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R. LeFevre Dead At 74

Santa Ana, CA - Noted anti-political libertarian and pacifist Robert LeFevre died peacefully in his sleep on May 13 in Flagstaff, AZ. He was returning from a cross-country trip to attend the wedding of Carl Watner and Julie Pfeiffer. Watner is the founder of the Voluntaryist movement and one of LeFevre's staunchest disciples. LeFevre apparently suffered a fatal emphysema attack.

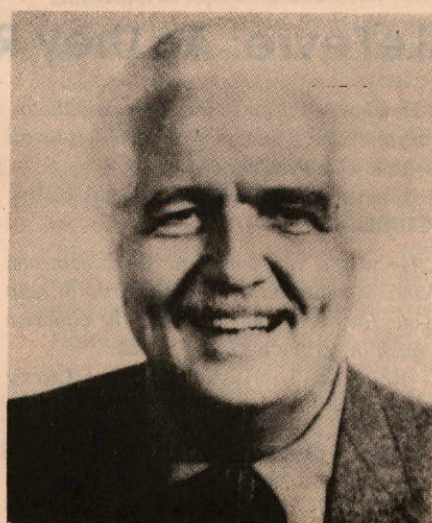
LeFevre, 74, was a controversial and widely admired libertarian educator, theorist, and speaker who had considerable influence in the modern libertarian movement as a result of his Colorado-based Freedom School and seminars he conducted across the country.

He was perhaps the most prominent Tolstoyan anarchist in the U.S., advocating a position which called for the complete absence of coercive government, total non-violence, and opposition to politics as a means of social change. LeFevre rejected the label of "anarchy" however, preferring the term "autarchy", meaning total self-control and self-government.

It was from his role as a libertarian educator dating from the late-50's, an editorialist and columnist for the Freedom Newspaper chain, and as a speaker and writer that LeFevre gained prominence as a spokesman for a hard-core yet curiously non-activist brand of libertarianism.

Among his most well known students were Freedom Newspaper publishers R.C. and son Harry Hoiles, Kansas oil billionaire Charles Koch (who later forsake LeFevre's non-political stance) and libertarian theorist Roy Childs Jr., who attended LeFevre's Freedom School in Colorado when he was still a teenager. LeFevre was also immortalized in the great Robert Heinlein libertarian science fiction novel, **The Moon Is A Harsh Mistress** as the thinly disguised model for philosopher Bernardo de la Paz.

Another prominent former student, industrialist Roger Milliken, of the Derring-Milliken textile firm, underwrote many of LeFevre's educational seminars and still sponsors the Campobello, SC based Freedom School, which is based on LeFevre's



Robert LeFevre: 1911-1986. *LeFevre, America's foremost advocate of libertarian-pacifism and a leading libertarian educator during his long career, passed away in his sleep on May 27 in Flagstaff, AZ.*

ideas and run by former student Kevin Cullinane.

In addition to editorials in the Colorado Springs *Gazette Telegraph* and hundreds of Freedom Newspaper columns over the years, LeFevre authored a number of books and pamphlets including **This Bread is Mine**, **The Nature of Man and His Government**, and **The Philosophy of Ownership**. References to LeFevre's ideas can be found as far afield as Rose Wilder Lane's correspondence to Kurt Vonnegut's **God Bless You Mr. Rosewater**.

LeFevre's pacifism and his opposition to political action aroused controversy in libertarian circles, particularly after the formation of the Libertarian Party in 1972. His greatest impact remains in the Los Angeles-Orange County area, which in addition to being the home of the *Orange County Register* (the largest Freedom chain paper and one of the largest in California) is also the home of the largest group of non-political libertarians in the nation.

But Jack Dean, who heads the Liberty Forum Supper Club and is a former California LP Chair, notes that LeFevre didn't insist that other libertarians follow his advice concerning politics. "When we first founded the club, which is open to all libertarians, Bob was suspicious that it was a political thing. But we have a detente between political and non-political libertarians and Bob and his wife Loy felt very comfortable. In fact they seemed to consider it like a second home and were usually there," Dean remembers. "Bob didn't attack people on the basis of personality or morals and got along very well with everyone."

LeFevre had recently completed a work on libertarianism, **Fundamentals of**

Liberty, and a science fiction treatise, **Cosmos**. *Voluntaryist* editor Carl Watner was working with LeFevre on his biography.

LeFevre's views on the immorality of any form of violence, including defensive, separated him from mainstream libertarian views. In addition, his position on politics were not shared by many libertarians. LeFevre once wrote, for instance, "To participate in the political process is to rely on force to impose your will upon others. Should (a libertarian) do so, he has become an enemy of freedom and not merely the victim of a lack of freedom."

Looking back at LeFevre's life and career, there was little to suggest he would become one of America's foremost libertarian philosophers and educators. Born in Gooding, ID in 1911, he was educated in Minneapolis and became a radio announcer in the 1930's. He married at that time and eventually had two children by his first wife.

During the late 30's, he became enamored with a religious cult movement but joined the Army Air Corps after Pearl Harbor. He married his second wife, Loy, in 1944 and eventually became a captain in the Air Corps.

After the war he sold real estate and investments in California, and at one time purchased Falcon Lair, the previous home of Rudolph Valentino.

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LP-Polygamist Takeover

Big Water, UT - Maybe, the argument goes, Libertarian Party members should recognize the handwriting on the wall. Instead of concentrating on issues like taxes and foreign policy, they should focus on more basic issues, like sex.

The California campaign of Norma Jean "Cop-to-Call-Girl" would seem to bear this out, as well as perhaps the most surprising LP victory to date. Namely the complete control of an entire town of 350 in southern Utah.

The Mayor of Big Water, UT, Alex Joseph, and four of five City Council members announced in mid-April they were joining the LP due to dissatisfaction with the Kane County Commission dominated by Republicans. Joseph announced his candidacy for a commission seat, claiming this his admitted polygamy (he claims 10 wives, a misdemeanor in Utah, where abolition of this Mormon practice was a requirement for admission to the Union) would be an issue in the campaign "because they're going to try to use the prejudice against that lifestyle against me."

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RC to LP: Join GOP!

Palo Alto, CA - Three former members of the now-defunct LP Radical Caucus have issued a letter to Libertarian Party members calling for a move considered unusual even by Libertarian standards: a return en masse by LPers to the Republican Party.

Drafted by Justin Raimondo and Colin Hunter, and reportedly endorsed by Eric Garris, all former RC members, the statement has been sent to *LP News* and is being circulated to libertarian activists. (The original Radical Caucus of the LP broke up at the 1983 LP Presidential Nominating Convention over the issue of Bergland vs. Ravenal.)

The four-page letter was inspired by "new libertarian" Ed Zschau (*Fortune* magazine Sept. 85 description) and his surprising victory in the June California GOP Senatorial primary, where he beat nine other mostly conservative opponents. Zschau has been dubbed the "congressman for Silicon Valley" since his current congressional district includes the home to many of the country's most famous high tech computer firms.

The letter also makes note of a recent column by Joanne Jacobs in the *San Jose Mercury News*, where she writes that Zschau's presence in the GOP race caused her to switch registration from Libertarian to Republican.

According to letter author Colin Hunter, "the purpose of this letter is to get publicity to urge LP members to join the GOP to influence it in the post-Reagan era." Hunter explains that "the GOP is at a crossroads, where it can either go into a Falwell conservative, nationalist foreign policy direction or in a libertarian style direction" exemplified by Zschau and Dick Randolph.

"Randolph is part of this trend," Hunter said, "but it's futile as an individual. He should have tried to take the whole Alaska LP with him when he entered the GOP gubernatorial primary."

Hunter said he was also part of a "Libertarians for Zschau" organization, and had sent his letter to *LP News* in hopes that they would print both sides of the issue. Reportedly, Free Forum bookstore owner Jim Peron has written a rebuttal and also sent it to *LP News*.

Relevant excerpts from the letter, titled "Third Party Politics Reconsidered: An Open Letter to the Movement" appear below:

When the LP was founded in 1972, libertarians were an embattled and rather disorganized minority. Fourteen years later, the political situation has been drastically altered. Today, we have a U.S. President

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Norma Jean Heats Up

Hollywood, CA - According to one political theory, you can judge likely political success by Johnny Carson's opening TV monologue. When Carter's swimming rabbit attack drew big laughs, for instance, you could tell Carter's political career was kaput.

