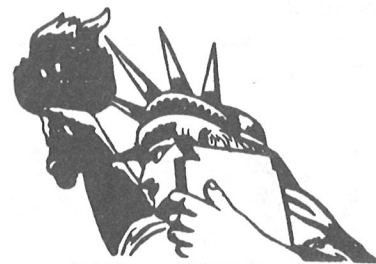


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RON PAUL CAMPAIGNS IN STATE

Ron Paul, the Libertarian Party candidate for President made two campaign stops in South Carolina during February to speak to student groups at Furman University in Greenville and to the Students for America at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. While in the state capitol Paul met with S.C.L.P. leaders (see photo).

The news media covered Paul's visit and while he was in the state for only one afternoon he did several interviews with various newspapers, radio stations, including the SCETV radio network, and television.

Paul campaign co-ordinator in S.C. Ms. Jan Morris said that she was pleased with the turn-out and that she was in the process of making arrangements for Ron Paul to return to South Carolina for several more visits. "He is a dynamic candidate and will do well in the state come November, so naturally we want him to make as many personal visits as his schedule will allow," stated Morris.

For more information on how you can join the Paul Campaign call 803/796-3161.

LIBERTARIANS HOLD STATE CONVENTION

Over 80 South Carolina Libertarians from around the state gathered at the Town House on Saturday, April 9th to elect party officers, nominate candidates for state and national office, and select a slate of presidential electors for the November ballot.

"We're going to make an impression," said John B. Heaton of Aiken, who was elected state chairperson for a second term and was also nominated to run for Congress in the 3rd District. "I don't know if we're going to win any seats. It depends on how much money and organization we can put together between now and election time. Statewide we are in a good position and are looking at keying particular races."

Geb Sommer of Lexington was nominated for Congress from the 2nd District where he has been campaigning since January. William 'Bill' Griffin of South Congree was elected party vice-chairperson and nominated to run for House District 88 which covers parts of Lexington County. Mark Johnson of Peak was nominated for House District 71 which covers parts of Lexington and Richland Counties.

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PARTY PHONE ON-LINE

Last year at this time the S.C.L.P. held a raffle in order to raise funds to obtain and operate a state party phone line. The raffle of a VHS-VCR raised enough money to install and operate the phone for the period of one year. Well the phone has been installed! People from across the state will now be able to call information in Columbia and be able to receive our new phone number: 755-2405.

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COMMENTS

by Jan Morris, state coordinator
Ron Paul for President Campaign

Since his nomination as the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate, Ron Paul has been running an active campaign, and is traveling all over the United States. He was in South Carolina in February. I hope that he will be able to make a return visit in October.

I am currently working on a tentative schedule (along with John B. Heaton) for Ron, and compiling information submitted to me by campaign volunteers concerning their campaign activities/interests.

The campaign currently has three District Coordinators: Geb Summer - District 2,
John B. Heaton - District 3,
Bill McCuen - District 4,
and two County Coordinators:

Mitch Olinger - Darlington County and
Bill Griffin - Lexington County.

In the near future I'll be sending volunteers a schedule of campaign activities.

Ron Paul's South Carolina campaign still needs District Coordinators for Congressional Districts 1, 5, and 6, and County Coordinators for all counties except those mentioned above. Volunteers are needed all over the state to:

- *make phone calls,
- *stuff envelopes,
- *write letters-to-the-editor,
- *do door-to-door campaigning,
- *provide transportation,
- *write kinfolk cards (notes to those who have just been spoken to on the phone),
- *help with precinct targetting (do research to determine which precincts had the highest percentage of Libertarian votes), and
- *help with vote history calculations.

If your willing and able to help with Ron's campaign, please contact me at:

Post Office Box 2297

West Columbia, South Carolina 29171

or call 803/796-3161.

