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SCLP CONVENTION

The South Carolina Libertarian Party held its 1982 state convention in Columbia, on April 3.

Steven Kreisman of Spartanburg gave a slide presentation about the principles of the Libertarian Party, and its solutions for current problems.

Drug laws were the topic of a speech given by Professor James Stiver of the University of South Carolina at Columbia. He has been asked by the South Carolina Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to present it as the keynote address at many of the latter's workshops. Some of the organization's officials agree with the Libertarian Party's views regarding drug laws, but they are unable to admit it because they are being paid to uphold the law.

Craig Franklin, Chairman of the Judicial Committee of the National Libertarian Party, came from North Carolina to speak about "Strategies for the 80's." He suggested that Libertarians use the slogan, "Vote Libertarian for an improvement," in response to the GOP's slogan, "Vote Republican, for a change."

Chairman Tom Waldenfels spoke about the April 15th, Tax Protest Day, and handed out information to those planning to participate.

Prior to the business meeting, A.J. Lanigan spoke on the issue of salary and wages not being income (more about this in a subsequent issue).

Three amendments were added to the SCLP's platform. The first one is a Statement of Principles (added to the beginning of the

platform):

We hold that every person has a natural right to liberty; that liberty is essential to human happiness, progress, survival, and creativity; that force may only be used in defense of life, liberty, and property; and that the organization of defensive force should be voluntary and limited to the protection of life, liberty, and property.

The second amendment was added as an additional paragraph to the **MEDICAL CARE** section:

We support the right of everyone to control his or her own body and the right to consent to or to refuse medical treatment. We support the right of women to choose an abortion, and when the mother's life is threatened her right should never be questioned.

The other amendment was added as the second paragraph of the **POLLUTION** section:

South Carolina and its adjacent waters should not be a dumping ground for nuclear waste. The land area of Aiken and Barnwell counties known as the Savanna River Project should be decontaminated as much as practicable, returned to private ownership (if the original owners can be found, or their heirs, they should be allowed to reclaim their land) and the Federal Reservation status of the area ended.

There were also three resolutions adopted as follows:

NATIONAL DEFENSE - Be it resolved that: We believe that military defense should be organized voluntarily and that the military establishment must be reduced to a minimal size to secure peace, liberty, and the separation



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

by Steven Kreisman

Dear Libertarians,

I'm looking forward to serving as the new Chairman of the South Carolina Libertarian Party. The opportunity for growth of our party is greater today than ever before. Each day the utter failure of the policies of the two socialist parties becomes more obvious. That is why voters are increasingly more receptive to Libertarian principles.

Of course growth in our party is not going to occur by itself. It will take a great deal of effort to educate the public on our policies, to recruit quality candidates for public offices, and finally to get these candidates elected. This will require sacrifices in the personal, family, and professional lives of many Libertarian activists. But we must always keep in mind that our freedom is at stake. And freedom is

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SCLP CANDIDATES

State Treasurer: Tom Waldenfels is 27 years old. He has lived in South Carolina for the past 17 years. After graduating from Wake Forrest University in 1976, he worked as a radio station program director and music director. He has also worked as an investment broker, and more recently as a retirement consultant, helping working people set up flexible personal and small corporate pension plans.

As past chairman of the SCLP and candidate for Congress from the 4th District in 1980, he feels that his biggest contribution, given his pension background, can be made as State Treasurer because the person in this position is responsible for the state employee pension plan.

In his campaign he will recommend that the staff and salaries of the Treasurer's office be cut, that state employee pension contributions be reduced, that no money be lent to the federal government, and that pension funds be lent to South Carolina enterprises, on a lottery basis, at no more than 5 1/2% interest. In doing this, the disastrous effects of high interest rates set by the Federal Reserve can be counteracted, and the investment objective can be shifted away from protecting the retirement security of state employees to providing money for productive sectors. This should make state employment less attractive.

Tom hopes to show how improvements can be made along Libertarian lines even in a low profile office, such as treasurer.

