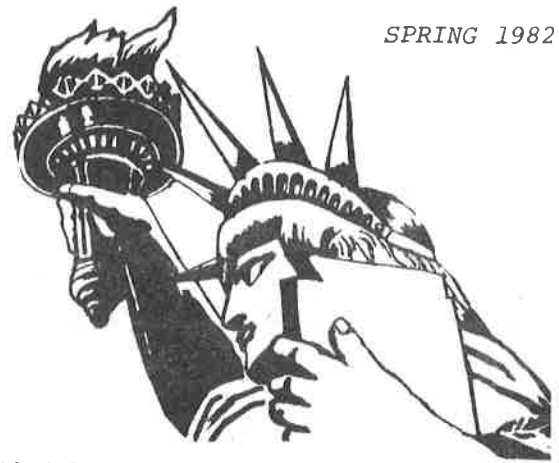


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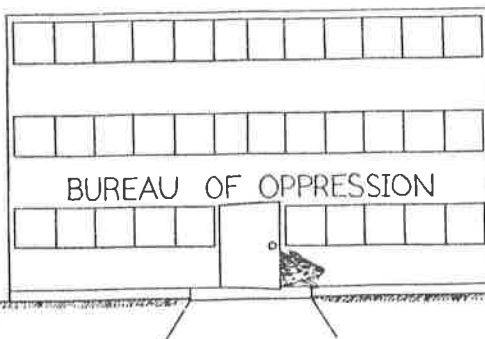
South Carolina's Libertarian Party Convention will be held on Saturday, April 3, from 9:30 a.m. to whatever time in the afternoon that it takes. It will be at the Capitol Inn, in the House Room, 1901 Assembly Street, Columbia. The telephone number is 252-3100.

The program will include the nomination and election of Party officers, a slide show by Steve Kreisman, and two speeches. Tom Waldenfels will speak on organizing an income tax protest on April 15, and Prof. James Stiver of U.S.C. Columbia will speak on the drug laws.

Nominations will also be held for congressional and state offices. This is the first time since receiving permanent ballot status that the SCLP has the opportunity to nominate people for such offices as governor and lieutenant governor.

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To get rid of bureaucrats...



VOTE LIBERTARIAN

Ayn Rand found dead

Novelist Ayn Rand, leading Libertarian thinker and writer, was found dead in her New York apartment March 6, 1982. She was 77.

Miss Rand died of natural causes, according to reports.

Ayn Rand, author of *Atlas Shrugged* and *The Fountainhead*, was born in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1905 to a well-to-do mercantile family.

She left Russia for the United States in 1924, shortly after graduation from the University of St. Petersburg.

In 1936, she wrote *We the Living* and the play *Night of January 16th*, which was re-released in 1973 with its original title, *Penthouse Legend*.

It was not until 1943 that she received wide-spread acclaim with her book, *The Fountainhead* -- later made into a movie starring Gary Cooper and Patricia Neal.

In 1957, Ms. Rand secured her fame with *Atlas Shrugged*. In that book, the hero calls on all creative men to withhold their ideas in a protest of government bureaucracy.

Rand's novels strongly expressed the belief that original ideas are what keeps the world running and those who have the original ideas should be free to profit from them.

Her economic philosophy was based on self-interest, individualism and the free market.

Rand's favorite piece of jewelry was reported to be a gold dollar sign, symbolic of her belief in capitalism.

"...let me define the difference between economic power and political power: economic power is exercised by means of a positive, by offering men a reward, an incentive, a payment, a value; political power is exercised by means of a negative, by the thrust of punishment, injury, imprisonment, destruction. The businessman's tool is values; the bureaucrats' tool is fear." -- Ayn Rand

Social Security Squanders Our Money

The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that the Amish people must pay Social Security taxes even though it is against their religious beliefs to participate in such a system. Apparently, nobody remembers that this country was founded by advocates of individual liberty and religious freedom.

The Social Security system is fraudulent because it claims to be a retirement insurance system and it is not. A private insurance company is legally obligated to pay off its debts, but Social Security benefits are dependent on political whims. The federal government practices legalized theft and cannot be sued for squandering our money.

The Social Security system is based on the notion that people are not capable of taking care of their retirement needs. This is absurd because if people were to take the money they pay in Social Security taxes and invest it in private retirement plans, they would end up with much more money than they will ever get from the federal government.

At the same time, more money would be left in the private economy, creating many more jobs for persons who are currently unemployed. Needless to say poor people would benefit the most from this. Since families would have more money if they didn't have to pay Social Security taxes they would be better able

to care for elderly family members, an effective tradition that has been undermined by the present Social Security system.

Social Security is a cruel imposition on the lives and liberty of the American people. Neither the Republicans nor the Democrats have come to grips with this problem. The Libertarian Party is the only

political party which understands the need to allow the free market to operate in the area of retirement planning. We need constructive solutions, not political cowardice. We must act now to begin the phase-out of Social Security, a fraudulent system which is a prescription for economic disaster.

DAVID MORRIS, M.D.

West Columbia

U.S. subsidizes rest of world

By JAN L. CHAPMAN
Box 16676

It is time for the American taxpayers to stop being taxed to subsidize most of the rest of the world. All Americans who want to give to others should be allowed to do so as long as the person or organization they help is not a threat to the United States. But no one has the right to rob from some (through taxation) to give to others.

For this reason the United States should pull out of NATO, and other such organizations, instead of merely asking the other members to increase their spending.

If it was not for technology which the West has either given to the communists or given them the loans (guaranteed by Western taxpayers) to buy, at interest rates below those paid by Western consumers and subsidized by Western taxpayers, the Soviet Union would not be a threat to anyone except perhaps its own people.