S.C.L.P. NAMES ELECTORS

PLACES RON PAUL ON BALLOT

The South Carolina Libertarian Party, at its state convention held April 9th, named nine electors to represent the Party in the Electoral College in the event that its Presidential candidate, Ron Paul, takes the majority of popular votes in the November General Election. On Friday, April 15th, the SCLP turned into the S.C. Secretary of State the names of the electors and the certification for placing the name of Ron Paul and Andre Marrou on the Ballot.

"By turning in the proper paperwork the Libertarian Party becomes the first political party to place its presidential ticket on the ballot in South Carolina," said John B. Heaton, of Aiken, the party state chairperson. "Libertarians traditionally select our Presidential candidate at least a year prior to the two older political parties in order to meet ballot access requirements and to gain publicity and name recognition for our candidate," Heaton ended.

The SCLP named the following persons to appear on the statewide ballot as electors in the November Genreal Election: William McCuen (Greenville), Mary Lou Seymour (Aiken), Jan Morris (Lexington), Peggy Rogers (Aiken), Mitch Olinger (Darlington), Phil Dematteis (Richland), Greg Vandervelde (Richland), Forest G. Fitz, Jr., (Lexington), and Andrew Amendola (Orangeburg) as an alternate elector.



"Liberty is something you cannot have, unless you are willing to give it to others."

- William Allen White



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NAMED

- EIGHT COUNTIES ORGANIZED

Immediately following the state convention on April 9th, the South Carolina Libertarian Party re-formed the state Executive Committee with John B. Heaton of Aiken, State Chairperson, William 'Bill' Griffin of South Congree, Vice-chair., Jan Morris of Lexington, Secretary, and Dr. David Morris of Lexington as Treasurer.

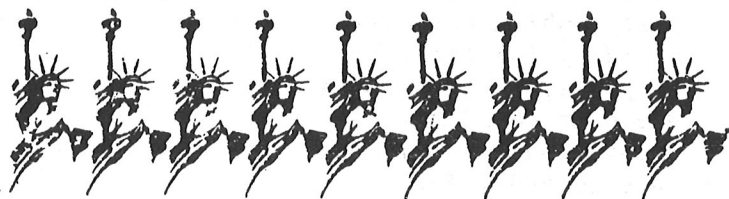
During March Aiken, Charleston, Florence, Greenville, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland, and York counties held county conventions and named the following persons to the SCLP Exec. Committee: Tom M. King, H.B. Limehouse, John T. Harllee, Bill McCuen, William Griffin, Michael Rahm, Steve Vandervelde, and Vernon Beaty.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for June 12th at 1:30 pm in the South Congree community at the home of William Griffin. All members are invited to attend this open meeting. Items to be discussed include fund-raising, the upcoming November elections, a workshop on how to mobilize support for local L.P. actions, and planning for the August re-convening of the State Convention to further nominate candidates. For more information call the SCLP at 755-2405.

LEXINGTON COUNTY L.P. vs
MOBILE HOME ORDINANCE

The Lexington County Libertarian Party has begun researching a local Mobile Home Ordinance that is currently before the local County Council. The ordinance is an effort by the Council to deny property owners of their individual rights and to restrict the availability of people to cheap, economical housing by imposing various restrictions on mobile home owners and mobile home parks.

"We are looking into the various ramifications set down in the ordinance and will petition against it. With our opposition we hope to kill the ordinance and let the people of Lexington County know that they have a friend in the Lexington County Libertarian Party that will stand up for their individual private property rights," said David Morris.



ACTIONS IN AIKEN ROCK COUNTY

In February the Aiken County Libertarian Party (ACLP) defeated the County Councils' latest attack on private property rights (the Derelect Vehicle Ordinance) by collecting petitions signed by over 6000 county residents and organizing a Freedom Rally before the Councils second reading. Council withdrew the ordinance at the 2nd reading.

In March the ACLP began organizing resistance to a \$15 Road Maintenance Fee, passed by Council in the 1987-88 budget. The ACLP has distributed over 2000 Action Alerts on this ILLEGAL fee throughout the County. Chairman T.M. King, who passed out the Action Alert on the steps of the County Administration Building during the last week of March and April and informed citizens going in to pay their taxes that they did not have to pay this illegal fee to obtain their State license tags.

