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Hess Suffers Heart Attack

Hartford, CT - Current *Libertarian Party News* editor and long time libertarian author and activist Karl Hess suffered a severe heart attack sometime during the early hours of Sunday, July 17. He subsequently underwent nine hours of surgery which ended at 5:00 a.m. Monday morning.

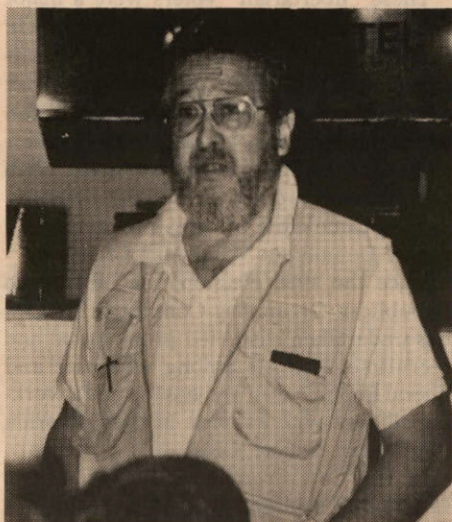
Described by medical experts as among the most severe kind of heart attack (technically, a Type I aortic dissection, where the major artery into the heart separates or ruptures), Hess had recovered sufficiently by Wednesday, July 20 to be removed from the intensive care unit of the St. Francis Hospital in Hartford.

Two days after surgery Hess was able to talk and recognize family members and friends, although he was still very weak and under heavy medication. As of press time he remained in St. Francis Hospital where a slow but steady recovery is anticipated. He is expected to remain hospitalized for several weeks until he returns to his Kearneysville, West Virginia home.

According to libertarian activist Al Neves, Hess and his wife Therese were invited to address the H.L. Mencken Dinner Club in East Hartford, CT on Saturday evening, July 16th. Hess and Neves stayed up to watch the *Saturday Night Live* TV program and retired shortly thereafter.

"Karl seemed in good spirits on Saturday night, although it was a hot and humid evening," said Neves, who was hosting the Hess's at his home. "But Karl woke up early Sunday morning complaining of severe back pain. We thought it might have been from sleeping in a strange bed. We took him to the University of Connecticut health center where they did some tests and X-rayed him. These apparently revealed the heart problem and we rushed him to St. Francis. He went into surgery about 8:00 p.m. Sunday evening."

According to sources, Therese Hess was told by doctors that the situation was "extremely critical" and that nine hours is an unusually long time to undergo a heart operation and remain on a mechanical heart-lung machine.



Karl Hess. Photo courtesy of Bill Grisham.

Described as a non-drinker and non-smoker, the 65 year-old author and lecturer was being treated for congestive heart failure (inefficient heart pumping) and had previously undergone an aortic valve replacement at Georgetown Medical Center in Washington in 1985 following a heart attack.

Although he has long been a libertarian anarchist and is considered to be one of the founders of the modern libertarian movement, Hess didn't join the LP until 1985, although he had been a speaker at a number of LP conventions in years past. He quickly became a regular fixture on the LP convention lecture circuit — and still starts many of his speeches "You don't have to be a member of the Libertarian Party to be a good libertarian" — and assumed the editorship of *LP News* in January 1986. In addition, he had recently published his latest book, *Capitalism for Kids*, and was working on additional computer and children oriented books, as well as pursuing home building projects in his rural West Virginia home.

A former magazine editor and author of numerous books and essays, Hess has also been a political speechwriter (1964 vintage Barry Goldwater). He also influenced and was influenced by the New Left movement in the 1960s and by decentralist anarchism. He also objects to the income tax and has been under a 100% IRS lien on his earnings in recent years.

Word of the heart attack quickly spread throughout the libertarian community. Many who learned of the incident asked how they could help. Although it was believed he may be covered partially by medical insurance, hospital and other expenses are expected to mount.

Randy Langhenry and Stephen Fielder have set up a non-profit trust fund to accept donations from those wishing to help. Checks should be payable to "Friends of Karl Hess" and sent to: Friends of Karl Hess, 8 Peyton St., Winchester, VA 22601. Other mail can be sent to Karl Hess, c/o Lysander Inc., P.O. Box 173, Kearneysville, WV 25430. ■

The North Report:

Rohrabacher, Cox Win GOP Nominations

by Gene Berkman

Orange County, CA - Libertarian political activists were interested in the outcome of several primary contests in southern California. Many libertarians are already aware that former libertarian activist Dana Rohrabacher was a candidate for Congress in the Republican primary in the 42nd district, which straddles Los Angeles and Orange counties.

The 42nd district has been represented for some years by Dan Lungren, a conservative Republican recently appointed State Treasurer by Governor Deukmejian.

The 42nd district is a safe Republican district, by registration as well as recent voting patterns. The winner of the Republican primary is almost certain to win the election.

Eight candidates ran for the Republican nomination in the district. The local press considered the leading candidate to be Harriet Weider, chair of the Orange County Board of Supervisors. Among the other candidates, only Steven Horn, outgoing President of California State University at Long Beach, was viewed as a serious contender.

Weider's main backing came from developers, as it was in her campaigns for County Supervisor. Anti-growth forces were expected to support Horn, who had the backing of the California Republican League. Horn made the "War On Drugs" his main campaign issue, calling for use of the military to stop the smugglers.

Dana Rohrabacher campaigned as a "Reagan Republican", stressing his seven years as a speechwriter for the President. His campaign literature stressed conservative themes, including privatization, deregulation, anti-communist foreign policy, and promoting "a drug-free America". Rohrabacher campaign literature included endorsements from economist Milton Friedman, William F. Buckley, neoconservative Jeanne Kirkpatrick and former Nixon aide Pat Buchanan.

As he sought votes among conservatives, Rohrabacher also sought funds from libertarians. As reported elsewhere in *American Libertarian*, a mailing was sent to *Reason* subscribers, inviting them to a fund-raiser for the Rohrabacher campaign. The mailing included an endorsement by Milton Friedman, and a letterhead featuring such names as Nathaniel Branden, John Hospers, Arthur Laffer, and Robert Poole.

The fund-raiser was attended by Branden and Hospers, and also by Libertarian Party of California state chairman Ted Brown and LPC vice-chairman Kim Goldsworthy. However, Dana Rohrabacher was not sup-

ported by the Libertarian Party of California, or by the Los Angeles or Orange County LP Central Committees. Aside from attempting to raise campaign funds from libertarians, Rohrabacher did not campaign as a libertarian and he was not supported by the Libertarian Republican Organizing Committee.

The high point of the Rohrabacher campaign came a week before the primary, when Contragate defendant Lt. Col. Oliver North (Ret.) spoke at three separate campaign events for Rohrabacher. The *Los Angeles Times* reported that the appearances by North, under indictment for selling missiles to the Soviet-aligned government of Iran, raised \$135,000 for the campaign. The money raised for Rohrabacher and the accompanying publicity gave a major boost to a campaign which had not been taken seriously up to that point.

[Although \$135,000 is a lot of money, it is

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Missouri LP Elects Two

by Terry Inman

Terry Inman is the 1st Congressional District LP candidate and editor of *Show Me Freedom*, the Missouri LP newsletter, from which this article was adapted.

St. Louis, MO - Two Missouri LP members ran for local office in April and both won their nonpartisan races. Mike Bozarth was elected to the Clarksdale Board of Alderman with 59% of the vote and Marshall Cobb was elected the same day, April 5, to the Lakeshire Board of Aldermen in an uncontested race.

Clarksdale is located in DeKalb County, east of St. Joseph and northeast of Kansas City, and has a population of about 300. Lakeshire is a city of 1,600 located in south St. Louis County.

Bozarth defeated his sole opponent in his race for the Clarksdale east ward, with 23 votes to 16. According to Bozarth, "There is little government to dismantle. The fire department is volunteer, the light company is private and gas is provided by private bottled gas companies. Other than the mayor, city council, clerk and treasurer, there is only the water commissioner who receives a city payroll check."

