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VL Interview: Paul Jacob



Editor's Note: Paul Jacob, 25, of Little Rock, Arkansas is the anti-registration "spokesman" of the libertarian movement. Arrested last year, Paul has been making the rounds to libertarian and non-libertarian groups alike all over the country to raise money for his defense fund. I had the pleasure of meeting Paul at the convention of the NY state LP in May. I urge you all to send whatever you can to his defense fund, address below, and to keep an eye out for future appearances in this area of this articulate young gentleman.

VL: Paul, how have women responded to your stand on draft resistance?
JACOB: It does not affect them directly as it does men, but the response has been good. They do not want sons and husbands dragged off to war. The reception is pretty good, really, though men who disagree with me are more respectful than women who disagree.

VL: Are you afraid of war?
JACOB: Yes. That doesn't mean I'll shrink in a corner -- being sent to just "any" war is different from self-defense.
VL: So what would you be doing if you were an Afghan in Afghanistan, right now?
JACOB: Shooting at the Soviets. I support movements that are resistance against authority, but not movements that resist only against an individual in government.
VL: How is the fundraising going for your defense?
JACOB: Good but not enough. We've raised between \$350-\$400 at this convention (NYLP -- Ed.). No complaints, though. I'm getting letters from Europe and across the country. It impresses me most when people send those small contributions of two and three dollars. It makes you feel awfully good.
VL: What is your fundraising goal?
JACOB: We want to get above \$10,000 and approach \$20,000.
VL: That brings me to another question...
JACOB: Where can they send the checks, right?
VL: Well, in a minute. Is your lawyer helping you?
JACOB: Yes. He has discounted his services by 1/3 and has been easy on the payments.
VL: When is the trial?
JACOB: July 15.
VL: We wish you all the luck in the world. Keep in touch.
JACOB: Thank you.

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Ballot Bill in Congress

BALLOT ACCESS IN OUR GRASP!!!
Richard Winger, the Ballot Access Consultant for the Libertarian Party, reports that breakthrough legislation has been introduced in Congress by Rep. John Conyers of Michigan.

HR 2320 will force the states to provide easier ballot access to third party and independent candidates for national offices.

If you believe in the freedom of the ballot box, even if you aren't a libertarian and you don't know why you are getting this newsletter, please, PLEASE, help us out by writing two letters, NOW, to:

- 1) your Congressional representative,
--- AND ---
- 2) to Congressman Al Swift, Chair of the Subcommittee on Elections, 802 House Office Building, Annex 1, Washington, DC 20515, and ask him to hold hearings on the bill in the fall (earlier hearings on it are out of the question).

These recommendations are from Nancy Ross of the New Alliance Party. She is working full-time in Washington, DC as a lobbyist for the bill. Her phone number is 202-737-1020 (ofc); the office address is 1010 Vermont Ave. NW, #315, Washington, DC 20005. She is a pleasure to work with. It was the New Alliance Party which did all the work of finding a congressman to introduce such a bill. She eagerly wants our help.

There was a typographical error in

the Congressional Quarterly version of the bill. The signature requirement for candidates for Congress would be limited to 1,000 signatures, not 100. Incidentally, Congressman Swift is from Northwest Washington state, and, of course, is a Democrat.

PLEASE do not delay -- a postcard is all your representative really needs to get from you to know of your support. Do it today -- this will be our only chance for a long time. I have heard many of you complaining about how much time is wasted on ballots, and you are right. So, get off your duff and help us make things so that we can spend our time recruiting, instead of wasting ALL of our precious and scarce resources on ballot drives as we do now.

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Attention: We know that there was a huge announcement on the front page of the June issue saying that it would be the last issue unless those who had not renewed sent in their subscriptions. However, due to 1) the excellent response to the last issue and 2) the late-breaking news about the ballot bill, we decided to go ahead and mail out free copies of Virginia Liberty one more time to give everyone one more chance. If you are one of those who have not yet renewed, we present you with one more issue of Virginia Liberty, absolutely free.

