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Paul/Marrou Picked to Lead LP in '88

By Randy Langhenry

At a convention that was more like a "love-in" than the promised "Battle in Seattle," Ron Paul came away with the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination.

"Unity '88" buttons were more visible than any individual candidate's slogan, and throughout the convention, even after the election, Paul shared the spotlight with his nearest rival, Russell Means, former American Indian Movement leader.

Paul, the former Republican congressman from Lake Jackson, Texas, who joined the Libertarian Party in February, won the presidential nomination on the first ballot and became only the fifth person to represent the Libertarian Party in a U.S. presidential election.

John Hospers, Roger MacBride, Ed Clark, and David Bergland have represented the Party in the past four elections.

Andre Marrou, of Alaska and Nevada, was elected without opposition as the vice presidential candidate.

Needing 192 votes on the first ballot to lock up the presidential nomination, Paul garnered 193 while his toughest competitor, Russell Means, got 120 votes.

Jim Lewis, the 1984 vice presidential candidate, received 49 votes, and Harry Glenn and Andre Marrou got three votes each. Fourteen delegates cast their votes for "none of the above." (State vote totals appear elsewhere in this issue.)

In a press conference following the election, Paul said that in the upcoming campaign he



Ron Paul, with his wife Carol, accepts the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination.

hoped to achieve "victory for the views of the Libertarian Party, liberty in this country, freedom for the individual, the restoration of the American dream, concern and belief in constitutional principles, prosperity, peace, and hope."

The presidential nomination election process began Saturday morning with delegate John Vernon nominating Andre Marrou for the presidential spot. Marrou had announced for

vice president but had shown no interest in the presidential position. Vernon said he was "concerned that the Libertarian Party can become known as the last refuge of the conservatives, and that is not true. We are a radical party."

As soon as Vernon finished his speech, Marrou approached the speaker's stand and said that he had to "respectfully decline" the

nomination.

Ed Clark, the Party's 1980 presidential nominee, then nominated Ron Paul. "We Libertarians will be the only voice of liberty in 1988," Clark said. His nomination of Paul was seconded by Sharon Ayers and Paul Jacob.

Jacob also introduced an eight minute video tape commercial for the Ron Paul for President campaign. The commercial was interrupted frequently by cheers and applause from the crowd. Additional information on the commercial appears elsewhere in this issue.

Ward Churchill had the honor of nominating Russell Means. Churchill was not a member of the Party until he took the stage and handed his check to Jim Turney, national chair. Larry Dodge, Bill White, Dean Ahmad, and Sylvia Sanders all seconded the nomination.

Dodge, in his seconding speech, said, "Politics is a lot like sex—it has to be seductive to be successful." Earlier this year, Dodge helped recruit Means to the Libertarian Party, and he felt that 1988 was the right year for the Means message.

Allen Rickman was the next speaker as he nominated Jim Lewis, and Margaret Fries gave a seconding speech.

Harry Glenn, of Indiana, was the final candidate to be nominated. David Myers spoke in favor of Glenn and Mark Shepard seconded.

With the nominations closed, Turney polled the states in alphabetical order, randomly starting with Connecticut. Delegates scrambled to keep a running total of the vote, anxious to see which state would get the honor of casting

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Russell Still Means Freedom

By Larry Dodge

As they entered a cab in front of the Seattle Sheraton the last night of the national convention, David Saum, Cissy Messina, and Marc Montoni couldn't help noticing a copy of the latest LP NEWS fastened to the driver's clipboard.

"Where'd you get that?" they asked.

"At the hotel," the cabbie replied, looking at their convention badges. "I just dropped off this guy and his wife at a restaurant a few minutes ago, and we got to talking about your convention. I asked him where I could find out more about your party, and he gave me his card and told me there was lots of reading material at the booths on second floor, so I drove back to the hotel and went in and got some. I've been interested for a long time, and figured this was my chance...and say, maybe you know this guy—he's an Indian, name of Russell Means..."

And so began the post-convention program to which Russell has committed himself. Sunday afternoon, in the lounge outside the Sheraton's Metropolitan Ballroom, a couple of dozen supporters began laying the groundwork for his continuing activism. Highlights of Means' plans include renewal of his livelihood as a speaker on the (mostly college) lecture circuit, formation of a "Freedom is for Everyone" (FIFE)

caucus within the Libertarian Party, publication of a newsletter, a speaking engagement in Spain (to be television broadcast to Spanish-speaking nations), an address at the Gay Rights march in Washington, DC, on Columbus Day, working with the Lummi Indians to develop a free port on the Lummi Reservation north of Seattle, inauguration of a Libertarian Legal and Educational Fund to aid various victims of the state, such as Norma Jean Almodovar (and possibly Jim Lewis, if the IRS prevails in its efforts to prosecute him). Means may also seek a legislative seat in Arizona after establishing residence there, following his move to the Navaho Reservation this fall.

The lecture circuit and the FIFE caucus are Russell's most immediate and definite plans. Russell will be billing himself as an "internationally known freedom fighter," and will address college and other audiences wherever arrangements are made for \$2500 plus expenses. Campus, local and state Libertarian Parties, and LP campaign organizations are invited to make those arrangements—and whenever they do, Russell will return to them a \$55 agent's commission for their efforts. If multiple appearances in the same general area can be scheduled contiguously, he will negotiate a "group rate" and appropriate agent's commissions.

LP candidate and ballot access organizations are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this offer, and to dovetail Russell's paid speaking engagements with media events (parties, picnics, concerts, or whatever) supportive of their efforts. Russell will tailor his remarks in any of these settings to local issues, campaigns, outreach and ballot access efforts, in addition to drumming up support for HB 1582 (the Conyers ballot access bill), plugging our national ticket, and presenting libertarian thoughts on national and international issues. To invite Russell to your area, call him at home—still in South Dakota—at 605-867-5115, or write him at 444 Crazy Horse Drive, Porcupine, SD 57772.

Meanwhile, the Freedom is for Everyone caucus will be directing its efforts toward broadening the base of appeal of the Libertarian Party by putting out a newsletter, "The Sound of Fife," which hereby begins its solicitation of articles of local, regional, or national interest with a clear appeal to the grassroots. It will be edited by Mike Mayakis and published by Alexia Gilmore. Materials for potential publication should be sent to Alexia, at 1200 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Alexia also has a computerized hotline number for FIFE: 415-326-5769. Subscription to "The

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Jim Turney Re-elected

Jim Turney, the Party's national chair for the past two years, was re-elected to that position on the final day of the Seattle convention.

Turney's only competition for the chair came from Hugh Butler, a former National Committee member from Utah.

Turney was nominated by Karl Hess, with David Nolan and Penn Pfiffner seconding. Butler was nominated by Ruth Bennett, and Craig Franklin and David Walter seconded.

Butler, who entered the race only weeks before the convention began, mounted a strong campaign, but the results of the balloting showed Turney with 191 votes to Butler's 113.

David Walter became the Party's new vice chair, as he defeated Roger Gary in a close race.

Dean Ahmad was rather easily re-elected secretary over Gary Johnson.

Clifford Thies became the Party's new treasurer, out polling Joe Losardi, 136-54.

New National Committee members also were elected, and a list of the new members, their addresses, and who they represent appears elsewhere in this issue.



Russell Means will lead the new Party caucus, FIFE.

Good Faith Fund Raising Snafu

By Larry Dodge

Many people attending the national convention's Saturday night banquet expected to have an opportunity to help the Means for President campaign treasury break even, and wondered why a fund raiser for that purpose didn't happen then and there. Here's the story:

At a Means Team caucus following Saturday's nominations, I volunteered to try to raise money to repay several vendor debts totaling nearly \$20,000 incurred by the Means campaign. Several plans were discussed, and it was decided to try an appeal on the floor of the convention, where "hats" (well, Sheraton Hotel ice-buckets) would, with the permission and indulgence of the assembled delegates, be passed for that purpose.

I then contacted Melinda Pillsbury Foster, who in turn called Ron Paul's hotel HQ to propose that he ask the delegates for the necessary two-thirds vote it would take to suspend the rules and allow me to move that a Means "thank-you" fund raiser be held. Paul could not be located right then, but Ed Clark was advised of our intention, and helped us formulate a still better plan: He concurred with my own apprehension that a Saturday-afternoon fund raiser might damage, or be perceived as damaging to, Ron Paul's ability to raise money at the banquet, and said that if we could put off the event until Sunday, he or Ron would make the proposal on the convention floor. Besides, he reasoned, more people would be on the floor at that time than there were at the moment, and better yet, there would be no

potential for interference with Ron Paul's fund raising. It sounded good, so we dropped the idea for Saturday, and went back to caucusing about Means' itinerary.

Since I was ducking between various smoke-filled rooms for the next few hours, I didn't find out that Ed Clark and Ron Paul had gotten together and decided to follow the Paul fund raiser with a Means fund raiser at the banquet, to be conducted by Ron Paul (who would not be available Sunday), until Ed Clark announced it during the banquet. It was a gracious move, and I decided to stay put at my rather distant table and let it happen without further input from me—or to Means. What no one expected was Means' spontaneous and equally gracious pledge of \$1000 to the Paul campaign during Paul's banquet fund raiser.

The tremendous applause in response to Means' offer doubtless reflected audience appreciation of Means' clear expression of support for Paul, and the lack of hard feelings it implied—but it left Ron Paul in the lurch when it came to his raising money for Means: How was he going to explain that Means needed money when Russell had just pledged the maximum allowable contribution to the Paul campaign? If any of you at the banquet wondered why I galloped around the room and into a hurried huddle with Ron Paul and Ed Clark just after Means' pledge, now you know.

Ed Clark said "not to worry," he'd think of something, which he did. He announced that a Means fund raiser would take place at Sunday's breakfast, at which he auctioned off a beautiful Andy Warhol poster, with the pro-

ceeds split between Means for President and the Libertarian Party.

Later, with full approval from the Ron Paul team, Jim Turney yielded the microphone to me during Sunday's mix of floor business and auctions, so I could make a follow-up appeal to those who hadn't had a chance to get in on the poster auction. I stressed the excitement and energy Means had brought to the convention and the Party, explained that much of the debt was vendor obligation, and listed some of Means' plans to work for liberty, then asked people interested in helping out to contact me or Honey Lanham before the convention adjourned.

Many did so, and I'm happy to report that between an auction of seats at Gloria and Russell Means' banquet table, the Warhol poster auction, contributions solicited from the podium on Sunday, and unsolicited donations, over \$10,000 has been raised so far in cash and pledges. I want to send a hearty thanks to those who've pitched in to date, and close by saying that the door is still open, and the need is still substantial—so if anyone reading this wants to play a part in retiring the debt so Russell can continue his activism with a clean financial slate, you're urged to send what you can to Means for President, 1412 W. 9th, Austin, TX, 78703. In so doing, you're investing in the resilience and momentum of a good man who cannot be kept down, who showed his mettle in convention by letting his belief in our Party's goals overshadow his disappointment at failing to capture our presidential nomination, and who's now ready and willing to get back out on the trail, stumping for liberty.

Cato Marks Anniversary

One of the libertarian movement's major "think tanks" has just celebrated its 10th anniversary to the accompaniment of comments which are as much a reflection on the movement as on the research organization.

In *The Washington Times*, the 10th anniversary of the Cato Institute was marked by an extensive interview with Cato's founder, Ed Crane, former official of the Libertarian Party.