By this standard, California LP Lt. Gubernatorial candidate Norma Jean Almodovar's political career may just be taking off. Norma Jean (as her campaign calls her) made headlines earlier when she was fired as a civilian traffic officer with the LAPD after her conviction for pandering. She admits to having been a call girl and has written a semi-autobiographical novel **From Cop To Call Girl**.

Carson noted that she was running as a Libertarian (and didn't mispronounce it too badly, either) and joked that as a prostitute, she certainly had the right qualifications to be a politician.

Norma Jean's campaign has attracted more than the usual publicity for a Libertarian Party Lt. Governor candidate. And she has been exploiting the sex-and-titillation angle as one might expect. The media coverage, of course, nearly always starts with this and the campaign responds by playing up the victimless crime aspect.

Among her campaign efforts, she has petitioned a federal court to allow her to make a sexually explicit video on "safe sex" techniques to avoid sexually transmitted diseases. Her law suit asks permission to make the video without violating her probation. Curiously, her felony conviction doesn't prohibit her from running or holding office, since according to the California Secretary of State, her crime didn't involve violation of "public trust, such as voter fraud."

So, naturally, nearly every story starts with "Ex-cop, Call Girl Candidate" or "Former Hooker Candidate" in big type and proceeds from there. But that's okay

with the Committee to Elect Norma Jean, since they freely admit this is an "experimental" Libertarian Party campaign with a decidedly different twist than the usual coat-and-tie middle class LP effort.

Committee chair Neal Wright is openly contemptuous of some of the unsolicited advice he's gotten about running her campaign. "Why should I listen to Libertarians who have never won an election telling us how to run a campaign," Wright asks. "Now if they had actually elected someone, then I would listen. But this is an experiment and frankly, we probably have a better chance than most of the experts offering us advice ever had."

Several high ranking California LP leaders are upset with her campaign effort, and some have provided issues briefings and orientations to broaden her campaign from just the victimless crime theme.

Norma Jean was nominated at the February California LP convention over "None of the Above," when an earlier candidate, thought to have the inside track, withdrew shortly before the convention started. One ranking LP leader said, "well, she almost didn't beat NOTA and wouldn't have gotten the nomination if there had been anyone else. But we have a democratic process and this can happen. While there are obvious drawbacks to the lurid aspects, who knows, maybe it will work."

Some highly placed national LP sources report that there is some intentional downplaying of the Norma Jean effort to avoid embarrassment and the 'kook' association. Some LP leaders, who have worked long and hard to make libertarian ideas respectable, are upset that the prostitute candidate is intentionally altering the LP image.

But regardless of the reception, her campaign is plunging ahead. And according to Wright, other libertarian issues besides victimless crime are being interjected into her campaign. Some new campaign materials

are targeting the recently passed California liability limitation for nuclear power plants, and several of her bumperstickers stress the issue "California Out of Central America". These deal with the California Air and National Guard training missions in Honduras, Panama and other places in Central America.

"Fundraising could be going better," Wright acknowledged, "but things are really starting to heat up now." In addition to the Carson mention, the *LA Times* had a large story on the campaign in mid-June and she has been featured on the "Mid-Morning LA" TV show.

"She's gotten radio and press interviews from Chicago, Florida and even West German radio," Wright says, "and contributions have come from as far away as Puerto Rico and Indonesia."

Norma Jean is scheduled to appear in Gay Pride Week parades in both Los Angeles and San Francisco, and will be registering nude

sunbathers at Blacks beach on the July 4th weekend. She's also scheduled to speak at the national convention of the Adult Motion Picture Association and will be interviewed by *Chic* magazine. There is also going to be a complete interview and article in the October issue of *Penthouse* magazine, with a circulation of several million.

Finally, the campaign expects to get a lot of mileage from her campaign posters. Although earlier reports speculated that they would feature the candidate *au naturel* (baring all to the voters?), the first poster has her in a two piece bathing suit with boxing gloves on. It is being sold to raise funds and costs \$20, or \$100 for an autographed version. (We'll give you a free look at one in the next *American Libertarian*.)

The poster and other campaign information can be obtained for the **Committee to Elect Norma Jean, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave. #580, Hollywood, CA 90028. (213-850-1776).**■

LeFevre: As They Remember Him

"He changed a lot of lives. He was the inspiration for my own career. He left us all with a wide-eyed enthusiasm."

—Libertarian author and theorist **Roy Childs, Jr.**

"He was a very energetic man, someone who would bend over backwards to help you. An intellectual who had the common touch in getting his ideas across."

—Rampart Institute Director **Larry Samuels**

"A great teacher, he made history come alive."

—Freedom Newspaper publisher and longtime friend **Harry Hoiles**

"He became very successful at converting high school kids, housewives and businessmen. I admired LeFevre for his willingness to be consistent, but also one has to admit that the whole doctrine [of anarcho-

pacifism] is crackpot and a disaster. Certainly he was the only truly consistent anarcho-pacifist, perhaps of all time. At the last analysis, he was a true Original."

—Libertarian author and economist **Murray Rothbard**

"I didn't know him that well, but his death is obviously a loss to libertarians. He was about as hard core as they come."

—Former Republican congressman and hard money advocate **Ron Paul**

"I respected the part he played in coalescing people in the early days of Rampart College who later became important to the libertarian movement. Although I am not a Voluntarist, I respect him a great deal."

—Free Forum Bookstore Proprietor **Jim Peron**

"LeFevre was sorry to hear that I took on editorship of LP News. He felt that the Libertarian Party was against him. But he was one of the few people who had great influence on the movement, up there with Von Mises, Rothbard and Rand. I respected his work on education, which had an immense effect on the libertarian movement. His civility was most impressive, he was always decent, honest and civil."

—Libertarian Party News editor and libertarian activist/author **Karl Hess**

"Bob saw natural law as the principles inherent in the characteristics and relationships between people and nature. His idea behind teaching the fundamentals of liberty was not to change anybody. His aim was to explain how each person might achieve individual freedom in the right way. He believed that if it was done properly, then it would never have to be done again. He knew that time was on the side of those who presented the most consistent case for liberty. That is why he concentrated on the fundamentals."

—Founding member of the Voluntarists organization (which follows LeFevre's ideas) and author of a forthcoming biography of LeFevre, **Carl Watner**.

"I wasn't influenced by him, but I certainly had a great deal of respect and admiration for him as a person. I obviously disagreed with him on one of his most dearly held beliefs, which was the value of the Libertarian Party to the libertarian movement. He was a tremendous person and I always got along with him. He was always a very delightful person, extremely intelligent, obviously. You just couldn't be around him without admiring him."

—Libertarian Party National Chair **Jim Turney**.

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In 1949 his first exposure to libertarian ideas began with his reading of Rose Wilder Lane's **The Discovery of Freedom** and his initial contacts with Leonard Read and Baldy Harper of the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE). He also became a radio announcer in Los Angeles and in 1950 ran unsuccessfully for the Republican congressional nomination in the 14th District.

Ironically, while he later became a pacifist and anti-politician, LeFevre himself served in the military and ran for public office.

He worked for various conservative political groups and radio and TV stations in California and Florida in the early 1950's. In 1954, he left for New York to head up Merwin Hart's right wing National Economic Council.

He and an associate later took over another group named the Congress for Freedom. (According to one source, some of his early political associates were colorful in their own right: one was an early Rand disciple who was run out of town for his S-M episodes, and another eventually dropped out of politics to become a pacifist, mescaline-head Eastern mystic.)

In late 1954 he moved to Colorado Springs to work for R. C. Hoile's *Gazette Telegraph* and began his lifelong association with the Freedom Newspaper group. It was in the

Colorado Springs area where LeFevre founded his Freedom School, (later Rampart College) which roughly spanned the period 1957-1968.