Among his objectives in office are to promote more competitive bidding for city pro-

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much less than Lt. Col. North collected from the Iranian government for the sale of U.S. missiles. It is also less than the cost to the American taxpayers of maintaining warships in the Persian Gulf, protecting Kuwaiti vessels from Iranian missiles. The \$135,000 is, however, more than the death benefits which will be paid to the widows of any U.S. sailors who may fall victim to Iranian missiles while on duty in the Persian Gulf.]

Dana Rohrabacher won the Republican nomination for Congress by receiving 35% of the vote, far ahead of Harriet Weider, who received 22%. Steven Horn came in third with 20%.

The Rohrabacher victory is not something libertarians can take credit for — or would want to.

Cox Campaign

Oliver North campaigned for one other candidate in Southern California. In the 40th district, in Orange County, Congressman Robert Badham retired, leaving an open seat. The 40th district always returns a significant majority for Republican candidates, and the winner of the Republican nomination for Congress in the district is virtually guaranteed victory in the general election. With the announcement of Congressman Badham's retirement, 14 candidates filed in the primary.

Out of 14 candidates, only three waged significant campaigns. Nathan Rosenberg, brother of Werner Erhard of Erhard Seminar Training (est) fame, ran against Badham in the primary in 1986, receiving 35% of the vote. This year Rosenberg was the first candidate to announce, going into the campaign with substantial funds raised from people associated with the est therapy cult. Rosenberg also had the support of the California Republican League and the *Los Angeles Times*. Both supported him in 1986.

Irvine city councilman Don Baker ran with the support of dozens of local elected officials from communities throughout the district. Baker also received some *de facto* support from Vice President Bush, as well as a last-minute endorsement from Badham.

The third major candidate was Christopher Cox, a former legal counsel at the White House. Cox was the conservative candidate in the district, receiving support from State Senator Ed Royce, economist Arthur Laffer, and Orange County Young Americans for Freedom. He was also endorsed by former Judge Robert Bork, and with much less fanfare than Rohrabacher, had Oliver North speak at a fund-raiser.

The Cox campaign stressed economic themes — free enterprise and tax cuts, with much less emphasis on foreign policy than characterized Rohrabacher's campaign. Chris Cox's campaign literature did not mention drugs at all. At the Western Regional YAF Conference, Cox told libertarians that he is "intellectually convinced" of the case for legalizing drugs. He also said that he certainly opposes use of the military in the War On Drugs. While politicians are known to make statements that they may not follow up on, it seems at this point that Chris Cox is more sensitive to the cause of freedom than is one-time libertarian Dana Rohrabacher.

In a close-three way race, Chris Cox won the Republican nomination for Congress in the 40th district, with 31%.

Other Races To Watch

One other Republican primary contest is of marginal interest to libertarians. The 68th Assembly District in Riverside County, currently represented by a conservative Democrat, is the number one target of the California Republican Party. The district



Congressional nominee and former libertarian Dana Rohrabacher.

returns large majorities for Republican candidates for President, Governor and U.S. Senator.

The Republican primary featured a retired schoolteacher campaigning against "secular humanism" against a young suburban city councilman running as a front man for local developers. The first serious news coverage of the primary contest came when Bob Lynn, the retired schoolteacher, accused his opponent, Carroll, of "disloyalty to the Republican Party" because he had been a registered Libertarian for six months in 1984.

The attack on Brian Carroll led to publication of an article in the *Riverside Press-Enterprise* which mentioned the Libertarians as "the most active minor party in California." The attack on his party loyalty did not cost Brian Carroll any significant support. He won the primary with 56% of the vote.

Unfortunately, Carroll's campaign was dominated by typical conservative law and order themes — calling for more prisons, harsher sentences for drug-related crimes, and a defense of capital punishment.

The only economic issue dealt with by Carroll involved his call for more tax money to be spent on roads, freeways, and other infrastructure improvements demanded by the real-estate developers who ran his campaign. ■

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jects, help prepare the city's first ever budget, and see the streets resurfaced for the first time in several years. "I will promote the libertarian philosophy every chance I get," Bozarth said, "not only in the council meetings but also with different people in the community."

Marshall Cobb, who had previously served in the city council, received all 19 votes in the third ward in Lakeshire, running unopposed for the six person board.

"My major goals are to prevent any tax increases and to fight any ordinances which violate personal property rights," Cobb said. "One such proposed law would permit the city to enter onto private property without the owner's permission to haul away a vehicle defined as 'disabled' or 'abandoned'. As presently worded, it would provide the police the discretion to declare an automobile being restored by the owner as disabled, then tow it away," observed Cobb.

In both Clarksdale and Lakeshire, in the last presidential race where LP candidates were on the ballot — in Ed Clark's 1980 LP bid — both communities turned in LP vote totals 30-50% better than the statewide LP vote average. ■

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LROC Slate Does Well

by American Libertarian Special Correspondent

San Francisco, CA - The California Republican Party has always included diverse elements. Many leading Libertarian party activists in California have a background in Republican politics. Over the last several years, news stories in this state have noted a growing "libertarian" trend among GOP voters who favor a blend of economic conservatism and social tolerance.

These "libertarian" voters were a major factor in the 1986 primary victory of GOP Senate candidate Ed Zschau. Then-Congressman Zschau defeated a former aide to President Nixon in the Republican primary, basing his campaign on free enterprise and budget-cutting themes. With wide-spread support from LPC activists, Zschau came close to defeating incumbent Senate Democratic Whip Alan Cranston.

Since the 1986 election, the Libertarian Republican Organizing Committee (LROC) has undertaken sustained promotional and recruitment efforts among moderate and liberal Republicans, and has formed a working alliance with activists in the California Republican League (CRL).

In the San Francisco Bay area, the LROC/CRL coalition was involved in four contested Republican primaries. The coalition also backed one candidate who was unopposed in the GOP primary.

The main LROC effort was in support of a slate of four candidates running in parts of Alameda and Contra Costa counties. CRL activist Jerald Udinsky was nominated without opposition for State Assembly in the 12th A.D. The rest of the slate, sponsored by the East Bay Republican League, consisted of Eric Garriss for Congress in the 8th C.D.; Greg Henson for State Senate in the 9th S.D.; and Virginia Mangrum for State Assembly in the 13th A.D.

All four districts in the East Bay are represented by Democrats, and both registration and voting patterns indicate certain victory for the Democrats in the upcoming election. Nonetheless, Garriss, Henson, and Mangrum all faced conservative opponents in the GOP primary.

Eric Garriss is known to readers of *American Libertarian* as a founder and National Director of LROC. He has run for office twice on the LP ticket, served on the Libertarian National Committee, and been involved in numerous LP campaigns. Garriss was slated by the East Bay Republican League for the Congressional seat now held by far left Democrat Ron Dellums.

Garriss for Congress campaign literature stressed economic themes — deregulation, privatization, and calls for deep cuts in taxes and government spending. During his campaign, Garriss contrasted his own advocacy of free enterprise with Congressman Dellums's outspoken commitment to socialism. In newspaper interviews Garriss also stressed his commitment to civil liberties and non-interventionist foreign policy, and his support for the recently concluded INF treaty.

The Alameda County Libertarian Party endorsed Eric Garriss in his bid for Congress.

In addition to the Garriss for Congress brochure, the East Bay Republican League distributed a "slate" brochure emphasizing similar anti-government themes. Slate mailers were sent to Republican voters by both sides in the primary contests. The results were mixed, but mostly favorable for the LROC/CRL slate.

Eric Garriss lost by 887 votes out of 29,447

cast. In terms of votes, it was the closest primary contest in the state. The LROC/CRL candidates in the other two contests both won, in both cases by substantial margins.

Greg Henson received 52% of the vote in a three-way race, defeating his closest competitor (the local Pat Robertson representative) by over 6,800 votes. Virginia Mangrum was nominated for Assembly with 57% of the vote in a two-way contest.

Garriss was outspent by more than 2-1 by his rival, who was backed by New Right Republican Assemblyman Bill Baker. Baker paid for a district-wide mailing to oppose the entire LROC/CRL slate. Garriss and his slate carried Alameda County but lost to the Baker slate in more conservative Contra Costa County. Garriss' district encompassed more of Contra Costa than the other three candidates' districts, causing him to lose by the narrow margin.