If Cato is to be pegged, the *Times* said, "it is okay by him to 'use the L word'...L is for libertarian. 'It's a word that describes a certain philosophy that I'm comfortable with. But some people who use the word libertarian take so many extreme positions that I do get uncomfortable with it.'"

Others, commenting on Cato, had these things to say:

"Any other of the [think tanks] could be eliminated and no particular intellectual piece of the puzzle would be missing. But Cato is a unique part of the puzzle." Michael Kinsley, writer for *The New Republic*.

"Cato's new ideas are based on impeccable scholarship and these ideas have impact." Columnist James Kilpatrick.

"They are not an across-the-board ideological right wing group like Heritage where

you can kind of guess where they're going to be on every issue. They're interested in...more of an effort to move the thoughts of other thinkers." Terry Michael, press spokesman, Democratic National Committee.

"Cato is willing to stick to principles and not be deterred by expediency." Milton Friedman, Nobel laureate.

"It is very useful to the entire political community and intellectual political community to have a group that looks at things from a libertarian conservative viewpoint. They're very First Amendment oriented, very private-property oriented, and very private-right oriented. I think generally a lot of their ideas are almost mainstream thinking today..." Lee Atwater, campaign manager for George Bush.

"Their public-policy reports, whether on civil liberty issues or something else, are uniformly creative analyses and not a knee-jerk response from either end of the political spectrum. In that way they are unique among think tanks." Barry Lynn, legislative counsel, American Civil Liberties Union.

And, as Cato's Crane summed it up: "I don't want us to shift toward the mainstream. I want the mainstream to shift toward us, and that's our challenge."

Means

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"Sound" is any amount over \$15 per year, and publication will be bi-monthly (or more frequently, as subscription, contribution, and advertising monies permit). FIFE treasurer is Margot Hamilton, and all transactions should be addressed to her at 605 155th SE, Seattle, WA 98148.

Mike says he'd like to see articles on local strategies and successes, innovative libertarian approaches to local issues, reports on the Ron Paul/Andre Marrou campaign as it happens in

localities around the country, grassroots suggestions concerning Libertarian Party platform planks, and communications of interest to FIFE members and "Sound" subscribers. If funds permit, "The Sound" will handle material of interest to minorities, and hopes to produce foreign-language editions, possibly beginning with translations into Spanish and Vietnamese. Since FIFE will be seeking to develop membership chapters on college campuses, "The Sound" will report their activities, and hopes that all state LP newsletter editors will send copies of their publications to Palo Alto, with permission to reproduce their contents.

Libertarian Party NEWS will cover these and other activities that Russell pursues as they unfold. Keep yourself posted!

Local Candidates, Workers Needed

Although the attention of most Libertarian Party members understandably is focused on the Party's presidential ticket, one member is mandated to think about other races.

Appointed six months ago, by National Chairman Jim Turney, to head up "Campaign '88," Steve Dasbach, regional Natcom rep from Indiana, says that "even a well organized and well funded presidential campaign will not realize its full potential unless it is supported by a strong slate of Libertarian Party candidates for lower offices."

To that end, he has begun encouraging all state parties to begin recruiting candidates as early as possible.

One way to help the process, he suggests, is to find hardworking campaign coordinators in every state. Recruiting candidates, organizing training workshops and support groups would be major tasks for them.

The workshops on campaign methods would be a vital part of the support mechanism that

Dasbach envisions. Workshops that are developed early will be videotaped for use by other state groups.

Dasbach also plans to issue basic, one-page how-to papers covering every aspect of campaigning from brochures to handbills to phone banks and advertising—every matter that can help candidates and their supporters to run more effective races. Basic issue papers, covering the various libertarian views on such matters as defense and abortion, also will be offered, along with papers on less contentious matters. At least three separate papers are expected on the defense issue alone in order to cover the range of libertarian views from which a candidate might choose for local campaigning.

Dasbach's campaign support committee is now a separate unit within the National Committee. Previously, it had been a part of the outreach committee. Steve Dasbach's address is 215 Third Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46808. His phone is 219-422-5631.

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Viewpoint

Information and Choice

By Karl Hess

Information is the vital raw material of choice. Choice is the essential human activity of a free society.

A free society, if stripped to a single component, is that society in which people are able to make choices and to be responsible, as individuals, for the choices that they do make. Free men and women are not told how, what, when, where, or whom to choose. They assume the right to choose.

The founding declarations of free societies are about choice. The constitutions of free societies are about choice. The only restriction that a free society, or the ancient common law that undergirds free societies, puts on choice is that the choice not deny others their own choices so long as those choices do not initiate force or fraud.

Without information, choice simply would be a random activity with no purpose and no responsibility. With information, it becomes purposeful and the person making the choice becomes implicitly responsible both for choosing the information that led to the choice and for the consequences of the choice.

Information does not coerce. It is not binding and it rarely is without competition. Even the so-called laws of science comprise information that constantly is under competitive scrutiny, with new theories based upon new discoveries forever waiting to supersede old ones.

There are almost countless ways in which we gather information for our choices in a free society. The most important of these ways are exactly the ones protected in the First Amendment to the Constitution, the first item in our Bill of Rights.

Religion, the exercise of our freedom to believe and to exercise that belief in "an establishment of religion," is the first of the rights protected under the First Amendment. The freedom of speech, or of the press, is the next guarantee. Finally, the right peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances is assured under this keystone guarantee of freedom.

In every one of those guarantees it is, ultimately, the free flow of information that is involved. Guaranteeing against government interference with religion guarantees that information about spiritual conviction neither be restrained for the believer nor forced upon the non-believer; that the human conscience be free to be informed and free to choose.

Freedom of speech and of the press is crucial. Where people are free to speak and to publish there are no tyrannies. Where people are not free to speak and to publish there is tyranny by definition.

When people peaceably gather to state their views, to form associations, to convince others, to guard their own communities of interest, they are informing their neighbors, their localities, and the world, of things important to them. This is the highly visible, social information which, time after time, has made a profound difference in human affairs.

Finally, the right to petition government delivers, in peace, the sort of information which in dire times and places must be delivered violently.

Information and choice are the heart of the First Amendment and they are the heart of a free society.

There cannot be, in a free society, only "good" news or information (or "good" advertising) as measured by the taste or ideals of even a majority. The important "good" is simply the news, information, or advertising itself and the freedom to disseminate it.

A vital priority for every libertarian effort in politics must be to beat back any attempts to stifle information, to regulate it, to license it, to conform it to majority whim or wish.

There were down-home examples of this aplenty at the convention in Seattle. Graphic

and harsh attacks against Ron Paul's opposition to abortion were plastered throughout the meeting area. Murray Rothbard's unforgiving attack against Russell Means and his "luft-mensch" followers circulated freely. The presence of Ron Paul's name on the masthead of a John Birch Society magazine was publicized and even became the subject of a National Committee discussion. (The committee voted to permit the Paul campaign organization to resolve it.)

And even the Libertarian Republican Or-

ganizing Committee was given booth space in the convention's exhibit area to hawk its notion that libertarians should become Republicans to be politically effective. The information that it wanted to press upon libertarians seemed to make little impact—but its rejection by the convention organizers could have given the group a much more impressive platform from which to cry "censorship."

And yet, despite all of the conflicting and even hostile information, the mood of the con-

vention seemed one of great unity in support of major projects—the presidential campaign, the projects which Russell Means, a hero in defeat, intends to continue with *as a libertarian*, the campaign to field a major number of local libertarian candidates, and the continuing ballot access drive.

The day that libertarians attempt to stifle information, for expediency or to achieve concord or personal comfort, is the very day that they break the heart of liberty itself.

The birth of Liberty Your Chance To Take Part

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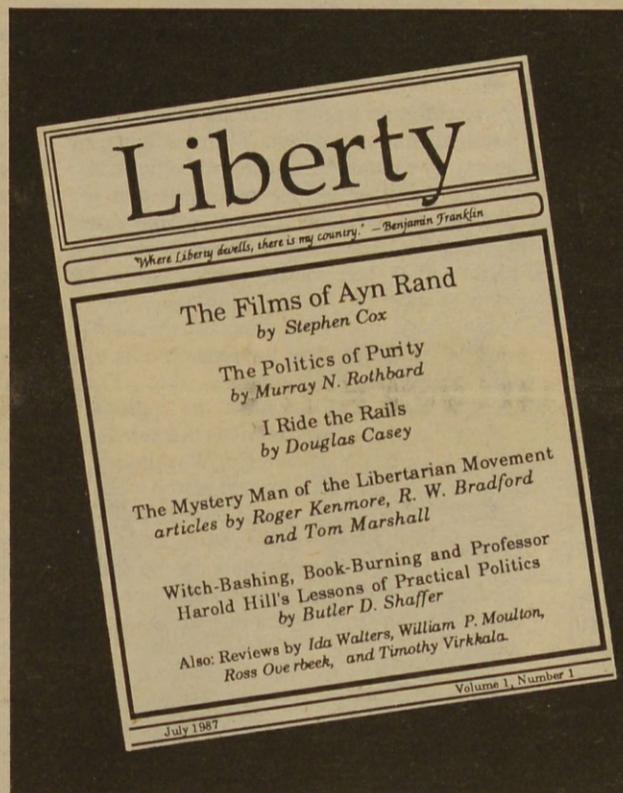
Among the articles scheduled for the first issue of **Liberty**:

- "The Films of Ayn Rand"—It is widely known that Rand spent years as a screenwriter in Hollywood. But aside from *The Fountainhead*, her films are practically unknown. Rand scholar Steven Cox has hunted them all up and written a cogent review of them.

- "The Politics of Purity"—Murray Rothbard takes to task those too "pure" to accept Ron Paul's libertarian credentials.

- "The Mystery Man of the Libertarian Movement"—After founding the pioneer libertarian periodical *Innovator* in 1964, Tom Marshall concluded that our state-saturated society was an unhealthy place to live in and disappeared into the wilderness. We offer a retrospective of his life, a young libertarian's account of a visit to Marshall in his wilderness retreat, and an essay by Marshall himself.

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Chair's Column

By Jim Turney
National Chair, LNC

The health of our Party can no longer be questioned. In two years time the faith in our future has been restored!

In Seattle, the winners won decisively, the losers were gracious, everyone played fair, and everyone is working together. My highest hopes for this convention were realized with the solid spirit of unity, the strong sense of purpose, and the clear desire to work. Of course, I appreciate the strong support shown for my leadership.

I feel well prepared for the challenge of the next two-year term. The Party must grow. The presidential campaign and the commitment of the new National Committee give me great hope for the achievement of our goals.

By the end of next year we should have at least twice as many paying members of the

National Party and three times as many contributors as we now have. Matt Monroe (Membership Committee chair) has begun an ambitious membership drive, and Paul Kunberger (Finance Committee chair) will be leading an aggressive fundraising effort.

Karl Hess (Lysander, Inc.) has agreed to stay on as LP NEWS editor and we hope to increase the frequency of publication to once a month for at least the election year.

We must concentrate our energies on developing media contacts and attention during the next two years. The presidential campaign should provide good opportunities for contacts. After the campaign we will need steady press conferences and releases to keep our point of view before the public.

To meet these objectives, I plan to add a member to our office staff whose primary duty will be to make and maintain our

media contacts and to plan, as well as coordinate, our press releases and conferences.

We have already embarked on the program with a \$3,000 budget (for fall of 1987) for the newly created Media Relations Committee chaired by Tonie Nathan. Never before has the national LP put such a serious effort behind development of media exposure.

