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## Pete du Pont: Behind the Rhetoric

by Greg Kaza and Eric Rittberg

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The rhetoric is quasi-libertarian:  
"Overhaul Social Security. Phase out farm subsidies. Reform welfare."

In the race for the 1988 Republican Party Presidential nomination, a candidate has emerged who has been attracting the support of the Party's quasi-libertarian wing. That candidate is Pierre S. "Pete" du Pont IV.

Pete du Pont, heir apparent of the infamous Delaware du Ponts, served three terms in Congress between 1971 and 1977, where he amassed a decidedly inconsistent moderate voting record. He also served two terms as Governor of the First State from 1977 to 1985. Since announcing for the Presidency September 16, 1986, in Wilmington, du Pont has been labeled a "radical conservative" and even a "libertarian" for his stands on domestic issues.

These include:

**Social Security:** Du Pont says the system is overburdened and on the verge of collapse. He would offer younger workers a private savings option while guaranteeing current benefits for present retirees.

**Farm subsidies:** Du Pont would phase them out in five years through annual 20 percent reductions. During the phaseout period, farmers would continue to receive subsidies, but the government would not dictate planting conditions to them.

**Education:** Education is one of the last government monopolies. The way you break monopolies is with competition. Du Pont would begin by giving education vouchers to the needy.

**Welfare reform:** Du Pont says he would



GOP presidential contender Pierre du Pont IV.

require all able bodied welfare mothers to work. If they cannot find private employment, a New Deal style sub-minimum wage jobs program augmented by higher tax credits, would be started.

Is Pete du Pont really a libertarian? Individuals within the du Pont camp told *American Libertarian* they are libertarians. Jeffery Eisench, du Pont's Campaign Director of Policy Research, is one who calls himself a libertarian. Another is Ann Brackbill, du Pont's Deputy Press Secretary, who describes her philosophy as "libertarian with conservative leanings." Brackbill believes libertarians, as she describes them, within the Republican Party have been attracted to du Pont because of his belief that "in most cases the free market can do a better job than government. Although Pete believes that there is a small and limited role for government, he also believes that the free market is what has made this country the best country in the world."

Some connected with the libertarian think tank, the Cato Institute, believe that du Pont is the right choice for President. "He's more creative and substantially more courageous than the others, talking more about social security in Florida and agriculture in Iowa," declares William Niskanen, Chairman of Cato. "He's the only one really pressing for market oriented solutions and is willing to take on powerful vested interests on agriculture, welfare and social security," says Cato analyst Douglas Bandow, who serves as an informal advisor to du Pont on domestic economic issues, (*Washington Times*, April 22, 1987). Du Pont has also received rave reviews from leaders of the free market oriented Heritage Foundation. "One of the most exciting candidates of the last decade of either Party is Pete du Pont," declares Burton Yale Pines, a

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## Norma Jean Jailed

Los Angeles, CA - The sweet, almost girlish voice sounded faint and far away. From deep inside the bowels of the State (in this instance, the LA County Sybil Brand Institute for Women) Norma Jean Almodovar was almost cheerful, despite her incarceration on July 31 for a three-year sentence (without probation) on a pandering charge. In a three-way conversation with *American Libertarian*, Norma Jean and Neil Wright (Almodovar's brother and Chair of her 1986 Lt. Governor campaign committee) Norma Jean said "I'm doing okay, but it's hot in here."

She reported that her morale was okay despite the rejection of her appeal to overturn her mandatory three-year jail term in late June by the California Supreme Court. This sentence which was re-imposed after the LA District Attorney, Ira Reiner, made an unusual government appeal to reject her trial judge's original sentence of three years probation.

Under a seldom-invoked draconian California statute, the victimless crime of "pandering" is subject to a minimum three-to-six year prison term without the possibility of parole or probation. Since almost no one but the controversial "cop-turned-call-girl" (and 1986 LP candidate for Lt. Governor) has been sentenced under this provision, Almodovar's attorneys are unsure of



Norma Jean Almodovar before her recent imprisonment.

whether she will even be eligible for the usual two-days-for-one "good time" provision, under which prisoners can reduce time spent in prison if they exhibit good behavior.

Norma Jean was whisked away on Friday, July 31 after her original trial judge, Aurelio Munoz, reluctantly re-sentenced her to the minimum mandatory three-year term. She has about 4 months credit toward her sentence from her original arrest in 1983

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## California Delegate Caucus:

by Jo McIntyre

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### Major Contenders Face Off

San Francisco, CA - Delegates attending North and South California caucuses on July 11 and 12 were able to make a direct comparison of the the major contenders for the LP's nomination for President.

The contrasting styles and appearances made for a fascinating couple of hours. Russell Means is tall, exotic, charismatic and strikes deep emotional chords in his listeners - Ron Paul is compact, energetic, determined and covers many specific points.

#### Russell Means

Means opened with his traditional Sioux greeting and a bit of Indian lore about the four sacred colors - Black, which represents the Western compass point; Red, the North; Yellow, the East; and White, the South. These colors also stand for the colors of man and when combined, they make

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### Marrou, NOTA Make Pitch

San Francisco, CA - "The Democrats have nothing over us," Mark Hinkle, referring to Russell Means and Ron Paul, the two major contenders for the Libertarian Party nomination for President, along with (at one time) at least 5 other candidates.

Hinkle, Chair of the Libertarian Party of California, emceed the Northern California LP delegate caucus held July 12, 1987 to hear candidates for the Presidential and Vice-Presidential nomination at the September national convention.

The Southern California Caucus was held a day earlier on July 11. Reports by those attending unanimously praised the well-organized meeting. A straw poll taken at the end of that meeting, attended by 116 people, showed 33 favoring Paul, 8 favoring Means.

Attendance at the Northern California meeting was 92, according to Kim Pettitcord.

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# Pete du Pont

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Vice President of Heritage. "Pete's floating more original ideas than anyone else so far in both Parties," says Stuart Butler, Director for Policy Studies at Heritage, (*Washington Times*, April 22, 1987).

Du Pont's Cato supporters include people who worked on Ed Clark's Libertarian campaign for President in 1980. Among them are Ed Crane, Cato President and Communications Director for Clark; David Boaz, Cato Vice President and Research Director for Clark; Eric O'Keefe, a friend of Crane's who served as Director of State Organizations for Clark; and Peter Ferrara, another friend of Crane's who advised Clark on Social Security. Ferrara is also currently advising du Pont on the issue.

Du Pont supporters like to point to his record while Governor of Delaware as proof of his dedication to free market principles. Du Pont inherited an economic basket case when he assumed the role in 1977. Unemployment had reached an all time high of 9 percent, a full point over the national average. The state had run four budget deficits during the preceding five years, and was \$19.2 million in the red. Delaware also had the distinction of having the nation's highest personal income tax rate at 19.7 percent. Faced with disaster, du Pont instantly became a committed supply sider fiscal conservative. His first move was to win a budget battle with the state legislature, controlled by the Democrats. He then pushed through the legislature a controversial amendment to limit the state's taxing and spending authority. Massive cuts in spending and taxes followed. Under du Pont's stewardship, Delaware became one of the most economically fit states in the nation. Unemployment dropped dramatically to the current low of 3.2 percent, three points below the national average. Revenues have increased, and not only was the deficit eliminated, but a surplus now stands in its place.

"I've seen the opportunities that tax and spending cuts can release," du Pont explained upon declaring for the Presidency. "High taxes give government power. Lower taxes give people power. . . It's the people who produce, who earn, who save, and who invest. It's not the government!"

Pete du Pont's rhetoric, particularly on economic issues, is quasi-libertarian. But behind the rhetoric the reality is something different. Du Pont favors an assault on civil liberties, and an interventionist foreign policy. His campaign is essentially a sell out of libertarian principles.