One early incarnation of the Freedom school was something called "the Phrontistery" (Greek for "place for thinking"), which involved a winter-long mountain encampment of 15 students and LeFevre. Results of this approach were decidedly mixed, and later versions of the School (and Rampart College) focused on shorter sessions or two-and-three day seminars. It was during this period, however, when his greatest educational efforts were made and the prominent businessmen were radicalized by LeFevre's uncompromising philosophy.

Rampart
COLLEGE

After moving to Orange County, LeFevre published dozens of pamphlets, many of them under the Rampart College imprimatur.



But LeFevre himself was self-taught and his institutions never formally accredited, although degrees and diplomas were awarded. Towards the end, he expanded the faculty and hired noted South African economist W.H. Hutt and revisionist historian James Martin, who lived nearby. Unfortunately, this proved a volatile mixture and resulted in numerous disagreements between LeFevre and his faculty.

Although subsidized in part by his businessmen backers, the Freedom School ultimately went bankrupt and its two buildings sold. Martin, who had insisted on an ironclad contract, forced LeFevre to honor it and reportedly lived off of it for several years.

In 1968 LeFevre moved to Orange, CA, and established Rampart College, which was the organizational name for his publishing and seminar activities. For the next 16 years he continued to conduct seminars for Milliken management, commuting 15 times a year to South Carolina.

LeFevre continued to speak to interested groups, worked on books and pamphlets and wrote regular columns for the Freedom Newspapers. He became a behind-the-scenes supporter of Watner's Voluntarist group, which advocates non-political libertarian strategies. And in 1980 he turned over his Freedom School seminars to former student Kevin Cullinane.

Heart and respiratory problems in recent years limited his travels, although he made an exception for the wedding of friends in South Carolina in mid May. According to his wishes he was cremated and his ashes were scattered at sea. A memorial service was held in Santa Ana on May 23, and the *Santa Ana Register* carried a lengthy tribute to LeFevre by former friends and students in an early June issue.

Though controversial, Robert LeFevre's influence was felt early in the libertarian movement and his ideas remain widely respected throughout the libertarian community. His legacy remains as a major contribution to freedom in our time.■

Return to GOP?

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who regularly uses libertarian rhetoric, and young quasi-libertarians have important positions within the Republican Party. The astonishing fact of the matter is that there are more libertarian-oriented political activists within the GOP than are currently enrolled in the LP. And although libertarian ideas have never been more popular, the LP itself is in decline. According to the most recent LP NEWS, membership is down to less than one hundred in thirty-two states. For LP activists, who have labored for years to build an organization, that is a sobering fact.

We think it is time to call the third party strategy into question.

LP candidates and activists ritually denounce the "Reagan Revolution" as a snare and a delusion. They inveigh against the GOP as having betrayed and distorted free market principles and take great delight in pointing out the many contradictions and inconsistencies in the GOP program — and they are undoubtedly right. But this is not surprising: the GOP, like the Democratic Party, is a coalition of factions with very different interests and philosophies. The point is that there are now strong libertarian voices within the GOP, and we have to decide whether to help them win the battle inside, or not.

In the early Seventies the third party route was a necessary and courageous act of political rebellion; in the eighties it is a prescription for irrelevance. Today third party politics amounts to sitting on the sidelines by abstaining while the real battle over liberty and world peace is now going on within the Republican party.

We cannot expect the voters to come to us; and we can't expect the new semi-libertarians within the GOP to leave. The best alternative to the outmoded third party strategy is an organized entry into the Republican party. The emphasis is definitely on the word organized; unless a large number of libertarians enter the GOP as an organized group, our influence will be marginal.

LP candidates have for the most part fared poorly, but our ideas have had an enormous influence. The question is now whether we are going to permit the GOP under right-wing influence to co-opt and distort the libertarian ideal — or will we fight for the untrammelled vision of free society which has always been our credo?

What of the LP? The continued existence of an organization is essential to the success of our strategy: libertarians within the GOP will need a structure for their group. The form will have to change because the situation has changed; it will no longer be a separate political party. But the organizational independence of the libertarian movement is a matter of principle, even if third party politics is not. Just as the Democratic Socialists of America and the Campaign for Economic Democracy work within and recruit from the Democratic party to achieve their political ends, so libertarians can organize a similar effort within the GOP.

The Libertarian Party has served its purpose well. It organized our movement and focused our attention on serious political action: that is, on electoral politics. Our years in the LP gave us the time and the space to define our politics and refine our political skills, a necessary phase in the evolution of our movement. We must be firm on principles but flexible when it comes to strategy and tactics; change is part of life, especially political life.

Instead of running an under-funded and half-hearted third party presidential cam-

paign, libertarians should enter their own candidate, someone like Ron Paul, in the GOP primaries. Of course we have no illusions about our chances of winning the 1988 Republican party presidential nomination, but run in tandem with primary battles in selected areas such a campaign may eventually give us a few libertarians in Congress and more than a few elected officials at the local level.

Libertarians can make a difference — but only if we have the courage to break with an outmoded strategy and forge a new one. We don't pretend to have all the answers, but we believe the time has come to raise some important questions. As we have discussed these ideas with other libertarians, one theme has come up over and over again in their responses, "I've thought this for months now, but I didn't want to be the first to say it."

More and more libertarians have reached the same conclusions that we have; many individual libertarians are already running in Republican primaries — but this battle can't be won without an organized drive by the whole movement. As long-time libertarian activists, we will make our case to LP members at every opportunity; this is the first stage of what we hope will be a serious discussion within the party and the rest of the movement, a free and open debate on the future of the movement we have all worked to build.

Asked to comment on the letter, LP Chair Jim Turney said, "It's premature. What has to happen, strategically, barring some catastrophic event, is that these people have to be whipped. The Republicans have to be shown that American voters are scared to death of the Jerry Falwells and the Pat Robertsons."

LP Director Perry Willis said "the letter makes a seductive argument, and for that reason is dangerous."

1984 LP Presidential candidate David Bergland remarked that "those who suggest this kind of action are free to do it. If it gives them energy, fine. What I object to is the 'if everybody does X, then' style of argument."

On the other hand, Bergland continued, "it would be great if this results in 'GOP infiltrated' type headlines since this would put pressure on the GOP and might provide incentive for them to ease up on restrictive ballot access laws."

Libertarian economist Murray Rothbard observed "They want to persuade Ron Paul to run for president on the Republican ticket, and persuade the Kochs to finance the race. When asked by a mutual friend why he thought he could take over a mighty outfit like the Republican Party, Hunter replied 'that's why we're going to start small — in California'. The whole idea is idiotic. Emil Franzi estimated that if they work very hard, they will be able to get about 10 delegates on the Republican State Central Committee of about 1500."

"It is interesting to see how many losers in LP faction fights defect to the Republicans: Crane and the Crane Machine, MacBride, Huscher, Randolph and the Randolphians, and now the Revolutionary Tendency of the now defunct Radical Caucus," Rothbard continued.

"One of the many crazy things about this new 'strategy' is that Koch would never finance a Ron Paul race, since I'm sure that they regard Ron as much too doctrinaire and libertarian."

Although Hunter has been seeking public supporters for this letter, as of June 21 no one other than the original three had been publicly identified with this strategic view.

Anyone interested in obtaining the full text of the letter or in the "GOP Gambit" strategy, can contact Colin Hunter, 1200 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301. ■

Utah Takeover

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Formerly a Republican, Joseph ran unopposed for Mayor in 1985 and got 85% of the vote despite the fact that most of Big Water's residents are monogamous. "If the Libertarians are willing to have me, I'm willing to have them," Joseph said. "The Libertarian Party is aligned with my philosophy," he said, "I share the philosophy of getting government out of people's lives. Less government is the best government."

Big Water marks the first incorporated city in the world ever to be politically controlled by members of the Libertarian Party.

Although Joseph's conversion stems from unhappiness with the GOP over local issues, such as the management of the Kane County Hospital, the state LP was actively recruiting Joseph and his supporters. Joseph is related to a number of people in the small town, which is not shown on most maps of the state. Joseph is a part-time mayor and country music manager, and a former Modesto, CA police officer.

At the May 21 Kane County Libertarian Party Convention over 100 people attended, including 11 Republican and Democratic candidates, which was held at the "Long Haul" bar. Big Water Mayor Joseph was nominated to run for Kane County Commis-

sion. Among the fifteen platform planks adopted was a demand for the privatization of the County Hospital, abolition of Commissioner salaries and a number of cost cutting proposals. According to news reports, country western singer David Alan Coe also attended.