The short supply of funds has seriously hampered many plans and projects the last two years (and longer). We have already begun to refocus our attention to cost effective fundraising like the pledge program. But we must constantly add new names to our contributor lists to even maintain, much less increase, our funding. Projects to prospect for more members and contributors are underway. During the next two years we have to get serious about fundraising—competent, cost-effective and innovative changes will be made.

As I have traveled around the country working with libertarians for the last eight years, I have found that one area in particular has more opportunities for media, fundraising, and libertarian political talent—

Washington, DC. There are libertarian organizations which have moved there—Institute for Humane Studies and CATO Institute come to mind—or were started there, like the think tanks at the economics department of George Mason University. The Libertarian Party offices should be located in Washington, too.

The LP needs a "national director" who can bring all these people and resources together to achieve these objectives. I believe Paul Jacob is the right person for the job, and he has agreed to accept.

He knows libertarians all around the country, has experience on the National Committee, has proven ability at fundraising, and is articulate and knowledgeable on the issues. Most of all, he is committed to our cause.

If you are also committed and ready to work hard for the Libertarian Party, contact me about your skills and interests. We are looking for talented staff for our office as well as other duties.

I am also interested in your suggestions on obtaining our objectives. I am committed to a growing Libertarian Party and I need your help!

An Open Letter From Paul Jacob

By Paul Jacob

The convention in Seattle was a tremendously inspiring event. The Party is united and firmly committed to significant growth in the coming years. I am very hopeful that it will be my honor and challenge to work for the LP as national director.

As I write, the Libertarian National Committee is considering whether to move the national headquarters to Washington, DC, or elsewhere in Houston, Texas. I intend to take the position of director with equally great enthusiasm wherever the job requires me to live. I do, however, want to express why I have long thought (even when living in Little Rock, Arkansas) that the national office should be located in Washington, DC.

The federal government—public enemy number one—is located in Washington. Now on first thought some Libertarians might suggest that we should be as far away from the headquarters of the enemy as possible. I sympathize with this feeling. I personally tried to live my life in complete avoidance of the federal government. I was not successful.

If we could simply avoid or hide from the government and its tentacles like the IRS, FBI, Selective Service, CIA, etc., then there would be no need for the Libertarian

Party. The sad truth is that the State is too powerful to simply ignore. We must fight for liberty by running candidates for office and getting the attention for our ideas that is crucial in order to educate the American people. It is important that we go to the battle rather than waiting for the battle to come to us.

Nothing is more important than media attention. Every poll we have taken tells us that Libertarians understand this. The media—from TV networks to national magazines to the news-services to freelance political writers—is located in Washington. A news release mailed from Houston would take days to reach the media outlets. In DC they could be hand delivered in under 2 hours. Calling major reporters can be done for free or for a whopping long-distance bill depending on from where our workers are calling.

I presently work in Washington and receive numerous calls each month from people who are looking for the National LP. More than a few times they have not taken down the Houston 800 number. For many reasons—some justified, some not—people expect national political organizations to be located in Washington. If our address can help us be taken seriously by the media or potential Libertarians then why not be

located in Washington? We should be where people can find us and where we can best sell our vision of freedom to a freedom-starved public.

A good practical reason to move the office to Washington is the fact that all four national officers are close to the DC area. Jim Turney, chair, lives in Richmond, VA; Dave Walter, vice-chair, lives in Warminster, PA; Clifford Thies, treasurer, lives in Baltimore, MD; and I, Dean Ahmad, secretary, lives in Bethesda, MD, on the border of Washington. Washington is also close to Karl Hess, editor of LP NEWS and Stephen Fielder, the Chair of the Ballot Access Committee. If one wanted to pick a city central to the LNC members most responsible for the functioning of the Party, none would be better than Washington, DC.

There has been a suggestion that it might be better to wait out the election year in Houston so that we can be closer to the Ron Paul for President campaign office. The Ron Paul campaign, however, has astutely observed that the type of communication we will be doing with them can be done as easily via long distance as across town. Not to mention that Ron Paul will be in and out of Washington on a regular basis and would be well served to have an office he could get

support from or simply rest his weary feet in. The Ron Paul campaign supports the move to Washington because, I think, they realize it is in the best interests of the Party. We should not wait to do the right thing.

There has been a problem attracting volunteers in Houston. I think this is primarily due to the fact that the office is in a terrible neighborhood with rampant crime. (The door is locked at all times.) The office, even if it stays in Houston, must be moved. But whatever happens with the office, we are going to solve our volunteer problem. The Libertarians in Texas as well as DC, Virginia, and Maryland are active, hard-working, and hardcore. I'm convinced we will get volunteers.

The cost of any project is always a factor. Yet in this case there will be moving costs soon whatever the Party decides to do. We can afford to move to Washington. But in another important way, we cannot afford to stay where we are. The best place to attract media coverage, the best location for people to find us, the best working location for Party officers, and the best place to fight the State is Washington, DC. I think we should move the national headquarters there if we can. But whatever happens, I'm ready to get to work.

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Paul Staff Gears Up For 1988 Campaign

By Kevin Southwick

Now that the Libertarian Party has given a clear mandate to a Ron Paul candidacy, Ron is busy planning the most important fight of his life. Knowing what a successful campaign will mean for the LP and for the future of freedom, he is busily strategizing for what should be the Libertarian Party's finest hour.

Besides fundraising and becoming more visible in the media, Ron wants to: 1) bring the ideals of the Libertarian Party to the forefront of American politics; 2) get the LP on the ballot in all 50 states; 3) recruit candidates for elected office around the country; and 4) strengthen party organization on local, state, and national levels.

This will require every ounce of effort the LP and the Ron Paul Campaign can muster. The campaign's core staff, to be expanded considerably in the months ahead, will consist of: Burt Blumert, Chair; Matt Monroe, Finance Chair; Nadia Hayes, Manager; Murray N. Rothbard, Senior Advisor; Lew Rockwell, Communications; Alicia Clark, State Chair Director; Jan Kessmann, Scheduler; Kevin Southwick, Correspondence Director.

Ron's campaign newsletter, ON THE FREEDOM TRAIL, will continue to report Ron's activities and announce important upcoming events. The campaign will continue to operate at its Houston, Texas, address. Getting Ron on television will be a priority from now until the election. The present flurry of requests for interviews indicates that the media will be taking a close look at Ron and the LP in the immediate future.

With the help of a massive grassroots organization, an active media staff, and a strong fundraising effort, this kind of attention will continue throughout the campaign. Already scheduled is CNN.

For paid media, Ron has already produced an eight-minute TV commercial which was shown during his nomination at the Seattle convention. The ad makes an emotional appeal for personal and financial freedom, shows reenacted scenes of actual IRS abuse, and

mentions U.S. government intervention around the globe.

The Statue of Liberty and the words "Vote Libertarian" appear near the end of the ad with a toll-free campaign phone number for inquiries. Plans are to begin airing it as soon as possible on cable channels.

Ron would like to see state and local parties organize group viewings as fundraisers. The tape is available in VHS or BETA for a \$100 contribution. Other television ads for shorter time slots will be produced later.

Ron plans to continue working closely with the Ballot Access Committee. He already has helped the drives in Arizona and Michigan and

is following the drives in other states. Getting on the ballot is only one part of the fight. Doing well in the election and GETTING VOTES will give us the credibility to eventually achieve PERMANENT ballot status. That, of course, is the ultimate goal in this area.

To make sure that scheduling is properly handled, the campaign asks that any requests for an appearance by Ron be sent in writing to the Houston office.

Please give a description of the event, number of people expected, exact location and time, and approximate driving time from a major airport.

For the New Hampshire Primary, Ron is

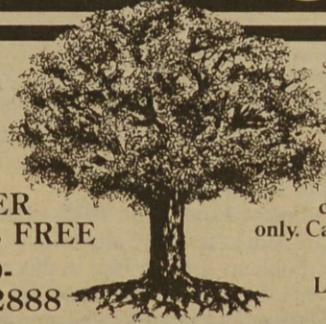
planning a very visible and aggressive truth-squad campaign. Watch ON THE FREEDOM TRAIL for details.

Ron would like to thank the Libertarian Party and the delegates to the National Convention for the honor and trust they have reposed in him. In return, he pledges to give his absolute best in the fight against Big Government, and to carry the Libertarian message to every voter in the country.

Nothing is more important to him than victory in the fight for Liberty.

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Paul/Marrou

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the single vote which would put the victor over the number needed to win.

Since Paul's final tally was only one vote more than needed to capture the nomination, it was the last state to vote which put him over the top. It is ironic that Colorado, the state where the Party was founded and which actually cast more votes for Russell Means, was that final state polled.

The announcement of the final count set off a lengthy victory demonstration on the floor of the convention. A band in the back of the room broke into "The Yellow Rose of Texas" and "Born Free," while delegates danced around the floor with "Ron" signs, and red, white, and blue balloons fell from the ceiling of the hall.

When things finally calmed down, the delegates proceeded with the vice presidential nomination.

Ken Prazak nominated Russell Means, but Means came to the stage and asked to be recognized. Means said he had to decline the nomination but was giving his support to Andre Marrou.

"I've been a freedom fighter for 18 years," Means said, "and I know a freedom fighter when I see one. Andre Marrou is a freedom fighter."

In this speech, Means also thanked the Party for saving him from becoming a racist. Means said he lived in the most racist state in the country, South Dakota, and that before finding the Libertarian Party he was on the verge of becoming a racist himself.

The delegates gave Means at least as rousing an ovation as they had given Ron Paul.

Sevier White then nominated Robert Murphy of Oklahoma. Murphy quickly declined the nomination.

David Bergland, the Party's 1984 presidential candidate, nominated Andre Marrou, and the motion was seconded by Tonie Nathan and Michael Emerling.

According to Party bylaws, the presidential candidate was then allowed to speak to the delegates concerning his preference of a running mate. Paul said that he "delightfully and enthusiastically" endorsed Marrou's candidacy.

With the nominations closed and only one candidate, the convention accepted Andre



Convention delegates dance and shout during the Ron Paul victory demonstration.

Marrou without opposition.

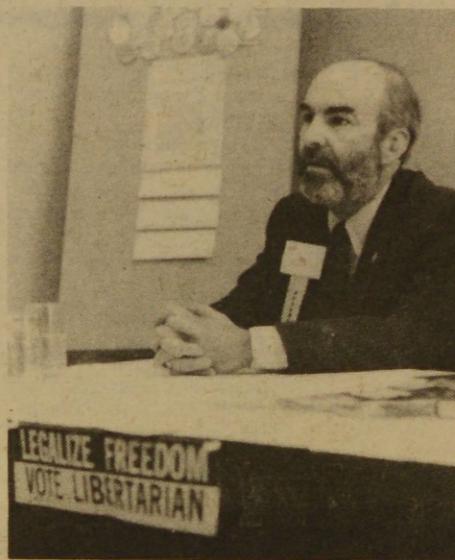
The Paul/Marrou campaign began just moments after the elections were completed. The two men, as a team, faced the press together for the first time, and both said they looked forward to the upcoming year.

Paul said the Libertarian Party offered the American people the only alternative.

"The problems that we face in this country clearly can be laid at the doorstep of the Republicans and Democrats who represent big government ideas and who neglect and ignore the principles of freedom for the individual," Paul said.

Paul said he hopes to raise as much money as possible for the campaign, but he could not guess how much that might be.

