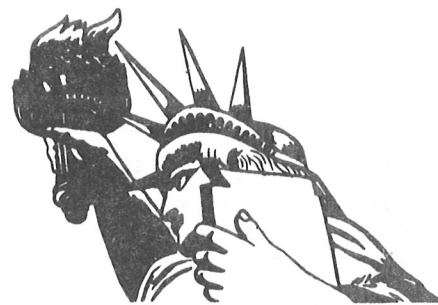


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BERGLAND TRAILS MONDALE by 13 Electoral Votes

David Bergland and Jim Lewis were on the ballot in 38 states and D.C. and recieved fewer votes than did Ed Clark four years ago. However, the L.P. got more votes as a party than they did those four years ago, the party is growing from a grassroots level and will continue to expand in the future.

In S.C. the L.P. jumped in vote totals from .5% four years ago to over 2% statewide, a marked increase in vote totals and recognition. We ran as many candidates for congress as did the Republicans.

In several races around the country it was the Libertarian vote that made and broke many races. We had Andre Marrou elected to the Alaska state house, Tom Tryon to a county commission in California, and J.R. Myers to a county commission in Montana, they will join the more than fifty Libertarians holding office around the country.

During the campaign several noteworthy items took place: TV comedian Jimmy Walker endorsed Steve Givot for the U.S. Senate in Chicago, Givot was also endorsed by the Nat'l Conservative P.A.C., Jim Hedbor, our U.S. Congressional candidate from vermont was endorsed by 4 newspapers including the largest in Vermont, the "Burlington Free Press".

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ACTIVITY DATES

December 1 & 2 - NatCom in Nevada.
December 16 - SCLP Exec. Meeting.
February 28 - Cut off date for membership drive.
April 15 - Tax Protest Day.
August 14 through 18 - Semi-Annual National Convention.

INPUT ON IMPORTS

The U.S. House recently held hearings on the effects of foreign imports on the American market place in Rock Hill on November 26. Local York County L.P. Chair, Cliff Ross, submitted to the committee several articles and a letter explaining the Libertarian position on government intervention, and a defense of the concept of a Free Market.

While the committee mainly concentrated on 'textile imports,' the principled Libertarian approach should enliven the issue by calling for a halt to the protectionist attitude held by many congressmen.





COMMENTS

- by Tom Waldenfels

Since we're in the business of selling freedom, you might think we're a little heavy in inventory right now. We were an electoral flop in major party terms with only 1 to 4% of the vote in most races. However, we are growing and getting stronger.

Some observations on Campaign '84 from my vantage point as manager of the Davis for Senate campaign. If you think the notion of freedom was not selling this year, forget it. You are dead wrong. We simply aren't translating positive sentiment into votes for the Libertarian Party. Not yet. At least 10 to 15% of the people believe what we are saying is right. They just aren't ready to break rank with 'established party'. Not yet. Our actual votes are just the tip of the iceberg.

Never has this party been so well run, so division free, so visible, so well known, respected, and supported. This year was exciting. The Davis campaign issued press releases, maintained a toll free phone line, held press conferences, passed out tons of material, wowed high school and college crowds, showed miles of video tape, and travelled the entire state, 12,000 miles, with over 360 interviews, not to mention the television ads. The response was superb. All for \$ 15,000.

I, also, got a chance to work with all of our congressional candidates. I couldn't be prouder to know any bunch of people. They worked hard, they sacrificed, they spread the word. All appeared on ETV, which was a major boost. We had many breakthroughs. Ray Pike was declared the winner of the first debate (televised) in the 4th district by the Spartanburg Herald. The Anderson Independent wrote a very complimentary lead editorial

FEDERAL PRIMARY MATCHING FUNDS SPENT

On September 20, 1984, the Federal Election Commission certified additional primary matching fund payments for four Presidential primary candidates, bringing total funds certified to 11 Presidential primary candidates to \$ 33,017,997.82

The summary chart below provides cumulative information on certifications of primary matching funds made between January 1 and September 20, 1984.

CANDIDATE	REQUESTS*	AMOUNT \$
Askew (D)	10	\$ 930,278.11
Cranston (D)	16	1,882,149.86
Glenn (D)	14	3,079,913.09
Hart (D)	18	4,567,154.18
Hollings (D)	9	821,599.85
Jackson (D)	13	2,534,876.07
Johnson (CP**)	3	186,372.52
LaRouche (D)	6	488,396.96
McGovern (D)	9	595,036.79
Mondale (D)	21	7,832,220.39
Reagan (R)	7	10,100,000.00

*Includes requests made after the candidate's initial request for matching funds.

