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Lewis Declares for President

Old Saybrook, CT - In a prepared statement dated May 26, former LP Vice Presidential candidate Jim Lewis announced his intention to seek the LP nomination for President at the September Seattle convention. Lewis, who works as a traveling sales representative for a library book binding company, was 1984 Vice Presidential running mate with David Bergland on the LP ticket, which drew about a quarter million votes nationwide.

In his statement, Lewis said:

I have made this decision because I do not believe that another campaign, even a well-financed one, is going to attract the attention of the public without a gimmick.

The enclosed letters (from the IRS announcing that the investigation of his 1981-1983 tax liability has been transferred to the Justice Department in Washington, DC) are part of this gimmick. It is one thing for the Libertarian Party to take their "Taxation is Theft" position, and something else to challenge the omnipotent state in the courtroom.

Our party platform is full of references to ideals expressed in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, and yet how many Libertarians could explain any of this? The income tax is not only immoral, as is all taxation, its application to the taxation of wages is UN-CONSTITUTIONAL!

*My planned use of the Constitution should not be misconstrued. I am 100% in agreement with the arguments Lysander Spooner presented in his *Constitution of No Authority*. But I see the Constitution as the only game in town, and in this bi-centennial year, the best instrument for dismantling the state.*

In an exclusive interview with *American Libertarian* in early June, Lewis said "this is not a one-issue candidacy" but rather that the 1988 campaign with Lewis as candidate



LP presidential aspirant Jim Lewis.

would be a "knock down, drag-out fight using the Constitution."

Lewis, an outside commission salesman, has not filed a personal tax return since 1980 and is challenging the IRS based upon his self-taught knowledge of constitutional law and legal theory.

He said his entry into the race is not prompted by any current legal problems, since "I haven't heard from them in over two years." Rather, he wants to "re-open the debate between the strict constructionists vs. loose constructionists" of the Constitution and "expose those in government who have usurped power over us for the past 200 years."

His own fight with the IRS is based in part on the 9th Amendment (reserving various powers to the several states and individuals) and arguments based on the "direct vs. indirect" theory of taxation. "I am more knowledgeable about the Constitution than most government prosecutors," Lewis noted, "and I've even committed it to memory." The central point of his candidacy, he says "is to make the tax issue real, and to run a Libertarian constitutional expert during the 200th anniversary of the document."

Lewis was an original signer of the letter circulated by Bill Evers last fall endorsing Ron Paul as an LP candidate, but contends his entrance into the increasingly crowded field of Libertarian hopefuls has nothing to do with unhappiness with any of the other candidates. "I have no problem with either of the other two (major) candidates, and I had no thought of running even as recently as the Atlanta National LP Committee meeting. But seeing the publicity on the constitutional bi-centennial made me realize we could be a part of that celebration."

He also ruled out running again as the Vice Presidential candidate, noting that he would have to quit his present job to cam-

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Anderson Wins Denver Commission Seat

Denver, CO - Doug Anderson, a 30-year-old Libertarian Party member who tends bar at Shotgun Willies, a Denver area topless club, won a surprise upset victory for a seat on the three member Denver Election Commission in the May 19 municipal elections.

Anderson, an LP member since the 1980 Clark campaign, serves on the Colorado LP's Board and is state Membership Chair, won one of the two elected positions on the Board along with a Republican. They beat out two incumbent Democrats for the jobs. The Denver Election Commission is a non-partisan agency which conducts elections in the combined Denver city and county area, and supervises the appointed City Clerk and staff of 22 employees. The Commission is described as "the last vestige of the old-time patronage system" since the staff is appointed by the Clerk. The elected Commissioners are each paid about \$8,000 per year for the part-time positions.

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Newly elected Denver Election Commissioner Douglas Anderson.

LP Candidate Forum Means for President is Making it Happen

by Larry Dodge

Larry Dodge holds a doctorate in sociology and owns a postcard business in Montana. He is a former Montana LP State Chair and gubernatorial and senatorial candidate. He is currently the acting Russell Means Freedom presidential nomination Campaign Manager and is the person who first talked with Russell Means about the Libertarian Party.

Perhaps the best way to make your decision about who to support for our party's presidential nomination is to step back from the ongoing series of direct candidate comparisons, which their attendance at Libertarian Party conventions is making possible, in order to view the two main contenders in the larger context of what's becoming of the Libertarian Party. And in the still larger context of what's becoming of the quest for individual liberty in America.

As one who has already made his decision in favor of Russell Means, I'll offer observa-

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For President: Ron Paul

by Murray Rothbard

Murray Rothbard is a well known libertarian author on economics, politics and history. He is currently S.J. Hall Distinguished Professor of Economics at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas and is a consultant to the Ron Paul for President campaign.