"You might have some minimums, but the minimums I would think would be \$6 million dollars," Paul said. "Over the years, if you add it all up, I have surely raised that much in the past. The important thing is I don't limit myself to that. I think the events of today show how such a positive campaign can flourish all of a sudden. Everything just came together, it was wonderful. The sentiment on the floor was exciting because there was so much unity and



Andre Marrou, the Party's vice presidential candidate, meets the press in Seattle.

excitement in contrast to some of the other conventions.

"I can foresee something like our TV film. Our people were excited about that, I'm ex-

cited about that, and, believe me, the people in this country are going to be excited about seeing something like that," Paul said.

"I saw people lining up down there to get copies of that. That is going to be a piece that is going to spread around this country. ABC, CBS, and NBC don't control things anymore. I mean Cable News Network, video cassettes—it's open to us," Paul explained.

"As much as we complain about the market place, there is enough of the market place that is left, there is enough freedom left for us to run, to let us capture the benefits of the media market, where we are going to be very well noticed," Paul said.

"And I think when that gets moving you're going to see the campaign blossom and \$6 million may be a piker's estimate. You might see something very, very significantly greater than that."

Television advertising will be the thrust of the 1988 campaign, according to Paul. "We are immediately going to be targeting certain segments of the country, certain areas of the country, as well as use such things as cable TV and the more minor stations we can afford at this particular time, with the goal of raising millions of dollars instead of quarters of millions of dollars.

"Most people make their decisions about whom they are going to vote for through the television," Paul declared, "so this is going to be a television and media campaign. It has to be visible and that was the emphasis we were making here."

"It's going to be a highly professional, media-type campaign. People will not be able to avoid hearing us and seeing us," Paul stated.

"They may be able to use the State and put obstacles in our way and do all those vicious things with power and tyranny, but as long as we have the right of freedom of speech and the use of these tools, they are going to hear from us."

Marrou said he would be traveling a lot during the next year. "I'm certainly looking forward to campaigning as the Libertarian Party vice presidential candidate, possibly with Ron in some cases, but probably more likely going around to the medium-sized cities and small towns, building up the Party from the grassroots."

Mitchells Resign

Terry Von Mitchell, the Libertarian Party's national director, resigned at a National Committee meeting during the convention.

During the same meeting, NatCom changed the title of "national director" to "office manager," believing it to better reflect the position's job description.

Mitchell and his wife, Sharon Freeman Mitchell, the Party's administrative assistant, who was subsequently elected to the National Committee, will leave the national office "as soon as possible." The Mitchells agreed to stay on until suitable replacements could be found.

The resignations came after some members of NatCom had repeatedly criticized both of the Mitchells. The *LP Activist Newsletter* and a special "research edition" of *LP NEWS*, both publications which Sharon Mitchell put together, were two of the problem areas cited by some members. Terry Mitchell was also the target of an investigation by some NatCom members after it was learned he sometimes had a gun with him at work for personal protection.

Mitchell said he would never give up his gun to the State, nor would he give it up to the Party. Mitchell said that he found the "bureaucratic rangling" within NatCom to be "hypocritical."

Speaking of NatCom, Mitchell said, "Cliques are for kids."

Mitchell also warned that "if the NatCom continues to treat the headquarters staff the way they have been treating them, there is going to be a strike."

Mitchell said he and his wife would leave the Houston area as soon as replacements for them could be found. Mitchell said "60 days would be ideal."

State-by-State Delegate Count

State	Paul	Means	Lewis	Glenn	Marrou	NOTA	State	Paul	Means	Lewis	Glenn	Marrou	NOTA
CT	3	1	3				NY	4	3	12			
DE	1						NC	2	4				
DC	3						ND	2					
FL	4	4	2				OH	4	5		1		
GA	4	1					OK	6					
HI	2						OR	4	2	1	1		
ID	2	2					PA	7	4	2			
IL	5	7	2				RI						
IN	4	2					SC		2	1			
IA	1	3					SD		2	1			
KS	1						TN	3		1			
KY	1						TX	8	12				1
LA						1	UT	4					
ME	1						VT	1	1	1			
MD	5	4					VA	7	4				
MA	5	1					WA	5	3	2			
MI	5	3	3			1	WV	2					
MN	6	1	1			1	WI	5	2				
MS	2						WY	1	1				
MO	3	2					AL	4	1				
MT		4					AK	1	5	3			
NE	3						AZ	7	1	1			
NV	1	4					AR	3					
NH	3						CA	32	21	10		3	10
NJ	3	4	1				CO	3	4	3			
NM	4			1			Total	193	120	49	3	3	14

Unity Marks Well-Attended Convention

By Randy Langhenry

About 700 Libertarians gathered at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers in Seattle, Washington, from September 1-5.

The delegates met to nominate the Party's presidential and vice-presidential candidates and conduct other Party business during the Fifth Libertarian National Convention, titled *The Culture of Freedom*.

Although the convention was loosely billed as the "Battle in Seattle," referring to the "fight" for delegates among the presidential contenders, "Unity '88—Divided We Fall" buttons could be seen everywhere. And while the presidential nominating election was close, there was absolutely no visible split within the Party, as has happened in the past.

Attendance at the convention was the second highest in LP history. Only 89 people attended the first convention in 1971 in Denver, 500 in 1975 in New York, 1,400 in 1979 in Los Angeles, and 600 in 1983 in New York.

The convention got under way on Tuesday, September 1, with meetings of the Platform and Rules/Bylaws Committees. These meetings continued the following day with the addition of a National Committee meeting and a gathering of the Council of State Chairs.

The official opening ceremonies took place on Thursday morning with a welcoming address by Karen Allard, Washington state chair. As additional Party business continued on the floor of the convention hall—actually the Grand Ballroom—lectures, panel discussions, and workshops took place in other meeting rooms. One of the best attended meetings on Thursday was a panel discussion entitled "Sex, Drugs, and Rock & Roll" featuring Walter Block of the Fraser Institute, author Robert Anton Wilson, and radio personality Dr. Demento.

Several minor bylaws changes were adopted on Thursday, but only one change passed which was considered "major." The change involved Article 8 of the bylaws which was amended to state that any affiliate party with 5 percent or more of the total national party membership may have one representative on the National Committee, and state parties which band together to form regions must also have 5 percent or more of the total national party membership. The section used to state that representation was based on each 250 members.

Thursday also saw the start of the Communicator Workshop put on by the Advocates for Self-Government. The four-day series featured David Bergland, Phillip Mitchell, and, of course, Marshall Fritz. The workshop was well attended throughout the four days it ran, and visitors all over the hotel could frequently hear Fritz's booming voice shouting his now familiar phrase, "CAN YOU HEAR ME?"

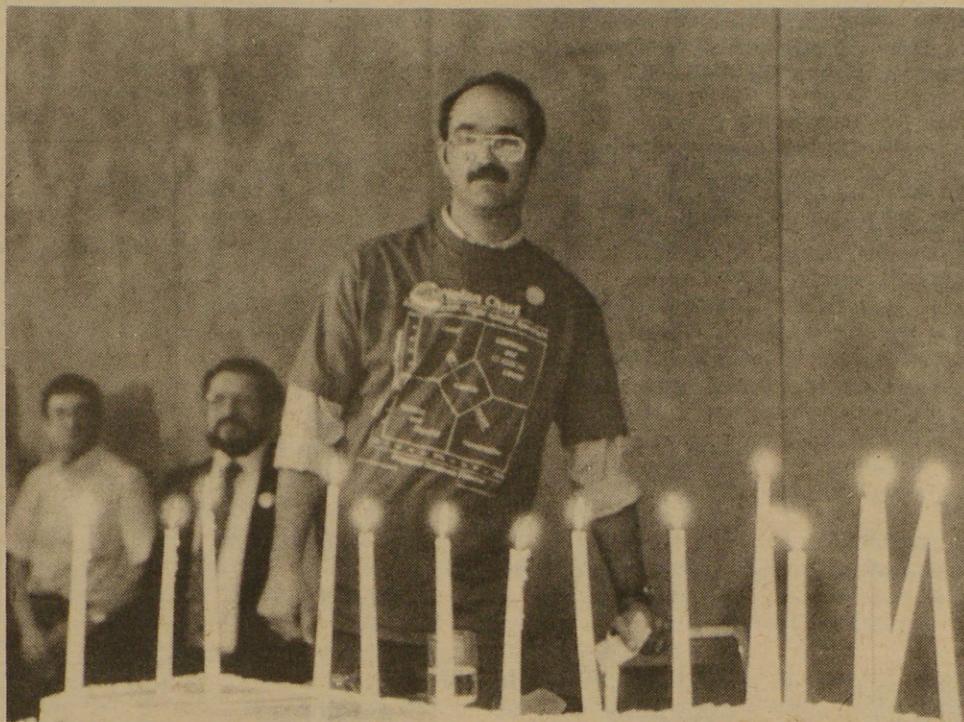
An unofficial debate took place between the presidential candidates in the afternoon. Candidates attending the convention included Ron Paul, Russell Means, Jim Lewis, and Harry Glenn. Ed Roth, who had announced earlier as a candidate for the position, withdrew before the convention and threw his support to Ed Clark. Clark, however, expressed no interest in entering the campaign.

Ron Paul and Russell Means repeated their qualifications and their stances on the issues, as they had before the convention, and as were earlier reported in LP NEWS.

Harry Glenn, 70, grabbed much of the media attention during the debate. "I'm the country boy for this country," Glenn said; and while the media were interested in Glenn's "God, Guts, and Guns" campaign, only a few delegates took his message to heart.

Jim Lewis, the Party's vice presidential candidate in 1984, told the delegates that he would soon be standing trial in Connecticut for refusing to pay taxes. Lewis said his knowledge of the Constitution set him apart from the other candidates.

The highlight of Thursday's activities, how-



David Nolan celebrates the Libertarian Party's 16th Anniversary.

ever, occurred in the evening when David Nolan hosted a special Libertarian Party Anniversary Soiree entitled "16 Candles." The Party was founded on August 15, 1971, in the living room of Nolan's home in Colorado, and the "16 Candles" party was designed to celebrate the 16 years since that event.

Nolan secretly selected 16 people who he said made up a "Hall of Fame of tireless Libertarian activists." One at a time, each of the 16 was introduced and asked to light one of 16 candles on a huge cake shaped in the form of *The Culture of Freedom* logo.

"These are people who have helped make the LP what it is today," Nolan said. "Not all of them are the biggest names in the movement, although there will be a fair number of those included, but each and every one has made a unique and important contribution to the Party."

Nolan lit the first candle himself, and then introduced the following 15 Libertarians, each of whom, he said, had "a deep-seated, passionate love for freedom": John Hospers, Tonie Nathan, Roger MacBride, David Bergland, Robert Murphy, Ed Clark, Ruth Bennett, Alicia Clark, Larry Dodge, Andre Marrou, Jim Lewis, Marshall Fritz, David Walter, Don Ernsberger, and Karl Hess.

Following the celebration, Robert Anton Wilson and Karl Hess held a huge audience enthralled for over three hours with a "dialogue." Covering topics ranging from gun-running and the FBI to bio-genetics and digital audio tape, Wilson and Hess mixed outrageous humor and serious comment into their "improvisational act."

On Friday, the delegates continued to try to work out platform planks and discussed a proposed Libertarian Party Program, a sort of simplified platform with statements covering 10 subjects including neutrality and free trade, federal spending, taxes, defense, pollution, unemployment, education, and other areas. The delegates couldn't come to an agreement on Friday concerning the Program, but it was rejected Saturday morning with many feeling the platform itself would suffice.

