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RON PAUL - LIBERTARIAN FOR PRESIDENT '88

Q: If you were to receive the Libertarian Party nomination, what themes would you stress in your campaign?

A: Sound money, the free market, a noninterventionist foreign policy, our Bill of Rights, and the insanity of big deficit government. I would also talk about governmental causes of crime, such as drug prohibition.

The Bill of Rights will be a particularly appropriate theme at a time when many constitutional anniversaries are approaching. And it will distinguish a Libertarian campaign from liberals and conservatives, who seek to restrict, for example, the right to keep and bear arms or the right to financial privacy.

Of course, I can't predict now what the specific issues will be on the public agenda in 1988 nor which ones a Libertarian candidate might want to introduce. But I am sure these themes will apply.

In all my campaigns, I found tremendous support for our libertarian ideals: individual liberty, free markets, sound money, a non-interventionist foreign policy,

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THE INITIATIVE AND SO.CAR.

The Initiative Resource Center located in Washington, D.C., and headed by David Schmidt, 30, is as its name suggests a resource center for information concerning the initiative, referendum, and recall process in the United States.

"The major thing we are trying to do," says Schmidt, "is promote lawmaking by popular vote. It's something that can be done already in 23 states and hundreds of local jurisdictions.

"For many years the initiative and referendum was unknown and unused except in the West Coast states. Then in the 1970's it was rediscovered by activists. But there is a lot more that can be done. There are still a lot of places where initiatives are rare, and a lot of states where people are fighting to put the initiative and referendum into their state constitutions.

"The reason that we are promoting the use of this process is that we think it is a way for a small group of initiators to put up an issue out into the public arena. A small number of individuals can have a greater impact with an initiative petition than they can supporting a political candidate.

"I'm sure many people would want to debate me on this. But what I've found through my extensive studies is this: If you run one or two people for the legislature and they get elected, you still probably won't get your favorite proposal passed. Whereas with a similar effort, you could get an initiative on the ballot and win."

In South Carolina there are no provisions for statewide initiative, referendum, or recall. However, on the local level all

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By Terry V. Mitchell, National Libertarian Party National Director

Lots of good things are happening here at the National Office and as Director, I'd like to take this opportunity to give you a quick overview of recent developments.

An operation like the one we have relies heavily on its computer, mail processing equipment and duplicating capabilities.

*The National L.P. has just purchased a state-of-the-art photocopy machine that, if properly used, will last us well into the 1990's.

*Our mail room equipment has been completely overhauled and are working to their maximum potential.

*The Data General Computer which contains our database has just gone through a thorough servicing and reformatting; we expect to see immediate and long term improvements due to increased capacity, streamlined data organization and operational reliability.

*Our recently donated micro computer is just about to come on line. We have the accounting software we need to automate our in-house bookkeeping tremendously over what we had before. (This computer will also make it possible for the state L.P.'s with similar computers to utilize the National Office for what are called Merge/Purge operations prior to mailings. This is a very valuable service.

We're doing pretty well financially (if I say so myself). In December and January we retired nearly \$8,000 in outstanding debts; virtually eliminating the '84 ballot drive debts! Not many of these debts were paid off at full value; I negotiated most of them down by 30 to 50 percent. Not a bad bit of "horse-trading."

The fundraising for the computer generated membership cards went very well and it looks like we'll be bringing them into service sometime in March.

All in all it looks very bright for 1987 and I believe we're well on our way to having a strong membership and credibility building phase, leading to what many feel will be the best convention in the Libertarian Party's history.

SCLP PHONE FUND

The South Carolina Libertarian Party has initiated a special fund that will enable the state party to obtain and operate a WATTS line that will be listed in several phone books across the state. It has been estimated that such a phone will cost in the neighborhood of \$2500 - this figure includes the installation of the WATTS line, a phone, an answering machine, and enough funds to cover the operation for approximately one year. In the past we have found that people have had a hard time finding out information concerning the SCLP, our actions and activities, as well contacting us about information that would have benefited the party. The SCLP ExCom has set a date of October 1st as the deadline for raising the needed capital. We need your help in reaching our objective - please send a check to the SCLP Phone Fund today!