Even though Eric Garriss lost his bid for the Republican nomination to oppose Rep. Dellums, he will be campaign manager for the LROC/CRL slate. The slate of Henson, Mangrum and Udinsky will stress both



The SF Bay Area LROC/CRL slate, clockwise from upper left: Greg Hensen, Eric Garriss, Jerry Udinsky and Virginia Mangrum.

economic and civil liberties issues, including legalization of drugs. This slate faces uphill battles against incumbent Democrats, but the Libertarian Party is not running candidates in any of these districts. **Incumbent Defeated — Insurgent Seeks LROC Aid**

In the 1986 elections, 98% of incumbent Congressmen who ran for re-election were re-elected. Defeating an incumbent in a general election is extremely hard, even when the opposition candidate has the backing of a major political party. Defeating an incumbent in a primary is even less common.

Only one incumbent was defeated in this year's California primary, despite several well-financed challenges. In the 12th Congressional District, which includes part of San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties, freshman Congressman Ernie Konnyu lost to Stanford University Professor Tom Campbell.

The 12th district had previously been represented in Congress by Paul McCloskey and Ed Zschau, both aligned with the liberal wing of the California Republican Party. McCloskey is best known for running as an anti-war candidate against President Richard Nixon in the 1972 Republican primaries.

Ernie Konnyu, a former State Assemblyman, was the first conservative ever elected

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Rohrabacher Effort Got Lib Support

by American Libertarian Special Correspondent

Orange County, CA - Former Reagan White House speechwriter Dana Rohrabacher ran successfully for the June 7 GOP nomination in the heavily Republican 42nd Congressional District in southern California. He ran as an Ollie North interventionist (complete with campaign appearances by Ollie himself televised on national network news) and as a social conservative who would constitutionally ban abortion, outlaw all drugs (including marijuana), and support the power of local government to curb prostitutes and adult bookstores. Rohrabacher also backs use of the U.S. military in the government's "war" on those in the black-market drug business.

But at the same time, Rohrabacher solicited campaign contributions from libertarians. Among those attending a May 1 \$100-a-person fundraising reception for Rohrabacher were California LP chair Ted Brown, LP vice chair Kim Goldworthy, former Objectivist psychotherapist Nathaniel Branden, and Reason editor and publisher Bob Poole.

In April, Rohrabacher's campaign sent out invitations to the reception, held at the home of Los Angeles attorney and long time Rohrabacher friend Shawn Steel. The invitations cited the fact that Rohrabacher was an original member of a now-defunct libertarian supper club in Los Angeles and asserted that his work for Reagan had "earned him friends" in the Reason community. The Rohrabacher campaign sent these invitations to persons selected from a list supplied by the Reason Foundation.

Rohrabacher, now 40, led a moderate libertarian faction in the California state unit of the conservative youth group Young Americans for Freedom when he was a college student in the late 1960s.

Rohrabacher was never active in the Libertarian Party but was a disciple of anti-politics guru Robert LeFevre before signing up to work as a press aide in Reagan's 1980 campaign-trail entourage. Even as a LeFevre disciple, Rohrabacher never ac-

Ollie North and a gaggle of libertarian supporters helped put Dana Rohrabacher over the top in his GOP primary race.

Rohrabacher
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You are cordially invited to
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Congressional Candidate, 42nd District
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Oliver North
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Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight
The Spruce Goose Dome
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Long Beach, California

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The Spirit of America



cepted LeFevre's pacifist and isolationist views on foreign policy. Instead, while a young libertarian-conservative, Rohrabacher worked with the pro-war World Youth Crusade for Freedom, funded by the Chiang Kai-shek regime on Taiwan.

Once a proponent of laissez faire, Rohrabacher now calls merely for eliminating "overregulation." Today he calls his one-time libertarian principles the "excessive idealism of my youth" and says "I am a mature man now, not some young man shouting slogans."

Since joining the Reagan conservative camp, Rohrabacher has actively sought to entice ideological libertarians into supporting conservative politicians who hold harshly anti-libertarian stands on the issues. For example, in 1984 Rohrabacher authored a letter sent to Libertarian Party registrants urging them to vote for Robert Dornan for the U.S. House. Dornan, a traditional conservative, ran for the seat representing southeast Los Angeles County and northwest Orange County that he now holds.

Rohrabacher himself brought retired Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North to Long Beach on June 1 to campaign for him. Rohrabacher told the Los Angeles Times, according to an article published on May 26, that he and North are "very close friends. We stand for the same thing." Rohrabacher insists that North should not be prosecuted for his deeds described in the 1987 Iran-Contra hearings.

But this benign view of North and the Iran-Contra affair is not shared by some other libertarian-oriented Reaganites. For example, former White House domestic policy advisor Martin Anderson notes in his new book **Revolution** that the Iran-Contra plotters broke the law, undermined respect for the rule of law itself, attempted to have the executive branch usurp the role in foreign policy that the Constitution assigns to Congress, and, at a minimum, sought to escape appropriate financial accounting for the millions of dollars in public funds they controlled.

Others attending the May 1 fundraising reception for Rohrabacher included California LP newsletter editor Sally Foster, 1972 LP Presidential candidate John Hospers, Reason magazine senior editor Manny Klausner, and anti-politics activist Sam Konkin.

Socialist Labor Party Attacks Paul

by Jim Peron

Jim Peron is a San Francisco based libertarian activist and owner of Free Forum Books.

San Francisco, CA - The campaign of Libertarian presidential candidate Ron Paul is getting media coverage and that is worrying some of his opponents. The first noteworthy attack on the Paul campaign appeared in the June 18, 1988 issue of *The People*, the official publication of the Socialist Labor Party (SLP). The small Left-wing party has not run any candidates for office in the last four years and has not fielded a presidential candidate since 1976. They stated that the Libertarian Party is "a force that workers will be hearing from in many states." The paper noted that the Ron Paul campaign "take[s] stances that seem to place them on the workers' side or that will attract some workers to some extent."

Interestingly, much of the article focused on issues where Ron Paul and the SLP share some common ground. The paper said, "at a time when the capitalist state is increasingly violating the rights of workers at home and engaging in various forms of murderous intervention abroad, the Libertarians' simplistic stance can be appealing in regard to civil rights and foreign policy issues."

After a generally favorable interpretation of Ron Paul's positions on civil liberties and foreign policy, the paper used most of the rest of the article to attack his support for free enterprise. According to the SLP the right to privately owned property "was consistent with the promotion of 'life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness' in 1776" but that such a position is unrealistic in the modern world. According to the SLP the main problem with Ron Paul and the Libertarian Party is their failure "to understand the material, economic basis of liberty, and thus defend the very system that is now destroying it."

This alleged failure is supposedly the result of Libertarians imagining that "everyone is, or can be, a capitalist." This causes Libertarians to call for laissez-faire capitalism and to oppose state intervention. "The LP program reflects the utopian

LPers Protest North Visit

Orange County, CA - Although Dana Rohrabacher was successful in getting some libertarians to support his congressional bid, other libertarians openly protested his close affiliation with former White House aide Oliver North.

During a much publicized appearance by North at a Long Beach airport rally for former libertarian Rohrabacher, which garnered 20 seconds on network TV news that evening and yielded \$100,000 in contributions to Rohrabacher's campaign, LP stalwarts and candidates demonstrated with signs outside.

According to demonstration organizer and former national LP Treasurer Sam Treynor of Manhattan Beach, CA the protest was sparked by an LA Times article in late May in which Rohrabacher claimed to be upholding libertarian principles in his campaign and by his subsequent sponsorship of Col. North for a campaign appearance. According to Treynor, Rohrabacher really advocates non-libertarian stances, and has publicly called his former libertarian episodes a case of a "young man shouting slogans." He has also come out strongly in favor of laws against victimless crimes and has publicly called marijuana "a dangerous threat to people," a radical departure from his previous "youthful libertarian" stance.

Treynor also said Oliver North "embodies exactly what Libertarians oppose in U.S. foreign policy. He is the personification of American military arrogance and covert belligerence."

Among those attending the libertarian anti-North rally were California U.S. Senate candidate Jack Dean, 39th CD LP candidate Lee Connelly, State Senate candidate Mark Sugars and southern California LP activists Steve Sugars and Laurel Fest.

wishes of disaffected petty capitalists and would-be capitalists, whose interests are not served by the state machinery to the same degree that the interests of the prevailing, larger scale capitalists are."