An all new AIDS plank for the platform was presented by the Platform Committee to the delegates earlier in the week, but by Friday it was rejected and another new draft submitted by members of Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns. This new plank is printed elsewhere in this issue.

The highlight of Friday was the official candidates' forum. The four presidential candidates and Andre Marrou, vice presidential candidate, took part in this question-and-answer

session. Questions were drafted by the candidates' campaign staffs and each question was answered by each candidate.

On Friday evening, most of the delegates boarded the *Spirit of Seattle*, the largest cruise ship in the area, for a dinner cruise around Puget Sound. The trip included food, music, and dancing, and although the air was a little cool for those without jackets, everyone seemed to have a great time.

The delegates made their choices of presidential and vice presidential candidates on Saturday. After nominating speeches, the delegates elected Ron Paul as their presidential nominee and Andre Marrou for the second spot on the ticket (see page 1).

The delegates also took care of some further Party business during the day. A new membership category was adopted by the Party. Russell Means came up with an idea whereby a person may join the Party at no cost. This new category of membership was proposed by Matt Monroe and Honey Lanham of Texas. These new members will not count toward delegate status at conventions, but will receive regular information from the national headquarters.

In order to sign up new Party members, a new two-part membership form will be available

to people who hear about the Party and want to join right away. One part of the form will be a business reply card with a space for a signature to the pledge and the person's name and address. The other part of the form will be a membership card that can be kept and shown with pride right away.

The Presidential Banquet was attended by 573 persons on Saturday night. Ron Paul and Andre Marrou both spoke to the gathering. Excerpts from these addresses appear elsewhere in this issue.

Following the addresses, Ed Clark conducted a fund-raiser for the Ron Paul campaign. Several Party members made individual pleas for donations to the campaign, including Bob Lehman, past California executive director who is now living in Florida. In a very emotional talk, Lehman, who last year was diagnosed as having brain cancer, donated a Kruggerand to the campaign.

Those attending the banquet contributed over \$53,000 to the campaign on Saturday night.

"The Liberty Revue," with Bob Steiner acting as master of ceremonies, provided the after-dinner entertainment. The revue included songs, skits, monologues, and a poem.

A 1950's rock and roll band, Sparky and the Starfires, provided music till morning for dancing.

Sunday the delegates re-elected Jim Turney as national chair and selected members of the National Committee for the next two years (see page 1).

Ruth Bennett, president of Convention Services, said the convention "went very well, people had a good time, things pretty much happened the way we hoped they would, and attendance was better than we had initially hoped it would be."

Bennett attributed much of the success of the convention to her staff, David Jones and Tina Carter. Volunteers also played a major role in the administrative aspects of the convention. Bennett praised Karen Allard, Tom Tanaka, Ned Clark, Joy Daniels, Carol Gardner, Tonie Nathan, and Judy Blumert, and gave a special mention to Denise Kline, "volunteer extraordinaire," as Bennett put it, who has "been an integral part of the registration proceedings at the last four conventions."

"The people from out-of-state that just saw the need and pitched in will forever hold a warm spot in my heart," Bennett added.

The convention, one of the most successful the Party has ever held, wound up Sunday night. In contrast to other conventions, nearly all delegates left the gathering with a feeling of unity.

Zappa: Party Kind of Guy?

Frank Zappa, rock musician and recently the leading spokesperson against censorship in rock music, was contacted just weeks before the Seattle convention and asked to consider a spot on the 1988 Libertarian Party ticket.

Robert Murphy, Oklahoma Libertarian and NatCom member, said he first thought of approaching Zappa several years ago when he saw Zappa speak about censorship on a TV news broadcast. Murphy said he thought at the time, "That's our candidate for 1988."

Just a few weeks before the convention, Murphy called John Robertson, libertarian activist in Los Angeles, and asked Robertson to try to find a way to get in touch with Zappa. Robertson found Zappa's agent, and Murphy called.

Murphy said he left a message that he wanted to talk to Zappa about running for vice-president on the Libertarian Party ticket.

Zappa and Murphy talked several times on the phone, and Murphy said he sent Zappa several basic Libertarian books and a copy of the Party platform.

Then, less than a week before the convention

was to begin, Zappa invited Murphy out to California to discuss the idea. Murphy said he flew to Los Angeles and met with Zappa for several hours.

Zappa had "read the platform and could see the ideology, but he found it too strident," Murphy said, describing Zappa as "very articulate and very intelligent."

"He's real good on civil liberties and non-interventionist foreign policy," Murphy said, "but he needs more work on economics."

Zappa was interested in the Libertarian Party and the 1988 campaign, but told Murphy he was thinking more in terms of the presidential spot on the ticket, according to Murphy.

Murphy said Zappa told him that if he were to run for president, he knew he could win the election in 1988.

Murphy described Zappa as a "small 'l' libertarian" and certainly a new friend of the Party. He said he intends to stay in touch with Zappa and send him more information on the Party.

"There just wasn't enough time," Murphy said, to work things out this year.

New National Committee Named

Major changes occurred in the personnel of the National Committee, along with a realignment of regions. The following is a list of names and addresses of the new Party officers and National Committee members, as well as the new regional designations:

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Paul and Marrou Speak Out

Excerpts from Ron Paul's Presidential Address:

One of the most difficult things for the Libertarian politician is to face the media when they challenge you on all the issues. And all of a sudden their eyes light up and they say, "You mean you don't want the government to do anything?" Good idea.

It reminds me of a story told by Ludwig von Mises when he was talking to his students about the Depression, and he was explaining to these students laboriously and he said, "The government shouldn't do anything and we'd get over this correction much sooner." One of the students raised a question and said, "Dr. Mises, that means the government should do nothing." And Mises said, "Yes, but the government should do nothing much sooner."

I think we have some other people to be thankful for tonight. There are certainly others who have contributed to the growth of the Libertarian Party—like the Republican Party and the Democratic Party.

I think 1988 is going to be a historic year. I think we can look forward to some really exciting things to happen. And again it is not because I represent anything special, but I think the Libertarian Party and the Libertarian message is very, very special.

I think also we live in very, very special

times. We have been delivered a very opportune time to deliver our message. Ed (Clark) and David (Bergland) in the last two campaigns did an exceptionally good job in presenting our views. The times were tough, but the times are exceptionally beneficial to us today.

Therefore I want to see a tremendous effort made in 1988 and I believe it's going to come. I think the enthusiasm and excitement of this campaign certainly allows for that opportunity.

We (Americans) have brought ourselves to a crisis point. Something has to happen. We have two choices, either we are going to move rapidly now toward totalitarianism, or the Libertarian Party is going to be victorious. I vote for the second.

There has never been in the history of mankind a slave revolt. That doesn't happen. What usually happens is that men of principle, who are free, free the slaves and then they join the revolution. It is up to us, those people who are principled and understand the Libertarian message, who should get the message out and change things. It can only be done without the force and the violence and the concerns that we would all have if it comes to that.

We must do it through persuasion. Fortunately we still have a wonderful system that we can work through and bring about change. I

am seriously concerned about the time. I know that we have that opportunity now. I am not convinced that we'll have it in the 1990's.

So, therefore, I urge you, beg of you, to do every single thing you can do for your own benefit, for all of our benefits, for the benefit of the country, for us to achieve victory in 1988. I thank you very much.

Excerpts from Andre Marrou's Vice Presidential Address:

Here's to Liberty and to Victory.

We're going to do a lot better next year than anybody thinks we are, including ourselves.

For many years America was on the gold standard with 100 percent backed cash. The gold standard...meant objective values, integrity, and honest money.

The Democrats and Republicans, as we all know, inflated the money and watered down the value of your dollar. At the same time they watered down the American dream, the principles of liberty, and the future of America.

The Libertarian Party represents a new gold standard, not just in money, but in ideas. A gold standard in civil liberties, a gold standard in personal freedoms, and a gold standard in bringing our armed forces home to the United States where they belong.

We Libertarians have fully redeemable principles and fully redeemable promises. It's time to bring the gold standard back in money and in political principles.

Living Free

By Rex F. May

One of the most striking examples of "living libertarianism" now stretches across an entire city block just across the street from Purdue University in Lafayette, IN.

The entire block along (ironically) State Street is occupied by the enterprises of John and Sylvia von Erdmansdorff, long-time libertarians whose activities have become a strong support for a healthy, growing libertarian movement in the area.

Window shopping along the libertarian lane you pass Vons Copy Shop, Vons Computers, Vons Print Shop, Vons Records, Vons Electronics, Vons Books, Vons Card and Gift Shop, and WVNS, a cable radio station affectionately known locally as "the Island in the Airwaves."

It all got started back in 1968 when John and Sylvia grew tired of their teaching jobs at, respectively, Purdue and Harrison High School, and launched themselves into full-time free enterprise. With 50 dollars and one room of their house they put together a funky little bookstore. It worked, drawing customers attracted to the "Vons" good eye for, among other things, sci-fi and free market titles.

Today, the bookstore is a major one by any standards and contains one of the finest, fully-stocked selections of the best of current works in all areas, the best of standards, and a very serious, complete sci-fi and free market and individualist section. Visiting there recently, LP NEWS editor Karl Hess found books he had been seeking for a long time, ordered more, and described the store as the best stocked he'd ever seen.

The Vons have no guidelines for their success except hard and smart work. Currently employing 38 people, the Vons exploit the skills of each individual, treat customers and employees alike as individuals, and yet are always prepared to help people working in the stores to learn new skills. Unencumbered by "official policy," the Vons are always ready to consider unorthodox deals, to test innovative products, and to negotiate about anything.

For example, two years ago I walked into the bookstore carrying an armload of the cartoons that I produce under the pen name of Baloo. These particular cartoons were, to put it mildly, impudent and risqué. No magazine would touch them but I thought they'd make good postcards. John von Erdmansdorff agreed and now a full line of these cards is carried in the bookstore and also distributed nationwide through Chimera distributors (located in the basement under Vons Video Shop).

Purdue faculty regularly send students to the store for books on every subject from engineering to poetry and philosophy. Possibly because of the complete coverage of the bookstore, Purdue has never seen any need for an official university bookstore!

Whenever local libertarians need the help of the Vons' facilities, they are there for them—as are the proprietors who live in an apartment above the stores.

In part of the basement under the stores there is now developing a libertarian reference and lending library. The copy shop is home to the local libertarian newsletter.

Recently, I and my family also moved to an apartment above the stores. Liberty-land in Lafayette. And a living example of libertarian entrepreneurial spirit. It's probable that people in this area are learning a lot about liberty from the real-life example of the von Erdmansdorffs as well as from the books they buy from Vons Bookstore, from Agora-on-the-Wabash.

IS ABORTION AGGRESSION?

Libertarian arguments against abortion and in favor of children's rights. Literature packet. \$3. (SASE for information only.)

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Seattle Convention News Notes

The convention was covered by the *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *Seattle Times*, *USA Today*, UPI, CNN-TV, local TV and radio stations, and other media. C-SPAN television also carried Ron Paul's acceptance speech on its "Road to the White House" segment.

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At least two non-Libertarian elected officials attended the convention. Washington State Senator Ray Moore (D) and Idaho State Representative Elizabeth Allen Hodge (R) were on hand to learn more about the LP. Moore attended because he was impressed with LP's Skip Barron's candidacy in the 1970's. Hodge was a guest of Andre Marrou, who was working to get Hodge to change her political alliance.

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Patrick Henry, as portrayed by Bruce Evoy, visited the convention floor and delivered his famous "Give Me Liberty" speech. The standing ovation shook the hall.