House Seat 34: Steven Kreisman is running for the state legislature because he believes that Libertarian principles apply to state government just as much as they apply on the federal level. "Thanks to the Democrats, state

and local government is growing faster in South Carolina than in any other state except Alaska." He aims to reverse this trend. He has called for reducing state spending 30% in 1983, alone, and believes they should continue in subsequent years. This will allow substantial tax cuts in 1983, as a first step towards abolishing the state income tax.

He will launch an intense campaign this fall; not only with the intention of educating voters on Libertarian principles, but also to become South Carolina's first Libertarian state legislator.

House Seat 36: Tom Norman is 34 years old. He is a native South Carolinian, having obtained his formal education (except for one year) in this state. In 1972, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from the University of South Carolina, at Columbia. He attended graduate school there during the 1974-75 school year.

His current occupation is senior analyst/programmer for Multimedia, Inc., in Greenville. He has previously worked as a journalist, broadcaster, instructor, and textile worker.

From 1980, to the present, he has been a member of the State Executive Committee.

House Seat 62: John Harllee was born and raised in Florence. He holds two degrees from the University of South Carolina.

He has more than a dozen years' teaching experience at all levels from elementary school to advanced college courses. For the past 15 years he has been a self-employed certified public accountant.

In announcing his candidacy, he stated, "I am especially concerned about the educational system and its failures to educate, about the cruel burden of taxes at the state and local level that have grown even faster than federal taxes and faster than almost any other state, the proliferation

of useless and harmful state and local governmental agencies, and all the other attacks by the state and local government on the rights and liberties of a free citizenry."



Photo courtesy of Bobby Stoddard, Spartanburg Metro

TAX PROTEST DAY

On April 15, the SCLP distributed information at the main post offices in 3 cities. Participants were:

- Columbia - David Morris
Shelley Vandervelde
Steven Vandervelde
- Greenville - Jan Chapman
- Spartanburg - Steven Kreisman
Tom Waldenfels
Dean Bailey
Danny Humphries
Denny Stepanovich
Jennie Baldwin

SCLP GOALS FOR 1982

The following are the state party's goals for 1982:

1. establish strong local organizations in each district,
2. increase membership 30%,
3. establish a solid financial base for the party, and
4. have at least one Libertarian candidate elected in November.

NEED ANSWERS ???

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Write for a comprehensive Q & A brochure. It's available on request from THE SOUTH CAROLINA LIBERTARIAN PARTY.



Letters To The Editor

TAXES

Now that tax time is here again, there are a few issues I think the American taxpayers should consider:

1. How much time did you spend preparing your tax returns? If you had someone prepare them for you, you spent a good bit of time getting your records together. If you prepared them yourself, you spent even more time. This is your time you are giving to the government. You don't do this because you want to, but rather because you have to. Forced labor is generally known by the name of slavery.

2. After you have spent all of this time figuring your tax returns, take a few minutes and figure how many weeks or months you spent making that much money. All of that time was spent working for the government, again through no choice of your own. Once again there is a name for this — slavery.

3. Why does the government have the right to take your money? If a man asks for your money for what he considers a worthy cause, you can refuse. If he has a gun and takes it, it's theft. If the same man goes to the government and convinces them to take your money for him, it's legal. Just because the government does it doesn't make it right. Anytime someone forces you to give up something you don't want to, it's theft.

The Democrats and Republicans are, from time to time, in favor of tax cuts, but never for the abolition of taxes. No major party will admit to the truths I have just outlined. The Libertarian Party is the only one that sees taxation for the fraud it truly is. The American public needs to wake up and let our officials know we have removed the wool from our eyes.

CYNTHIA R. BISHOP

Gaston

DAIRY PRICE SUPPORTS

According to your editorial May 10, we have a problem: Federal warehouses are bursting with surplus dairy products. Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block names the cause — overproduction by America's cows. He proposes a solution: People should drink more milk.

I submit that Brock's alleged cause is but a symptom of the true cause, and his solution but an effect of the proper solution.