**Ms. Johnson was the Citizens Party candidate.

ED.NOTE - While the L.P. and David Bergland were eligible for the matchings funds game we refused to play with stolen funds. It might also be noted that in addition to the above funds on August 27, the F.E.C. gave the two major parties \$16,160,000.00 for their nominating conventions.

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about the party, with a virtual endorsement of our candidates. A well known and respected broadcast journalist pledged his vote to us on the basis of his interviews, which dramatizes the appeal we had to the media accross the state. We were a smash hit on that front. We held a victory party on election night and had nearly as many people as the Democrats next door. We couldn't have filled a living room four years ago.

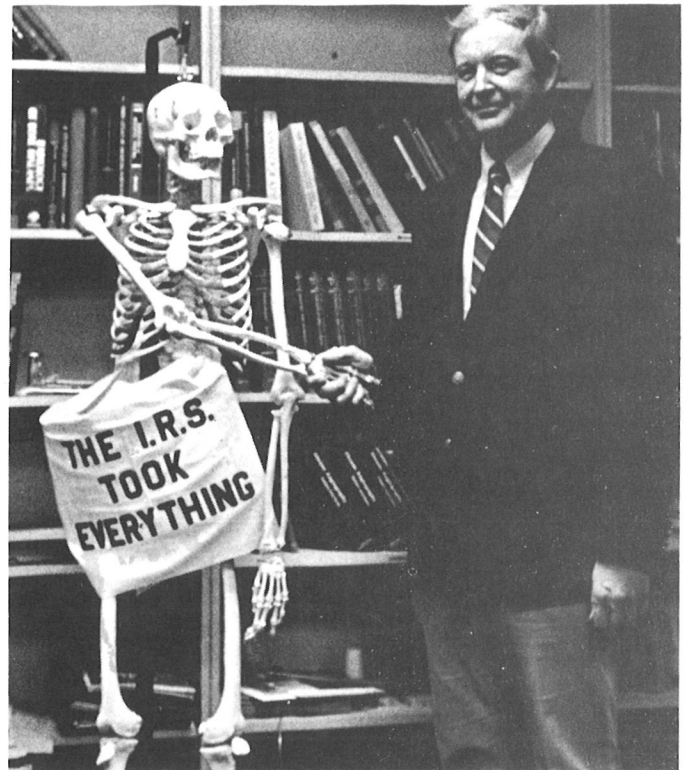
I believe we will prevail if we can keep the faith and work smarter. We have great people in the party, still ... whereas the Democrats are a body without a head, the Libertarians are a head without a body. (The Republicans ? Fully formed, but devoid of conscience.) We need to go forth and populate our ranks. Let us keep building this thing brick by brick and the votes will come. In the words of Cicero, "Let patience have her perfect work."

Mr. Waldenfels is a founding member of the S.C.L.P., former chairperson, candidate, and campaigner.

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AND YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD PROBLEMS

A lady called her computer consultant about some error messages she was getting when she tried to file a document to disk. The consultant told her to duplicate the disk and mail it in, and he would take a look at the disk to see if there were any bad sectors. Two days later a large manila envelope from the lady was delivered to the consultant. When he opened it up, all he found inside was a Xerox copy of the disk ... The same lady - she works for the government - labeled her disks by first rolling them into a typewriter and then typing on the label.



LIBERTARIAN POSES WITH TAX VICTIM

Libertarian candidate Hugh Thompson encountered a skeleton in the hospital anatomy lab which was wearing a towel inscribed, 'The I.R.S. Took Everything' while campaigning, and posed with the former taxpayer.

"I had never before run across a case in which the tax collectors had been quite so thorough," he remarked "but apparently in this case they really did get the taxpayer's hide."

Thompson also noted that Libertarian candidates do not usually get much support from deceased voters, "despite reports that the Democrats and Republicans often get votes of deceased voters."