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Jim Lewis announced that he was reviving Thomas Jefferson's newspaper, the *National Gazette*. Lewis handed out copies of the paper which he hopes will become "a national newspaper which once again cries out against the tyranny of government intervention in our lives." For more information, write to the *National Gazette*, P.O.

317, Decatur, MI 49045. Subscription price is \$10 per year.

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Don Ernsberger announced he would be running for U.S. Congress in his home state of Pennsylvania.

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Some buttons seen at the convention: "I Think Therefore I'm DANGEROUS"; "Every State in '88"; "Anarchy is Peace"; "Stop Organized Crime—Abolish the IRS"; "Stop the Draft"; "Beat State"; "Legalize Freedom"; and, of course, "Question Authority".

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Dick Boddie told the convention about his favorite recent bumper sticker—"Shit Happens".

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Bob Steiner, who emceed the Liberty Revue, told the crowd about the latest best-selling book in the nation, "Six Inches from The White House," by Gary Hart.

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Hospitality Suites were sponsored by nearly every group at the convention. It made for some very late nights or early mornings for those who wanted to participate.

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David Nolan did a terrific job hosting the "16 Candles" celebration. He managed to take a humorous shot at each of the presidential contenders. His best (?) line was

aimed at Russell Means. Nolan said Means had done so much traveling in the last year that he was becoming known as "that runaround Sioux."

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John Heaton, SC state chair, announced a project to gather business cards from as many delegates as possible. Heaton said he would copy them onto sheets of paper and send copies of all the cards to anyone who turned one in to him. Heaton is hoping to start a little trade among Libertarians.

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Among the most frequently seen buttons worn by those attending the Seattle convention was a plain red button with a black "Karl!" imprinted on it and a red-gold-and-black button with a sketch of the editor of the Libertarian Party NEWS on it and the legend "Keep Karl."

Both were worn in support of Karl Hess' editorship of the NEWS and in the wake of criticism of that editorship from members of two important state parties, California and Wisconsin.

According to Hess, "the buttons, as tokens of support, were warmly welcome and they seemed to work wonders in smoothing over any lingering resentments about the editorship. By the end of the convention I felt there was renewed and wider-than-ever support for my editorship just as there seemed a greater spirit of unity overall."



Young Libertarian Daniel Barron, age 4, son of Skip and Linda Barron of Washington state, wears a "Stop the Draft" button at the convention.

AIDS Plank

We recognize that AIDS is a dread disease of epidemic proportions. But governmental proposals to combat it present an unprecedented threat to individual liberty and often encourage the spread of the disease. We oppose all government-mandated AIDS testing. We are opposed to FDA restrictions which make it difficult for individuals to secure treatment for this disease. We also call for the decriminalization of hypodermic syringes, especially since sharing needles is now a major means of transmission of the disease. We oppose government-mandated contact tracing and state intervention into the private medical records of individuals. We are opposed to efforts by the government, especially the postal service, to restrict the dissemination of AIDS education material. We support the rights of all individuals to freedom of association including the right not to associate.

Norma Jean

Norma Jean Almodovar, former Libertarian Party candidate for lieutenant governor of California, is in jail to serve a three-year term for (officially) pandering or (presumably) for threatening to expose her former employer, the Los Angeles Police Department, in a projected book entitled *Cop to Call Girl*.

California libertarians are circulating a petition for her pardon. Copies are available from a newly-formed Friends of Norma Jean, 1626 N. Wilcox Av., #580, Hollywood, CA 90028. Phones are 213-382-6445 or 213-398-4495. Contributions are needed.

Larry Leathers is chairman of the new group and Norma Jean's brother, Neil Wright, is editing a weekly "Norma Jean Watch Report." Advance orders for Norma Jean's book also are being accepted at \$15.73, including tax and shipping.

Norma Jean's prison address is Norma Jean Almodovar, W27022 Miller A43L, 16756 Chino Corona Road, Frontera, CA 91720. If you write, it is suggested that you send a copy to the Friends office so that they can check on whether any letters are lost or misplaced by the prison bureaucracy which, so far, seems to be going out of its way to keep her from talking to the press or friends.

IHS at GMU

This is another in a continuing series of brief profiles of non-party, and even anti-party, groups which in some way support libertarian and/or freemarket positions. The series is presented, not necessarily to endorse any of the groups, but to assure Libertarian Party members of access to information about others who, each in their own way, are involved in the cause of liberty.

Under the direction of the outstanding libertarian, Leonard Liggio, the Institute for Humane Studies is now located at and affiliated with George Mason University in Fairfax, VA.

The affiliation with a university, particularly one as aggressive and dynamic as GMU, has already enhanced the Institute's ability to raise money and to work closely with classical liberal scholars—both activities being essential to its strategy for a free society. The reaction to the move has been so favorable that the Institute has already been able to add to its substantial program of discovering, developing, and supporting academics in the humane sciences with a deep appreciation for individual liberty.

Unlike other groups that share its views, the Institute does not engage in mass education or lobbying. Instead, it pursues a strategy formulated generally by the great Austrian economist F.A. Hayek. Hayek stressed the importance of intellectuals—broadly defined—to social change. The Institute seeks out the brightest young students in economics, history, philosophy, law, and the other humane sciences, and introduces them to the works of the great champions of liberty. It then nourishes and deepens their understanding of the free society through fellowship grants, seminars, conferences, and less formal contact with scholars in the Institute's vast international academic network.

The results, after nearly 25 years of work, are clear to see. Institute alumni have assumed teaching posts at prestigious universities, as well as important positions as opinion-leaders in journalism and other fields.

For more information, contact the Institute at George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030; phone 703-323-1055.

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News Digest

Jack Dean, former state chairman of the Libertarian Party of California, has already announced his intention to seek the party's nomination for the US Senate seat now held by Republican Pete Wilson. Dean says that his campaign will oppose US interventionism, immigration and trade barriers, mandatory drug testing, and the minimum wage while supporting the maximizing of individual freedom.

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Michael Harris is the Libertarian Party candidate for the District 40 Assembly seat in New Jersey.

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Texas Libertarian Party member **Susan Frensley** has been appointed to the library board of Richardson, a town of 72,500 north-east of Dallas.

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Libertarian **Charlie Hartman** is running for the Iowa State Senate on a one plank platform: "Instant Adjournment."

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Jack Kelleher has been re-elected to the Board of Selectmen in Epsom, NH, for a term expiring in 1990.

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The Libertarian Party has been dropped from the ballot in **Alaska** after failing to get 3 percent of the vote in the most recent election. Replacing it as the state's third party is the Alaska Independence Party, which favors secession.

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How many **presidential candidates** so far? The Federal Election Commission lists 135, ranging from a fellow who wants Tammy Faye Bakker as his running mate, to the anti-libertarian Lyndon LaRouche, and a candidate whose support group is called "Chuck Ott's Believe It Or Not, Serious Presidential Committee."

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Utah's Libertarian Party chair, **Bob Waldrop**, says that the state party no longer considers Randall Cates a member, even though it can't stop him from calling himself one. Reason: His violation of the Libertarian Party against the initiation of force when he held his wife and children hostage at gunpoint.

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For a complete story (too long for the NEWS) of how **Lou Villadsen** abolished the office for which he ran (the Mission Canyon Fire District in Santa Barbara, CA), write to Lou at 2801 Ocean Park Blvd., #87, Santa Monica, CA 90405 and send a couple of dollars to cover copying and mailing.

★★★★★

For the second consecutive year, efforts by **South Carolina's** Libertarian Party have stalled and weakened a legislative move to increase taxes. But still, the issue crops back up and the party there is preparing to fight it again.

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Although they were defeated for borough council in Waldwick, NJ, several years ago, the flyer that **Dan Karlan** and **Rich Duprey** used to oppose a plan to build sound barriers along a local highway has resurfaced as the basis for, finally, the council's rejection of the plan.

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Bureaucracy's version of voluntarism, from a letter to businessmen from **Ohio** Tax Commissioner Joanne Limbach: "If you decide not to take advantage of this opportunity to register voluntarily [for the collection of taxes on sales to nearby states] you can expect to be contacted and investigated by the Ohio Department of Taxation or tax auditors of another state..."

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In all the Republican zeal for drug testing, a simple statistical fact has apparently been overlooked. As pointed out in one of the last issues of "**American Defense**," the newsletter of the Libertarian Defense Caucus, in a test of 100 people, with a test that is 90 percent accurate [a reasonable figure even for the urine sniffers], and if there are 10 actual drug users, one of them may slip by as a non-user but, at the same time, nine of the innocent people may be checked as drug users. Thus, of 18 who test

positive, fully half may be innocent because of the statistical anomaly. Even a test that is 98.7 percent accurate would only yield a nine-out-of-10 probability of persons who tested positive actually being drug users.

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From a report circulated at a recent meeting of the Committee of Correspondence, major "green politics" organizing group in America: "**Green Party** candidates...must appeal more to principled (Robert Taft) Republicans, Libertarians, conservative independents than they appeal to Democrats and lefties..."

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Writing in *Free Market*, the publication of the **Ludwig von Mises Institute** (322 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002), economist **Murray N. Rothbard** deflates the rumor that newly appointed Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan is a dedicated disciple of Ayn Rand and a free market advocate. "[He] only believes in laissez-faire 'on the high philosophical level.' In practice, in the policies he advocates, he is a centrist like everyone else because he is a 'pragmatist'...at no time in his prominent 20-year career in politics has he ever advocated anything that even remotely smacks of laissez-faire, or even any approach toward it."

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Biting the bullet of principle, **Mike Reilly**, member of the Massachusetts Libertarian Party state committee, reports that his law firm is assisting in the defense against various federally-inspired charges against the libertarian-hating Lyndon LaRouche. Mike pointed out that the government is establishing dangerous precedents in many areas of the law in going after LaRouche and also is promoting alarming levels of cooperation between various state and federal law enforcement agencies. Certainly, Mike says, "libertarianism poses a greater threat to the establishment, and someday the same things may happen to us."

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Frank Clinard and **Richard Jones** of the **Libertarian Party of New Mexico** have pooled their money to produce and sell (for the party's benefit) bumperstickers that proclaim "Libertarians Do It Freely."

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At the Maryland state Libertarian Party convention, member **Jack Jones** presented a useful reminder "that while Libertarians come across as selfish and being concerned with private property, they are generous and concerned people as well." He suggested talking about sharing and cooperation at the same time libertarians make clear their total and absolute opposition to aggression. Points: Giving your property at gunpoint is not sharing; it's theft. Giving your time or obedience under the threat of violence is not cooperation; it is coercion. Redistribution of property, forced labor, and involuntary association are statements that one person is more worthy and deserving than another.

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Death sentence suggestion from **Stephen E. Gih**, of Fullerton, CA: Change laws so that people could specify in their will whether or not they would want a person who might kill them to be subject to the death penalty, thus respecting the will of the victim and not of "society."

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R.W. Bradford, coins and metal dealer, financial advisor, and long-time libertarian activist, has launched *Liberty*, a "new magazine that celebrates the diversity of libertarian thought, publishing reviews, essays and articles that analyze and apply the ideas, the ideals, and the life libertarianism implies." Six-a-year, \$18, payable to Liberty, c/o R.W. Bradford & Co., P.O. Box 1167, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

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Kim Goldsworthy and **Don Meyer**, active in the Libertarian Party of California, are forming "a libertarian think tank to explore

theoretical issues either not addressed by the party platform or considered 'taboo' for candidates including: capital punishment, children's rights, abortion, animal rights." They're planning discussion meetings. Goldsworthy: phone 818-280-5644. Meyer: 213-463-5362.