The true cause of the problem is the existence of the dairy price support program, which encourages farmers to produce more dairy products than the market will bear at the support price. The Agriculture Department, which must buy the surplus, is thus a guaranteed buyer of last resort. (Note that a surplus is what can't be sold at a given price; it can usually be sold at a lower price.)

The true solution to the problem is now obvious: Abolish dairy price supports and let the chips fall where they may. The prices of dairy products will then decline, and people will drink more milk — unless farmers cut production to levels which sustain present prices (an unlikely eventuality). Either way, the warehouses will get no fuller, and the Agriculture Department can try to figure out what to do with what's there already.

Once again, government interference in the market is the cause of an intolerable situation, and removal of that interference is the cure. America's cows, sacred or not, are as innocent as lambs

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

State meetings - Sundays at 2:00 p.m.
at Quincy's Steak House on the
Charleston Hwy.:

- July 25
- September 26
- November 21
- January 23, 1983

Charleston area discussions -

contact: Dan O'Neal
967 Fowler Court
Mount Pleasant, S.C. 29464
881-3100

District 6 meeting -

June 11, call John Harllee for
details 669-8345

SCLP MEETINGS

A state meeting will be held in July, September, November, and January; and district meetings will be held in alternate months.

Districting is in conformance with U.S. Congressional districts. Each district organization is to promote the LP and Libertarian candidates in their area and to have a District Director, Community Outreach Chairman, and Fundraiser-Membership Chairman. The director is to attend all state meetings.

The District Directors are as follows:

- District 1 - no one yet
- District 2 - David Morris
- District 3 - Lee Bowie
- District 4 - Jan Chapman
- District 5 - Marshall
Danenburg
- District 6 - John Harllee

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the foundation upon which everything else in our lives is built. Without it, all we cherish becomes worthless.

A great Libertarian once said, "The only way evil can succeed is for good men to do nothing." I urge you to make the necessary sacrifices now so that we do not make the ultimate sacrifice in the end. Get active in the Libertarian Party today. Your help will be invaluable.

You can start by mailing in your 1982 dues if you have not already done so. Then contact one of the Libertarian candidates in your area and volunteer your help for their election campaign. Together we can restore the freedom this country was once known for.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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.

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

Signed _____

I am registered to vote in _____ County, South Carolina.

Mailing Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Occupation: _____

DUES, South Carolina Libertarian Party \$ _____
 Single \$19, Joint \$30, Student \$5

I do not wish to join the Libertarian Party at this time, but I would like to contribute: _____\$5 _____\$10 _____\$15 _____other

As a state committee of a political party, the SCLP qualifies under federal income tax laws for political contributions. State & national dues also qualify as political contributions for federal tax purposes.

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APPEAL FOR HELP

Contributions and campaign workers, especially artists, are needed. Also needed are contributions for the State Fair booth and other projects.

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of civil and military authority. We oppose the slavery of conscription in any form, for any purpose, and at any time, including wartime. We recognize that war is the greatest threat to liberty. Therefore, South Carolina should end all participation

in the Federal Selective Service System; the South Carolina National Guard should be reduced to the minimal size necessary to secure peace in this state; and the South Carolina Veteran's Administration should be abolished.

REAPPORTIONMENT - Whereas, the delays by the state legislature in redistricting were an intentional effort to disenfranchise minor political parties and minority voters, and to protect the special interests of the incumbent officials,

Now therefore, be it resolved that: We condemn the legislators for the time and money that they wasted.

CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENT - Be it resolved that: We are disgusted by the recent examples of corruption in the state government, especially when it goes unpunished.

New state party officers elected are:

- Chairman - Steven Kreisman
- Vice Chairman - Steven Vandervelde
- Secretary - John Harllee
- Treasurer - David Morris
- Membership Chairperson - Lee Bowie
- Community Outreach Director - Marshall Danenburg

The party nominated a candidate for state-wide office and three for General Assembly seats:

- State Treasurer - Tom Waldenfels of Landrum
- House Seat 34 - Steven Kreisman of Spartanburg
- House Seat 36 - Tom Norman of Greer
- House Seat 62 - John Harllee of Florence

John Comer of Rock Hill is running for a seat on the York County Council.

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