It does not make sense to do a few billion dollars worth of business with the communists annually and then spend several times that amount per year on defense to protect ourselves, and others, from them.

If the United States was governed with respect for individual liberty, as advocated by the Libertarian Party, America's allies would have to pay for their own defense and could not afford to subsidize the Soviet military machine.

Americans would not have the fruits of their labor stolen from them to pay for the defense of some foreign nations and to subsidize loans to other foreign nations; or, as with the case of Poland, to pay the debts of a foreign nation.

Of Principles And Compromise

In your editorial of Jan. 14 concerning draft registration you stated that young men should register for the draft regardless of their philosophical objections. While it is true that the penalties for not complying with the law are unpleasant, I object to using this as a reason for compromising one's principles. Countless people have been jailed or put to death for sticking to their principles and have been called "martyrs" or "heroes." A time must come for people to question their principles and decide if they are worth sacrificing for.

The most important principle violated by draft registration is your right to control your own life. This is a basic principle of Libertarians. Does the government have the right to tell you that you must register at 18, to carry your card at all times, to disrupt your life at will and call you into service, to tell you to kill people even if you object? This is not defense, this is slavery. Anyway you look at it, conscription is involuntary servitude. We would hardly tolerate this in any other job, why in the job of soldier?

A person's principles should not be compromised, no matter what the penalty.

CYNTHIA R. BISHOP



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Shifting budget won't help

By STEVEN KREISMAN
Westgate Apts., Spartanburg

President Reagan's New Federalism is a salutary proposal to gain control of this nation's runaway social spending. Unfortunately, he counteracts this by increasing wasteful military spending.

Merely shifting the enormous federal budget from the welfare to the warfare state will never reduce the size of the federal government. That's why we'll continue to see huge budget deficits with its attending inflation, high interest rates, and high unemployment.

I favor the Libertarian Party's approach. It calls for a balanced budget in 1983; this is essential. Furthermore, it will reduce government spending by over \$200 billion next year alone. This in turn would allow income tax cuts of at least 50 percent for all people.

Libertarians offer the only plan to significantly decrease the size of government, and thereby restore to Americans the individual freedom and opportunity this country was once known for.

Socialism creating school problems

By JIM MILLER
Route 1, Mountville

Among all the thousands of words that I have seen and heard about the creation science trial in Arkansas, not one has touched on the basic problem. The real problem is the conflicts of socialism.

Socialism never works very well. So as long as we choose socialized education we can be sure of several results: the quality will be low, the cost will be high and there will be eternal conflicts.

In a system of education provided by the free market, parents would send their children to private schools of their choice. If any school taught offensive subjects, the children would simply be taken out and sent to a more suitable school.

Financing could be provided by vouchers given to each child, payable to any school.

A newspaper is not for just reporting the news as it is, but to make people mad enough to do something about it.

— Mark Twain

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FROM THE EDITOR...

Dear Reader,

This issue marks my last issue as editor of THE SOUTH CAROLINA LIBERTARIAN. Beginning with the next issue, Jan Chapman will take over duties as editor. Jan has been helping out in the area of distribution for the last several issues. I wish her the best of luck during the next year.

The new address of the newsletter is: P.O. Box 16676, Greenville, SC 29606.

My thanks to Jan for her help in getting the SCL off the ground. I'd also like to especially thank state chairman Tom Waldenfels, former Greenville County chairman Ron Holland, secretary John Harllee, Dr. Steve Kreisman and Dr. David Morris for all their help and contributions.

See you all at the state convention.
Tom Norman

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In 1980 the S. C. Libertarian Party was on the ballot for the first time, and offered 7 candidates, as well as presidential electors. Although none of the candidates won, several did quite well: Charles Blackwell got 22 1/2% and finished second, ahead of the Republican, for York county council; Tom Campbell had 14,000 votes for Congress in the 5th District (the 2nd highest of any LP Congressional candidate), and the Clark campaign got more than 9,600. All told, at least 25,000 South Carolinians voted for one or more LP candidates.

There was only 1 statewide race in 1980, besides the Presidential election, and we had no candidate for U S Senate. This year there are 8 statewide races, and the whole state senate comes up for election, as well as the usual Congressional and General Assembly races. All of these are nominated at the state convention, the weekend of April 3.

We have several persons who have already announced plans to conduct active campaigns; we can use more. We have elected two libertarians to town council posts in non-partisan races in the last year. The same methods of personal contact and hard work should produce results in other local races, such as General Assembly districts, which have about 20,500 residents (6,000 to 8,000 registered voters).

We also need candidates who are not able to devote the time and money needed for an all-out campaign. We need to get names on the ballot to keep our name before the public, and to assure them that we are not just a "presidential" party, that does not offer candidates for state and local office. We also need to offer candidates to forestall any possible future loss of our permanent ballot status.

To run an inactive campaign requires very little time and expense. It involves sending out an announcement of candidacy, talking to the media over the phone, and accepting a few speaking engagements if offered, at the least.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

CONVENTION
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The convention will also include a speech by Grig Franklin, a state executive meeting, membership renewal, and a discussion of the Party platform. There will be a fee of \$3 per person and \$5 per couple to cover the cost of renting the room.

1982 Membership Dues are now due! Your dues money goes to cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter, rent on the post office box, postage, rent of the State Fair booth, purchase of literature to hand out, etc. Please send your check today.

The South Carolina Libertarian Party was certified as an official political party by the South Carolina State Election Commission in January, 1979. South Carolina law requires that all members of any political party hold valid voter registration certificates.

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