Earlier this year, du Pont was interviewed by Jack Shafer, Editor of a Washington D.C. weekly newspaper (*City Paper*, April 17). Shafer, who is a member of the libertarian Free Press Association, questioned the former Delaware Governor on a number of issues. Many of du Pont's answers were revealing:

**Draft Registration:** Du Pont: "I think that draft registration is important to the country."

**Drug Testing:** Du Pont: "The starting point is that high schools today are literally full of drugs, and that's true of most communities across the country, and that's wrong. . . My proposal is to use the driver's license to make and break the link between school and drugs. The policy would be that if you are a teenager under the age of 16 and you've tested positive for drugs, then you couldn't get your drivers license until you're 18."

**Public School Prayer:** Du Pont: "I have favored voluntary prayer for schools, but not compulsory."

**Reagan Doctrine:** Du Pont: "First, Presi-

## du Pont's Libertarian Predecessors

"The most successful of all the du Pont politicians — so far, at least — was T. Coleman du Pont, who was nominated for President at two conventions. T. Coleman was obsessed with big highways, and he showed how to get things done the du Pont way. Unable to coerce the Legislature into building a 110-mile highway, he formed a private company in 1911 and built it himself for \$4 million. It is called — one guess — the DuPont Highway."

Then there was Alfred I. du Pont, who spent the early part of his career running the family gunpowder business. Later he began worrying about poor people. In 1929, after the Legislature refused to adopt old-age pensions for needy Delawareans, he set up his own pension system and began mailing out checks.

How times have changed. The current du Pont calls himself "Pete" and, as far as anyone knows, he has yet to spend a dime of his own money to become Delaware's first President."

*The Wall St. Journal, July 29, 1987*

dent Reagan and his Chief of Staff took the right position, you see, that we ought to be helping other nations in fighting for their freedom. For instance, prime examples, Afghanistan is one, Nicaragua is another, and Angola is a third."

**U.S. Bombing of Libya:** Du Pont: "No, I supported him [Reagan]. When you've got clear evidence of responsibility, some actions like that are appropriate."

**Withdrawal of U.S. Troops Abroad:** Du Pont: "Well, we have some flexibility on this, but I wouldn't bring major components of them home."

Du Pont's foreign policy views moved the conservative *Washington Times* to declare (April 27) that he "passes the conservative litmus test on foreign policy and defense issues. . . He favors immediate deployment of the Strategic Defense Initiative, rolling back communism's global advances and providing military aid. . . to freedom fighters everywhere, including the Nicaraguan Contras." Columnist Fred Barnes noted earlier in the *Washington Times* that Du Pont is now "apologetic about many of the moderate positions he took" as a Congressman, including support in the mid-1970's for the Clark Amendment. Congress passed the measure, designed to prevent another Vietnam War, over the opposition of then Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who favored U.S. intervention abroad. According to Barnes, du Pont now says he would have voted against the Clark amendment. Today, du Pont supports military aid to "freedom fighters" such as to Angolan Jonas Savimbi and avid Maoist, the Afghan mullahs and to the Nicaraguan Contras, led by remnants of the fascist Somoza regime.

Du Pont's stand on civil liberties and foreign policy reveal that he is not a libertarian, but a conservative. In the final analysis, du Pont is merely a less successful version of Ronald Reagan, another conservative who has been known to use libertarian rhetoric. In fact, in many ways Reagan was more libertarian in 1980 in seeking the White House than du Pont is today. For instance, Reagan actually opposed draft registration which du Pont now supports.

Why then the support for du Pont from certain individuals affiliated with the Libertarian Party in the past? The case of Reagan speechwriter Dana Rohrabacher provides

insight. In 1969, during the famous Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) convention, held in St. Louis, Rohrabacher was a leader of the libertarian faction which split from the conservative movement. A decade later, he was back with the conservatives working for the Republican Party. When Reagan opposed draft registration in 1980, declaring it "violates the very principles this nation is committed to defending," observers credited Rohrabacher. Like Reagan, Rohrabacher is a more successful political entrepreneur, of sorts, than du Pont, who lags far behind in the polls, and his supporters at Cato. These libertarians likewise seek the White House. They pride themselves on selling ideas. But it is unclear whether du Pont's watered down libertarian or quasi-libertarian rhetoric will help

him to sell himself to the American public as Reagan did.

The American people recognize libertarian ideas these days full strength, without the dilution du Pont seems to require. And they recognize consistency of principle, which du Pont seeks to avoid by including only those libertarian positions he thinks are most attractive, and packaging them with other politically attractive non-libertarian positions.

Du Pont, in essence, is selling libertarianism short. His libertarian supporters no doubt see this and are willing to accept it as a price for political entrée. Whether the American public develops a taste for this watered-down philosophy or prefers the harder stuff will be an important question in the 1988 elections. ■

## Norma Jean

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and conviction in 1984, and is expected to be transferred from the county facility to the California Institute for Women at Frontera, a maximum security prison about 45 miles east of Los Angeles. Although Wright is unsure of when the transfer will occur, he notes that conditions are better in the county prison and visiting conditions are more liberal.

Norma Jean's state level appeals were unsuccessful and the only remaining avenues are a U.S. Supreme Court appeal on constitutional grounds of "cruel and unusual punishment", and the outside chance for a gubernatorial pardon. Wright maintains that a full three-year prison term is "outrageous" for a victimless crime for a first time offender. Wright says this whole matter is a continuing attempt to "shut Norma Jean up" to prevent publication of her book *From Cop to Callgirl*, which might possibly prove embarrassing to police authorities.

Wright and other Almodovar supporters are also worried about her safety inside prison. "I worry that in about nine months, after the publicity has died down, they will try and 'get' Norma Jean while she's inside," Wright said. Considering that her original book manuscript was confiscated as "evidence" during her original arrest (which was set up when Norma Jean unwisely discussed job opportunities in the oldest profession with a former police traf-

fic department co-worker who was wired for sound by the police), such fears do not appear to be entirely unreasonable.

This whole episode has "firmed her resolve" according to Wright, and judging from the brief telephone conversation with Norma Jean, she seems to be taking the situation calmly.

"We're going ahead with publishing the book," Wright noted. "I'm just awaiting completion of the typesetting at this point." Wright said that he had sent at least six copies of the book manuscript to "people around the world" to avoid any further attempts at confiscation.

The controversial former LP candidate has attracted considerable publicity, and news of her final sentencing was carried on the major news services, newspapers, and television stations in California. The CBS program *60 Minutes* has a segment on her scheduled for the next season, according to Wright. Several dozen supporters of Norma Jean conducted a well-publicized picketing of DA Reiner's home in late July, and Reiner refused to discuss the matter or speak to reporters attending the protest.

The Friends of Norma Jean group is now circulating a petition urging a gubernatorial pardon for her, despite the fact that the Governor's office claims it lacks the authority to do so. "The pardon authority is in Article 5 of Section 8 of the California constitution," Wright says, "which is why we've attached it to the petition. We hope if enough people sign maybe common sense can prevail."

Norma Jean has been a controversial figure inside the libertarian movement, with some California LP members critical of her high profile (though not impressive vote getting) race in 1986 for the Lt. Governor position. While she was nominated by the state LP in their nominating convention, some libertarians believe she was "exploiting" the LP for her own purposes and that the focus on the "sex and prostitution" angle in her campaign detracted from the overall libertarian message. On the other hand, she received more publicity than any other candidate in the country the LP ran in 1986, and the election of a "porn queen" to the Italian parliament (from the faintly libertarian Radical Party) was a "direct imitation of the Norma Jean effort," according to Neil Wright.

At this point Norma Jean supporters are concentrating on raising funds for her U.S. Supreme Court appeal ("very expensive" according to Wright) and publishing her book. "We're really look for contributions (payable to Norma Jean Almodovar) and a MacIntosh SE computer and a Laserwriter to typeset and publish the book," Wright said.

