

FREE LIBERTARIAN

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TOP SPEAKERS AT STATE CON FLP Convention to be Major East Coast Event CLARK, HUNSCHER HATS IN RING Both LP Pres. hopefuls expected at FLP Con RICKENBACKER NEXT FLP CLUB SPEAKER

The FLP state convention on May 12-13 is shaping up to be the major Libertarian East coast convention of the year. We now have firm commitments from Roger MacBride, Arthur Ekirch and David Henderson, as well as presidential candidates Bill Hunscher and Ed Clark. (see p. 6) A seminar on buying gold and silver coins is also on the schedule. If Sunday business doesn't take too long we will add several activist workshops to the Sunday agenda. Additional speakers are still being added to the convention schedule.

The convention is very fortunate to be able to obtain the services of Prof. Ekirch. He is one of the most respected American historians. He is the author of several books, including Progressivism in America, The Civilian and the Military, and The Decline of American Liberalism. The latter work analyses the decline of classical liberalism and the rise of statism.

David Henderson is another powerhouse speaker. An assistant professor at the graduate school of management at the University of Rochester, Mr. Henderson served for a while as acting Senior Economist to the President's Council of Economic Advisors. Most recently, he testified before Congress against the Carter administration's plan for a real wage insurance program. Mr. Henderson has noticed a strong propaganda campaign building up against the volunteer army, and at the convention will be giving us the hard facts concerning the success of the volunteer army, and why it is necessary not only in the interests of freedom, but also for our national security.

The convention will be held in Albany, at the Turf Inn (518-458-7250). Full details on the convention will be released within the next two or three weeks.

ROUND 1, IN SAN JOSE

The presidential nomination fight in 1976, between Roger MacBride, Guy Riggs and Kay Harroff, was hardly a fight at all. Now, a real battle has been joined (amicably, though, I'm sure)-- Bill Hunscher vs. Ed Clark. Ed Clark announced his candidacy for president on Feb. 15 (Hunscher had already done so) just before the California LP's state con in San Jose. There, the two men sounded out the delegates for support, and the delegates sounded them out for positions. What they found was this:

Clark is pro a constitutional convention on gov't spending, (p. 6)

On page 5 is a portion of a report sent out by Dick Randolph, the Libertarian legislator from Alaska. It contains information on some of the legislation he is seeking and he is soliciting the suggestions and advice of LP members on the matters. You can write him at Pouch V Juneau Alaska 99811...Plans are now being set for our next speaker's forum to be held on April 23 1979 at a location still to be determined. A flyer will be distributed with details. The admission will be five dollars. The speaker will be William F. Rickenbacker National Chairman of the National Tax Limitation Committee. His topic will be "Shackling Goliath: The Work Of The National Tax Limitation Committee." Mr. Rickenbacker is one of the nations most engaging and entertaining political lecturers and writers. In addition to his work as an editor at National Review, where he has contributed some of the more libertarian columns in that publication, Mr. Rickenbacker is an economic consultant. He is also the author of the book "Wooden Nickels" a chronical of how government destorys our money...Nassau Libertarians held their annual organizational meeting and elected Dick Savadel as county chair. Also elected to county office were Tom Ballou-vice chair, Mike Camponelli-secretary, Greg Stark-Treasurer, and Phil Macmer as County Representative to the State Committee. The Nassau group will be meeting every 4th Monday of each month (3rd Monday in May) at the Main Maid Inn on the Jericho Turnpike, just east of route 107. Nassau libertarians expect to field candidates in the november elections...Rochester libertarians continue their frenzied pace. An SIL chapter has been formed to promote educational events and an active speakers list is scheduled. David Friedman will be speaking on April 6th. A tax protest in the winter air warmed up some of the city's victims. A bigger tax protest is scheduled for April 17...Speaking of theft, if any NYC FLPers want to get in on the action call HQ at 354-0292. If enough interest is exhibited a demonstration will be had on April 16 or 17...Lou Sicilia is helping the Students for a Libertarian Society set up a NYC press conference to protest the restoration of military enslavement via the draft... Every TUESDAY NIGHT IS FLP OPEN HOUSE at the state headquarters. Come on down to talk, socialize or (shudder) work. The more workers the more we can accomplish. If you don't see the FLP answering editorials and preparing political broadsides don't say you weren't asked.

FROM THE CHAIR- CHUCK STEBER

FLP records show that since our beginnings in 1972 about 470 people at one time or another weremembers of the FLP. To date (March 6) only 90 people have renewed their memberships. If you want to vote at FLP conventions you have to be a member. If you want the party to function we have to have your dues and financial contributions. Now that the newsletter is coming out regularly and monthly don't think you're going to remain on the freebee list forever. I know most of you keep putting the membership application in the "things to do pile." A handful of you probably wont rejoin for whatever reason. But, you others. We need your help and your member ships. The FLP is in dire financial straits. We are never sure each month if we can pay our rent let alone our phone bill. We have no spare money for other activitæes. We are out of envelopes and can't afford a new print order. Getting this newsletter out takes up a good hunk of money. Your membership dues provides a small assist in these matters. PLEASE use the enclosed membership blank to sign up for the new year. We need the dues NOW. And if you can spare an extra donation then please don't hesitate. I can t really overestimate the seriousness of our financial plight. If every past member rejoined, the dues would barely cover the balance of our rent bill. PLEASE send in your donations. In case you aren't sure, let me put out any doubt. I am serious. We need financial HELP. Got the picture.