Roy Potter of Salt Lake City started the polygamist-politician trend in April with his candidacy for sheriff of Salt Lake County. A business consultant, Potter said he would also not enforce other victimless crimes laws concerning unlawful alcohol consumption or cohabitation without marriage. He claims to have three wives and is a former military policeman and Murray, UT police officer. He is legally entitled to run, although according to the County Attorney, he is required to become a certified peace officer in six months if he were to win, which might not be possible if he is still an admitted polygamist.

Utah LP Chair Bob Waldrop said these recent developments were part of a conscious strategy, "We're trying to reach out to people in Utah with different constituencies who might be favorable to us. We're trying to build a coalition out of groups who have been outside the power structure." Commenting on the Big Water takeover, Waldrop said, "It's not Salt Lake City, but it's a start. It really surprised our national [LP] office." ■

The Supreme Court's Lib Connection

Washington, D.C. - While the mid-June elevation of William Rehnquist to Chief Justice of the Supreme Court excites little interest among libertarians (he's a hard line conservative), the appointment of former Federal Appeals Court judge Antonin Scalia is open to wider speculation.

Scalia is considered sophisticated in his grasp of economics, which is rare in judicial circles, and has appeared at Cato Institute sponsored seminars on economic and legal issues. In fact, TV background footage aired at the time of his nomination included shots of Scalia at a Cato event with their logo

clearly visible.

He also taught law at the University of Chicago, home to one wing of libertarian economic theory, and has been quoted as saying "the free market has historically been the cradle of broad political freedom, and in modern time the demise of economic freedom has been the grave of political freedom as well."

On the down side, many observers find Scalia's views hostile to individual rights on first amendment issues. Whether the new Justice will support justice - libertarian style - while on the bench remains to be seen. ■

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Libertarian Outlook

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One of the most famous definitions of libertarianism goes something like this: there are two ways in which people can interact in society. (1) They can deal peaceably and voluntarily with each other in all social, political and economic matters. This is, in fact, how the overwhelming majority of interactions among people occur. Or (2), they can use force, violence, fraud and deceit with their fellow human beings to obtain their objectives.

Libertarians advocate the exclusive use of the first methods over the second. It sounds pretty simple, since few people advocate outright criminal behavior instead of normal peaceful human interactions.

The big problem occurs when the inevitable "but" is raised and forcible coercion is favored for certain purposes (to create and maintain the State, for instance).

The definitions and ramifications of the contrasting libertarian approach are numerous, subtle and complex. A wide variety of opinion exists about just how far and in what manner voluntary, peaceful human interactions can occur in societies.

The *American Libertarian* isn't going to solve or arbitrate this issue. Instead, we are going to focus on the people, organizations

and ideas which support the libertarian ideal and the libertarian direction. Naturally, we'll also have a few words to say about the apologists for coercion and statism.

Broadly defined, the libertarian movement isn't a political party, a rigid set of doctrines or any one particular economic or political theory. Rather it is a rich collection of traditions, ideas and individuals extending from the distant past through the present.

The *American Libertarian* is a newspaper for and about the libertarian movement. We will rely upon our readership to contribute ideas, news, photos of related interest and guidance about the kind of job we are doing. We invite and solicit your opinions.

We represent no institution or faction, no special interests or organizations. To the best of our abilities we will report facts and opinions and let you draw your own conclusions.

In this way, it is hoped that our efforts will contribute to the onward march of civilized human beings towards a peaceful and humane world. A tall order indeed.

We look forward to reporting on this great libertarian adventure for you, and in hearing from you about the job we're doing. ■

U.S. Foreign Policy Follies

Historically, when a U.S. citizen left American shores, he was on his own. Despite appearances to the contrary (like multitudes of diplomats, military bases and embassies) no promises are made by the government to provide protection against assault, kidnapping or attack on foreign soil. Thousands of U.S. citizens are criminally assaulted, robbed and even killed each year abroad with nary a peep from the government. U.S. embassies don't even want to be bothered with assisting citizens in trouble.

In fact, outright murder of U.S. citizens by foreign governments, particularly in Latin America in recent years (Chile, El Salvador) are studiously ignored for political reasons.

Which makes the recent U.S. military assault on Libya (in the wake of terrorist attacks on Americans) even more puzzling. Using the excuse of terrorist attacks, the U.S. government is pursuing totally unrelated foreign policy objectives involving "allies" and "enemies" in Europe and

the Middle East. Of course, these distinctions are becoming a little difficult to maintain.

But the clear outcome of this is apparent. For the first time during peacetime in generations, American citizens are afraid to travel abroad and are fearful of random terrorist attack. All of this as a result of American foreign policy.

While not expecting U.S. police protection in foreign lands, one might expect American foreign policy to contribute to the ability of Americans to safely travel overseas. Evidently, the U.S. government has other, more important interests to serve than the safety and protection of its own citizens. ■

The Oil Tax

Since the price per barrel of oil has plummeted in recent months to the \$10-15 range, a new hue and cry has been heard about something called an "oil import fee".

When the price of oil was skyrocketing a few years ago, this same cry was heard (from different quarters) about a tax to punish greedy oil producers and "price gougers".

Now that prices are falling, it is the domestic oil producers who are crying for this "fee". It would of course, allow domestic oil producers to reap unearned profits at the expense of foreign oil producers and domestic consumers.

Make no mistake. Despite the use of the term "import fee" this is a tax. Actually a tariff or excise tax on imported oil, not a "fee". A fee implies a quid pro quo. The oil import "fee" proposal is a tax. A quid pro ripoff.

The government should get completely out of the energy business. And quit trying to extract money from the productive sectors of society every time the price of the basic energy commodity — oil — goes either up or down. ■

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I am both surprised and delighted to see that there is a new Libertarian publication. It is about time. I am starting to get sick and tired of reading *Reason*. I feel that it has become too conservative. It has lost its appeal to us hardcore Libertarian activists. I can't believe that *Reason* writes so many articles about the Republican Party and the Democratic Party. There has not been one article written about the Libertarian Party since the 84 elections within the pages of *Reason*. I sincerely hope that your new publication does not make this mistake.

I would also like to say that I sincerely enjoyed reading *LP News* while you were editor. Of course I still enjoy reading *LP News* now that Karl Hess is editor. There is one difference though. I believe that you covered LP activities better than Mr. Hess does, and this is what interests me the most. To tell you the truth I am really not interested in long articles about taxation or other points of libertarian philosophy. If I want that I will read a libertarian book such as those written by Rothbard, Rand, Bergland, etc. What I want from a libertarian magazine is news about what is happening within the libertarian movement.

For instance, I want to keep informed about how well the LP is doing in California, Alaska, Delaware, Utah and all the rest of the States. I want to know who we are running for office in these States. I would like to read articles about Libertarian officeholders such as you used to do in the *LP News*. I want to read articles about the future of the LP and the prospects for the Libertarian Party. I want to read articles about how other LP affiliates are becoming active in the political process. I want to read articles about the more wild aspects about the LP such as the fact that we are running a prostitute for Lt. Governor, and also that we now have a Mayor that has 10 wives. I want to read articles about how the LP is working to make marijuana legal in Oregon, or how a particular LP affiliate is working to repeal a zoning law.

I would also like to read articles about how the Cato Institute is lobbying Demopublicans to adopt more libertarian stances on certain issues. I would like to read articles about the Society for Individual Liberty, and what they have been doing for the cause of liberty. I would even like to read about Anarchist Libertarians such as the Voluntaryists. Of course much of this I can read in *LP News* but Karl Hess only has so much space, and he cannot go into depth with each article.

I am confident that the *American Libertarian* will be just the publication I am looking for, and if it is I will be sure to recommend it to other Libertarians here in North Florida.