The Socialists do not believe that the Libertarian Party and Ron Paul will be accepted by the "ruling capitalist class." Instead, they say, the ruling class "will never permit the Libertarian program to be enacted." In a seeming contradiction, the SLP contends that if the Libertarian program was established then "capitalists would be 'free' to step up their attacks on the working class on every front, without even minimal regulations to restrain them." No explanation is given as to why, if Libertarianism would lead to more power for the "capitalists", that the ruling capitalists "will never permit" it "to be enacted."

Of course the only real alternative, according to the article, is the Socialist Labor Party. The SLP, they say, has "a far deeper understanding of and commitment to civil liberties, and a program for basic economic change." They urge "workers" to seek out the SLP as the alternative in spite of the fact that they have become a political party in name only, with no candidates for office anywhere in the United States.

The recognition that Ron Paul and the Libertarian Party have taken stands favoring civil liberties and a non-interventionist foreign policy are encouraging. And it undoes some of the criticism that the Paul campaign is "pandering to the Right-wing." Rumors are that conservative publications will, starting in the summer or early fall, also be launching attacks on the Paul campaign and the Libertarian Party.

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to Congress from the 12th district. He took the seat when Ed Zschau ran for Senate in 1986. Dissatisfaction with Konnyu's record and controversy over sexual harassment charges by former female aides to Konnyu led to formation of a "dump Konnyu" committee. Opposition to Konnyu was organized by former congressmen McCloskey and Zschau along with computer billionaire David Packard, co-founder of Hewlett-Packard.

Professor Campbell considers himself a Chicago School economist, committed to a free market economy. He favors an end to agricultural subsidies and is committed to international free trade. Campbell does not support a return to the gold standard, and differs from libertarians on the question of drug prohibition. He has also spoken out in support of President Reagan's controversial reflagging of Kuwaiti oil tankers — an action which was criticized by Congressman Konnyu. Campbell supports freedom of choice on abortion.

In the primary, Prof. Campbell won a decisive 58% of the vote. Since winning the nomination, he has asked LROC to help him develop his positions for the general campaign.

Libertarian Outlook

Flight 655

Although libertarians certainly hold no brief for the murderous government of Iran, we can only contemplate with sadness the circumstances which led to the shooting down of Iran Air flight 655 and the killing of 290 innocent civilians by the U.S. Navy. No amount of hand wringing will bring back the dead, nor will further clarification of the mysterious circumstances of the Airbus airliner downing really change matters very much.

But while Iran is hardly anyone's favorite nation at the moment, perhaps Americans should ask themselves why U.S. warships are patrolling the Persian Gulf and taking potshots at civilian airliners in the first place. We are not at war with Iran (or any other nation on earth at the moment) and

our armed forces have no constitutionally sound reason for deliberately putting themselves in harms way.

We can deplore the bloody results of the tragic Iran-Iraq war and the consequences of any state-sponsored Iranian terrorism. But that does not justify state-sponsored terrorism of our own.

Just what would the consequences be if Iranian backed terrorists "accidentally" shot down a Pan Am airliner and killed 300 innocent victims? Just what excuses would be good enough to avert U.S. retaliation?

The 290 victims on Iran Air 655 are not the first casualties of our interventionist foreign policy and won't be the last. But victims they are. Unless our leadership realizes that this policy is wrong, these tragic incidents will continue. And more human beings will be blown to pieces for Reasons of State. ■

Billions for Defense

Did you catch it? Sure, it's hot in the summer and you probably have better things to do than read about the latest scandals in Washington.

The same patriots who brought us \$400 hammers and radar which can't distinguish between F-14s and Airbus A300s (see above) have also been stealing the taxpayers blind for the past eight years under the much heralded Reagan defense buildup.

Bribola has been the order of the day in defense contracting and a few billions have

been shuffled into unauthorized pockets. "Routine practice" say the somewhat tardy whistleblowers after the damage has been done.

The Republicans scarcely seem embarrassed (who us?) and the Democrats are speaking softly on this one. After all, there's plenty of defense industry welfare boodle to go around. Those in power don't want to make too much of a fuss. After all, it's taxpayers money anyway and what's a little bribery among friends.

It's been a hot, dry summer and this scandal will be forgotten by September. After all, it would be unpatriotic to question the defense establishment too closely. Without them, who would protect us from the Iranians. . . ? ■

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"Ballot Access Update" Update

I believe it appropriate to respond to your recent article on ballot access. Under West Virginia law, our petitioners must have resided in West Virginia not less than sixty days, may collect signatures only in their county of residence and only from residents of that county. Signers, unless newly registered voters, must have voted within the past two years but must have failed to vote in the May primary. Signers must certify their intention to vote for the candidate(s) named on the petition. Not surprisingly, the cost per signature in West Virginia ranks first nationwide. In addition, there is a substantial filing fee.

The Ron Paul campaign has always regarded West Virginia as one of the most difficult states in which to put the LP on the ballot. Indeed, within days of his employment as Ballot Access Coordinator, Paul Jacob made it clear to me that it was unlikely the Ron Paul campaign would undertake a ballot drive in West Virginia this year.

As to the need for a lawsuit challenging

West Virginia's onerous ballot access requirements, one was filed on April 6, 1988 by Steve Fielder and Clint Smith.

Chris Fielder

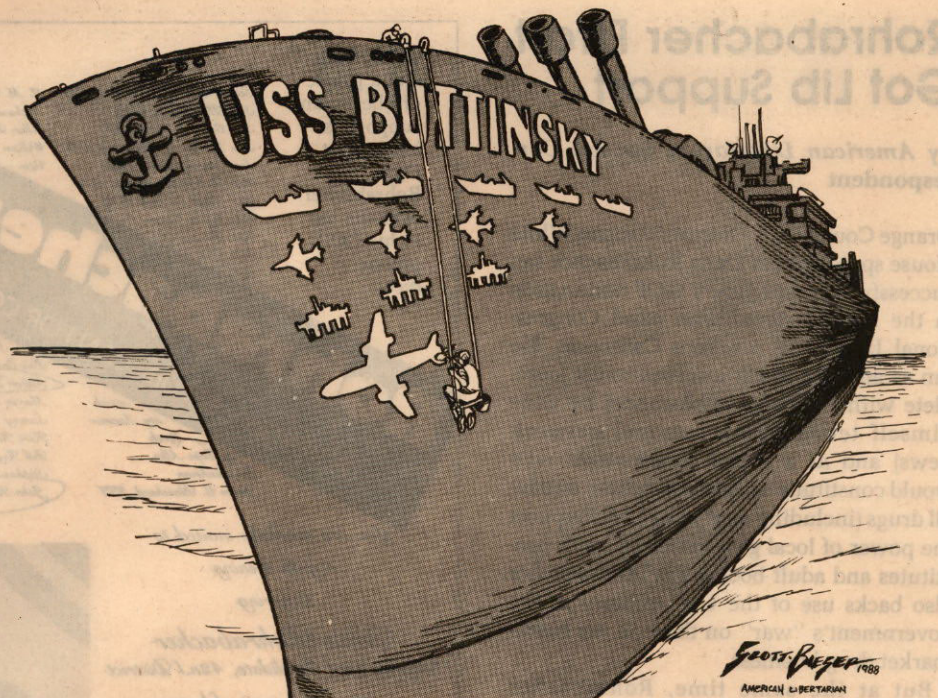
West Virginia State Chair
Shepherdstown, WV

The Counter Culture and the LP

Why must the Counter-Culture organize? Because the costs to them of not organizing are becoming higher than the difficulties and inconveniences of organizing. When governing officials pass a law that prohibits, for example, long haired males (regardless of their qualifications) from serving on the police force, they are saying to the police that discriminating against long haired males is an officially accepted practice. More importantly, they are setting an example to the public as a whole.

There are many unfavorable implications in such decisions by government officials, which have directly or indirectly harmful consequences to Counter-Culture people. With government precedents like this it is easy for whole industries, such as the banking industry, to completely exclude Counter-Culture people from employment opportunities, resulting in unemployment and loss of income for them.