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Agorist Institute's outreach department is planning *The Encyclopedia of American Libertarianism and Anarchism*. Editors are Samuel Edward Konkin III and Wendy McElroy. Persons of all factional and doctrinal persuasions are invited to inquire about participation by writing to the Institute at 236 East Third Street, Suite 201, Long Beach, CA 90802.

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Harry D. Schultz, the renowned financial advisor, has announced the launching of Freedom, Inc., "a global freedom initiative." Libertarians must, he says, "create a quasi political and propaganda machine with workers in every voting district of every nation." Freedom, Inc. may be addressed at P.O. Box 5253, CH-8022, Zurich, Switzerland.

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Two special organizations to encourage grass roots libertarian activism have been started by the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County (CA) and the Libertarian Party of Clark County (NV). Santa Clara's is the **Campaigners Club**, devoted to recruiting and training libertarians in precinct work, phone banks, voter drives, and other basic political techniques. Clark County's is the **Porcupine Club**, monthly meetings "to offer libertarians some positive reinforcement for their efforts in increasing and promoting libertarian activities."

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Tough, well-researched attack against **government's abuse of the power of eminent domain** is in a new book, *Property Rights and Eminent Domain*, by Dr. Ellen Frankel Paul, deputy director of the Social Philosophy and Policy Center at Bowling Green State University (OH). Book is published by Transaction Books, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

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Brilliantly conceived and passionately and convincingly written is *New Age Politics*, by Tobin James Mueller, published as a high quality paperback (\$8.95) by Amherst Press, 318 N. Main St., P.O. Box 296, Amherst, WI 54406. Highly recommended as an introduction to **classical liberalism**, and as an expansive refresher for any libertarian, it may be strongly recommended for high school and college students.

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Ralph Myles Publisher, Inc., is updating its splendid catalog with the addition of works by **Laurance Labadie** and **Ezra Heywood** to its libertarian broadsides series. The company's listing of hard-to-get works by James Martin, Leonard Liggio, Lysander Spooner, and Max Stirner is a classical liberal treasure house.

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Gerald Walsh, Illinois activist, dramatized his opposition to state tax increases, at a busy intersection, with a sign reading "Honk for Tax Cuts." The auto response was terrific.

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From **Client's Monthly Alert**: "During the Middle Ages, serfs were required to work three months a year for their masters. Today, the American taxpayer toils about four months a year to pay taxes."

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Hostages? **Richard Putman**, Mankato, MN, libertarian, suggests an entrepreneurial solution: Offer \$100,000 for a returned hostage accompanied by at least one live kidnapper. Do you suppose, he asks, "that perhaps one Lebanese person per thousand making less than \$5,000 per year might be interested in helping us to rescue hostages and capture kidnappers under those terms?"

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Local Libertarian parties planning to become involved with government school issues

in their areas might want to contact **Barbara C. Zakszewski**, secretary of the Libertarian Party of Milwaukee County, 1523 W. Morgan Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53221, 404-671-4902. The party there prepared a hard-hitting response to an invitation for suggestions to school officials. Libertarian heart of their testimony: make schooling voluntary.

★★★★★

Talk about heroic dedication to keeping the record straight! After the annual LP convention in Oklahoma, **Fred Litzaw** set about typing all of his recordings of all official sessions. The complete record was available a month later, including verbatim transcripts of sessions with Ron Paul and Russell Means.

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More outstanding material available from Marshall Fritz' **Advocates for Self-Government**: software to run a "find where you stand" political quiz on PC's and clones, great for state fairs and other public meetings; Virgil Swearingen's Bible-based study guide for the religiously inclined who are interested in liberty; Dave Bergland's "Libertarianism in One Lesson" now available on cassette tape. Entire Advocates catalog of first-class material available from Marshall Fritz at 5533 E. Swift, Fresno, CA 93727.

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Another exposition of libertarianism as perfectly consistent with Christian doctrine is available from Charles R. Porter III of **Synergistic Ministries**, P.O. Box 16603, Saint Paul, MN 55116.

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The family that writes about liberty together...In a recent issue of the Alabama Libertarian Party newsletter there were by-line pieces by state chair **Frank Monachelli**, by **Desta Monachelli**, and by 11-year-old **Troyd Monachelli**, the state party's youngest member. (Thought: More ways are needed to get kids involved in libertarian activities.)

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Westchester and Putnam (NY) Libertarian Party News report on a poll of New York state legislators who were asked what they considered to be the most important issues facing them. Ethics was first; funding the infrastructure second; followed by rent control and then a shopping list. Not one legislator even mentioned excessive state spending or taxation.

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Interested in legal assaults against individual liberty and extensions of state police power? **Full Disclosure** (published "more or less monthly" at 527 E. Liberty, Suite 204, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 12 issues for \$15) makes a specialty of just that sort of coverage.

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IRS employees in St. Paul, MN, chose this as the most unusual taxpayer comment received in their office: "I want to send you my ashes. You've got everything else. When you get this, you'll have it all."

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More news of organized crime: At one point, recently, **IRS** Commissioner Lawrence Gibbs testified to Congress that he wants his 102,000 employees "to treat taxpayers as customers." During the same hearings—on a taxpayers' bill of rights to restrict IRS violence—a veteran of 18 years with the IRS read an official memo exhorting employees to "put as little space between [the taxpayer's] back and the wall as possible." Some customer service!

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One of the most original titles for a Libertarian Party newsletter: **The Trout in the Milk**, published in West Lafayette, IN. Title is taken from Thoreau's wonderful declaration that "Some circumstantial evidence is very strong, as when you find a trout in the milk."

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News Digest

Dick Boddie, California's outstanding libertarian speaker and motivator, presents some definitions of bureaucratic phrases. Reliable source: the guy you just met. Informed source: the guy who told the guy you just met. Unimpeachable source: the guy who started the rumor originally. Clarification: filling in the background with so many details that the foreground goes underground. A program: any assignment that can't be completed by one telephone call. Coordinator: the guy who has a desk between two expeditors.

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Rich Kleinow, writing in the newsletter of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota, offers another comparison for the Libertarian Party. He sees it as a ship. "It is filled with rowers straining against the political winds and currents. It needs no captain, each of the rowers knows the course. They have a principled compass to point the way..."

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"The Voluntarist," Carl Watner's lively, bi-monthly publication devoted to non-electoral, purely volitional actions, adds some wonderful new items to your collection of oxymorons (self-contradiction phrases). In a column by Charles Curley, they are "civil lawyer," "honest politician," "television writer," "Justice Department," and "civil servant." ("The Voluntarist" is \$15 for six issues, from P.O. Box 1275, Gramling, SC 29348.)

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"**Deregulator**," Rick Henderson's small but potent libertarian publication (monthly, \$8/yr, Box 1063, Chapel Hill, NC 27514) has presented a terrific rephrasing of the Declaration of Independence in the way it might be written as a class assignment by a modern Tommy Jefferson. Excerpts: "When the time comes to decide you're not going to have anything to do with the government anymore, and that you want to live free by your own rules, you should tell everyone why...when you've been taking crap from the government for a long time and you don't have any rights, it comes high time to get rid of the government... they won't let you live by your own rules unless they say you can, even if you're not bothering anyone...In conclusion, on behalf of myself and all other people like me, I declare that we are free and independent folks who don't have to obey the government anymore... We mean it and I for one am willing to lay everything on the line for it."

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Virtually the entire issue of a recent "**Libertarian Lifeline**," publication of the Alameda County Libertarian Party (3960 E. 14th St., Oakland, CA 94601), was devoted to Vincent Cook's article "The myth of utilitarianism: a second look at natural rights." (If you ask for a copy, send a donation to cover copying and handling.)

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Everett DeJager, writing in the "Ohio Libertarian," has some acerbic reminders about the president usually ranked No. 1 in surveys of historians—the super-federalist A. Lincoln. In his first inaugural address, Lincoln said he had no intention of interfering with the slave states and promised no use of force against seceding states, although promising to continue to collect duties and imposts from them. "In other words," DeJager writes, "these states may secede, but they must continue to pay the taxes that have [helped drive them] to secede."

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Free New York, the statewide Libertarian Party newsletter, introduces a nifty new feature detailing things you can't do in various jurisdictions. In posh Westchester County, where people can afford swinging parties, you can't have "performances" (like a band) in your own backyard without getting a license. The article points out that a similar law in Stratford, CT, was ruled unconstitutional when the defendant was a man who wanted to have prayer meetings, with music, in his home. Licensing it was declared unconstitutional based on the separation of church and state!

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Colorado Libertarian Party's useful Clipboard for local activists outlines an ingenious way to finance a state office. It suggests that small businesses without a fixed location rent part of the office for a nominal fee, getting an address and phone answering service while helping the one party that strives to get all government off the backs of entrepreneurs.

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Possibly the only libertarian in America who is listed as a local landmark is **Mary Margaret**, of Fort Collins, CO. In a Sunday feature in the widely circulated, daily *Coloradoan*, Fort Collins attractions are listed, including this: "A stranger would have a hard time understanding the man waiting outside the Larimer County Assessor's Office recently. He was upset at the specter of increases in his property taxes. 'What we need,' he said, 'is more Mary Margarets.' This woman with a nun-like name is Fort Collins' most prominent libertarian. She fights taxes like dogs fight cats."

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Glorious news on the **bureaucracy** front. The Coast Guard has seized, by computer, \$8 million from the US Customs Service after complaining that the customs people received two radar equipped planes that should have gone to the coastal guardians.

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Donald Thurow, retired postal worker, mailed off his regular \$1,300 mortgage payment to California Savings and Loan. Non-

retired postal workers delivered it, instead, to the IRS where an employee promptly stamped Internal Revenue Service over the name of the original payee. The check was duly credited to the US. When Thurow sued to get his money back, an assistant US Attorney in San Francisco said that the suit was "frivolous" and that Thurow's attorney should have to pay the government's legal fees in defending against it.

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Infiltration note: Listed among the sponsors and supporters of a September US Department of Transportation conference on **privatization** are The Adam Smith Institute, The Cato Institute, The Heartland Institute, The Local Government Center, and The Reason Foundation.

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Rochester libertarians have celebrated, at a dinner meeting, the first anniversary of a protest in which seven women, including a local libertarian, went topless to protest state laws prohibiting women, but not men, from baring their breasts in public.

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Two libertarian groups have made recent presentations showing that local tax policies can drive out businesses which, otherwise, would benefit many people. The free market **Heartland Institute** (59 East Van Buren, Suite 810, Chicago, IL 60605) has published a survey showing that Wisconsin taxpayers now bear the third heaviest tax burden in the nation and that, as those taxes have gone up, the state's economic growth has lagged behind that of the rest of the nation. And a recent issue of "**Common Sense**," Jefferson County, AL, Libertarian Party newsletter, details ways in which property confiscations by the city of Birmingham, on behalf of selected developers, ~~has alarmed many small businessmen.~~ "These [developers] presumably wouldn't go around sticking guns in the face of store owners to force them to hand over their property. But by asking the city to use eminent domain to accomplish the deed, they are doing the same thing."