"The response has been phenomenal, 98% of the people I have talked to have gone in and refused to pay the fee! The County

Adminstrator has called our action a tax revolt," said Tom King.

Similar illegal fees have been passed in 14 other South Carolina counties and several lawsuits are currently tied up in court in an effort to decide the legality of these 'road maintenance fees'.

In April, residents of the Horse Creek Valley asked the ACLP for assisatnce in combatting the intimidation tactics used by the Burnettown Annexation Committee in forcing people to sign petitions to be annexed into the town of Burnettown.

After reading the SCLP Annexation pamphlet (see review on page 8), several residents of the affected areas signed notarized statements withdrawing their names from the petition, causing the petition to be withdrawn!

The ACLP has also made and distributed a video tape of the February Derelect Vehicle Action through the Liberty News Video Network (6 video rental stores are

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RON PAUL -

"I RUN TO WIN."

LIBERTARIAN LINES: Most political experts would agree that as a third party candidate for President, you have no realistic chance of winning. Why, then, are you running?

RON PAUL: I run to win. And I run to get the maximum number of votes. I'm not naive, and I don't predict victory, but to me it's a very serious project of running and doing a very good job.

Some people say, "Does that mean you only run for educational purposes?" No; there is some education that is achieved in running, but the whole purpose is to build a political movement, which we're in the midst of. I happen to believe that we live in a very historic time where the (Libertarian) party, which has been building for the past 15 years, is at a point where it could have a major, *major* increase in size and influence. I believe that the Libertarian Party will have a major influence of the political scene here, not only in 1988, but all the way through 1992.

LIBERTARIAN LINES: In a recent survey, voters said that the second most important attribute of a President, right behind intelligence, was compassion. How do you convince the American public that a Presidential candidate who advocates the dismantling of Welfare and public education has compassion?

RON PAUL: Because all those programs are based on fraud, and they don't work, and they impoverish people.

I have said sincerely many times that one of the major reasons I've become a Libertarian is on the compassion issue. That doesn't mean that every Libertarian is a selfless giver, but it happens that the Libertarian philosophy is by its very nature a compassionate philosophy because it is a philosophy that will provide the greatest amount of production and the fairest distribution of wealth. And

anybody who is concerned about poor people, and people not having jobs, and not having homes, they have to look at the Libertarian philosophy to find out why the free market and a sound money philosophy provides this great amount of wealth.

LIBERTARIAN LINES: In light of the stock market crash, the federal deficit, and the trade deficit, what would you do as President - should you be elected - to make America economically healthy again?

RON PAUL: The first thing we have to do is immediately balance the budget as soon as possible. That would be one of the first things a new President could do; introduce a balanced budget.

And clearly, as Libertarians, we would never even think for a second that a balanced budget is so important that we would consider raising taxes. It has to be balanced by cutting spending. This is done by cutting where ever you can cut, both military and domestic welfare spending. But a balanced budget, with reduced spending levels, would be a tremendous boom for the economy.

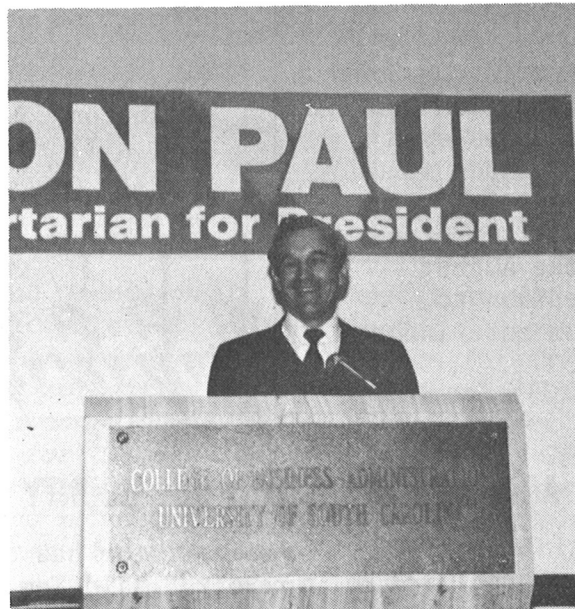
The other thing we should do is institute sound money policies. Then the people would go back to saving again, interest rates would come down, and we could go

back to being competitive again.