But by far the most harmful position taken by the government against the Counter-Culture is its recent so-called "War on Drugs". Since you obviously cannot declare war on drugs, you declare war on people — which People? It is simply too politically expedient for the government, led by publicity hungry politicians, to attack the politically powerless Counter-Culture population.



For the Counter-Culture to begin an effective, new political party would be so overwhelmingly difficult it is not worth considering. As for other choices, the political Right has always favored anti-civil rights positions, callous ecological positions, and advocated an intrusive and often anti-democratic foreign policy. To the political Left, the Counter-Culture is equally expendable. That, combined with a leftist obsession for constantly increasing the wealth and power of the government, makes them an even more serious threat to Counter-Culture people.

By contrast, the Libertarian Party is based on the belief that people should be free to do what they choose providing they do not hurt other people in the process, and that it is the duty of the government to protect and enhance that freedom, not to detract from it.

Gary Stinson
Seattle, WA

Rothbard on Anarcho-Pragmatism

Jorge Amador, the notorious eternal boil on the Body Libertarian, is at it again. In his column for SIL's *Individual Liberty* (July 1988), he attacks the Paul campaign for not raising "enough" money (compared to Jorge's ability, perhaps?), and sneers at the "invisible army" of Old Rightists upon whom I and the Paul campaign are basing much of our strategy. Jorge seems to think, however, that we are relying only on the oldsters who were around physically before *National Review* captured the Rightwing in the mid-1950's. Don't you know, Jorge, that freedom springs eternal in the human breast, as witness what is happening in the Soviet bloc today?

It is high time, in any case, that libertarians realize that Jorge has not had one good word for **any** LP campaign since he has been wielding his pen. Why do you suppose that is? The answer is that Jorge has been pursuing a bizarre Hidden Agenda; he is the founding father, guru, and theoretician of a two-man School of Thought called "anarcho-pragmatism". Anarcho-pragmatists believe that the **only** possible successful strategy for any LP candidate is to call loudly for immediate abolition of the State — and not on rights-based, but strictly on "pragmatic" grounds!

Amador's chief importance in the libertarian movement has been to demonstrate, once again, that there is no doctrine too nutty for some prominent libertarian to adopt. Murray N. Rothbard
New York, NY ■

Notable Quotes



Guess Who? (Hint: he also favors billion dollar bailouts for corporate fat-cats)

"The multimillionaire, whose best-selling first book *Iacocca* sold more

than 2 million copies, says he would ban the sale of handguns and draft all 18 to 25-year-olds for a year of military and public service, if he were ever president."

Reuters, May 22, 1988

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Refreshing Candor

"The truth is that our errors and failings are, in the first instance, the failings of our party and the Central Committee and each party member."

Letter in *Pravda* on the Russian Communist Party's failings, by V. Selivanov, party member and senior Aviation Industry Ministry official, as reported by David Remnick in the *Washington Post*, May 3, 1988

All the Way With LBJ

"In every conversation I have with him he lies. . . He lies even when he doesn't have to."

Excerpt from *Robert Kennedy: In His Own Words*, about Lyndon Johnson, from previously unpublished interviews by the late Robert Kennedy.

Remember the Grenada "Rescue" Mission?

"Perhaps in an attempt to get even for having been cut out of the loop on the Grenada operation, (former White House press secretary) Speakes undermines the president's public explanation of the invasion and thereby his credibility, denying that the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

had issued an urgent request for help. 'You might say we RSVP'd in advance,' reveals Mr. Speakes with a poke in the ribs and a wink."

"The Ex-Press Secretary Gets His Licks In", Mona Charen, *The Wall Street Journal*, April 29, 1988

Socialism With a Human Face

"Reducing personal income tax, as we have done with our tax reforms, is not anti-socialist."

Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, a Socialist, in a *Wall St. Journal* interview, April 20, 1988

Anti Draft Testimony

"We believe the Sandinista army is very weak. Many of their soldiers are drafted, instead of volunteers."

25-year old Contra combatant, in *Washington Post* article by Julia Preston, April 29, 1988

The Joy of Chinese Public Education, or, "Grow or Get Out"

"In Shaanxi province (in the Peoples Republic of China) cereal production has fallen so far that officials, desperate to reach output targets, have warned farmers that their children will be expelled from school if grain quotas aren't met."

Wall St. Journal, Jan 19, 1988 ■

Guest Column:

Why Ron Paul Should Accept Federal Matching Funds

by Clifford Thies

Clifford Thies is an Assistant Professor of Finance and Economics at the University of Baltimore, former chair of the Montana Libertarian Party, and current Treasurer of the national Libertarian Party.

In 1984 Larry Dodge and I, as Libertarian candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor of Montana, applied for and accepted funds from the state which had been collected through a voluntary check-off program appended to the state income tax.

We used these funds to supplement our privately-raised money and financed a campaign which featured an office, office manager, 800 phone number, television advertising, participation in all the debates and candidate forums, and full consideration in the media — including a comment by the *Great Falls Tribune* that Larry Dodge and not the Republican candidate was perhaps the incumbent Democrat's real opponent.

And the Montana Libertarian Party remained a ballot access party because one of our lesser statewide candidates, our candidate for Auditor, received 6% of the vote. Ron Paul is on the ballot in Montana this year — and 25,000 or so petition signatures don't have to be collected — because the Montana Libertarian Party was a real part of the political process in 1984 and this included accepting state campaign money.

But this year, in state after state, obtaining ballot access requires expensive outside help. The Republicans and Democrats in state legislatures across the country have erected barriers to entry for the industry called politics. And in so doing, they have monopolized this industry for the obvious advantage of being able to present the American people with a fiat accompli on election day.

Unreasonable ballot access laws violate our Constitutional rights. We should not have to pay a "poll tax" by filing hundreds

of thousands of petition signatures in order to be able to vote for the candidates of our choice. Our Constitutional rights under the 1st and 14th Amendments are not adequately secured by the federal courts, which no longer rule substantively, but defer to legislative majorities in defining "reasonable" petition requirements.

Adding to the burdens placed on us by state legislatures is the federal government. Citizens are restricted in how much they can give to our candidate, and compliance with federal and state election regulations cost us money and staff time. Anybody with business experience knows that government regulations have the effect of monopolizing industries and, therefore, benefit the already big and established businesses. The same is true in the industry known as politics.

Our opponents in the Republican and Democratic parties must enjoy watching us deny ourselves matching money while they have their primary candidates partially financed by matching funds, and will have their nominating conventions and general election campaigns entirely financed by tax money. This must be exactly the way big business and agribusiness feels when small businesses and family farmers are driven out of the market.

It seems like a no-win situation. The Republicans and Democrats have made it so that it is increasingly difficult to do almost anything in this country without "giving in" in one way or another. They know that once you prostitute yourself, you place yourself on the slippery slope which leads to moral decay.

How many times have you been told, "I can't vote Libertarian, I'm receiving Social Security." Or, "I'm a public school teacher." Or, "I once received preferential treatment in hiring." I'm sorry for these people. Sorry, because they believe they may be guilty of theft, which guilt they would admit by voting Libertarian, but

don't know how they could ever make amends.

As a Christian, I know that I fall short, and that I will never be able to "earn" my salvation, but that God is forgiving. This does not mean that I am freed from my obligation to act morally. This means that even though I am a fallible creature I have the confidence I need to try to act as morally as I can. We live in a confused world, yet Paul the Apostle tells us to live in the world even as he tells us not to be of the world.

"In," not "of," that's the answer to the apparent dilemma we face in trying to restore the Constitution and reclaim our Liberty. Several hundred thousand dollars might be available to Ron Paul if he would apply for matching funds.

Past Libertarian candidates for President have "refused" matching money. However, this "refusal" seems hollow. Since Ed Clark accepted contributions from his running mate, David Koch, well above the F.E.C. limits, he would not have been given any matching funds anyway. And David Bergland did not receive the necessary amounts of contributions to apply for matching money during the "primary" period.

Yes, the money Larry Dodge and I accepted in Montana was different. It was added voluntarily by taxpayers in the process of completing their tax returns. Federal campaign funds, on the other hand, are financed by taxes and inflation, by money stolen under threat of confiscation of assets, garnishment of earnings and imprisonment. The federal funds are financed by theft and fraud, by money taken from you and me and every other taxpayer.