A VOICE OUT OF OUR FUTURE.

In an interview published in the february 1979 issue of World Research INK, futurologist Herman Kahn of the Hudson Institute, one of America's leading think tanks, had this to say about the LP. "Well, one of the positive things is having a Libertarian Party. In order for society to go in any direction at all, you've got to have people pushing further and harder than they should. And to me, che Libertarian Party is going to play an important role of this kind. It's not my cup of tea, but there's no question that the stronger they are, up to a point the better...to me the Libertaraian Party looks pretty good."

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SYSTEM”**

SEPTEMBER 6-9, 1979

Registration information and complete details on the convention will be available in May. For information about state LP conventions or group travel arrangements to the national convention, write to:
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PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE FREE LIBERTARIAN PARTY

The Free Libertarian Party is a political organization which has as its primary objective the extension of individual freedom to its furthest limits. To that end the Party affirms the following principles:

1. That each individual possesses the inalienable right to life and liberty and to justly acquired property.
2. That no person or institution, public or private, has the right to initiate the use of physical force against another.
3. That all individuals are entitled to choose their own life styles as long as they do not forcibly impose their values on others.
4. That the only moral basis of politics is the preservation and protection of individual rights.
5. That the voluntary exchange of goods and services is fundamental to any socio-economic system which provides for the harmonious integration of divergent value systems.

I. TO GET A HANDLE ON THE COST OF GOVERNMENT, I HAVE INTRODUCED 3 BILLS:

- HB 113 - Would put a ceiling on the operating budget
- HB 112 - would put a ceiling on the number of state employees
- HB 111 - would repeal the state's authority to issue general obligation bonds. We'd pay for capitol improvements with cash.

II. TO CREATE A MORE COMPETITIVE OIL AND GAS LEASING POLICY!

- HB 104 - would create a very active competitive leasing climate in Alaska and would provide the State with \$1-200,000,000 per year in revenue

III. TAXES

- HJR 12 - asks our Congressional Delegation to introduce and support legislation allowing all Alaskans the same 25% tax free income that federal employees receive.

In addition, we are working on a major tax initiative which would repeal the state's income tax and require that all new taxes and increases in existing taxes must be approved by the voters.

IV. EDUCATION

- HJR - would amend our State Constitution to allow for tax credits to provide education at private non-sectarian schools.
- HB - would allow for a direct dollar for dollar tax credit of \$1500 per student. This would be available for individuals and corporations and would make private education a viable alternative for all!

V. COURTS AND JUSTICE SYSTEM

- HB 105 - would require the state to pay all costs if they levee a tax assessment and lose in court.
- HB 148 - would stop the practice of a Fish and Game enforcement officer confiscating fishing and hunting equipment indefinitely. They'd have to give it back in seven (7) days.

VI. LAND

An initiative to force local governments to divest themselves of surplus lands through a lottery system is being developed.

VII. CIVIL LIBERTY...

I will introduce a complete package of bills repealing all victimless crime laws in Alaska. I also will introduce legislation which will exclude all those who choose to participate in these new legal activities, from all social programs dealing with this particular activity.

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taxes and inflation. "The threat of a constitutional convention will force congress to act." Hunscher is con the con con. It would "open a Pandora's Box" of issues that might result in further harm to our liberties.

Clark favors blanket legalizing of abortions. Hunscher prefers legalizing it for the first 3 months of pregnancy or to save the mother's life.

Hunscher thinks that since Clark isn't known much better than he is, outside of California, Clark ought to run against CA Democratic senator Alan Cranston in 1980, and leave the presidency to Hunscher. Former national LP chair Ed Crane disagrees, saying that Clark has a better grasp of complex issues than Hunscher, and might translate his vote getting ability into the national equivalent of California 5.5%, namely, 4 million votes.

Looks like a somewhat Left-wing vs Right-wing schism, among other things. I trust that all will be unity again after the nomination in September.

Ed Clark's announcement of his candidacy was made in Sacramento, and was covered by 13 TV stations and newspapers. Two national wire service stories were also generated. Following are excerpts from Ed's statement:

"As I survey the field of my prospective opponents, I can tell you quite candidly that I am neither awed nor frightened by the prospect of competing with them for the support of the American people.

"Carter's more recent attempt at an economic 'policy' would be a laughable crank scheme had it been proposed by anyone other than the President of the United States.

"As for Teddy Kennedy, what can one say about a man who chooses to lead a crusade to turn America's health care over to the people who run the Post Office?

"While Reagan talks about free enterprise and tax cuts, he has recently boasted that he doubled taxes in California as governor."

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