Eric Rittberg

Jacksonville, FL

Thanks for your suggestions. As you point out, there is a lot of news to cover, and we'll do our best to keep you informed. Ed. ■

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On the Democratic Party's re-evaluation of its philosophy:

"We have had to recognize that the market is often the most equitable allocator of resources in a society," said Senator Bill

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Richard Reeves column, "The Post Reagan Democrats", March 30, 1986

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1984 Libertarian Presidential candidate David Bergland, April 1986 Op-Ed article. ■

Political Notes



Houston, TX - Rumors of recent national LP money problems apparently have some substance, according to a June Headquarters Report from National Director Willis.

Estimates of a \$30,000 shortfall by the end of May from the \$360,000 annual LP budget are in the ballpark, according to informed sources. Willis attributes this in part to his recent severe illness and to disruption of his direct mail fundraising program.

Solutions include a beefed up mailing schedule coordinated by Willis and LP Vice Chair Sharon Ayres, which should have 20-30,000 pieces of mail in circulation by mid-July. Finance Director Terry Mitchell also sent out handsome plaques to the Party's \$1000/yr Torch Club members as well as lapel pins, which is hoped will stimulate major donors.

Willis notes funding shortages may delay scheduled publication of *LP News* temporarily. Plans for LP TV commercials are also on hold as a result of the situation.

A year ago in mid-June, LP Director Honey Lanham was fired in part as a result of unhappiness over the LP's financial situation. No such drastic action is considered likely this time, however.

Casper, WY - The short-lived experiment in Libertarian Party fusionism came to an end in early May when the American-Libertarian Party (no kin in any way to the *American Libertarian*) agreed to dissolve after a three-month existence.

The Wyoming Libertarian Party and the state's American Party joined ranks on Feb. 8 in order to work together jointly for ballot status. 8,000 signatures were needed and it was felt that ideological differences could be subsumed in order to achieve some measure of ballot representation.

However, by early May it was clear that only 3,000 signatures were in hand and this was far short of the requirement.

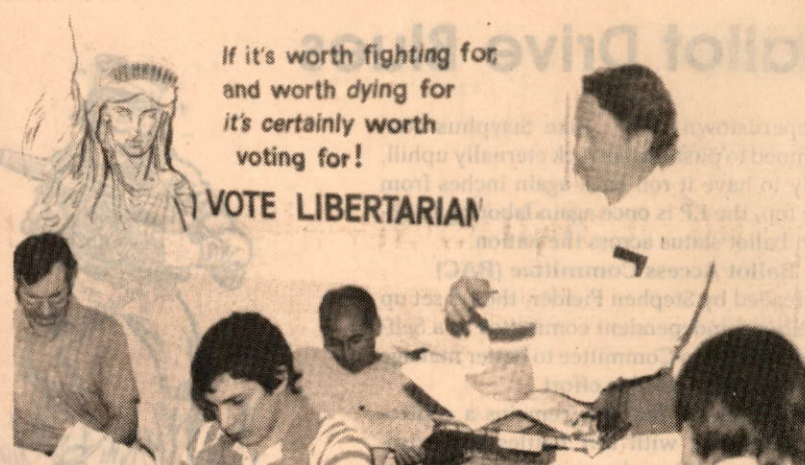
The American Party provided the A-L Chair while former Wyoming LP Chair Larry Gray was Vice Chair. Gray termed the coalition "a very good arrangement. We find we're very close. But we just didn't do it (obtain the signatures)". The American Party leadership said they ran into "some flack" from their national Executive Committee over the union, but little was said on the LP side. In fact, this union went unreported in *LP News*.

However, LP Chair Turney visited the state shortly after the announced merger and personally reviewed the situation. He termed this move a "dangerous experiment" but noted that "we can always disassociate ourselves if things don't work out." He said there was some danger in 1988 that the American Party candidate might receive the presidential nomination, but this is no longer a worry given the recent breakup.

Houston, TX - In the face of a two-week computer breakdown at the national LP headquarters, LP Director Perry Willis fired LP Computer Operations Manager Tom Radloff in early June.

Ther firing, described as "amicable" was not directly the consequence of the hardware malfunction but this apparently brought the matter to a head. Radloff preferred to work with software enhancements rather than day-to-day production. He evidently did not take enough responsibility for correcting the breakdown to suit Willis.

Only a year ago then-LP Director Honey



(TL) National LP Chair Jim Turney (left) discusses matters with Illinois libertarians and Bob Poole of Reason (right) during a pre-banquet cocktail party during the Chicago convention. (TR) Texas LP Chair Roger Gary discusses ballot drive strategy during the May Texas LP Executive Committee meeting in Houston. The banner, designed by Ed Pummer, echoes the sentiment of party members. (BL) National Libertarian Party Director Perry Willis makes a point during the April National Committee meeting in Chicago. Shortly after the meeting, Willis was stricken with mononucleosis and was out of commission for six weeks. (BR) Libertarian psychologist Dr. Peter Breggin addresses a luncheon crowd on the psychology of freedom at the April LP State convention in Illinois.

Lanham and Radloff "parted company", and Radloff was taken off the payroll but remained as a volunteer to run the computer. Lanham was criticized at the time for the frequent computer malfunctions. Radloff wrote a memo outlining problems in that area to then-LP Chair Randy Ver Hagen, which was cited when Ver Hagen fired Lanham in mid-June 1985.

Willis has contracted with a part-time consultant to handle software and operating technical details, and plans to use existing staff to operate the system. He intends to replace Radloff with a full time secretarial person, expected to be Sharon Freeman Mitchell, recently married to LP Finance Director Terry Von Mitchell.

The computer system, which has long been criticized by various NatCom members, is a Data General mini-computer system about 10 years old.

San Francisco/New York City - Barbara Branden's book on Rand, *The Passion of Ayn Rand* (reviewed in this issue) tops to the best seller lists of both major libertarian book stores. Jim Person reports that *Passion* and Rothbard's *For A New Liberty* top his best seller list at his San Francisco-based Free Forum books (1800 Market St., San Francisco, Ca 94102). *Passion* and Thomas Sowell's *Marxism* top the Laissez Faire Books best seller list.

Additionally, the Palo Alto Bookservice, which specialized in Objectivist books was acquired by Laissez Faire Books recently.

Whitefish, MT/San Antonio, TX - The May Montana LP convention elected former Gubernatorial candidate Larry Dodge as Chair, replacing former Chair Della Scott.

At their June convention in San Antonio, the Texas LP re-elected Roger Gary as State Chair.

Houston, TX - Libertarian Party leaders across the nation have a new problem: public confusion between Libertarians (many of whom are petitioning for ballot access) and followers of right-wing cult leader Lydon LaRouche.

South Carolina LP Chair John Heaton in a recent press statement observed, "Lyndon LaRouche and his followers are neo-nazis who fit more appropriately with the Democratic and Republican parties."

In Illinois, where two LaRouchites won statewide nomination to office over regular Democrats and forced the Democratic gubernatorial nominee Adlai Stevenson Jr. off the ballot (he removed himself, actually), LP state Chair Lyn Tinsley said, "our phone was ringing off the hook the day after the primary election because journalists were confused about the identity of the surprise winners in the Democratic primary. They are definitely not ours."

Texas LP Director Dianne Pilcher also notes that some people are "reluctant to sign our petitions since they think we might be LaRouchites". In other places, radio talk show hosts and print journalists have misidentified Libertarians as LaRouchites, much to the dismay of the LP. ■

Rothbard Relocates

New York, NY - Noted Austrian economist and libertarian theorist Murray Rothbard was recently appointed to a privately endowed chair in economics at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas.

Rothbard was named the S.J. Hall Distinguished Professor of Economics and will teach at the Las Vegas campus full time from September through May. Rothbard said his appointment was the outgrowth of his previous stint as a visiting professor in economics at the same institution and is part of the University's effort to upgrade the educational staff in order to attract high tech industries to Nevada.

Rothbard said there are several other Austrian economists and libertarians on the faculty and that he is looking forward to the appointment. He currently resides in Manhattan and has taught economics at Brooklyn Polytechnical Institute (primarily an engineering school) for the past several years.

"It's a big change from New York in some ways," Rothbard noted, "but it's also a 24-hour-a-day town, much like New York City. Joey (his wife) and I will miss the cultural things, like the opera and the theatre, but on the plus side, taxes are much, much lower there." ■

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Ballot Drive Blues

Sheperdstown, WV - Like Sisyphus condemned to pushing his rock eternally uphill, only to have it roll back again inches from the top, the LP is once again laboring to obtain ballot status across the nation.