I want Ron Paul to go down to the U.S. Treasury and get some of my money and use it to gain ballot access. During the past four years the Internal Revenue Service has taken over \$50,000 from me, and I authorize Ron Paul to accept all or any part of this amount for the purpose of gaining ballot access.

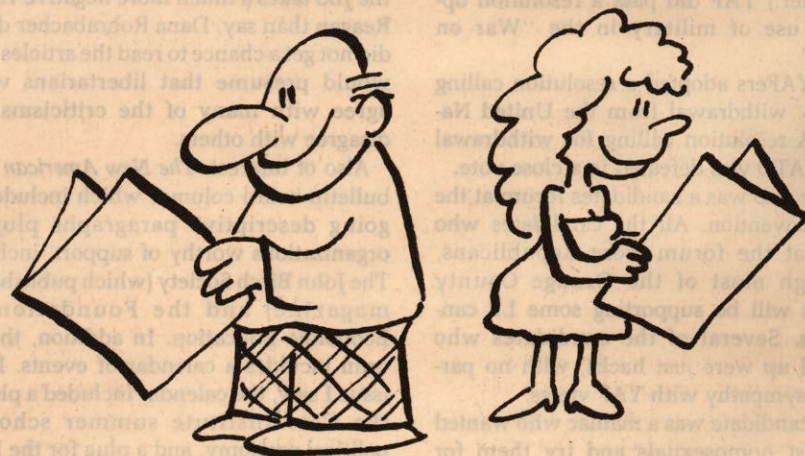
If taxation really is theft, then the money the federal government has taken from me is still really mine. I should be able to authorize the Ron Paul campaign to act as my agent in obtaining and using it as the realities of this world allow. I don't think there would be any moral problem with Ron Paul's applying for and accepting federal matching funds, as long as he obtained authorization from taxpayer stolen money owners beforehand.

In fact, raising the moral argument of being able to re-direct some of your previously confiscated wealth via matching funds to the Paul campaign might very well be a good fundraising appeal. "Give Now!" so the funds can be matched by your tax dollars to educate the American public about Libertarian political ideas. This sounds a lot better than federally purchased \$400 hammers, government loans to foreign dictatorships, and "redistributing" tax money to others presumably more deserving of it than you and me.

Lastly, since Ron Paul has previously indicated in fundraising appeals that he would not accept federal matching funds, if his campaign were to accept the idea of paying the government ballot access "poll tax" with reclaimed tax dollars, his campaign could alert past donors to this revised policy. If federal regulations permit(!), he could offer to refund any matching funds opponent their original contribution to his campaign.

The Libertarian Party certainly is not "of" the power broker world of the duopolistic major political parties, who are not reluctant to use the club of State Power to their own advantage. But the LP is "in" this world where they, not us, make and enforce the rules. If we can demonstrate a principled means of complying with the requirements set forth, there seems to be no compelling reason why we shouldn't use their own system against them. ■

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Western YAF Conference Report

by Gene Berkman

Gene Berkman is a long time libertarian activist who in the early 70's co-founded the California Libertarian Alliance with Dana Rohrabacher (now a White House speechwriter). Berkman was recently elected to the Riverside County LP Central Committee and is proprietor of Renaissance Books, a major outlet of libertarian and political books located in Riverside, CA.

Los Angeles, CA - The Western Regional Conference of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) was held at the Viscount Hotel in Los Angeles over the weekend of May 14-15. I attended, manning a table for Renaissance Books and the Libertarian Republican Organizing Committee (LROC). There was also a table manned by Steve Sugars from UC Irvine, featuring Libertarian Party, Ron Paul campaign and Society for Individual Liberty materials.

There was also a John Birch Society (JBS) table run by members of the Orange County Youth Chapter of the JBS. There were a half-dozen JBS kids there, two thirds of whom were committed libertarians. The others are supporting Ron Paul, and favor non-interventionist foreign policy, but a couple of the Birchers did not support legalizing drugs.

Legalizing drugs turned out to be the major controversy at the convention. Apparently the Executive Director of California YAF has been converting chapter leaders to this position. He is Ken Royal, who was Orange County Vice-Chair of the Libertarian Party in 1985-86; he is now a registered Republican, but is still supporting Ron Paul.

Ultimately, they voted down a resolution in favor of legalizing drugs because it was written by a libertarian who just made it too long and too radical. (He could have left out the part about how a free market would improve the quality of drugs available to the consumer.) YAF did pass a resolution opposing use of military in the "War on Drugs."

The YAFers adopted a resolution calling for U.S. withdrawal from the United Nations. A resolution calling for withdrawal from NATO was defeated in a close vote.

There also was a candidates forum at the YAF convention. All the candidates who spoke at the forum were Republicans, although most of the Orange County YAFers will be supporting some LP candidates. Several of the candidates who showed up were just hacks, with no particular sympathy with YAF views.

One candidate was a maniac who wanted to arrest homosexuals and try them for treason; shoot all the drug dealers, and invade Colombia and Bolivia to stop drug trafficking. He is running against Rep. Carlos Moorhead in the Republican primary and did not get endorsed.

Most candidates included support for anti-drug efforts as part of their campaign platform. Several, however, did come out for legalizing drugs as the only way to deal with the problem. One, Laurence Sternberg, running in the 40th C.D. (Orange County) passed out copies of an article by Milton Friedman on "Prohibition and Drug Laws."

One candidate who did not come out for legalizing drugs was Dana Rohrabacher. Dana was an embarrassment. He said we can be proud of the "liberation" of Grenada. He said Ollie North was not guilty of any crime, the criminals are the liberal Democrats in Congress who cut off aid to

the Contras. When asked his stand on drugs, he said he is not for legalizing drugs, and he supported interdiction.

Ironically, the next candidate to speak after Rohrabacher was another candidate in the 42nd C.D., running against Dana, who said that he supports legalizing drugs. Unfortunately, I was out in the hall giving Dana a hard time, and did not hear who this guy is; the two people who told me about him couldn't remember his name.

(I talked with Dana later at the party, and I must say that working in the White House has had a very negative effect on him.)

The conference spent so much time debating resolutions they did not have time to consider endorsements. They authorized the Board of Directors of Cal YAF to make endorsements, so I only know of what they did in a couple of cases. They endorsed Dana Rohrabacher, of course, and Chris Cox in the 40th C.D. (Chris Cox, a former White House aide, told several of us that while he is intellectually convinced by the argument in favor of legalizing drugs, he is not sure how to implement it practically.)

There was a lot of sentiment in favor of endorsing Ron Paul, and the trads, of course, don't like George Bush. But the state chairman (Jeff Wright, a trad) and the National Chairman (Sergio Picchio, a trad and a Californian) decided that an endorsement of Paul would jeopardize fund-raising from grown-up Republicans and convinced Ken Royal to go along with a statement that Cal YAF would not endorse anybody for President this year. Ken then told the delegates that was the decision, period.

Similar reasons convinced most of the delegates to go along with tabling a resolution in favor of removing Ronald Reagan from the YAF Advisory Board, and from YAF literature. The resolution, which denounced various aspects of Reagan administration policy, as well as the prevalence of crooks in major government positions, was supported by the JBS and libertarian cabal.

At the JBS table, they had a copy of *The New American* devoted to a long analysis of the Reagan administration. Suffice it to say, the JBS takes a much more negative view of Reagan than say, Dana Rohrabacher does. I did not get a chance to read the articles, but I would presume that libertarians would agree with many of the criticisms, and disagree with others.

Also of interest, *The New American* has a bulletin board column, which includes ongoing descriptive paragraphs plugging organizations worthy of support, including The John Birch Society (which publishes the magazine) and the Foundation For Economic Education. In addition, the column includes a calendar of events. In the issue I saw, the calendar included a plug for the Cato Institute summer school in political economy, and a plug for the Libertarian International conference in Swaziland.

In addition to Ken Royal, just elected to the YAF National Board of Directors, another pro-libertarian is Tom Lizardo, New York State chair, and National Treasurer. He is a registered Conservative, and is backing Ron Paul.