Contributions and additional information can be directed to: **Friends of Norma Jean**, 1626 N. Wilcox, No. 580, Hollywood, CA 90028. (213) 382-6445. ■

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AN INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY OF INSTITUTIONS & PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST TO PROMOTERS OF REASON & LIBERTY

One of the most complete and up-to-date listings of organizations and publications related to the libertarian movement has been compiled by Norway's Jan Sommerfeld Petersen and jointly published by Ideer Om Frihet (Norway) and the Libertarian International organization. Copies are available from LI, 9308 Farmington Drive, Richmond, VA 23229, for \$2.50 (plus \$1.50 for overseas orders).

## Face Off

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brown, representing Mother Earth, Means said.

This is not your usual Libertarian rhetoric and the audience was as silent as a moonlit prairie when he spoke. For an experienced listener to Indian orators, Means' speech may have been excellent fare. But some Libertarians found it difficult to understand his allegorical and poetic approach to political matters. For instance, "to rebuild a Libertarian society, we have to dismantle it," which in the total context meant "to have a free society, the present one must change drastically."

Means called himself a full-time freedom fighter, who had been part of the international community for many years. He talked about his campaign strategy, saying he was willing and able to go into any neighborhood "and I will be welcome."

"My principal opponent has raised ten times a much money as I have and I've had ten times the amount of publicity," he noted, concluding, "Therefore, I really giving you your money's worth!"

During the question-and-answer session, he was asked, "What is your position on Zionism?" Without hesitation and without elaboration, he replied, "I'm anti-Zionist."

"What would your message be and to whom would you give it?" was just the opener he need to show his ability to speak in 15 and 30 second sound bullets.

"Responsibility, open borders, decriminalization, ALL the planks have to be talked about, and replace the word government with the word FREEDOM," he answered.

"If you want the electorate to pay attention to you, you have to pay attention to the electorate," he said. He added that he has talked to all kinds of people, but if he were nominated, he would aim at the "63 percent of the electorate that refuse to vote."

I refuse to turn the other cheek and to bend over and get both kicked," he said to a question about violence, possibly referring to his reputation, which some Libertarians have objected to.

### Ron Paul

Ron Paul listed the three things most wrong with American society today: the loss of individual rights, foreign policy, and monetary policy. He touched on the draft, lifestyle, debt, money, income taxes, and the Federal Reserve as items to discuss during a Presidential campaign.

"Nobody in Washington D.C., nobody, knows how to spend your money. The Libertarian Party is a humble group, none of them knows how to spend other's money!" he exclaimed. There was applause, but it was mild.

LPers are not accustomed to being whipped up into a frenzy of enthusiasm and rarely applaud obvious political truisms, as is customary in the older political parties.

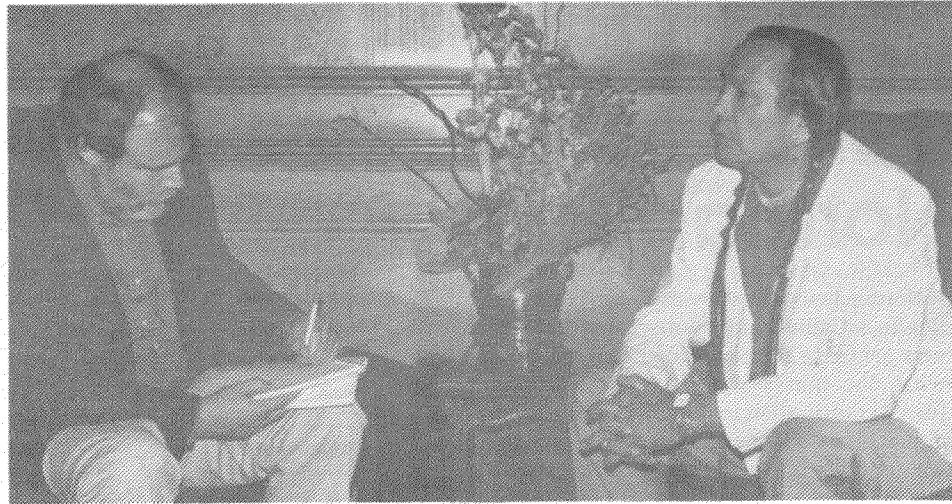
Regarding his campaign, he said he already had \$200,000 in the bank and 8,000 names of contributors or volunteers.

"We will never run a campaign deficit," he pledged.

"What are your positions on abortion and disarmament?" he was asked during the question-and-answer period.

"I'll start with the easy one. . . disarmament," he joked. "I have no confidence in a treaty with the U.S.S.R. I do want to get rid of some weapons though. I'm opposed to building up nuclear force." He said he wasn't opposed to negotiations, but he had no confidence in a treaty made between two governments he doesn't trust.

Abortion, he said, was something "reasonable people ought to be able to debate about." He is personally opposed to



LP presidential nomination contender Russell Means in a familiar pose, being interviewed by a newsman after an appearance at a state LP convention. Means has continued to criss-cross the country making appearances at LP and business groups, where he has been invited to present his views on Indian issues and libertarianism. In late August, his supporters were working on securing an endorsement from Marlon Brando for Means' current effort. Brando supported Means publicly several times during the early 1970's.

abortion, but he is also opposed to a "national law" on it.

"Your position on CFR (Council on Foreign Relations), isn't that paranoid?" was another question. "They are important in national and international affairs," Paul said, "and their philosophy is an important influence in world affairs." He doesn't think they run the world.

"How long have you been a Libertarian?" was another question.

"I was born a Libertarian, but then I went to public school and my natural instincts were stifled," Paul said. He added that he had voted for all past LP presidential candidates.

He said he never had supported the Contras and as far as Zionism was concerned, "I'm non-interventionist, I oppose assistance to any cause." Regarding Israel, he said they have a lousy system, socialism, and there should be no U.S. government aid, but individuals could contribute their own money.

"I know I'm staying out of it. I know we make the problem worse by being there," he concluded. ■

## Marrou, NOTA

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In the straw vote taken at the end of that meeting, Paul got 22 votes and Means got 9, but here there was a third choice, None Of The Above (NOTA), which got 5 votes.

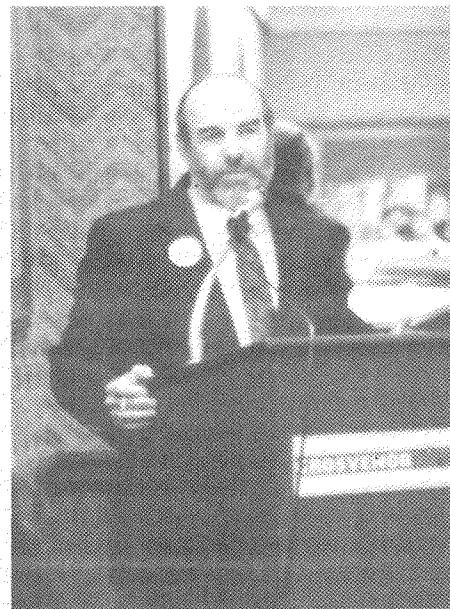
Those straw votes may indicate that Paul has the nomination in the bag, but many Libertarians still feel uncomfortable about him and anything could happen in the volatile atmosphere of a national convention. (Means' campaign Treasurer Honey Lanham subsequently disputed the significance of these straw polls, noting that no attempt was made to differentiate LP convention delegates from other attendees, "Only a handful of those voting in either poll were delegates," Lanham told AL. Other sources generally confirm this.) Eric Garris and Andre Marrou, the first two speakers at the Northern California caucus, each offered additional alternatives for delegates.

"You heard it here first, everyone!" Mark Hinkle exclaimed, when Marrou, who is running for Vice-President, said he would accept the nomination for President if the convention couldn't agree on one of the top two.

Garris, on the other hand, argued passionately for NOTA (None Of The Above), a traditional, permanent Libertarian candidate for every political office.

### Marrou

Marrou described his background as a Texas native who earned his chemical



LP Vice Presidential hopeful Andre Marrou at the California LP delegate caucus.

engineering degree at MIT, worked in Alaska where he was elected to the state legislature, was defeated in his bid for a second term, and is now living in Las Vegas, NV.