Now, this doesn't all happen overnight, but it would be done with the least amount of suffering. At the rate we're going now, with the continued spending, inflating, and the deficit, it's all going to end up in a horrible, *horrible* economic calamity. So the choice is not so much going on with the status quo versus a little bit of austerity, the choice is austerity with some degree of penalty for changing course versus an economic calamity, which we're on the verge of.

LIBERTARIAN LINES: You mentioned cutting military spending. A lot of Americans think we have to maintain our current high level of military spending to 'stand up' to the Russians.

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RON PAUL: Well, we should maintain an adequate defense, but we should be very careful never to use the words "defense" and "military expenditures" as the same. In other words, military expenditures very frequently have nothing to do with national defense. 65% of the national budget goes to defending other countries, and that part of the budget could be cut. So we could spend a lot less money and have a better defense.

There's a lot of other things we can do if we're serious about stopping the spread of Communism. First, we can set a good example. That will go a long way. The second thing we can do is stop all foreign aid and monetary assistance to Communists - which has not stopped under Ronald Reagan. The other thing we can do is fire most of the people in the State Department, especially those who have given a lot of support to Marxist regimes like Mozambique.

The other thing that is probably just as important as all those is an over-all foreign policy of non-entangling alliances. That is, stop supporting dictators around the world, which literally bankrupt these countries and sets the stage for Communist movements within these countries. We've never bought friends! I think the problems in Cuba, and Nicaragua, and the Philippines, and Iran - all these places - you can lay at the doorstep of our foreign policy in this century.

That is something we would want to do as Libertarians; change the overall foreign policy and make it much more similar to the foreign policy of the Founding Fathers; that is, neutrality and friendship to all, and trade with all, and no military alliances.

LIBERTARIAN LINES: Presidential politics in this media age require huge amounts of cash. You won't accept matching federal election funds - how are you doing in the fundraising department?

RON PAUL: Doing pretty good, but not good enough. We've raised our first half-million,

we're set on our second half-million, and we're aiming for five million. Hopefully that will come before the Fall so we can start on our second five million.

Money is very important: it is critical that we raise a lot of money, and we are certainly at a disadvantage. But ideas are very powerful, truth is very powerful, and an army of volunteers is very important - so there we can and must compensate. Also, most of the campaigns are so big they're bureaucratic and they waste money just like the government. Some of them finance their campaigns just like the government, with deficits, which is something I refuse to do. But the other thing we must remember is that we are wise in the way we present ourselves - and if we run a credible campaign - we are going to get some attention that won't cost any money.

So we have to be very creative with the way we spend money, and I think the use of Cable News Network, cable TV, and video cassette recorders, and all kinds of creative things like that, we can get the coverage we need. One other thing: the goal of the campaign is to strive to get into the debates in the Fall.

LIBERTARIAN LINES: One last question. A recent issue of *US News and World Reports* was talking about the Republicans and Democrats running for President, and it describes them as 'offering third rate solutions to first rate problems.' It said they either 'all say the same thing, or they say nothing.' Do you agree with that assessment of the other people running for President?

RON PAUL: Absolutely. And it's a natural consequence: they both endorse the same philosophy of government - government intervention domestically and internationally, while ours is quite different. Since they have bankrupted this country, they are literally (monetarily) bankrupt, as well as intellectually bankrupt.

So that's why, once a country gets to this point, you have nothing more than mediocrity in the leadership. It's nice to be a leader and endorse all this big government when you have a lot of wealth, but now that the wealth is gone, the leadership of the Republicans and Democrats is destined to be mediocre - and they will always have third rate answers.