Tom Lizardo says he would like to see libertarians joining YAF, and libertarians and YAF working together on common projects. So I gave him information on S.I.L. and the Cato Institute.

One more thing. One speaker was former Republican Congressman George Hansen. I did not see him speak, but I spoke to him afterward. He said he was sorry to see Ron Paul out of Congress. Then he said, in essence, that he really did not see the Libertarian Party as capable of challenging the major parties, but that he would like to see

Ron Paul bringing together the dissaffected Democrats, the dissaffected Republicans and the other little (rightist) parties, so that the Ron Paul campaign would form the core of a coalition that could challenge the major parties.

As a side note on that idea, I might mention that Delmar Dennis, running for President as the American Party candidate (on the ballot in Utah and South Carolina) indicated to me in a letter that the American Party wanted to nominate Ron Paul as their candidate, but he claimed the Libertarian National Committee would not allow it.

Next year, Young Americans for Freedom will hold its National Convention in San Diego. Maybe this location will be conducive to more libertarian oriented discussion and debate in YAF. Let us hope so. ■

California LP Primary Results

by American Libertarian Special Correspondent

Sacramento, CA - Primary elections were held in California on June 7 to select candidates for the five ballot qualified parties. As a permanent party in California, the Libertarian Party formally nominated, without contest, 72 candidates for partisan office.

Jack Dean was nominated for U.S. Senate, receiving 9,700 votes. He is running against Sen. Pete Wilson, erstwhile moderate Republican who is making the "War On Drugs" his main campaign issue. The Democrats have nominated Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy, who has announced his own anti-drug program.

Libertarian Party candidates are on the ballot in 32 Congressional districts out of 45; 9 State Senate districts out of 20; and 32 State Assembly districts out of 80. By contrast, the far left Peace & Freedom Party is running only half as many candidates, including 14 for Congress and 21 for State Legislature, as well as a U.S. Senate candidate. The American Independent party, a coalition of conservatives and populists, has nominated candidates for U.S. Senate and three Congressional seats.

In a number of districts, Libertarian Party candidates may benefit by the absence of a Republican candidate. In the 25th Congressional district, in Hispanic East Los Angeles, incumbent Democrat Ed Roybal faces Libertarian John Thie and Peace & Freedom candidate Raul Reyes in a three-way race. In the 10th district in Alameda County, Congressman Don Edwards (Dem) is opposed by LP candidate Kennita Watson.

In four State Assembly districts, Libertarian candidates are running against incumbent Democrats in two-way contests. In the 21st A.D., which straddles San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, Assm. Byron Sher is opposed by LP nominee Bob Goodwyn. In the 35th A.D., which includes parts of Santa Barbara and Ventura counties, long time LP activist Robert Bakhaus is the only opponent of Assm. Jack O'Connell.

In South Central Los Angeles, Democrat Teresa Hughes (47th A.D.) is assured reelection over Libertarian Bryan Riles. In Alhambra's 59th A.D., Democrat incumbent Charles Caulderonis is opposed by Libertarian Steven Pencall.

Most LPC candidates will undertake only modest campaign efforts. The most active candidate so far is longtime activist John

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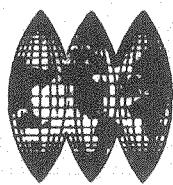
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LP Primary Results

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Vernon, running against Democratic Congressman Anthony Beilenson in the 23rd C.D., which includes Beverly Hills and West Hollywood. Republican and Peace & Freedom candidates are also on the ballot in this heavily Democratic district.

In the heavily Republican 37th C.D., encompassing most of Riverside County, LP candidate Bonnie Flickinger is actively campaigning against Rep. Al McCandless, who has not distinguished himself in his six years in office.

Potentially the most interesting Congressional race will take place in Orange County, in the 39th district. Incumbent Republican William Dannemeyer was the only elected official in California to support a proposed AIDS quarantine law promoted by Lyndon LaRouche in 1986. The Democratic candidate in the district is a member of the LaRouche organization. The only alternative candidate is Lee Connelly, chairman of the Orange County Libertarian Party. ■

LROC, Means Target Conventions

Houston, TX - The Libertarian Republican Organizing Committee (LROC) is following through on its outreach attempts to Republicans, including a successful effort at the Texas GOP convention and plans for a booth at the national Republican convention in New Orleans in July. Russell Means

is also slated to appear at a leftwing forum at the Atlanta Democratic convention.

LROC Houston Effort

The Texas convention LROC table was manned by former Houston area LP activist Richard Sansing, who has been pursuing graduate study in Austin for the past two years and dropped out of LP politics several years ago. Although he says he intends to vote for George Bush this fall, Sansing says he still holds most of the same positions he had while in the Libertarian Party and believes the LROC "entry strategy" into the Republican Party will pay big dividends for libertarians in the future.

Only recently aware of the LROC organization, Sansing nonetheless volunteered to become Texas LROC coordinator this spring and briefly met in Texas with LROC chairman Collin Hunter in late April. Hunter provided Sansing with a list of possible contacts but none was able to respond to the call for convention booth assistance.

Sansing, who was also an alternate delegate from Travis County at the Republican convention, decided to enter the lions den on his own and managed to successfully represent LROC during the three-day event held at the George Brown convention center in Houston.

He even got a sympathetic write up in the *Houston Post* by political columnist Nolan Lewis:

Richard Sansing is more of a friend to Republicans than he is to Democrats. That is because he is really a Libertarian. He, too, had a booth on the top floor of the convention center where he was handing out lit-

erature for the Libertarian Republican Organizing Committee.

A person can grow real old waiting to see a Libertarian get elected on a national ticket, Sansing figured, so he joined a group that wants to get Republicans to think more like Libertarians.

They think there should be absolute pristine, unadulterated free trade among nations; a federal budget balanced by spending cuts, not tax increases, and a noninterventionist foreign policy that includes making Europe and Japan pick up the tab for defending themselves.

Libertarians have, according to Sansing's pamphlets, zero interest in the "social agenda of the religious right with regard to abortion, creationism, pornography, school prayer and homosexuality." It was enough to curl the edges of all the pro-life stickers many GOP delegates had stuck to their clothes.

"I've been getting some hostile looks from the (Pat) Robertson types," Sansing said. Overall, however, he had been moving a fair amount of literature and had gotten almost 50 signatures on a mailing list.

National GOP Convention

According to sources at the national LROC office in Mountainview, CA, LROC also intends to be a presence at the national GOP convention in New Orleans. Earlier this spring LROC sent out a fundraising appeal to raise an estimated \$15,000 needed to fund the effort.

In May, an LROC source said that the organization had sent in their \$3,000 booth deposit and was "fairly certain" that LROC would be in attendance at the convention. To their knowledge, this is the first time an explicitly libertarian oriented group will be formally represented at a national GOP convention.

YAF Plans

Also in the works are plans for the conservative youth organization Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) to hold their annual convention in conjunction with the national GOP event, as they have done several times in the past. Several YAF sources indicate that there may be plans in the works to oppose George Bush at the YAF conference, as the overall sentiment of YAF has been severely critical of Bush in the past. There is some speculation that Ron Paul may even be invited to show up at the YAF event.

Russell Means in Atlanta

And if that weren't enough, sources indicate that former 1987 LP presidential nomination candidate Russell Means may be in attendance at the Democratic national convention in Atlanta.

Totally separate from the LROC activity, sources close to Means indicate that he has been invited to represent the libertarian point of view at an "Alternative Political Forum" sponsored by several leftwing groups. Abbie Hoffman of the "Chicago Seven" fame is slated to be the moderator. The group invited Means to represent the Libertarians and is also paying him a \$1,000 honorarium, and the FIFE caucus is reportedly working on preparing flyers for him to distribute there.

According to these sources, Means

originally volunteered to help out with the Advocates for Self Government outreach effort also scheduled for the Atlanta Democratic convention, but the Advocates declined to pay his expenses.

But one way or another, and under several different banners, there's a good chance that the libertarian message will be present at the conventions of the nation's two largest political parties. ■

Turney at the Barricades!

Atlanta, GA - The libertarian presence was visible around the national Democratic convention July 18-22 in Atlanta, although the impact was mostly symbolic.