On February 16, 1987 at a speech before the California LP convention, former Congressman Ron Paul threw his hat into the ring for the Presidential nomination for the Libertarian Party. It could prove to be an historic occasion for the party, for the libertarian movement and for the country.

In our presidential nominations so far, the Libertarian Party has in effect been faced with a choice: between outreach without principle, or principle without outreach. Of the two, the latter is infinitely preferable. But the ideal development would be lots of outreach within a matrix of solid and consistent libertarian principle. In the nomination of Ron Paul, the Libertarian Party has a golden and unique opportunity to embrace such a choice.

Ron Paul is a four-term Republican Congressman from the vicinity of Houston,

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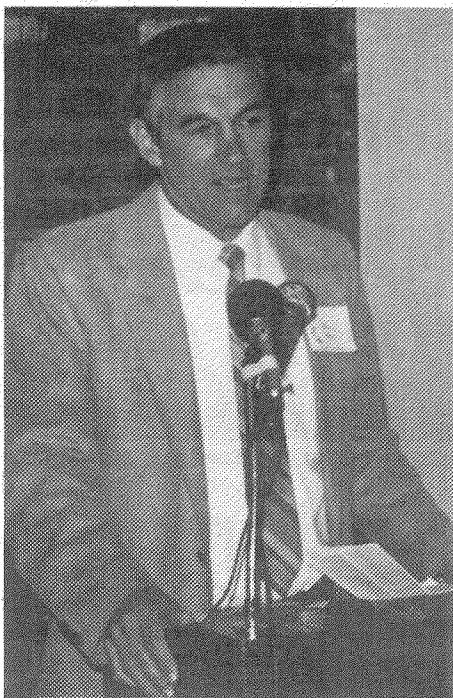
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Texas. He first arrived in Congress ten years ago, dedicated to the advancement of Austrian economics, free-market principles, and the gold standard. Despite alienating corporate Big Business interests for opposing cherished government subsidies, Ron was able to triumph with increasing margins in a largely Democratic district. He was able to do something that hasn't even been tried, much less accomplished, for decades: gaining the support of the mass of the voters on a platform of consistent opposition to special privilege. In short Ron Paul was able to corral an increasing majority of the votes in his district for a libertarian "populist" program in opposition to both the conservative and liberal Establishments.

Long-time residence within what the New Left used to call "the bowels of the beast," i.e. Washington, D.C., can have two effects on people. Generally, it co-ops anyone of libertarian bent, who soon catches "Potomac fever" and gets fascinated with the daily minuet of power. But on people of strong moral fiber, Washington has the opposite effect: deepening and strengthening their libertarian commitment and antipathy to government. And that is precisely what happened to Ron Paul. Every term his libertarian voting record strengthened and intensified, expanding out from free-market economics to a devotion to personal liberty and antipathy to foreign intervention. In his



Ron Paul addresses Connecticut LP Convention.

two years out of office, his libertarianism has become increasingly hard-core, leading him in January this year to cast off his lifelong membership in the Republican Party, to become an LP member, and to run for the LP Presidential nomination.

The exciting thing about the Ron Paul campaign is that it will be an outreach effort different from any we have ever experienced. Previous campaigns strove for Respectability, for the admiration of Walter Cronkite or for influence in the Reaganite corridors of Power. But, in contrast, the

Paul campaign will be "populist" in the best sense, seeking to mobilize the masses against the Establishment, instead of cozying up to it. Specifically, as Ron Paul revealed in his address at the California LP, he will attempt to mobilize a coalition of Americans who are exercised over one or more major libertarian goals. In short, he will stress the following basic themes, all within a matrix of support for the full LP platform:

(1) **Opposition to taxes.** Specifically, as "the only fair tax", abolition of the income tax, and the passage of the Liberty Amendment.

(2) **Ultra-hard money.** Abolition of the Federal Reserve System, and a return, or advance, to the gold coin standard.

(3) **Personal liberty.** That means opposition to the draft, to draft registration, to drug laws, sodomy laws, or . . . gun control.

(4) **All-out opposition to foreign intervention.** This means abolition of foreign aid, and an explicit call "to bring the boys back home."

In short, the exciting thing about the Ron Paul campaign is that he will push for a resurrection of the Old Right (that's the old-old Right, the pre-National Review right), the right-wing of Taft and Bricker and Wherry. The Paul slogan "bring the boys back home" is an explicit hearkening to the great slogan of the anti-interventionist movement for two generations. Ron Paul believes, and I agree, that there are millions of Americans who are instinctive Old Rightists, or libertarian populists, who have been confused and bewildered by decades of Establishment propaganda, and who are there waiting for someone to supply articulation

and leadership to resurrect the old cause.