When he was in the Alaskan legislature, he was called the Conscience of the Legislature by fellow legislators as well as the press. That raised two questions for him, "One, what did they do before I got there? And two, what are they doing for a conscience now that I'm not there?"

"Government is a necessary evil. There is no such thing as good government," Marrou said. The two worst things governments do are "excessive taxation and currency debasement. Those destroy civilizations."

He said he was willing to accept the Vice-Presidential nomination with either Paul or Means, but not the other candidates, because they were not serious in the sense that they have not been able or willing to mount a serious bid for the nomination.

Someone asked about "absorption by other political parties," and may have been referring to the notion that libertarian ideas are being adopted by the older political parties. But Marrou interpreted it from two other points of view. One is a suggestion by Eric Garris and a few other Libertarians that members of the LP should join the Republican party as a bloc. The second is the idea that running as a major party candidate while holding libertarian positions will advance the movement.

"It will destroy the LP. There is no way they will adopt our platform either. The easiest way to hurt us is to absorb us one by one from the top," he said in a strong rejection of those two separate inclinations among party members. "We must unite! I know it's hard for Libertarians to do that,

but we must, to spread the word."

After attending many state conventions, he said he thinks the party bottomed out in 1983. "The rise (in membership) will be steeper than we think," he said.

He was also asked to comment on the U.S. Navy in the Persian Gulf.

"Kuwait, with oil and no army, should trade services and material with Israel, which has an army and no oil. The U.S. should not be involved," he answered.

### NOTA

Eric Garris, speaking in favor of NOTA, first listed his LP credentials. A member since 1973, life member of the California LP, and former member of National Committee, Garris has been a candidate and manager of candidates.

"I'm running as a stalking horse for None of the Above," he quipped.

After giving some history of past LP campaigns, he said running candidates should not be "the be-all and end-all" of LP efforts. The party stopped running issue-oriented campaigns after the Clark campaign, in which he was deeply involved. The party also stopped coalition-building and member recruiting, he charged.

"Now there is an atmosphere of desperation. It means we should go back to our roots," he urged. Candidates should be running to advance issues. Lackadaisical, inexperienced candidates do more harm than good. Go with allies, if there are no viable LP candidates, he advised. ■

## Feds Will Try Jim Lewis

Old Saybrook, CT — Jim Lewis, the Libertarian Party's 1984 Vice Presidential candidate and an announced candidate for the 1988 LP presidential nomination, was notified by the U.S. Attorney's office on July 31 that he was being formally charged with "willful failure to file" his federal income tax returns for the years 1981, 1982 and 1983. In an exclusive interview with *American Libertarian* in early August, Lewis said he received a certified letter from the government containing an "information" charging him with three federal misdemeanor counts under U.S. statutes.

"An 'information' is not an indictment, and they don't have to show probable cause or go to a grand jury," Lewis said in a telephone interview, "which is their way of getting around the constitutional niceties. This is used for everything but the so-called 'infamous crimes' like serious felonies. However, each count I face, while a misdemeanor, carries a maximum one-year sentence and \$10,000 fine, which is a pretty serious matter."

"I threw down the gauntlet in my recent campaign announcement for the LP's presidential nomination, and two weeks later I get this letter charging me," Lewis continued. "I think it's pretty obvious that these two are connected. They are going after people on a selective basis who are speaking out, just like they did with Paul Jacob on his draft registration charge." The 50-year-old former bookbinding sales representative (who quit his job to avoid entangling his employer in the case) said he had expected this for some time, but "nonetheless, when it finally came it was something of a shock; it takes a bit of getting used to."

"I've been preparing for this for 8 years so now I'll get my day in court," he noted, as he explained that he planned to fight in court on a *pro se* basis ("for himself," without an attorney) when the time comes. He is expected to report to a federal magistrate in mid-August, where he expects to be

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# Libertarian Outlook

## Stay Cool

The upcoming LP national convention in Seattle is likely to be the scene of high drama and some genuine political battles for various nominations and offices.

Political libertarians are often chastised for in-fighting and factionalism, but it should be obvious to even the most recent newcomer that all libertarians rarely see eye-to-eye about everything, and choosing the right candidate or leader is no exception. Whenever libertarians band together for common purposes, there are bound to be differences. And our famous aversion to compromise on principle can make for some lively, even heated political tensions.

One thing is certain. There will be winners and losers in Seattle. And not everyone will be successful in their political competitions. But whoever wins will need all the help they can muster in the battle against statism in politics and society at large.

By all means, fight the good fight. Let the resounding clash of ideas and opinions echo through the halls and late night convention caucuses. But when the votes have been tallied, let's remember the tough battles are yet to be fought. The real enemies of individual liberty will not be present at the Seattle LP Convention.

Remember, there will be more conventions and elections to come. So win, lose or draw, stay cool after the dust settles in Seattle. ■

## Norma Jean

Norma Jean Almodovar is currently sitting in a California prison serving a three-year sentence for pandering. Regardless of what one thinks of the "crime", Norma Jean's contribution to the libertarian cause, or her 1986 California LP candidacy, it is absolutely ridiculous that she is sitting inside of a jail.

Obviously, not every victimless crime that libertarian philosophy tolerates is something that libertarians necessarily endorse. Quite the contrary. And every imprisoned victimless criminal is not an automatic libertarian saint or heroine.

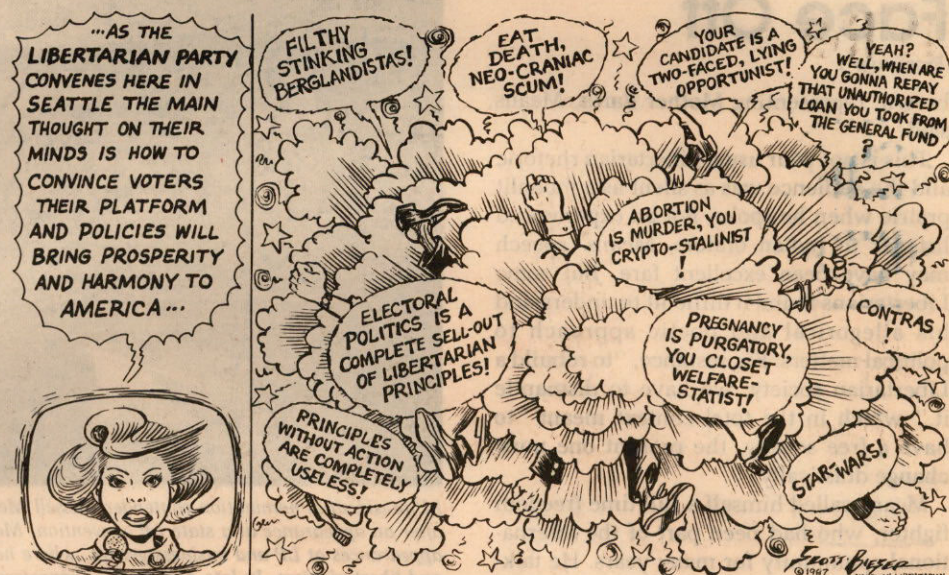
But at the very most Norma Jean is guilty of poor judgment.

At a time when state and local governments do a miserable job of protecting citizens from dangerous and violent criminals, and often let the few they catch back out on the streets with little or no hard time, it is intolerable that a first offender like Norma Jean Almodovar is taking up valuable jail space for a crime like pandering.

And the unusual interest shown by the authorities to put her behind bars and suppress her book should concern all of us alarmed about the real dangers of unbridled government prosecutorial power.

As Lysander Spooner once wrote "vices are not crimes."

Free Norma Jean! ■



Christ preached. Thus they are vulnerable, if anyone wants to begin setting up a freedom-based morality respecting to get the multitudes to help libertarians regain liberty's realities. But you have to set aside those outfits who in freedom demean morality generally. You have to find and walk a middle path, even marking the immoralists as such, but entitled under freedom to their follies.