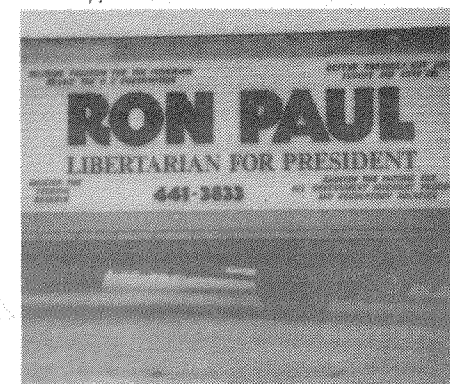
LP chair Jim Turney carried a "Don't Tread On Me" flag into "battle" on Sunday the 17th, when a large group of counter-protesters surrounded a small and beleaguered group of neo-nazi skinheads and Klansmen. There was a small but determined group of LP stalwarts carrying signs and chanting libertarian slogans among the 1000 counter-demonstrators. The rightwingers were surrounded by hundreds of Atlanta police.

The LP chair also spoke to an enthusiastic rally of pro-pot proponents at a "smoke-in" and he was extensively interviewed by news media during this event and after the counterprotest.

Advocates for Self Government workshop attendees were also handing out thousands of "the world's smallest political quiz" on the streets, and the Advocates libertarian banner was hanging from a prominent spot across from the Omni Convention Center.

At the Abbie Hoffman organized Alternative Political Forum, small crowds disappointed both Russell Means and Ron Paul during their separate speech segments. Even Timothy Leary drew only 50-100 people, about the same sized crowds as the LP speakers. However, Leary did tell the crowd that "I am a registered Libertarian" and that they should pay attention to the LP candidate — Ron Paul — who was to speak later. However, Leary also confessed to "always voting Democratic", a revelation which may or may not help out the libertarian cause. ■

This truck-borne Ron Paul for President sign is seen in and around Austin, TX, courtesy of a local supporter.



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MT LP Uproar

Helena, MT - In an unusual turn of events, in early April the chair of the Montana LP and its best known candidate denounced the party's own candidate for Governor, William Dee Morris, who ran unopposed for the party's gubernatorial nomination.

In a written statement issued in late March, state LP chair Rick Mason denounced Morris as "a sham and an embarrassment" and said his views are not those of the party. Larry Dodge was quoted in statewide wire service reports as saying, "I flat out told (Morris) his candidacy could easily embarrass and anger me and any other candidates running on the Libertarian ticket if he didn't tone down his remarks and stick to those few issues where he is in agreement with our platform." Dodge, who is running an active campaign for Secretary of State, said, "Now, here I am, angry and embarrassed, as predicted."

Why the fuss? After all, Morris, a 61-year-old Butte lawyer, ran for Attorney General on the LP ticket in 1984. He also ran as a Republican for U.S. Senate in 1982. Well, for one thing, many of the positions he's advocating publicly in seeking the LP nomination are un-libertarian.

He has advocated a new tax on all financial transactions in the state as a way to eliminate all other income, sales and property taxes. Through this system, Morris contends, the state would not be taxing people, it would be taxing money. Where would that money come from, asked Jim Ludwick, a reporter for the *Missoulian* newspaper? "I'm just taking it out of the bank. I don't give a damn," Morris said.

He has also contended that because the U.S. currency isn't backed by gold or silver, there is no legitimate way to pay off debts, and that the debts are phony anyway, since they were not based on real money. He says if elected, he would "declare a moratorium on the cancellation of any debt, unless it is paid in gold or silver coin" and also declare a freeze on foreclosures and the seizing of collateral.

Morris said he would also adopt a "Swiss-style" approach to the state militia by declaring that everyone between the ages of 16 and 60 eligible to join. The state government would then issue weapons and manuals to members, who would then keep these at home in case they ever needed them. He also called for the parole or pardoning of 40% of people in prison because "they are no harm to anyone, once they become functionally literate and are free of drug problems."

State LP chair Mason said that the party had not planned to field a gubernatorial candidate at all, and instead had intended to concentrate on "supporting and improving Montana's initiative process." However,

according to Dodge, who is also state LP vice chair, under Montana primary law the party cannot control who runs for the office.

And in another twist of sorts, Morris selected his Lt. Governor running mate on the LP ticket, John Light, who describes himself as a "peace marcher" and as Morris's personal astrologer.

According to Larry Dodge, Light is somewhat more "level-headed" than is Morris, who is something of a cult hero in some Montana circles. Light's presence on the ticket might even draw votes from the vocal "peace voters" in the state according to Dodge.

In addition to the early April denunciation, Dodge publicly denounced Morris and his tax proposal again at the mid-April state convention in Helena, this time in front of the TV cameras. Dodge says the news media had a field day covering the divided LP convention, but noted that the Morris flap provided more journalistic drama than would have otherwise been the case.

Dodge said in a recent interview with *AL* that "Morris may be softening up his tax proposal, and he didn't mention it at all at a recent candidate forum I attended with him." So far, Dodge said, the whole Morris candidacy "hasn't had an adverse affect on my candidacy or the LP in general this year," adding that most Montanans know that Morris's ideas are not the ones ad-

vocated by the LP.

Although the MLP had an opportunity to run someone against Morris in the primary, the state LP chose not to do so since they oppose the idea of government sponsored party primaries on principle, according to party sources. They also feel that their own separate primary, just for one office, would attract few voters and might detract from other election efforts targeted for November.

The LP also chose not to nominate anyone at their April 14 convention to oppose Morris, although that too, might have stopped his candidacy. Instead, simply by declaring, Morris won the nomination for Governor without a fight. Other LP activists perferred

to concentrate on other races or chose not to run for office at all.

This situation highlights another political peril more commonly associated with the older political parties, which have on occasion had candidates nominated who turned out to be LaRouchites or neo-nazis. Parties often cannot dictate who seeks out their primary nominations, and running "paper candidates" to hold ballot positions is often the only alternative. That option sometimes carries similar risks.

Whether they like it or not, William Dee Morris will be on the Montana LP ticket this fall. Perhaps, as Nancy Reagan might say, echoing Morris's running mate, it's all "in the stars." ■

Houston, Texas libertarian activist George Hollenback has produced an election year poster designed to chase away the political blahs. Hollenback recruited Dinah Anderson — winner of the Junior USA, USA and National bodybuilding titles among others — at Hank's Gym in Houston where they both work out, for his poster.

"Although she's not a Libertarian herself, her attitude towards the movement seems to be positive and sympathetic," noted Hollenback. The full sized poster is 24" x 36" black and white varnished duotone and is available by mail order from Paen Publishing, 4212 San Felipe #457, Houston, TX 77027-2902 for \$10.00, shipping and taxes inclusive. Hollenback will donate a percentage of his profits to the Libertarian Party.

Transitions

Died - William H. Hutt, 89, on June 19 in Irving TX. Born in London, Hutt served in World War I and later attended the London School of Economics. He later taught for 37 years at the University of Capetown in South Africa. He became an expert on South African labor economics and a critic of apartheid, which he maintained was largely the product of white trade unionists. His works included *The Economics of the Colour Bar*, *The Theory of Idle Resources*, and his famous critique of Keynes, *The Keynesian Episode, A Reassessment*.

After emigrating to the U.S. in the mid-sixties, he ended his free market oriented teaching and academic career at the University of Dallas in Texas where he taught until he was 82, and remained an emeritus professor until his death. Libertarian writer and Austrian economist Murray Rothbard has called Hutt "one of the most productive and creative economists of this century."

Died - Morris Tannehill, 62, on May 21 at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital in Michigan, of chronic liver and kidney disease. Tannehill led a colorful and varied life and at variously times was active in far-right and cultlike endeavors both before and after his brief prominence in libertarian activities during the late 60s and early 70s. He was best known as author (along with his then wife Linda) of *The Market for Liberty*, first published in 1970.

This book was among the first and best known works detailing how an anarcho-capitalist society would actually function in the absence of government. The book was a major watershed for the tiny libertarian movement and helped radicalize the movement away from strict reliance on Ayn Rand's limited government formula.

Tannehill had not been active in the libertarian movement for many years and his contribution largely rested with his early espousal of anarchocapitalism. ■

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