LP Ballot Access Committee (BAC)

Headed by Stephen Fielder, the LP set up this quasi-independent committee as a Self-Funded Action Committee to better manage and fundraise for this effort.

However, to date this remains a controversial move, with turf battles and intra-party squabbling the result. Attempts to bring the BAC under closer NatCom control at the April Chicago National LP Committee meeting met with mixed results. One experienced NatComer noted that much of the action stemmed from "fear of Fielder."

Fielder, who ran unsuccessfully for LP Chair last August, has a reputation for criticizing national LP office management.

Recent BAC criticism stems from his fundraising efforts, which some claim have conflicted with national office direct mail efforts, and Fielder's stingy policy towards actually funding ballot access efforts.

The BAC has not been instrumental in funding any successful ballot access petition efforts or legal cases this year, although it is known that \$1,000 was spent in Nevada, which ultimately was successful in a court suit.

The BAC is thought to have raised about \$15,000 (\$10,000 left over from the Bergland campaign and about \$5,000 from its own efforts) but no financial reports have yet been made available to the LP National Committee.

Reports of conflict between Fielder, LP Chair Turney and Director Willis have also been heard.

Nevada

Despite a disastrous petitioning effort which unraveled by late March, the Nevada LP won ballot status as a result of a federal



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court case in late May.

Financed by the ACLU, the LP successfully argued that the April deadline and petition wording (implying that signers were party members) was unconstitutional.

The NLP needed about 13,200 signatures, but fell far short of that effort in a highly controversial petitioning effort.

Among other problems, the NLP set up a telephone fundraising operation with a commercially obtained list of California LP members. This effort, headed up by John Slaven, was condemned as misleading by California LP members and a "ripoff" by some Nevada petitioners who said they never saw any of the proceeds. Slaven is also reported to have called police to evict petitioners from the rented house serving as ballot drive hq., because he was a co-signer on the lease. He supposedly had to be paid off to rectify the situation, according to state Chair Dan Beçan, and he took off with a number of signed petitions as well.

Several petitioners are unhappy since the only funds they received came from the \$1,000 the BAC sent after urgent appeals.

Jim Libertarian Burns remains a controversial figure, since as Nevada Director he was also managing the petitioning effort. However, he is also reported to have spent thousands of his own funds during the effort. Neither he nor Slaven could be reached for comment at press time.

Texas

The difficult Texas effort is being managed by State LP Director Dianne Pilcher. The State Executive Committee in May sent a strongly worded resolution to Fielder and state LP members protesting that the BAC was raising money in Texas for ballot access but had so far refused to spend any funds on the Texas Ballot Drive.

Several people, including ballot access expert Richard Winger and attorney Jim Linger view the 1986 Texas effort as a unique opportunity, since the LP would run with only one major party candidate for three statewide offices, thus nearly assuring them of the necessary 5% vote to retain ballot status for 1988.

Despite this, the BAC has thus far only demanded more assurances that the peti-

tioning effort will be a success. Heavy rains and difficult petitioning requirements make this outcome uncertain.

Pilcher says the LPT is ahead of the 1982 successful effort at the comparable time. Lack of national LP help in this effort (no funds were given in 1984 and very little in 1982) at a time of severe economic downturn in Texas may lend support to the idea advocated by former LP Director Honey Lanham that the Texas LP re-name itself the Texas Independence Party to broaden its appeal.

Arizona

The Arizona LP only collected about half the needed signatures by the May 17 deadline and thus for the first time in the party's history, will not be on the ballot.

There was confusion over the deadline (some thought it was in June) due to the differing requirements by County and State officials.

Many on the ALP Executive Committee blamed former Chair Ken Sturzenacker for this setback, and requested and received his resignation at their May 17 meeting. Citing "alienation of party activists" and "unauthorized spending" Sturzenacker was held primarily responsible. One high ranking LP source also said that due to personality conflicts, ALP activists did not take timely or effective action when the situation began to deteriorate.

Sturzenacker, who is noted for his media relations skills, could not be reached for comment. Reportedly, he lost his job due to devoting too much time to LP activities, and one source said he was in very bad financial shape as a result.

Hawaii

Despite assurances from NatCom Representative Dale Pratt in Chicago that due to legislative changes, the Hawaii LP would be on the ballot the next three elections, the HLP failed to turn in the 4200 signatures needed to qualify.

A federal lawsuit, similar to the Nevada case, is pending.

Others

Unfavorable legislative action or no action at all have dampened chances in Michigan and Florida, where no petitioning was even started. Lawsuits are pending in Oregon and Maine. And new, more difficult requirements make it possible to get on the ballot in Delaware if that dormant state party is reactivated by mid-August.

LP candidates will also not appear in Georgia or Kansas due to difficult petitioning requirements, lack of petition drives, and passed deadlines. ■

Plot Thickens In 1988 LP Presidential Race

Houston, TX - Despite great interest among libertarians over the question of who the LP's standard bearers will be in 1988, current speculation reveals no clear cut favorites.

Former South Carolina LP Senatorial candidate Stephen Davis was an early leader but recently indicated that improved business commitments may make him unavailable. He and his wife Heidi Hartman-Davis, most recently of Santa Barbara, CA, are heading back to Arizona, where Davis once served in the State House as a Republican.

James Libertarian Burns (yes, he changed his middle name) has been serving as Nevada LP Director and made a multi-state swing to test the waters this spring. As reported in *LP News*, his proposed campaign strategy is to focus several million dollars on a few western and New England states where the LP candidates could have an impact. But his role in the Nevada LP ballot drive effort has come under fire and many long time Libertarian Party observers dismiss his strategy as beyond the practical reach of the LP in 1988. Burns (no kin to the mysterious Gene Burns) is reportedly incommunicado in northern Nevada.

Southern California attorney and sales consultant Richard Boddie has also announced as a candidate, although he has not been highly visible. Some LP sources contend that he is cooling to the idea.

The name which has excited the greatest enthusiasm so far is former Republican con-

gressman Ron Paul of Texas, despite some differences over the abortion question with the LP Platform. Paul recently told the *American Libertarian* that he "preferred not to comment" on the possibility, indicating that he did not think that it was likely to occur. Several libertarians discussed the possibility with him in 1984 but Paul instead ran unsuccessfully for the Republican U.S. Senate nomination ultimately won by Phil Gramm (who himself once sought help from the Texas LP leadership in his early congressional races). Paul also told David Bergland recently that he wasn't interested.

Long time libertarian and current LP News editor Karl Hess, was recently mentioned as a prospect, particularly since he has a high media profile and has been an effective communicator of libertarian ideas. Hess, who is a tax resister and lives in a rural area of West Virginia, has not publicly indicated that he is interested in the nomination.

In a recent *American Libertarian* interview, 1984 LP Presidential candidate David Bergland absolutely ruled himself out as a candidate for 1988, noting that there was "no way" he would accept the nomination again.

1980 presidential candidate Ed Clark's name is occasionally mentioned, although Clark thus far has not publicly expressed an interest.

Rank-and-file LP members at a recent LP state convention brainstormed about an

ideal 1988 ticket: "Raquel Welch and Ron Paul", noting that Welch was identified as a Clark supporter in 1980. As one party member said, "if Reagan and Clint Eastwood can do it, hey why not?"

The plot thickens. ■

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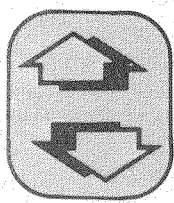
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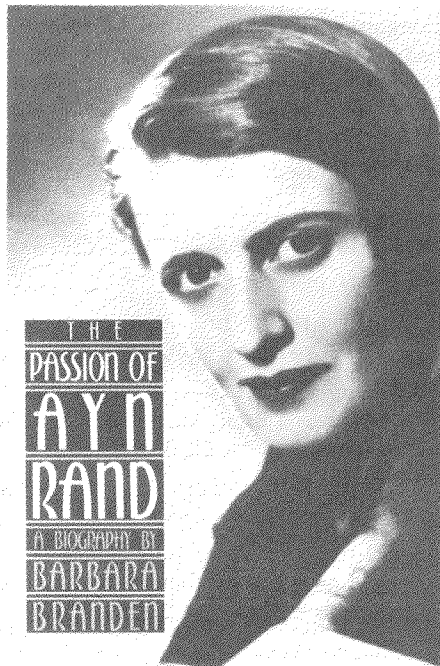


Murray Rothbard is a world famous libertarian economist, historian and political theorist. For a brief period during the 1950's, he was a member of Ayn Rand's "inner circle."

