "Weaponry In A Free Society";

3:30 p.m. - Tracy Harms, a Libertarian activist and coordinator of the Alternate Room, will speak on "Assessing the Costs of Political Actions";

4:30 p.m. - Dave Cook, who is employed by First American Monetary, Inc., will talk about investment planning;

5:30 p.m. - David M. Brown, noted thinker, will speak on "How To Be An Intellectual Adventurer," there will be a \$12 charge at the door for this talk.

All of the other talks in the Alternate Room, besides Brown's, will be free of charge.

Where's your commitment level?

By David Aitken

CLP Finance Chairman

The other day we got an unsolicited letter from Peggy Weaver of Aurora. Here's what she had to say:

"Enclosed is a small check. Please deposit it into the most needy fund or cause you are working on. I wish I could send you more, but I lost my job and the one I have now is only temporary so, of course, I must conserve."

"Please call me at home if there is anything I can do to help out. I'm not much at speech-making, but I do enjoy behind-the-scenes work."

Peggy is now scheduling volunteers for the People's Fair (which, by the way, will be held June 3-4 in Civic Center Park in Capitol Hill, and this year's new menu at the CLP food booth features fruit ice and burritos; we need canned peaches for the delicious fruit ice - call me at 831-4334 to volunteer or donate peaches); you can call Peggy to volunteer at 751-1921. Thank you, Peggy.

On the other hand, one of our CLiPboard readers, when asked for a small donation, said, "Things are pretty tight; my wife and I only make \$90,000 a year."

Where is your commitment level? If you're looking for something to do, volunteer for the People's Fair, join the pledge program, or come to the convention and get involved. If you don't do it, it won't get done.

____ Yes, I would like to be a member of the Colorado Libertarian Party. \$25.00

____ Yes, I would like to be a member of the National L.P. also. \$15.00

____ Yes, I would like to pledge _____ per month _____ per year.

____ Yes, I would like help out. Count me in. I would like to

Also, _____

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Wyo. LP member endorsed

It didn't mean victory, but Libertarian Craig McCune, who ran for the Wyoming seat in the U.S. House of Representatives that was abandoned by Republican Dick Cheney when the former congressman accepted a Bush administration appointment as Secretary of Defense, scored a minor victory when he received the endorsement of **The Casper Star-Tribune** four days before the special Wednesday, April 26 election.

McCune received four percent of the popular vote in the special election following the Sunday endorsement.

"They wanted to send a message to Wyoming politicians and to Congress," stated CLP Membership Chairman Jon Baraga of **The Casper Star-Tribune** after reading the editorial.

The Congressional seat was won by another Republican, former state Rep. Craig Thomas, who defeated Democrat John Vinich, McCune, and independent Daniel Johnson; the Associated Press reported McCune's results as those of an independent candidate.

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