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As for those of you who have sent in a renewal within the last year, thank you for your support. You will find in the pages of all future editions of Virginia Liberty the information you need to stay up-to-date on events around the state.

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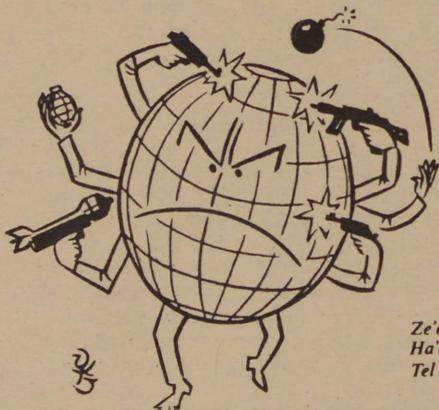
The Home Educators Association of Virginia held its 1985 Convention in Richmond on June 22. The Saturday event featured four speakers who dealt with the Constitutional rights of Home Educators, Testing for Home-Schooled Children, and Requirements of the Virginia Home Schooling Law.

Workshops were held explaining how to begin home schooling, creative crafts, teaching phonics, and how to prepare a portfolio and how to administer tests.

Exhibits included publishers of home study books and resources, and other things.

Watch this paper next month for a more in-depth review of the happenings -- possibly including interviews with some of the speakers.

Until then, should you want more info, write: HEAV, PO Box 1810, Front Royal, Va 22630. Or call R. L. Adams at 703-368-3659.



CALENDARva

AUGUST

JULY

2 - Tuesday - 10:00 a.m., 2901 Hermitage Rd., Richmond.

WHAT: Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission public hearing. Meeting will be a public review of about 1/5 of the agency's regulations. Some of the meeting will cover deregulation of the alcoholic beverage industry in Virginia.

3 - Wednesday - Nationwide
WHAT: Disobedience Day (see ad). Harass your local politician or bureaucrat - hold a D-Day picnic/ barbecue!

4 - Thursday - Nationwide
WHAT: Independence Day - Please make sure all of your friends know about the first libertarian revolution in history - and also about the one yet to come.

18 - Thursday - Norfolk
WHAT: Tidewater LP meeting, @ Arthur's Grill. Info: 804-625-5068 aft. 6

27th through August 3 - Oslo, Norway - WHAT: Libertarian International's 2nd European Libertarian Convention. LI has booked a resort hotel in the stunning mountains of Norway for the event. Info: LI, 9 S. Belmont, Richmond, Va. 23221.

14th through 18th - Wed. through Sun. - Phoenix, AZ - WHAT: Freedom Reborn, the 1985 Convention of the U.S. Libertarian Party. Info: PO Box 501, Phoenix, AZ 85001 OR 804-788-7044

15 - Thursday - Norfolk - WHAT: Tidewater LP business meeting. Info: 804-625-5068 aft. 6.

25 - Sun. - Norfolk - WHAT: LPVA SCC meeting @ Arthur's Grill, 1:00 pm. Info: 804-625-5068 aft 6

SEPTEMBER

8 - Sunday - Richmond
WHAT: LPVA 1st annual picnic. Bring your family and friends for this relaxing event in one of the beautiful parks in Richmond. See old friends, make new ones, but be there!

16 - Monday - Richmond -
WHAT: Henrico Taxpayers Association general business meeting, @ Central Fidelity Bank in 3000 blk of West Broad St. Info: Wm Walker 804-737-0692

NOVEMBER

5 - Tuesday - Norfolk -
WHAT: A.H.B.L. Election-night party with the Tidewater LP. Info: 804-625-5068 aft. 6 pm.