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Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life — accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property — accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

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Whereas registration for the draft is nothing more than a prelude to military conscription, and

Whereas conscription is slavery and poses the greatest threat to the survival of a free society in this decade,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Libertarian National Committee opposes any form of registration or the draft, and

Be It Further Resolved that we endorse civil disobedience as an appropriate moral and practical means of resisting mandatory registration and the draft.



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defend isself, the imitiary has been awainped with more volunteers than it could use. The draft has been necessary only when our government has become involved in was that large numbers of people did not believe in particularly during conflicts where it became clear we were not really defending ourselves or our freedoms, but rather were fighing for the benefit of by business or big government. The worst-part about setting up a draft system in this country is the contradictions that go with it in order for it to work millions of men like you will have to be robbed of the same "materiable" rights and freedoms that are supported to make America worth defending in the first place! The law requiring you to register for the draft violates your right to privacy, you are forced to give the Selective Service System (and all sorts of other government agencies) up-to-date information on how to find you at all times. And the central purpose of repistation is to enable the government, at some later date, to violate your most important right of all the property right to your own body. Those of you "selected" by SSS will effect be "owned" by the government of a period of us to several veets.

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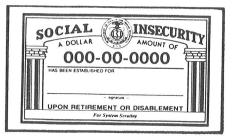
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LEGISLATIVE ISSUES '87

The State Legislature is back in session. Last year the Local Government Financing Act (or as we prefer to call it: The City-County Tax Bill) went down to defeat, partially due to the Libertarian Party's statewide petition drive and partially due to the fact that it was an election year. It has already been brought back up this year. This act will undoubtedly raise taxes - something our new Republican governor said he would never do (sounds like ray-gun ... zap!). We intend to oppose this legislation and have already prepared petitons opposing the bill.

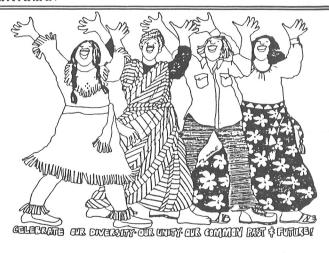
Another major issue is Annexation Laws. Do they need to be weakened so that local cities and towns may bring in areas at the whim of their town councils? We think not!

We are also concerned that thousands of state tax dollars are spent each year so that major agencies and departments can have "legislative liaisons" who lobby the state Legislature for larger budgets for their state agency. South Carolina has no law specifically banning or permitting such lobbying. This is a practice that the Legislature should fix.

On a brighter note it does seem that the Legislature will be improving (?) the state Freedom of Information Act so that local as well as state government bodies will be further restricted as to holding 'secret' meetings.

Also, keep an eye out for the Helmet and Seatbelt Laws which are bound to resurface.

After the State of the State address it seems that what needs to be done in South -continued on page four-



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and limits on government power. An effective Libertarian presidential campaign can consolidate our strength - I mean the strength of the Libertarian Party as an organization - educate more Americans about our ideals, and help push policy and debate in the right direction. It would serve a historic purpose, and give the American prople a free choice, not an interventionist echo.

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DR. RON PAUL is a former member of Congress from Texas, he served four terms as a Republican representitive and is widely known for his libertarian stands on many issues. As of this printing he is schedualed to announce for the Libertarian Party presidential nomination on February 17th.

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266 cities allow initiatives and referenda on ordinances, by petition of 15% of the registered voters (SC Code, Sec. 5-17-10, 5-17-20). There is no provision for recall, nor are initiative charter amendments possible, since cities do not have home rule charters, according to Bob Lyon of the South Carolina Municipal Association. All counties allow initiatives and referendum on ordinances, by petition of 15% of the registered voters (SC Code, Sec. 4-9-210 and 4-9-230). As in cities, there is no recall or initiative charter amendment procedure.

The South Carolina Libertarian Party has prepared a pamphlet entitled INITIATIVE, RECALL, AND REFERENDUM: A PRIMER, and has on hand information concerning these important issues. If you would like to know more about how we can bring direct democracy to South Carolina or if you would like a copy of the pamphlet, please feel free to contact us.

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is to decentralize the government to its lowest common denominator - the individual. We need to allow people in South Carolina a voice in their own affairs - not a larger voice for government bodies but a voice for local democracy. Would it not be a grand experiment if the people of this state were allowed to vote on taxes, or toxic waste dumps, or other important issues through referendums, to oppose unjust political actions through the recall of their

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