The Libertarian Party needs to set up a capable committee to study the matter of accepting the moralists along with the immoralists, taking neither side but asking support for freedom from both. Then it might be able to appeal to the voting majority without which it can grow little.

T.S. Booz  
Plantation, FL

### On Abortion, Again

I very much appreciated your conciliatory words in your May editorial, "On Abortion." One reason abortion is a difficult issue is the misunderstandings on facts and principles that often crop up. I hope you don't mind if I point out some in your editorial.

Libertarians for Life does not refer to the fetus/unborn child as "a 'potential' human being." As we see it, the logical alternative is non-human being vs. actual human being. LFL insists that we are actual human beings at all stages of our lives, including those before birth.

The 1972 LP platform was not silent on abortion. It supported "voluntary termination of pregnancies during their first hundred days."

Although a majority of libertarians support abortion, it is divided. E.g.; where you wrote "unlimited right to dispose of [a] fetus/unborn child," some say "dispose of" means "evict and abandon;" others say it means "directly kill." (Most abortions are direct killings.) Many who support abortion don't mean: "at any time following conception." They mean: "only for a limited time or under limited circumstances." Such differences indicate that a number in the majority agree with LFL, implicitly at least, that the LP platform contains support for aggression.

The "person most involved" in abortion is not "the pregnant woman" but her victimized child. I would agree with your remarks on personal conscience and State uninvolved if abortion were merely a "victimless crime" issue, but it is not. As expected, the state is not neutral. It denies the victims legal protection and endorses abortion with both legal protection and tax-funding.

Abortion is, in effect, legal for any reason throughout pregnancy rather than sometimes merely "in certain circumstances." *Roe v. Wade* held that after

the first semester, the state "may, if it chooses, regulate and even proscribe abortion except where necessary, in appropriate medical judgment, for the preservation of the life or health of the mother." However, *Doe v. Bolton*, a companion case to *Roe*, defined "health" broadly: "physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age — relevant to the well being of the patient. All these factors relate to health." The LP platform supports abortion for any reason until birth.

I always urge, as you did in "On Abortion" that libertarians should continue to work together on issues where we agree but also "continue the debate." I hope my comments will contribute to this end.

Doris Gordon  
National Coordinator  
Libertarians for Life  
Wheaton, MD

*AL stands corrected on the matter of the 1972 Libertarian Party platform. Our May editorial incorrectly stated that it was silent on the subject based upon research relying upon the tem-*  
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## Feedback



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are subject to editing. Send to: Feedback, American Libertarian, 21715 Park Brook Drive, Katy, TX 77450.

### "Homos and Killers"

When a prominent churchman, ("Falwell Attacks 'Libertarians'", May 87 AL) condemns "libertarians" for their immorality, you don't just send him a book on what we think he ought to know. He won't read it. He doesn't have to. He has had years in which to observe the Libertarian Party's projected realities. Party members have long and gleefully consorted with homosexuals and abortionists, seeming to jump up and down gleefully like small boys crying "Looka me, Momma!", delighting in shocking to the detriment of the cause of freedom. It is one thing to preach freedom and acknowledge the rights under freedom of others to do what the majority considers to be obscene, but it is stupid to join together in meetings holding hands as though all Libertarians were homos and killers. And it becomes ridiculous when those other groups work to pass laws to force the rest of us, under supposed "civil rights," to accept and even admire their corruptions or be sued. Thus I do not belong to the Party, though I send a few dollars to stay on mailing lists hoping there'll be improvement.

If there is anyone in the Party who sincerely hopes to build an outfit that will grow enough to elect enough public officers to make a difference, let one observe that

65% of the population is church and 40% attend regularly. Sure, they seem to be widely split, but most of them live according to Biblically established standards. You don't dump on them hilariously and expect them to cooperate. In fact, you can expect well-justified publicity such as Falwell passes out. How to remain a splinter Party in one ridiculously easy lesson!

Years ago, I think it was SIL, surveyed and found that 85% of its members were atheists-agnostics, and presumably LP leaders are of comparable inclination. One I've known for years, when I suggested directing policies to become acceptable to the church said "I'd feel like a hypocrite."

There is plenty of reason hysterically and historically to hate what greedy men have done with the church, getting power by playing footsie with and using government coercion forces. But that was Anti-Christian if anything, though there wasn't anyone with enough strength against them, other than a few oft-killed remnants, to convince the cowardly masses to resist.

When church and state can be thoroughly kept apart, as is basically true in America, the church has no resource other than its moral certitudes to keep and serve its members. When government can take over much of the church, as did FDR in 1932, pretending to do God's work for the pastors, it gains immense power that it cannot get on its own. It takes high moral ground, coveting, stealing, lying and worshiping Mammon, and suckering the church via their confused leaders.

Today we have the so-called Moral Majority working to take over government in order to put prayer back into Socialists schools and shove abortion over into the hands of organized crime. They want to enslave others to impose morality at gun-point and deny every postulate in which

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## In Review

By Tibor Machan



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*Liberty* magazine, P.O. Box 1167, Port Townsend, WA 98368, \$18/6 issues annually.

One swallow does not make a spring, Aristotle told us, and neither does one issue make a magazine. So what we are looking at here is a promise of things to come, as well as the first example to enable us to anticipate.

*Liberty* is published by Liberty Publishing, headed by R.W. Bradford of Port Townsend, Washington. It is regular magazine size, printed in black ink and in your usual magazine style (not typescript). The Associate Editors are Murray Rothbard, Douglas Casey, Stephen Cox, Ross Overbeek, and R.W. Bradford. There is a decent size staff, judging by the first masthead. In appearance the magazine greatly resembles the left-wing *Nation* magazine in both graphics and paper quality.

We must all start somehow and given that the libertarian political outlook just has not become culturally prominent, start-ups will simply have to go through the sometimes difficult embryonic process. The financing needed to begin a professionally produced national magazine simply isn't available — even *Reason* must raise gifts to support itself in the style to which readers have become accustomed. (I admit I yearn for the day when we will have our *New York Review of Books* or *The New Republic*, but it isn't now!)

What can you expect to read in *Liberty*? That is, after all, the most important question for those who are looking for something not available currently. And the editors of *Liberty* tell us just what we are to expect:

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The first issue includes a lengthy discussion of Ayn Rand's movies, written by Stephen Cox. It is well put, informative, not very lively though, and left me asking for some comparative discussion: Why is Cox to be believed and what do other students of the genre have to say in their defense? But magazine treatments tend to leave me like this, which is why I read the scholarly journals that this magazine does not wish to be!

I am not sure this kind of thing can succeed from the libertarian viewpoint alone. I suspect some faction will have to take charge despite the editors' current intent. Libertarianism is a political viewpoint, and an intentionally thin one at that. It is minimalist, in contrast to the maximalist or totalist style of communism. And so there is little more than negative commentary that libertarianization can amount to — e.g., "Don't coerce us to do this, don't coerce us to do that." Once you begin to say what ought to be done, how to handle this or that problem of human (social) life, more is necessary than what can be produced out of the thin material of libertarianism. For example, despite the editors' desire to avoid being an organ, the articles by Cox, Rothbard, Butler Shaffer, and the reviews in the issue of *Liberty* cannot escape taking a stand and thus risking running counter to stands taken by other equally bona fide libertarians.

Still, I am enjoying the readings offered and have subscribed — may even try to publish in the new venture. May *Liberty* grow old and become a formidable force in the culture! We do need something more than what is now available to us who want to think about human social life without the factor of coercion always threatening to intrude. It would be nice to read about computers, the new physics, the ozone layer, and even AIDS without it always ending with a recommendation for statism. ■

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porary 1972 platform and the 1972 LP Platform Committee report.

However, subsequent receipt of the actual 1972 platform (courtesy of Bill Howell) indicated this wording: "We further support the repeal of all laws restricting voluntary birth control or voluntary termination of pregnancies during the first hundred days." Ed.