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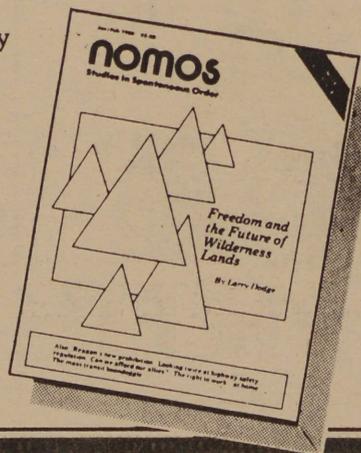
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STRIDER COMMENTARY



"THE EMPEROR HAS NO CLOTHES" FREE ENTERPRISE ZONES

The concept of Free Enterprise Zones has been kicking around Washington for several years now, mired in partisan politics and essentially stymied by a few king-pin Democrats. Certain Free Enterprise zone legislation passed the California Senate in 1983 and has a majority of 238 co-sponsors in the House. However, two powerful Democrats, Rostenkowski and Rangel, have blocked this legislation for the time being.

What are "Free Enterprise Zones" all about? They are about free enterprise, and that's where the controversy enters.

A "Free Zone" is an area, geographically limited, where the local and federal governments "back off" to some extent. Many incentives are created in the zones to encourage investors; tax credits, relaxation of licensing restrictions, streamlining of permit processes, variances to zoning laws and a general reduction of restrictive regulations. In other words, a little less government.

There are presently over 200 free zones in 11 states. A studied analysis of these zones is quite revealing. In six such areas in Connecticut the free zones have caused 62 million investment dollars resulting in the saving of 1,900 jobs and the creation of over 1,300 new ones.

Nationwide, the zones have generated about 160 new business starts and some 90 firms within the free zones have expanded. Across the nation investors have pumped over 450 million in business ventures and created over 20,000 new jobs.

The current California legislation is certainly not designed to create an extravaganza of Free Zones. The bill will allow only 25 new Free Zones per year, and these will be hand picked by Washington with the usual political manipulation.

COMMENTS

At first thought, one might wonder why the politicians are toying with the idea of "Free Enterprise Zones" in these United States, a nation widely acclaimed to be based on free enterprise. Most of you know this is definitely not the case.

Indeed, ours is a socialist nation, where the workings of the free market are hindered and shackled at every turn.

The exciting thing about the Free Zones is that, if they are enacted even in their limited versions, they will restore a degree of freedom in certain areas. Even a little more freedom for people to pursue business and trade with less interference from the bureaucrats will be a good thing.

"Free market" economists have been telling us for years that free enterprise capitalism will provide opportunities for virtually everyone. Opportunities for maximum employment and higher standards of living all around.

Now, with the "laboratory" example of some 200 Free Zones the evidence is in, and is irrefutable--everyone gains in the Free Zones. Everyone except the politicians who must relinquish control and power over the lives of the people who live and work in the Zones. That's what the "free" in Free Zone means--freedom from harrassment by gangs of looters and robbers who refer to themselves as the "authorities".

One key feature of the Free Zone legislation is the relative lack of "social engineering". It is here that much of the resistance comes in. It's contrary to human nature to give up power once it is achieved. The Free Zones will mandate a reduction of some of this power. The politicians will suffer power loss to the same degree as the residents of the Free Zones prosper and benefit.

No longer will city councils, boards of supervisors, zoning administrators, building inspectors and other so-called "officials" have a stranglehold over licensing, size and location of signs, number of bathrooms, land zoning, taxes and development regulation.

The essence of the controversy over the Free Zones is much more significant than is first apparent. It is a life and death struggle over power itself. The zones represent a philosophical battle that strikes at the very foundation of our present governmental policy; namely, if the Free Zones are so obviously beneficial, why not expand the concept to ever larger areas? Why not declare an entire city a "Free Zone"? Why not all of the state? Why not all the states of America?

The reason, of course, is that such thinking threatens our long standing system where "the authorities" control and regulate every aspect of our lives and property.

The widespread misconception that the free market is a wild and dangerous beast to be constrained by a "benevolent state" will weaken and crumble. The myth of the wild free market will take its historical rest alongside witchcraft and shamanism. More and more people will see that freedom is not only a noble ideal, but is practical and beneficial for people of all economic means.