CAMPAIGN '88 OFFERS OPPORTUNITY

Campaign '88 offers an unprecedented opportunity for the Libertarian Party. The race for our Party's Presidential nomination has generated new excitement, impressive media coverage, and has attracted new members to the L.P.

We have entered Campaign '88 with our strongest National ticket ever. Yet even a well organized and well funded campaign will not realize its full potential unless it is supported by a strong slate of Libertarian candidates for lower offices.

Campaign '88 is undertaking the task of recruiting those candidates and providing them with training and support needed to run effective campaigns. Achieving this will require the involvement of hundreds of Libertarians across the country.

Candidates are needed to publicize our Party, our principles, and our issues. They are our important most source of outreach and membership growth. With training and support, any Libertarian can serve as an effective candidate and run a successful campaign.

Campaign Coordinators are needed to recruit candidates, organize training workshops, and serve as a liaison with the National Campaign '88 effort and the presidential campaign.

Workshop presenters are needed to share their experience with candidates and coordinators in Regional workshops. These sessions will be videotaped and made available to candidates and coordinators across the country.

Writers are needed to prepare short papers on how to present specific issues to the public and how to organize and run effective campaigns.

Volunteers are needed to help our candidates. Campaigning is easier and a lot more fun if there are plenty of people involved.

Whatever your experience, skills, or training, there is a place for you in Campaign '88. We're counting on YOU!

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participating so far). A second video is being produced on the \$15 Road Maintenance Fee and Annexation.

The ACLP has gained 9 new members and 25 Freedom Fighters (who distribute Action Alerts and assist in ACLP actions but are 'official' party members) since February, proof that action speaks louder than words! Any SCLP member interested in learning how to do these type actions on local issues in their own counties are urged to contact Tom King at 593-6876.

FACTS ABOUT JURY DUTY

FIRST: Your personal service as an honest juror - true to your conscience - is essential to a free country.

SECOND: As a free and Sovereign citizen/juror, you are superior in rank and status to anybody in the court room, including the judge in his/her black robe.

THIRD: In this capacity you are totally independent of the court, not subject to direction nor dictation of any kind (except for decorum, such as being in the courtroom on time and listening to the evidence).

What this means is the the judge is prohibited by the Constitution from dictating or instructing you in any way, least of all as to how to apply the law.

As a Sovereign Citizen, you have the inherent power and actually the obligation to overrule (nullify) any written law that you find objectionable.

Few judges will inform you that this is a natural right of citizenship. They will, instead, deceive you - even attempt to coerce you - into swearing you will take the law "as I dictate it to you."

But every judge knows you, as a Sovereign citizen/juror, possess the right inherently - not as a legal grant - and that it is recognized and guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States in all 50 states.

The U.S. Supreme Court has many times acknowledged this, starting back in 1794 when our first Chief Justice, John Jay, wrote: "It is presumed that juries are the

best judges of fact; it is ... presumed that the courts are the best judges of the law. But still both objects are within your (the juror's) decision. You have a right to take it upon yourselves to judge both law as well as fact in controversy." Georgia v Brailsford, 3 Dall 1.

The jury's power to nullify was no new discovery even then. It has been known to exist virtually forever, and the pages of history shine with examples of juries ensuring rights.

STATE CONVENTION - con't from page one

"Right now, we're more concerned with building a real alternative political party and building from the grass-roots level an organization that will support our candidates once they get into office. After all, getting into office is only half the game, then one needs to stay in office and then bring other Libertarians on board," Heaton said.

"The Libertarian Party is a party of principle. We do not accept federal matching campaign funds which is a henderence but it differetiates use from the two older parties who accept millions of taxpayers money to fund candidates who are literally bank-rupting this country."

Heaton said the Aiken County party, the most active in the state, has doubled its membership in the past year. It led the fight against zoning, which was defeated, and opposed an ordinance that would have allowed the county to seize vehicles that did not have proper tags or inspection stickers.

Andre Marrou, Libertarian candidate for Vice President, was one of the guest speakers at the convention. Marrou served one term in the Alaska House of Representatives and now sells real estate in Las Vegas. He is on the Libertarian ticket with candidate Ron Paul, a former congressman from Houston.

