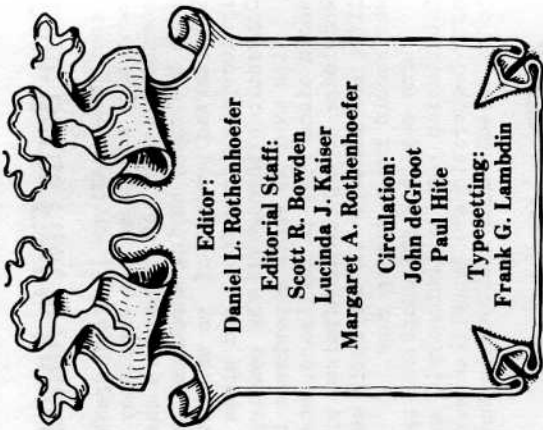






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Reminder. Don't forget the State-wide fund raiser being conducted in the latter part of March. If you haven't done so yet, contact your District Chair and help make phone calls in your area to raise money for the LP.

Don't forget the Tax Day Protest. If you want to get involved, contact Phil Kaczmarek or your District Chair and see what tax protest activities are planned for your area, this April 15th.

**UPDATE TO CONTACT LIST:** The new 2nd District Chair is Al Anders, 1010 W. 36th St., Norfolk, VA 23508. Al's phone number is (804) 625-5068.



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Gene Burns

## Presidency

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out that region, as well as other parts of the world. Burns has been to Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Nicaragua, Japan, Korea, Formosa, Hong Kong, Viet-

Nam, Thailand, India, Iran, Germany, Belgium and England, and continues to travel extensively in search of the raw material for his speeches and commentaries. On his radio show, Burns comments extensively on foreign affairs.

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# LETTERS

The President's Commission on Social Security, after months of deliberation, came up with the predictable solution of - charging us more and giving us less. Unless a different retirement concept is enacted, this same solution will probably be used countless times in the future.

I find it strange that the very people that administer Social Security, the people that legislate changes to Social Security, the people that enforce and collect Social Security - don't themselves participate in Social Security, while the rest of us are forced to belong, like it or not.

Now, it just so happens that I do agree that there must be forced participation in some sort of retirement program. I'm sure many of us, myself included, would not save sufficiently for our retirement. But I don't consider Social Security as savings. This is Our Money they are using. Either our FICA payments are a tax (and should be paid by all working Americans, including those who work in State, Local, and Federal Governments) or the money we pay is going toward retirement.

If these payments are indeed for retirement, then they should be free from any future legislation, and exact retirement statements should be sent to each participant every year, stating the amount in his or her account, and projected retirement figures for that worker.

One of the main ingredients missing in Social Security is that until we can feel that it is our money, and that our payments are earning interest for our retirement, we will continue

to feel we're being taxed to support past generations, and that there's a very good chance that future generations might not feel as generous.

Another thing that really bothers me is the mathematics of Social Security. Since the money paid into Social Security does not earn interest, how can we get back more than we put in? Present retirees who have put hundreds of dollars into the system are getting back tens-of-thousands -- will that mean that we, who will put tens-of-thousands into the system will get back millions?

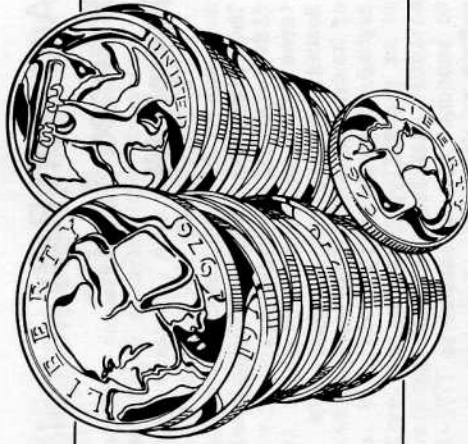
I think we all know the present system is doomed to failure, and it's just a question of time until a new system is proposed that would earn interest on retirement payments (similar to IRA's). This system would probably be operated by Savings and Loan companies, but monitored by the Federal Government. Billions of dollars going into S & L's and invested into our businesses would give a mighty boost to our economy, while lowering interest rates permanently. Under a system like this, obligations to retired and soon-to-retire workers now falling under Social Security would come out of the general tax fund. This would be the responsibility of every working American, and not just the people presently mired into the system.

My question is ... why doesn't the Libertarian Party initiate a program along these lines? I would think it would make a good platform to get the Party in front of the public ... and like I say, it's just a question of time.

Frank Lambdin  
Herndon, Va.

We're trying. See page 5 for what we've managed to accomplish so far. Progress comes in small steps.  
Ed.

## Congressman Paul To Introduce Libertarian-Conceived Social Security Legislation



Sometime late in March, a new Bill will be introduced in Congress by Representative Ron Paul (R-Texas) which would totally overhaul the Social Security System along Libertarian guidelines. The Bill, now in progress, has been drafted with the help of LP National Social Security Project Coordinator Bruce Daniel, and substantial assistance from Alicia Clark, Honey Lanham, and Dave Bergland.

Specific language of the Bill was still being drafted at press time, and therefore unavailable, but we do have the salient points expected to be included, and present them here:

1. Freedom of choice must be granted to every American citizen to voluntarily opt out of the Social Security System.
2. No new workers are to be compelled by the government to join the Social Security System.
3. FICA payroll taxes will cease to be withheld from people voluntarily opting out of Social Security. The employer FICA tax will also be eliminated on those employees opting out of Social Security.
4. All persons voluntarily opting out of Social Security will relinquish all claims to future benefits that would be provided under Social Security, regardless of the amount "contributed" into the system to date.
5. Persons voluntarily opting out of Social Security will have their Social Security records destroyed by the Social Security Administration.
6. Government regulations pertaining to Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's) must be amended so that a person can put into these accounts at least the same amount previously withheld as FICA taxes (both employee and employer shares).
7. Persons opting out of Social Security must be able to purchase retirement insurance, disability insurance, survivors insurance (which is nothing more than life insurance), and health insurance (to replace Medicare coverage) with a portion of IRA contributions. All decisions pertaining to the type of IRA and the amount contributed to an IRA shall be the responsibility of the individual.
8. The earnings limitation now imposed on persons between the ages of 62 and 70 shall be eliminated. This will end the present

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