### Dancing On Pins

If anyone could read that one, single issue, (*AL*, April 1987) and not understand thoroughly why LP membership has dropped 20 percent in the past year (as reported), well — perhaps that's why membership is dropping, because people at the center of the Party can't understand such things. I recently re-upped with *LP News* for the second time, but only so I could stay in touch with what's going on. I doubt they'll ever get over fighting about computers, and how many **real** libertarians can dance on the head of a pin, long enough to accomplish anything at all.

Among my circle of friends are a few political activists of an earlier generation, who view my alliance with the LP with casual amusement. Based on their own experiences over the years, they firmly believe that the **purpose** of all national political organizations is to burn up money and energy which might otherwise be directed to some fruitful end, and to discredit good ideas by mixing them with nonsense.

I have yet to come up with any evidence that will convince them that LP doesn't fit that profile.

Andy Barniskis  
Levittown, PA

### Spiritual Nation

I will liken us libertarians to a spiritual nation. A constituency seeking freedom in our lifetime. Most places we run we are fortunate to get our 1 to 2 percent. I submit to you it's most important that we get libertarians elected to office in states and areas that are libertarian in character make-up: e.g. Nevada (especially Las Vegas), Alaska, Southern California, Arizona, and New Hampshire.

I view this as more practical and hopeful than getting clobbered in my own

neighborhood, the leftist/socialist Bay area of San Francisco. Libertarians across the country should target these libertarians and concentrate an effort to get officeholders elected.

Don Grindell  
San Francisco, CA ■

## Media Watch



### Libertarian Progress

Honolulu, HI - The June 7 *Honolulu Advertiser* ran a warm editorial congratulating that state's small Libertarian Party for receiving recognition as an official political party through 1996.

The editorial concluded "However much the American public favors some of these ideals, the party's future lies in the strength of its grassroots organization. In Hawaii at least, the Libertarian Party now seems to have a better chance."

### Columnist Quits As GOP Chair for Lib Views

Palo Alto, CA - The Chair of the Santa Clara County GOP Central committee quit his post in mid-March after he came under heavy fire from Republicans for his libertarian views, expressed in his regular business news columns in a San Jose business weekly.

Thomas C. Sorenson, 39, a CPA from Campbell, had provoked intense debate at recent GOP county Central Committee meetings over his columns advocating the legalization of drugs, the withdrawal of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf, and changes in U.S. foreign policy. According to press accounts, two of three top county GOP legislators refused to help the Central Committee in fundraising activities to protest Sorenson's positions.

"He described himself as a Goldwater Republican," said one unnamed party worker, "He is really a Libertarian in Republican clothing." Sorenson's unexpected resignation was based upon his belief that his right to free speech was more important than his GOP post. "They didn't want me to say things that weren't the Republican line. Maybe I am a better columnist than I am a politician," Sorenson concluded. ■

## Keeping Up with the Joneses?

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# Competition for Delegates Keen at Texas Convention

by American Libertarian Special Correspondent

Houston, TX - The Texas LP State Convention held the weekend of June 12-14 reflected the renewed enthusiasm of LP members along with unprecedented competition for delegates to the upcoming Seattle national convention.

There were over a dozen ballots cast by the state party Executive Committee to fill the 19 elected delegate positions. Both Means and Paul supporters claimed victory in the close battle for supporters.

Texas is one of Means' strongest states, notwithstanding the fact that it is also home to former Congressman Ron Paul. Means had strong support from the Austin, Dallas and San Antonio delegates while most of the Houston libertarians support native son Ron Paul, who resides 40 miles south of the city. The Means supporters on the Executive Committee voted effectively in a bloc, and in the end the known supporters for each camp ended up roughly equal, though both sides claimed a majority.

Perhaps the most surprising development was the election of Ron Paul as a delegate. Despite his status as a candidate he is a recent LP convert and most delegates elected were either on the ExCom itself or well known activists. Even well regarded activists had a tough time, and LP founder David Nolan, an admitted carpetbagger from Georgia (moved there too late to become a delegate) wound up with only alternate status.

Texas was the largest remaining state convention after the first surge of LP conventions in April and May, and represented the biggest bloc of delegates up for grabs. The pre-convention maneuvering was fierce, with schedule changes made to accommodate Russell Means' hectic schedule and last minute speaker changes which aroused suspicion from both sides as perceived political advantages were calculated.

Although she was invited and had a scheduled slot, presidential candidate Carol Newman of Los Angeles did not attend, reportedly due to work commitments with her law firm. Jim Lewis and the other candidates also did not appear, although VP candidate Andre Marrou hosted a well-received breakfast talk and later gave a candidate pitch along with Means and Paul.

Held at the swank Westin Galleria Hotel

Rice University history professor and Dean of Humanities, Allen Matusow, speaks at the Texas LP convention about his journey "from liberal to libertarian."



Michigan libertarian activist and 1983 LP presidential nomination contender Mary Ruwart addressed the Texas LP convention about the need for unity within the party.

in Houston, over 100 libertarians attended the two and a half day convention. This is more than double the past attendance in 1985. Convention organizer John Kormoylo said the event even made a profit of several hundred dollars despite expenses in excess of \$5,000, and the evening banquet fund-raising raised an additional \$6,000.

Albuquerque Journal cartoonist John Trever opened the affair on Friday evening with a humorous slideshow presentation. (An interview with Trever will appear in an upcoming *American Libertarian*.) LP "Founding father" David Nolan gave the Keynote address emphasizing the need for congressional candidates and soberly warned "we're heading into the next war in 1988" based on events and trends in the Middle East and Central America.

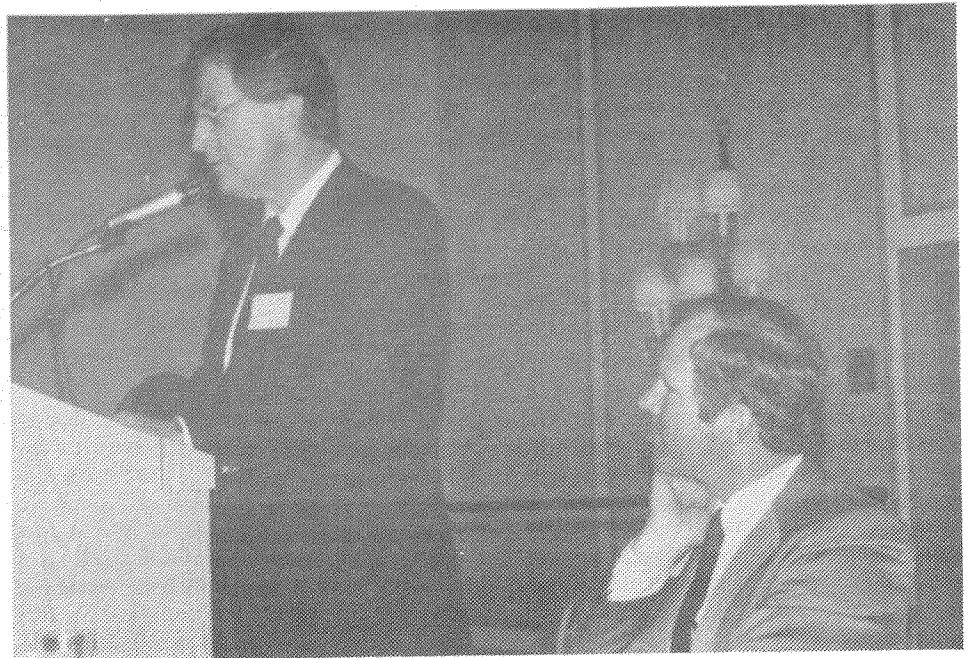
Draft registration opponent Paul Jacob and Houston libertarian activist and draft board member Jeff Daiell presented a panel on the draft, and attorney Bruce Shortt and tax rebel George Meeks discussed the legal system and its effect on liberty (hint: the latest intellectual fad in law schools is Marxism...). Former LP gubernatorial candidate Theresa Doyle discussed lessons from her campaign and Lew Rockwell Jr. of the Mises Institute discussed the importance of the gold standard. Houston transit activist Barry Klein discussed privatization and Rice University Dean of Humanities Allen Matusow described his personal odyssey from academic radical liberal to libertarian.