The Passion of Ayn Rand, by Barbara Branden, Doubleday, 408 pages \$19.95.

Here, at last, is the first full-scale biography of Ayn Rand, written by someone who knew Rand all too well, and suffered much at her hands. Barbara Branden was the junior co-founder (along with her then husband, Nathaniel) of the Nathaniel Branden Institute, the organizing arm of the formidable Ayn Rand cult that lasted for a decade.

The most important point about the book, and one that alone makes it must reading for all libertarians, Objectivists, and ex-Objectivists, is that yes indeed it "Tells All" about Rand's life and personality. From her original name in Russia to the fascinating true story of the momentous breakup between Rand and her designated intellectual



heir Nathaniel Branden. The breakup devastated the RandCult, and led to its rapid demise, having roughly the impact on Randians of God the Father kicking Jesus out of his niche in the Trinity. And yes, the sordid and gory details of the breakup amongst these self-proclaimed "perfect" people are all there, and they confirm in spades the entire chronicle that some of us have known for many years.

As someone who knew Rand briefly before the publication of *Atlas Shrugged* and the formation of the cult, and who then spent about six stormy months in the movement in its earliest days, even I was surprised on reading Barbara's book by how great a monster Rand really was. The record is all there of how Rand systematically imposed upon and exploited everyone who liked or loved her: from relatives to friends to husbands to worshipful disciples. Finally, the infinitely patient kindness of her last major friends and top disciples, Joan and Alan Blumenthal, was repaid with equal brutality, driving even them away. It is typical of Rand that the final straw was her demanding threat the Blumenthals have no other friends but herself, and her backing this up with the "philosophical" argument that "privacy" (for others) is in no sense a virtue.

And yet, *The Passion of Ayn Rand* is deeply flawed, largely because in many important ways Barbara Branden is still, even

at this late date, a dedicated Randian (though no longer a Randoid). While there is enormous detail on Rand and on the Rand-Brandens relationship, there is very little here on the Randcult, and hence nothing on the structure of the cult or the way it worked. Concentrating almost solely on Rand the person, Rand the cult leader scarcely makes an appearance. There are only brief hints about the grotesquerie of the cult, and the numerous lives that the cult wrecked or crippled.

Avoiding concentration on the cult, of course, serves an important function. For it lets the Brandens, especially Nathaniel, off the hook, making them appear poor adolescent victims of Rand's charisma. While it is true that the Brandens were abject (if voluntary) slaves of The Rand, they also enjoyed the typical compensations of top leaders of cult hierarchies. In short, they were able, as cult leaders, to exert enormous psychological power upon the unfortunate members and adepts — in particular, Nathaniel as top Randian shrink and second only Rand Himself. The Brandens may have had to crawl abjectly before The Rand, but everyone else crawled before them.

Power proved to be a heady wine, as lives were ordered and marriages broken up. Moreover, Barbara overlooks her own high role in the cult. While the cult adepts learned above all that Ayn Rand was perfect and "the greatest person of all time", Nathaniel was proclaimed as the greatest male of all time (or, at worst, on a par with Aristotle as Number 2 Greatest Person). And Barbara was supposed to be "the most beautiful woman in the world" as well as the second greatest living female and "the solver of the free will problem." There is nary a hint of this role in *The Passion of Ayn Rand*, let alone its recantation.

At heart, indeed, Barbara is still a Randian. At the end, after a harrowing tale of being kicked around unmercifully by The Rand, she asks herself a crucial question: why did she stick around for all those years, until forcibly expelled? And she replies that it was all, all worth it, because Ayn Rand's splendour and greatness made the whole thing worthwhile. Barbara's unquenchable masochism is crowned at the end by a joyful and pathetic claim that she and Rand had finally reconciled, a claim belied by her own evidence that after this brief "reconciliation", Rand refused to take her phone calls. ■

Mises Institute Seminars

Auburn, AL - The Ludwig Von Mises Institute announced two weekend seminars and one major academic conference to be held in August and September.

Murray Rothbard will teach "The History of Economic Thought: An Austrian Perspective" in Washington, D.C. on August 1-3.

The Institute's Auburn University faculty and graduate student instructors will hold a seminar at the Auburn campus on "An Introduction to Austrian Economics" August 14-17.

And a major academic conference on "The Federal Reserve" featuring Rothbard, Ron Paul and others will be held Sept. 4-6 on Sea Island, GA, near Jekyll Island, GA, (where the original Federal Reserve concept was hatched by Morgan, Rockefeller and others in 1912). This is being held at the Cloister resort and reservations are required by July 24.

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Healthcare Registrations Next

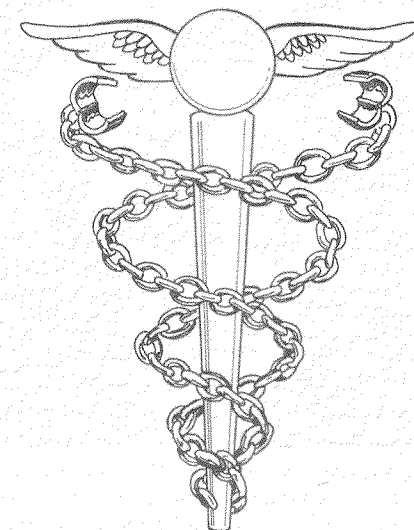
Washington, DC - The semi-annual **Report From the Director of the Selective Service** for the Oct. 85 - Mar. 86 period reports that a chilling new proposal is in the works.

Mississippi Democratic Congressman G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery introduced in early March HR 4346 which would require the Selective Service registration of all health care professionals ("trained in health care occupations") between the ages of 18-46. This sweeping measure, intended to broaden the scope of any future military draft, for the first time would require women to register and potentially be draft eligible.

In addition to including women, the extremely broad definition of health care professionals could include nurses, lab technicians, hospital attendants, ambulance drivers, and hospital administrators as well as doctors and dentists.

Montgomery's bill is an amendment to the Department of Defense Fiscal Year 1987 budget authorization measure which will be considered later this summer.

The push for this expanded registration effort comes in the wake of purported "shortages" of medical personnel who might be needed in the event of total war mobilization. One source reports that the AMA has already agreed to turn over lists of its members to the SSS, in an attempt to



forestall formal registration requirements.

While the SSS has not formally endorsed Montgomery's proposal, there are indications of unofficial approval. Rep. Montgomery was recently publicly awarded the SSS "Gold Medal" for "Distinguished Service" on behalf of the government draft bureaucracy.

Pressure for this measure signals a renewed push for broader government powers to compel citizens into involuntary government service, long advocated by statists on both the left and right. ■

American Libertarian Interview: Paul Jacob

In July, 1985 libertarian draft registration opponent Paul Jacob of North Little Rock, AR was convicted of failing to register and was sentenced to 5 years in prison, with all but six months suspended. Jacob served 5 months in federal prison and was released late last November. American Libertarian Editor Mike Holmes talked with Jacob recently.

AL: Paul, what's your current legal status?

Jacob: I'm on probation until 1990 and have to report once a month to my probation officer. Once a week, on Wednesdays, I do my community service work with retarded adults at the Easter Seals office. I work with them on physical fitness, basketball, dancing, things like that. It's actually not too bad.

AL: Any travel restrictions?

Jacob: Originally, I was banned from traveling or speaking on the subject of the draft. I still need permission to travel from the Eastern Arkansas District. It's a bit of a tightrope. Basically I can't advocate that anyone not comply with the law on draft registration. So I don't. But I do explain the situation and their options.

AL: What about your legal appeal?

Jacob: The 8th Circuit Court denied our appeal on January 20. I discussed this with my lawyers and we didn't take it to the Supreme Court because, in the face of precedents, we didn't think they would hear it or that our charges were too good.