Just imagine the tremendous expansion of wealth and jobs that would ensue from less economic oppression by the state! It's incalculable!

The opposition objects on grounds that the Free Zones would be "too expensive", and that they are an election year "gimmick". More thoughtful detractors complain that the Zones would be unfair to those outside their boundaries who would have to compete at unfair disadvantage.

What hogwash! They are only "expensive" to tax consumers who will have to get by with less loot. They certainly won't be too expensive for those who prosper in the zones.

Are the Free Zones an election year "gimmick"? Be that as it may...who cares? This "gimmick" could be the beginning of a turn-around from policies that produce poverty to policies that encourage wealth and prosperity. If one man's "gimmick" is another man's freedom, I'm for it.

The argument over unfair competition for those outside the zones has no merit. The solution is very simple. Widen the boundaries of Free Zones until there is no one left outside of them!

It's no wonder some politicians fear the Free Zones. If this "Free Enterprise Zone" thing gets out of hand, these unproductive leaches will be seen for what they are; useless bums who obstruct and interfere with the efforts of self-reliant working people to feed, house and clothe their families. They will then be hard-pressed to explain and justify their usefulness in a free society.

I SEE...

The Communist Party of the Philippines has rejected a proposal that would legalize the party, saying that it is a scheme to make guerrillas go home. (RTD) "Keep us growing -- Keep us illegal!" might be their motto. This should serve as an example for those in the US who advocate censure of dissident groups here.

DO AS WE SAY, NOT AS WE DO!

The Porkies in Congress, while trimming handouts for everyone else, are not touching their own pension system which pays the average former Congressman almost \$3000 per month. Almost half of the 373 living former Congressmen are earning more from their pensions than they did while they were in office. (RTD) Time to abolish Congress, perhaps?

PRINTING FEVER

Argentina's inflation rate is now past 1000 % annually, according to the nation's Economy Ministry. (RTD) So is Bolivia's.

CAN WE BE FAR BEHIND?

Red China will probably soon be issuing ID cards to its comrades. (RTD)

POOR LITTLE THUGS!

Robert Merhige, the US district judge in Richmond, is holding Klansmen and Nazis liable for \$395,000 in damages, payable to their philosophical brothers in the Communist Party for the shootings in the 1979 "Death to the Klan" rally in which five Communists were killed. (RTD) Hmmm. It's unfortunate that the Commies, who had plenty of guns themselves, were such bad shots -- otherwise, maybe a few more on both sides would have been out of everyone's way.

SOVIETS AT IT AGAIN

1) Gorbachev, et al, have made Andrei Sakharov and his wife ... disappear! Magic? No, "Gulag" more likely. (5/9/85 RTD)

2) Soviet soldiers in a jeep rammed a British jeep in which three British soldiers were riding, and harrassed them for five hours until they were released. (")

This sort of arrogant activity resembles closely that of prewar Nazi Germany. Readers?

ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE

Voters, for the first time, were allowed to vote for their choice of candidates in recent parliamentary and local council elections in occupied Hungary. (RTD)

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

The "War Department" for Virginia is looking for 7,700 able-bodied volunteers to man a revived state militia. (RTD) Please remember, fellow libertarians, that most experts on the Revolutionary War agree that the war was won by irregular troops in colonial militias, not by the national army. Maybe we can stage a repeat performance???

SOVIETS BOMB PAKISTAN

All of the leftist, anti-US protesters here are on vacation, I believe, otherwise I am sure they would be demonstrating against the Soviet bombing of the village of Swir, 13 miles inside Pakistan. The Mig-19 jets scored 11 murders and over 20 injured in a raid on June 1. (RTD)

HOME SWEET HOME

Ralph Nader will undoubtedly begin trying to outlaw homes when he sees the National Center for Health Statistics figures showing accidents in the home causing three times as many injuries as all automotive-related incidents. (RTD)

BBB ARBITRATION GATHERS STEAM

"Autoline," a new binding arbitration program for solving disputes between car buyers and automakers, has gained wider acceptance recently. Consumers and the automakers have tired of the long, expensive waits that are endemic in civil courts. (BBBN)

LEGALIZE DOPE!