Jeff Daiell gave the Texas version of the now-popular libertarian Cracked Pot awards, including an epic poem narrative, and the evening banquet featured a special award for Aileen Grimes, former LP candidate and at 99, the world's oldest libertarian.

San Antonio activist Alex Snead won the Texas Libertarian of the Year Award and Calaveras County (CA) Supervisor Tom Tryon gave the banquet address detailing his experiences as an elected officeholder.

Russell Means gave a stemwinding oration explaining his quest for the LP presidential nomination and once again proved his reputation as a superior public speaker. He later visited a black political gathering at a local church and visited one of Texas' few Indian reservations nearby the following day. Ron Paul addressed the convention about his disillusionment with the GOP and stressed his main themes in the presidential race. A number of new faces — evidently Paul supporters visiting their first LP function — were specially on hand to cheer on their candidate, and area papers and TV stations also paid a visit to talk to both candidates.

1983 LP presidential contender Mary



American Libertarian publisher Matt Monroe introduces Calaveras County (CA) Supervisor Tom Tryon at the Texas LP convention banquet.

Ruwart of Michigan, whose sudden entry into that race was engineered by current Texas LP Chair Roger Gary, was on hand later on Sunday and gave a heartfelt speech on the need for party unity.

Fort Worth City Council candidate C.B. Mauldin, who set new standards for skillful grassroots campaigning in her recent municipal quest, also spoke on campaigning and the session concluded with an address by a spokeswoman for the Texas ACLU.

The convention was a success by almost all measures. The emergence of renewed activism, "born-again" libertarians of all stripes and colors, and determined "real-world" political advocacy by supporters of the main LP nomination contenders provided a warm-up and preview for the September "Culture of Freedom" convention in Seattle. ■

## IRS vs. Lewis

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arraigned and will probably face a bond hearing prior to the actual trial.

"U.S. Marshals may serve me with a subpoena to appear in court, but they have to give me at least three weeks to prepare for a trial," Lewis said. "I'll get a jury trial, which will be held either in Hartford or New Haven, both about 40 miles from where I live."

Ironically, Lewis was attending a tax-patriot/constitutionalist rally in Pennsylvania when he received the notification of prosecution, and he said he received strong support from those attending. Lewis says he has read through three complete trial transcripts of similar cases, in which two out of three were won by the defense, so he feels adequately prepared for the upcoming trial.

Lewis observed that his main concern currently is that the upcoming legal proceedings might interfere with his attendance at the September Libertarian Party presidential nominating convention. He is hoping that the bond requirements won't limit his travel.

Asked how this may affect his nomination chances, Lewis replied, "The LP will have to take a gamble that I'll win my case, and I won't be in prison during the campaign, but I think the trial will also provide greater public interest in IRS abuses and the whole constitutional question involved."

Lewis is not organizing a defense committee since he plans to conduct his own defense. However, anyone interested in his case or his nomination effort can contact: Jim Lewis, 2 Neponsett Ave., Old Saybrook, CT 06475. (203) 388-2046. ■

## Editor's Note

From time to time we plan articles or features which for one reason or another cannot be completed or published.

Such is the fate of our previously announced "LP delegates poll." Due to our inability to acquire mailing lists for more than one-third of delegates selected to the upcoming Seattle LP convention (and the two large states we did receive might have biased the results), we were unable to mail out our poll questionnaire and receive replies in time to publish results prior to the convention.

We hope you can understand this situation and accept our apologies.

Mike Holmes  
Editor

## RON PAUL FOR PRESIDENT

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There has never been any question in my mind that he was anything but a committed libertarian.

Please join me in supporting Ron Paul for President at the Seattle Libertarian Convention."

*Matthew T. Monroe*

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## Louw - Kendall Lecture at UW

by Tom Tanaka

Tom Tanaka edits the *Northwest Libertarian* (P.O. Box 23108, Seattle WA 98102) where this article originally appeared in the June issue. It is reprinted with permission.

Seattle, WA - Leon Louw and his wife Frances Kendall gave a lecture to 75 listeners on their solutions to South Africa's apartheid problem in early June. The lecture was arranged by the Libertarian Discussion Group of the University of Washington. Their June first visit to Seattle was part of a U.S. tour to promote the American publication of their book *The Solution*. The American edition is called *After Apartheid*.

Frances Kendall began by describing the political system they propose based on the Swiss canton system. Domestic problems would largely be solved on the local level. The federal government would consist of 5 cabinet posts with the president serving as chairman of the cabinet. That position would rotate every year. Compensation to blacks is advocated with funds raised by selling off nationalized industries. A Bill of Rights would serve to weaken the federal government. This would allay black fears of continued apartheid in a disguised form and white fears of a vengeful black population seizing control of a highly centralized state.

Leon Louw, Executive Director of South Africa's Free Market Foundation, answered some of the main criticisms of the plan. He refuted the common perception among conservative whites that blacks are not ready for self-responsibility. During periods of relative equality in the late 19th century blacks actually outperformed whites economically. Of the fear that bigoted whites could still maintain apartheid in their own cantons Louw said that many of the blacks he knows would willingly contribute to such cantons to keep bigots out of the way.

In answer to Jorge Amador's criticism in the May/June *LP News* of Kendall and Louw for not being libertarian enough, Louw states that if one read the book carefully enough one will realize that it is anarchist. He explained that the cantonal system was not unlike a country of competing governments.

While Louw and Kendall acknowledge that there is opposition to the idea from extremists on both sides (militant Marxists vs. pro-apartheid Afrikaners), they are confident that either side must realize that a "se-



Seattle area libertarians heard Francis Kendall explain *After Apartheid*, co-authored with her husband Leon Louw, during their summer speaking tour promoting this best-selling book which addresses South Africa's difficult problems. Photo by Tom Tanaka.

cond best" solution is a realistic alternative to a continued slide into economic ruin and political violence.

On the fear that South Africa would fall prey to Soviet imperialism, Louw explained that the only way to fight an idea is with a better idea. As far as invasion is concerned South Africa is geographically located to make that impossible and its military is one of the strongest in the world.

Louw originally wrote *The Solution* as a 1,000 page treatise on the application of free market economics to the specific problems of apartheid. Frances Kendall then edited it down to 250 readable pages for the non-technical reader. The book is now the number one bestselling non-fiction work in South African history.

They have begun a program called Groundswell to promote their ideas to the South African public. The book is being translated into the tribal languages, a pamphlet has been produced summarizing the plan, a video has been produced, and classes are being conducted. Louw believes that project Groundswell will reach over 2 million black South Africans over the next two years. Louw says that "solution" parties are held much like Tupperware parties, where his ideas are discussed.

Arrangements are being made for Louw and Kendall to tour various cities around the United States and Canada this fall when they return to the U.S. to attend a conference in Washington, DC. ■



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Leon Louw addresses University of Washington students about libertarian possibilities in South Africa. Photo by Tom Tanaka.

rerouting and delays he had experienced. In contrast to some of Paul's earlier performances at LP gatherings, he seemed at ease and comfortable, handling questions almost glibly. It was the first time most present had seen Paul without his suit-and-tie; the informal atmosphere of the barbecue was salubrious to all.

There were two small signs of the clash of cultures between Paul's rightwing libertarianism and the more mainstream libertarianism of party activists present: Paul mispronounced Ayn Rand's name ("Ann Rand") in a discussion of the ethics of accepting government funding and missed the point of a somewhat obscure libertarian joke offered by LP NatCom member Ruth Bennett.

Paul defended his stand on abortion by claiming a strong personal belief that fetuses in the third trimester of pregnancy were essentially human. He reiterated that he advocated that the federal government should neither enact nor enforce anti-abortion legislation, although this plainly did not satisfy some of the hard-core pro-choicers present.