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A letter-to-the-editor of the *Kansas City Star* from **Douglas Merritt**, a secretary of the Kansas Libertarian Party, contrasts recent elections in Vietnam with some in Kansas. In Vietnam there were 496 seats to be filled and 829 candidates, or a choice of 1.67 candidates per seat. Of the seven political parties in Kansas, only two were allowed on the ballot for the state House, resulting in only 196 candidates for 125 legislative districts—or a choice of only 1.57 candidates per seat.

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Quite a few calls asking if the **Irwin Schiff** recently shot to death in New York was the

famous tax resister. (One libertarian newsletter plunged ahead, assuming it was, and asked "Did the IRS Gestapo Murder Irwin Schiff?") Answer: No. The shot Schiff was a well-known high-roller with widely reported connections to criminal organizations.

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Libertarian lack of religious faith is why they are "doomed," according to Washington writer Tom Bethell, a recent speaker at the libertarian **Free Marin Forum** in California. As he explained it in an earlier interview: "Admittedly there are those who believe neither in God nor in the New Socialist Man—libertarians for example. Ayn Rand is the archetype. Faith as far as I can see simply forms no part of libertarians' makeup. They don't have it and they don't miss it. But I insist that such people are rare, which incidentally may be why libertarians seem so doomed [even though] they say rational and usually intelligent things..." (Ed. note: One rational and intelligent thing that some of them say is that to be a libertarian you neither have to *disbelieve* in a god or believe in Ayn Rand.)

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After **Col. North's** devastating exposure of how those loose-lipped congressmen blab all of the secrets of Ollie and his friends, you may be perplexed to learn that a Senate study shows that some three-fourths of all leaks of government secrets recently have come from the executive branch. Could Ollie be wrong? Heaven forefend. Of course, there also was the *Newsweek* expose of the fact that one leak, charged by Ollie to the Congress, had come from, of all people, Ollie himself.

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Nevada has taken a strong lead in the race to come up with the most devious use of governmental power below the federal level—in order, as some officials frankly tell newsmen, to get the most government money out of a proposed federal high-level nuclear waste dump at Yucca Mountain. The state legislature created, by the stroke of a pen, a brand new 144-square-mile county (Bullfrog) just where the dump is to be located. Reason: The new county, with a commission to be appointed by the governor because there are no residents there, can charge the feds a tax equal to the maximum local rate. In an existing county, to gouge the feds, the taxes would have to go up for everyone. But not in Bullfrog. They can charge what they want and there's no-one there to complain. Beautiful.

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Perry Willis, former national director of the Libertarian Party and more recently Arizona state chair and campaign manager for Andre Marrou's vice-presidential bid, has decided to withdraw from all Party activities for a time. His reasons, he says, are strictly personal. He wants to have time, among other things, to think about ways in which the Party could operate more effectively.

LI Issues World Report of Activities

By Vince Miller

The ideas of liberty are spreading to the far corners of the world. Libertarian International, the organization that maintains an extensive networking service and newsletter for the world movement, has grown to where it has active members in 40 countries and formal representatives in 22.

Of course, movements in different parts of the world find themselves at varying levels of development. Some countries can boast only a few lonely activists (what Murray Rothbard, speaking at LI's Zurich conference, called the "lone nut stage"). They are maybe 15 years behind us. Countries like Norway, Holland, Belgium, Canada, and Australia, however, have well developed and growing movements. The "lone nuts" can surely use our help and encouragement at this point in time but we can all benefit from the exchange of ideas and strategies as the movement grows and diversifies.

In this, the first of a series of "World Reports," I will round-up some examples of what is happening on the world scene:

GERMANY: The Dutch Libertarians are organizing an LI Regional "Lowlands" conference in Kalterherberg, Germany, on October 21-25, 1987. The theme will revolve around the practical applications of libertarianism in our daily lives. The program will be predominantly in English with some sessions in Dutch. Convention fee is 480 Dutch Guilders. The event will draw attendees from all over Europe and some from North America.

NORWAY: Bjorn Kjolseth, LI representative for Norway, is in the final stages of setting up a European computer bulletin board called "BLACKBOARD." It will contain an LI section on world happenings and other sections on Norwegian and European news. The access number will be published in future issues of LP NEWS. Kjolseth is also working on establishing a regular Sunday newspaper in Oslo.

He ran a libertarian radio station for several years and has successfully backed the government down on numerous issues. A truly heroic figure. Watch for this name in the future.

Dr. Jan Sommerfelt Pettersen, another of Norway's top libertarian figures, has published Norway's only libertarian magazine, *Ideer om Frihet*, for the past five years and recently published an international libertarian directory, *Index On Liberty*, in cooperation with LI. Copies are available for \$2.50 through LI.

PAKISTAN: Asim Effendi, LI representative for Pakistan, believes that stiff registration requirements and punitive state auditing of non-major political parties is "just a clever attempt by the present government to keep powerful opponents out of the game." (US ballot drivers may take consolation in knowing they are not alone.)

SWAZILAND: LI's next World Conference will be held in Swaziland, Southeast Africa, August 7-13, 1988. Co-hosts will be Frances

Kendall and Leon Louw. A star-studded speaker lineup and a two and one-half day photo-safari to the Kruger National Game Park are all part of this exciting event.

USA: A new pamphlet on "Privatization" is being published by LI in cooperation with Robert Poole Jr. of the Reason Foundation. We recommend that this be distributed on college campuses and sent to government officials and the media. Three cents each (plus postage costs). For orders of 1,000 or more we will custom imprint your state party or group name and address in a box provided for that purpose. Write for special bulk rates.

For more information about any of the above or our other activities, contact: Libertarian International, 9308 Farmington Drive, Richmond, VA 23229. Phone: 804-740-6932. LI basic membership/subscriptions are \$20 US. Sample newsletter \$1.00.

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I Am A Libertarian Feminist

By Wendy McElroy

The term "libertarian feminism" is often considered to be a redundancy. After all, libertarianism states that all human beings, simply by being human, have equal rights. Thus, the word libertarian all by itself places women securely within a political framework of equality. What more can be validly claimed?

Well, treating feminism purely as a political theory, I agree: Libertarianism provides me with all the rights that I can validly claim. Nevertheless, I call myself a libertarian feminist. Why? Because the division of labor applies to the intellectual realm every bit as much as it applies to the economic realm. Libertarian feminism is a form of intellectual specialization. It is a way of focusing the general argument for rights onto specific issues which seem to involve women more than men.

But, of all the available alternatives, why specialize in women's rights? I think there are at least four good reasons.

(1) Applying any principle requires specialization. That's what applying a principle means: taking a general concept and translating it into specific terms. Sometimes the specific terms involve an issue, such as freedom of speech. Sometimes they involve a class of people, such as North American Indians. This does not mean that freedom of speech is more important than other freedoms, or that Indians have more rights than other races. It simply means that to apply the broad concept of rights, one must focus on some specific instance.

Being a woman, it is natural for me to specialize in an area that deeply affects me—namely, women's rights. To this choice, people often respond, "Why don't you deal with more important areas? There are better uses of your time." Although it is common for movement

people to talk about the "best" use of X, Y, or Z's time—as if fellow-libertarians were natural resources to be allocated—I think the best use of anyone's time is pursuing freedom in an area that particularly interests them, that particularly touches them.

I might agree that, on some abstract scale floating above my head, feminism is less important than anti-war agitation. But if women's rights are what I think of when I wake up in the morning, if that is the material my hand instinctively reaches for to read, then it would be folly for me to divert energy into "a more important issue." And I doubt the wisdom of such a movement which advises the sublimation of true enthusiasts. Such a movement is surely courting burn-out in its members.

All roads lead to Rome; all defenses of natural right lead to freedom.

(2) But doesn't a focus on feminism imply that women are politically a category apart from men?

Yes. But this separation of interests is not part of natural rights; it results from a violation of natural rights. As with blacks, it is necessary for women to defend their rights as a class apart from men because the government has specifically and legally defined them as a class apart. In the 19th Century, an openly oppressive government stripped women of rights. In the 20th Century, a more subtly oppressive government purports to protect their "minority" status. (So-called government privileges are really an attack on women's rights. Those privileges amount to paternalism: the idea that women, like children and mental incompetents, must be legally protected in their daily lives.)

So long as the government defines women as a distinct legal class, those who oppose government intervention must address this distinction— if only to say that it shouldn't exist. Indeed, the

core of libertarian feminism may well be this one statement: As there is no distinction between the natural rights of women and of men, there must be no legal distinction between them.

(3) Some issues impact upon women differently than they impact upon men. This is not to say that the rights involved derive from a different source. All rights derive from self-ownership: the idea that every human being has a moral jurisdiction over his or her own body. The specific application of the same right can differ with biology, however. Freedom of abortion cannot—as a matter of biology—involve the same violation of male rights as it does of women's rights. It is the self-ownership of the women's body that is under attack and it is natural for women to consider this attack to be a priority.

(4) But the main reason I call myself a libertarian feminist is more personal: I have a deep love of libertarian history and of the individualist tradition. Libertarian history has a rich, deep strain of feminism. The modern rejection of feminism in any form has resulted in an Orwellian memory hole. Libertarians have not heard of Ezra Heywood, imprisoned for distributing birth control information. They are not inspired by Lillian Harman, perhaps the first woman to be imprisoned for a non-state marriage. They do not draw on the arguments of William Lloyd Garrison who walked out of an anti-slavery meeting because it would not seat women. If these fine anarchist-libertarians have swelled the dustbin of history, it is perhaps because libertarians are so unwilling to claim their feminist heritage. Indeed, they are so eager to disclaim all connection with feminism that this area has been abandoned to newcomers—namely, the socialists.

Much of the radical chic in which socialism



Fashion plate Marshall Fritz remembered to bring his new "Nolan Chart" T-shirt to Seattle, but forgot the rest of his outfit.

clothes itself derives from the history it claims for itself. But libertarianism can consistently outbid the socialist claim to historical sainthood: 19th Century libertarians were at the cutting edge of black rights and rights for women. We have a proud heritage, which is generally ignored.

I think this is unfortunate.

I am a libertarian feminist.



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NEWS

South African Problem Produces Groundswell

Adding organizational support to the major effort of libertarians peacefully to resolve the South African crisis, is a new group called Groundswell.

Coordinated by a transplanted California libertarian, Kerry Welsh, who is also a correspondent for the Libertarian Party NEWS and the Libertarian International, Groundswell is described as "a non-party political educational movement of ordinary South Africans of all races who believe there is an alternative to apartheid that is acceptable to all. That alternative is called 'intensive democracy,' the best example of which is the canton system of Switzerland. The Swiss system is the focus of the No. 1 South African bestseller, *South Africa: The Solution*, by Frances Kendall and Leon Louw.

"Groundswell plans to get out the message to every South African—black and white, literate and illiterate—through a variety of means, including television, radio, and print

advertising, lectures and seminars, promotion of *South Africa: The Solution*, and a highly successful video and textbook education program entitled 'With Justice For All.'

The three-day video and textbook course has been picked up by 75 of South Africa's largest corporations with showings scheduled for 200,000 employees. Also, Bill Graham, the rock promoter who produced the Live Aid concerts, has promised his support for a Groundswell benefit concert.

US contributions of support for Groundswell may be sent to Groundswell, USA, 2207 Ruhland Avenue, Suite B, Redondo Beach, CA 90278. Directors of the American support group include the Los Angeles attorney Manny Klausner; *Reason Magazine's* editor, Robert Poole; psychologist Phyllis Kramer; and property developer Michael Welsh. Kerry Welsh, of Groundswell South Africa, may be reached at Box 70076, Bryanston 2021, South Africa; phone, 011-464-1212.

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