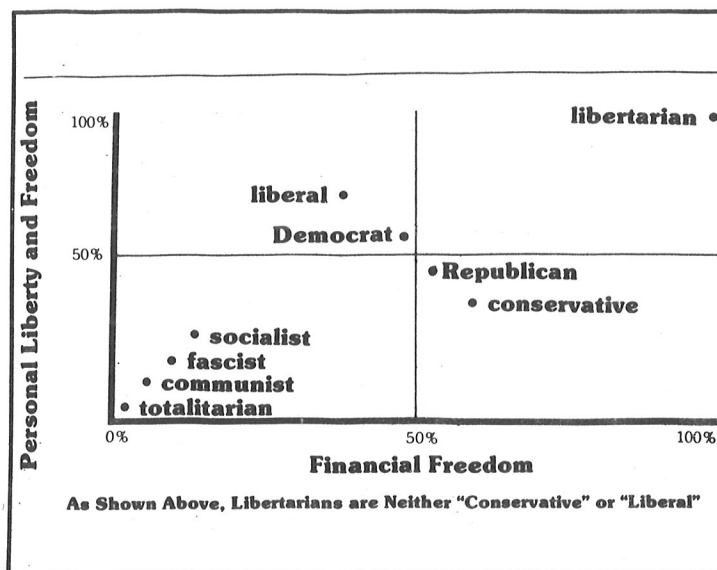


LIBERTARIANS: From Whence We Come

Traditionally the word 'libertarian' has been synonymous for 'anarchist,' implying not only opposition to the State but to Capitalism as well. Today the dictionary defines 'libertarian' as 'one who believes in freedom of action and thought, one who believes in free will, [from LIBERTY].'

To quote from the NEXT WHOLE EARTH CATALOG (1980): "Most current users of the term however (particularly those associated with the Libertarian Party), usually champion the notion of minimal government while singing the praise of laissez faire ... It's an ideology with particular appeal for [the] small business [person] and the broad middle class whose pursuit of the American Dream has met increasing obstacles in the last decade."

Libertarianism encompasses ideals that have at one time or another been associated with the far right of the Republican Party and the far left of the Democratic Party. Ideals such as: a return to the Gold Standard (abolished by President Nixon in 1972), non-intervention into the internal affairs of other nations, decriminalization of 'victimless crimes', opposition to forced government servitude, pro-civil liberties, and opposition to government interference in the business and personal lives and affairs of people (so long as these individuals do not interfere with the rights of others through the use of force, fraud or intimidation). Today the goal of the Libertarian Movement in South Carolina is Peace, Prosperity, Freedom, and Justice. South Carolina: Freedom was the original idea. — J.B. Heaton



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SEASON'S GREETINGS

"Tell me the weight of a snowflake," a coal-mouse asked a wild dove.

"Nothing more than nothing," was the answer.

"In that case, I must tell you a marvelous story," the coal-mouse said.

"I sat on a branch of a fir, close to its trunk, when it began to snow—not heavily, not in a raging blizzard — no, just like a dream, without a wound and without any violence. Since I did not have anything better to do, I counted the snowflakes settling on the twigs and needles of my branch. Their number was exactly 3,741,952. When the 3,741,953rd dropped onto the branch, nothing more than nothing, as you say — the branch broke off."

Having said that the coal-mouse flew away.

The dove, since Noah's time an authority on the matter, thought about the story for awhile, and finally said to herself, "Perhaps there is only one person's voice lacking for peace to come to the world."

New Fables, Thus Spoke
"The Marabou" by Kurt Kauter

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY

The SCLP is currently updating its' mailing list and membership records - if you are currently a member we would like for you to consider joining the National Libertarian Party (for \$15.00/yr. you will receive the LP NEWS and help to fund the National office), the reason for this is that the National Convention is coming up next year and the number of delegates that S.C. will receive depends on the number of members we have in the national party. If you are not currently a member of the SCLP you can fill out the membership form on page 6. The Libertarian Party does not receive any 'matching' federal funds, so we therefore depend on the monetary support of freedom loving individuals like yourself, and it is tax deductible to-boot.


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FOR PROSPECTS ONLY, NEW 800 NUMBER

The National H.Q. has recently announced that it has installed a toll-free number for prospective members to call with questions concerning the LP. The number, which began operation shortly before the election, is 1-800-682-1776. If party members should need to call National they should use the business number of 713/686-1776. The 800 number will be printed on all outreach material from National.

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By the end of October, 18 Presidential candidates representing 17 different political parties had qualified for the general election ballot in various states throughout the country and D.C. In 1980, 21 candidates were on the ballot.

The Democrats and Republicans were on the ballot in all fifty states, next came the Libertarians with ballot status in 39, plus D.C., then the Citizens Party, and trailing were the Communist, Socialist and Populist Parties.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

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 a political party in South Carolina hold valid South Carolina voter registration certificates.

I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force or fraud as a means of achieving political or social goals. I support the principles of the Libertarian Party.

Signed: _____

I am registered to vote in _____ County.

Name: _____ Phone#(H) _____

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In order to further the growth of liberty in South Carolina, the following are suggested membership contributions:

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- Karl Hess



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