Later that evening, delegates to the Convention caucused to discuss LP business. Ruth Bennett and Tonie Nathan discussed proposed changes in the administration of the LP, and urged members to be as informed as possible before the convention. Bennett also reviewed the four candidates for the LP Chair, adding her succinct opinions of each. She praised David Walter, Hugh Butler and Sharon Ayres, but advised that she would not vote for current Chair Jim Turney "if he were running for dogcatcher." She also harshly criticized current LP National Director Terry Mitchell.

The presidential race was not discussed at the caucus. ■

## Paul Campaigns in the Northwest

by American Libertarian Special Correspondent

Tacoma, WA - A large turnout appeared to hear Ron Paul when he brought his campaign to Washington State on June 18. A crowd of 70 people, including delegates from both Washington and Oregon, came to a barbecue at Karen and Jack Allard's home in Tacoma to meet Paul and hear him explain why he is seeking the LP presidential nomination.

Paul's flight was delayed by two hours, but the conversation among those waiting kept interest from flagging, and when Paul arrived he showed few signs of the hassles,

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## LP Convention Update

Seattle, WA — Just two and a half weeks prior to the Libertarian Party's Seattle presidential nominating convention finds the party regulars and candidates resting up for the final push.

The LP rumor mill has grown strangely quiet, and no major changes have been announced for the past month (see "Speculation Mounts for LNC Races", July 1987 AL). No additional candidates have announced for top LP posts and the LP nomination race remains at full throttle despite earlier rumors of a possible Means pullout, which proved groundless.

Ron Paul wound up his campaigning with visits to the Virginia LP Convention and the Young Americans for Freedom convention in Washington DC in early August, where he pulled ahead of several better known GOP contenders in a YAF presidential straw poll (further coverage in an upcoming AL). The Paul camp has been issuing a steady stream of letters and newsletters and is gearing up for a well-oiled and elaborate Seattle convention effort. Reportedly, they are preparing a Paul for President TV commercial which they will have ready at Seattle, and possibly even air during the convention locally.

The Russell Means effort also remains in high gear, although it is reliably reported that they are handicapped by a serious debt problem which has dogged their all-volunteer effort. But if money is a problem, it hasn't slowed down Means, who also appeared at the Virginia LP convention and at an Asian-Pacific Chamber of Commerce meeting in Honolulu, where he was invited back twice to speak before the group, was a hit with the local LP, and made contact with Hawaiian native groups. He was also scheduled to appear in late August before the prestigious National Realtors convention in Chicago. While money problems prevented the opening of a Denver office and hiring a full-time campaign manager, a Denver-area comedy club was planning a late August fundraising benefit for Means, and his campaign was seeking to secure last minute celebrity endorsements.

The other LP nomination contenders have not been as active, with Jim Lewis gearing up for his legal battle with the IRS (see related story elsewhere in this issue), and a persistent but unconfirmed rumor surfaced about Jim "Libertarian" Burns dropping out of the race. Efforts to reach him were unsuccessful.

No additional candidates have declared for top party posts, although Jim Turney is planning on a major re-election bid for the Chair position despite his current lack of opposition. Turney supporters continue to believe that the rival Bergland faction will sponsor a candidate at the convention, perhaps launching what they term a "Pearl Harbor" campaign against Turney immediately prior to the convention. Former LP

presidential candidate, and two-term LP Chair David Bergland is believed to be the major likely opponent to Turney, although some also consider former Alaska state representative Andre Marrou a possible Chair contender, depending on the outcome of the LP vice presidential nomination, for which Marrou is currently the sole declared candidate.

Bergland has issued a series of harshly worded memos to the LP National Committee protesting the creation of an *Activist News* newsletter and planned student outreach LP News issue under the auspices of the LP's Internal Education Committee. Terming these actions "illegal" and "out-of-control," Bergland's salvos are evidence of bad blood between himself and Turney, stemming from the controversial Atlanta NatCom meeting and Turney's subsequent firing of Vice Chair Sharon Ayres from Chair of the LP's powerful Finance Committee.

In other developments, the LP Ballot Access Committee has made considerable progress in securing ballot access prior to the convention; LP finances are in good shape and running above budget; and convention organizers are expecting near-record turnout in Seattle, although they are reportedly also running over their original budget. The pre-convention LP National Committee meeting was rescheduled from Thursday to Wednesday afternoon, and formal business begins on Thursday morning, September 3, at the Seattle Sheraton Hotel. ■

## Robinson Announces for Mayor

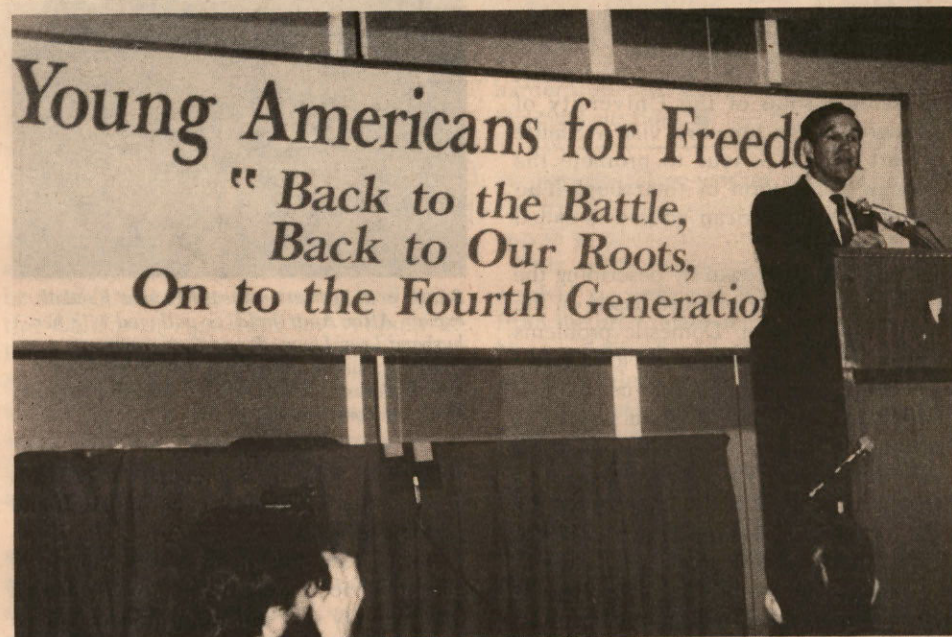
Milwaukee, WI - Kevin J. Robinson, a long-time Libertarian Party activist, declared on July 14 his candidacy for the office of Mayor of Milwaukee.

Robinson said the theme of his campaign is "Self-Government for a Changing Milwaukee". He stressed that with a return to limited city government, jobs will be created and real tax relief achieved. "The means by which the city can foster this transition to limited government are privatization of many city functions and deregulation of the business community."

While other candidates will propose more government intervention at all levels, Robinson said he will "point to the fact that such policies have been in place for over a generation, yet Milwaukee continues to decline. Government intervention has weakened the industrial base of cities across America — and Milwaukee in particular! It's time to judge these policies by their results, and not by their intentions."

Robinson will focus his campaign on three issues: privatization of government services, job creation through business deregulation, and property tax relief.

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Ron Paul spoke at the annual Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) national convention held in Washington, DC in early August. YAF, an influential conservative youth organization, invited Paul to participate in their straw presidential poll. He was the only non-Republican candidate present. Kemp was the overwhelming favorite (with Ollie North coming in second), but Paul finished ahead of such well known Republicans as Bush, Dole, Haig and du Pont. A complete report will appear in an upcoming *American Libertarian*.

levels for many years, Robinson is currently the Vice-Chair of the Libertarian Party of Milwaukee County. He is also Past Vice-Chair of the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin and is a member of the Ludwig von Mises Institute.

Kevin received his BA in history and political science from Marquette University in 1984, and is a long-time resident of the Milwaukee area.

More information and contributions can be directed to: Robinson for Mayor, 1523 W. Morgan Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53221, (414) 671-4902. ■

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

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