Rev. Andrew Leigh Gunn, senior minister of the Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church of Washington, DC, called last May for the legalization of drugs. Saith he: "We are not winning the war against drugs, and the crime... corruption and death which drugs are producing make it imperative that other solutions to drug..." laws "... be found." (RTD) Thank you, Lord.

TAX REVOLT SUCCESSFUL

The public outcry against the ridiculous law that required daily record-keeping on the use of tax-deductible vehicles and home computers convinced the House and Senate to pass a repeal bill. The bill passed the House 426-1 in late May and went through a Senate where there were only three Senators on the floor. (RTD) I'm glad the bill passed, but now my curiosity is piqued: where were the other Senators? Maybe I should ask their teenage pages?

RAND IS SPINNING IN HER GRAVE:

Marsha Norman, Pulitzer Prizewinning playwright, says writers must find producers for even their unworthy plays so they can continue to work to produce good ones. "We need more bad plays and bad musicals" so writers can learn their craft. "You must support the plays that don't work so we can stay alive and write the plays that do," she rambled. "The Council of American Writers in 'The Fountainhead' could not have said it better," said Willy Star-Marshall of the Utah LP.

VA.'s JUNE GOLDEN FLEECE AWARD

After trying to convince guards in the Virginia prison system that the turmoil in the past year is all their fault, Robb administration officials have decided to spend \$10,000 of your money on a bunch of 'team' t-shirts.

WAFFLING AT IRS:

No laws were broken and no taxes lost when IRS employees at the Fresno, CA service center destroyed about 60,000 letters from taxpayers. Spokesman Scott Waffle said that disposing of the letters before taxpayers were notified that their accounts had been cleared was an obvious violation of the IRS procedures manual. (RTD)

VA's MILK BARREL DRAINED

Fairfax, Va, once the state's largest milk producer, has priced its farmers out of the county. With the spread of suburbia, new citizens have voted ever increasing taxes that farmers cannot pay. (RTD)

PUBLIC SERVANT OF THE MONTH

Three NY city police officers were indicted recently in a hit & run accident that left Hyman Chernow, 70, dead and Jack Sitowitz, 72, injured. Sgt. Fred Sherman, the driver of the patrol car involved, and officers Conte and Collazo were each charged with more than 5 different offenses. (RTD)

I-SPY

About 200 out of the 800 Soviet citizens working at the UN HQ in New York are spies, according to Sen. William Roth, Jr., R-Del. (RTD) I have a solution for this: withdraw from the UN and close down the US Senate. That will get rid of the spies and eliminate their friends in the US govt.

CHINA PRIVATIZES

Red China is now encouraging privately-run schools, is compelling many college students to pay their own way, and is giving stste educators more autonomy. (RTD) Now if we could only get the US govt to do the same, we might keep up with them!

CUTTIN' ACROSS THE BORDER!!!

Two Norwegians cut a new BMW 728 sedan in half so they could take it across the border as junk, thereby skirting a \$6,600 Norwegian customs duty, says a Swedish gas station attendant. (RTD) Isn't it disgusting that people must go to these lengths to do what is their right?

HEREWEGOAGAIN!!!

"New Jersey (81) and now California courts have decided that former property owners may be held liable for accidents that happen on premises they sold" awayback. (On Principle)

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"My question: Will my sister and her husband get caught on this, or is there a good chance of it slipping through all the paperwork?

"My husband and I can use the reward money for turning them in, but we don't want to cause them any more trouble than they got themselves into. (I told her not to do it before she sent it in.) This may sound like a cold thing to do to the family, but we could use the money.

"I'm not about to sign this, so you'll have to answer me in the paper."



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