Marrou said the first thing that they will do is freeze the replacing of federal bureaucrats who quit or retire from their jobs. With an attrition rate of 7 to 8 percent a year among civilian employees, Marrou said, he would be able to eliminate the personal income tax in their first term.

The political system works against any Libertarian candidate because beaucrats will

always vote to keep their jobs, and clients will always vote to keep their corporate and welfare handouts.

Marrou went on to say that the American military presence in the Far East allows the Japanese to subsidize their own industry at the expense of American industry and the balance of trade.

"Right now, the Japanese can sell a Honda in Columbia (SC) cheaper than Lee Iacocca can sell a Dodge."

Steve Bates, executive director of the South Carolina chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union gave a brief overview of the twenty years that the ACLU has been active in the state. During a question session he gave the reasoning behind the ACLUs looking into the 'house arrest' by the Dept. of Health and the Environment of a prostitute who has AIDS.

Following Bates were John Wrisley, who gave a very intersetting assesment of how the government has debased the currency and turned the cladding of coins into a lucrative business, Dr. James Stiver, who talked on J.S.Mills and ON LIBERTY, and Ron Holland, an investment analyst who told of impending doom, maybe soon, maybe later.

The convention's luncheon speaker was Karl Hess, editor of LIBERTARIAN PARTY NEWS and CAPITALISM FOR KIDS, as well as a 'real nice guy'.

"Personal computers are the most liberating tool ever forged because they guarentee a flow of information among individuals outside government or corporate control," Hess said. He advocated early computer education for children because "computers return education to the individual and away from the collective."

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COUNCIL HOPEFUL TO STAY IN RACE AS LIBERTARIAN ...

John's Island resident H.B. Limehouse, Jr., who announced as a Republican candidate for the Charleston County Council in March, has switched to the South Carolina Libertarian Party.

Limehouse said he has read literature and likes most of the issues supported by the L.P.

"In my campaign I intend on focusing on local issues such as private property rights, single member council districts, and reducing the size and power of the county government," said Limehouse. "It is amazing to me that until very recently I was unaware that a political party existed that was so intune with my own beliefs. I can honestly say that I have always been a libertarian but I am just now realizing that the party exists."

Limehouse has reorganized the Charleston County Libertarian Party and is seeking support for his bid to unseat the incumbent County Council Chairwoman. For more information on how you can help with the Limehouse campaign call 559-0820, or write LIMEHOUSE FOR COUNCIL at Post Office Box 540, John's Island, SC, 29455.

HEATON TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

John B. Heaton, SCLP state chairperson from Aiken, was nominated to run for the United States Congress in the Third Congressional District at the SCLP state convention on April 9th. Heaton who has been active in Libertarian politics for several years will face incumbent Congressman Butler Derrick, a Democrat.

"I have already began my campaign by going to several local festivals and talking to people. The response so far has been very good. Rep. Derrick will not be easy to beat because of the money and name recognition he has but I intend to campaign hard and let the voters decide," said Heaton.

Heaton is planning to focus on issues that should have a broad support from the people of the district such as stabailizing the Social Security System, protection of private property rights, and balancing the federal budget.

For more information concerning the HEATON for CONGRESS CAMPAIGN please write to Post Office Box 1415, Aiken, SC 29802 or call 803/648-9806.

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ANNEXATION PRIMER AVAILABLE

The SCLP has produced a primer on Annexation which joins the material already available on Zoning: What It Is, What It Does, What It Doesn't, Initiative, Recall, and Referendum, and various publications from the national L.P.

The pamphlet explains that Annexation is the process by which a city expands

its territory and power. It covers state law, the petition method of annexation, the city involvement, how to withdraw names from the petition, and the benefits and pitfalls of annexation.

This pamphlet has already been used succesfully in Aiken County and copies have been passed out in Charleston County. If you know of an area that is in the process of being annexed contact the SCLP for help.

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