AL: What about your personal plans?

Jacob: Well, I'm going to school at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock to complete my degree in history. I may go to grad school in either history or law.

AL: I heard you were being considered for California LP Director?

Jacob: Yes, I have talked to some people, but basically, I have to think of my family, my wife and daughter, and I don't think the

financial arrangements would be enough. There are a lot of people out there I like, a lot of libertarians I get along with very well, but I have family considerations which sort of rule that out right now.

AL: Weren't you doing some fundraising for Marshall Fritz's Advocates for Self Government?

Jacob: Yes, I did some telephone fundraising for them, but am not right now.

AL: Have you heard about HR 4346 concerning registration of health care professionals?

Jacob: Yes I have, and its funny you should mention it. Back in 1978 when I was writing my Senator about the whole issue, he sent me a letter back saying draft registration would be **only** for health care professionals, not the whole 18-year-old population. And we know what happened to that. . . .

AL: Any other activities of interest?

Jacob: Well, I have an article coming out this fall in *Chic* magazine. Also, I'm working with Alan Lindsey on his Volunteers for America project, which is an educational, non-profit group to educate people on the draft issue.

It was originally called the Minutemen, but that name had bad rightwing connotations so we changed to to something more agreeable.

We are trying to build up a mailing list of people interested in the draft and registration issue, and eventually will hold seminars, publish materials and a newsletter. We have ads, flyers, and a toll-free "800" number.

The group is unique in that it is pro-volunteer military, and isn't leftist or pacifist, like a lot of the draft groups.

AL: How can people contact the group?

Jacob: Well, there's no formal fee or membership, but contributions are accepted. People can call 1-800-SLAVERY, or write **Volunteers for America, P.O. Box 15305, Little Rock, AR 72231.** ■



(L) Volunteer members of the Harris County (Houston) LP and LP headquarters staff relax on the front porch of the new headquarters after the move-in. The new LP national office address is 301 West 21st, Houston, TX 77008. (M) The do-it-yourself LP headquarters move used the low cost RentAWreck moving van company in



its February relocation. (R) Former LP headquarters computer operator Tom Radloff (left) and National Director Willis (right) manhandle a tape drive during the recent hq move.



Heresy?

Milwaukee, WI - The annual seminar of the libertarian-oriented Institute for Humane studies held at Marquette University in Milwaukee illustrated a growing rift in libertarian academic ranks over the popularity of hermeneutics in political, economic and philosophical endeavors.

Originally "hermeneutics" meant the "science and methodology of interpretation, particularly Scriptural", but it has of late taken on the cast of a trendy existential doctrine of extreme subjectivism. It has been championed by European collectivist intellectuals in recent years, which is why its sudden emergence at IHS and other libertarian think tanks has raised intellectual battle flags.

According to one report, a libertarian champion of hermeneutics has been trying to convince the Harvard Law School's "Critical Law Studies" Marxist bunch that Marx was actually a hermeneutician and that Marxists shouldn't really take all of his statist talk too seriously. Stay tuned....■

Media Watch



Government Threatens Press With Jail, Fines

Washington, D.C. - In a frightening and bizarre episode during early June, three high government officials (Shultz, Weingberger and CIA Director Casey) publicly warned leading newspapers and TV networks of possible prosecution for violations of a Cold War era law banning reporting of certain intelligence matters.

A 1950 statute was trotted out to discourage reporting on the trial of accused Soviet spy Ronald Pelton. The high government officials then threatened to invoke legal sanctions which carry up to 10 years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

Leading press spokesmen were cautious but outraged over this nearly unprecedented return to McCarthy era government goon squad tactics.

Even more bizarre was the fact that 1) if the government case was sound, the Soviet Union already knew about any so-called intelligence (so what is there left to "protect"?), and 2) most of the supposedly secret details of the intelligence, which concerned underwater submarine radio interception in Russian harbors, had already been published five years ago with no fanfare.

Director Casey went so far as to ask the Justice Department to prosecute a journalist

for revealing the code name of the non-secret "secret" project, which was (is the KGB reading this?, if so, check your files) "Ivy Bells".

Just Don't Focus Too Closely

New York, NY - During a CBS Evening News program in early April, IRS representatives were assuring the public that all the horrible computer problems of the past had been solved. Impressive banks of computers were flashing in the background.

However, a sharp-eyed libertarian viewer noted something disturbing. The printer in the background was churning out pages full of six digit numbers. In computer parlance this procedure is known as a "hex dump" and is used only when de-bugging a program which has crashed beyond easy repair.

Ballot Access Bargain

San Francisco, CA - Libertarian ballot access guru Richard Winger is publishing a monthly one page *Ballot Access News* which may be the biggest bargain in politics. It's only \$3.00 per year, and he'll even take stamps. Contact Richard Winger, 3201 Baker St., San Francisco, CA 94123.

Hess Makes His Mark

Kearneysville, WV - The *Washington Times* had a flattering page long profile of newly appointed *LP News* editor and longtime libertarian Karl Hess in its May 22 issue.

Hess has proven to be a popular libertarian journalist and a real find for the LP. His spring "outreach" issue is into a second printing of 13,000 due to popular demand.

Word has it that among his scheduled projects are interviews with libertarian celebrities Jimmy "J.J." Walker and Orson Bean.

Hess's first issue got off to a rough start however, when (due to what was believed to be a national LP office computer error) no one in the high 9000 series zip codes (Oregon, Washington, Hawaii and Alaska) was sent a copy.

The Outlook for Outlook

San Jose, CA - The monthly libertarian magazine *Libertarian Outlook* made its debut at the August 85 LP Convention in Phoenix but disappeared without a trace thereafter. But publisher Colin Hunter is anticipating a comeback.

Ed Clark agreed to sign a fundraising letter to help raise an estimated \$5,000 to get the venture restarted. Original editor Justin Raimondo was replaced in January with Free Forum Bookstore owner Jim Peron, and the next issue is already partially completed. It reportedly features an extensive interview with Barbara Branden.

Contributions towards this venture or more information can be directed to: *Libertarian Outlook*, 410 Auburn Way, Suite 26, San Jose, CA 95129.

Pledge News Back on Line

Houston, TX - The LP's *Liberty Pledge News* is back in business after a spotty schedule in the wake of last year's LP shake-ups. Edited by LP Finance Director Terry Von Mitchell, this four page slick-format monthly newsletter has been featuring clippings of libertarian related news from around the country.

It's sent to LP contributors, NatCom members and State Chairs, and if you're interested, contact LP Headquarters, 301 W. 21st St., Houston, TX 77008.

Voluntaryist Resumed

Gramling, SC - The bi-monthly newsletter of the anti-political/LeFevrian libertarians *The Voluntaryist* (of the organization of the same moniker) is back in business after a three month hiatus.

Acting Editor Carl Watner has re-located to South Carolina (where his new bride works at the Freedom School) but he intends to catch up the schedule.

Subscriptions are \$15.00 per year and are available from: *The Voluntaryists*, Box 1275, Gramling, SC 29348.

Tom Plugs LP

Houston, TX - The Harris County LP recently produced a 30-second TV spot featuring a character identified as Thomas Jefferson, who was bemoaning the modern state of the union. Natch, he recommended

finding out about the LP as a solution.

The commercial, which cost only \$250 to make, was aired several times on TV episodes of *The Prisoner*, which has a cult viewership.

Cobb Knocks Fed

New York, NY - Venerable libertarian economist Joe Cobb, currently with the Congressional Joint Economic Committee, had a June 2 feature article in the *Wall St. Journal* entitled, "What Makes the Fed Tick?" highlighting Fed policy inbreeding.

Fed Chair Paul Volcker, undoubtedly, was not amused. . .■

Coming Attractions

Is the LP in Trouble?

The New Kochian Economics: the Hermeneutical Twist, by Murray Rothbard

Vancouver's Expo '86: a Libertarian Look, a review by Bill Bradford

Marshall Fritz and his Advocates for Self-Government

Montana Milk Price De-Control Rises from the Dead, by Clifford Thies

Norma Jean's Campaign Poster - a Revealing Look

Plus Media Watch, Political Notes, Feedback, Photos and Cartoons. . .

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