Libertarianism does not **have** to be a small movement, confined to a few thousand, or few hundred thousand people. We have to realize that, in the form variously known as "classical liberals," "American revolutionaries," "Anti-Federalists," "Jeffersonians," "Jacksonians," "Liberals," and "Old Rightists," libertarianism was a mighty mass movement, commanding the allegiance of a large number, often a large majority of the population. There is no reason why in the United States we cannot have once again, in this country with the most intense and longest-standing libertarian tradition in the world, the resurrection of a powerful mass libertarian movement. In recent decades, the mass media and the democratic process have been tools of the State and the power elite, soft-soaping and mobilizing the masses to support and advance State rule. But we can work the process in reverse: employing the media and the democratic process to arouse the public against special privilege and State tyranny. We can once again make the phrase "the American dream" a vibrant and real condition instead of a hollow mockery.

It should be crystal-clear to all who ponder the problem that, of all the presidential candidates on the horizon, Ron Paul and Ron Paul alone has the ability, the breadth of support, the credibility, and the principled commitment, to transform the Libertarian Party into a genuine libertarian mass movement. We have before us a rare and remarkable opportunity to seize the moment, to leave at long last the era of the

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tions and opinions on how he appears in these contexts, and leave comparisons to you.

Russell's bid for our nomination comes during a protracted ebb in the tide of enthusiasm the Libertarian Party was riding during the 1970's and early 1980's. I'm sure I'm not the only one ready and willing to "catch the wave" signaling another heyday for the politics of liberty. The trick will be to recognize that wave. I think I have.

That wave consists of a coalition of survivors, freedom fighters all, which is forming in response to Russell Means' candidacy. It includes some people who've remained active Libertarians for years and other people who were formerly active but succumbed to burnout or frustration over time. It includes others who have been taking their irrepressible activism elsewhere in search of more strategic ways to deploy it, and still others who've survived untold amounts of government abuse over long periods and are just now finding out there's a political party ready to welcome them and work with them.

One of the bywords of the 1987 nomination campaigns seems to be "party unity" — and it's apparent that we continue to value the idea, or we wouldn't continue to issue prescriptions for achieving it. True, we've had to learn to distinguish between lip service and commitment ever since the "unity faction" exited the 1983 national convention, arms folded. But the fact that there still is a Libertarian Party bespeaks a resolve to remain organized for liberty.

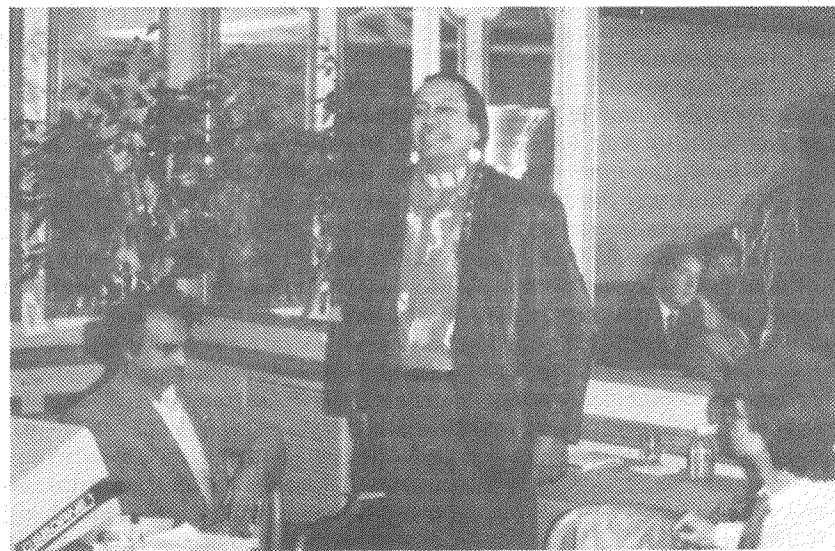
To the extent that our presidential nominee must shoulder some of the responsibility for bringing and keeping us together

as a party, the evidence so far favors Russell Means. His presence at conventions has encouraged many former activists to renew their memberships, has generally rekindled interest among party members in serving as delegates to the national convention, and has inspired several who've been talking about working as a caucus within the Republican Party to give the Libertarian Party another try.

The wave doesn't stop there, though. Russell's candidacy is generating membership and interest from circles of people we've never communicated with before. That is, he comes to us "complete with constituency" built from years of leadership and freedom activism within the American Indian Movement, among other organizations. He's fond of saying about our platform "there's nothing in it that isn't Indian", but we needn't take his word for it: ask any of the many other Indians who've begun appearing at our conventions around the nation recently, and you'll find that — without benefit of previous familiarity with our platform — they nearly universally appreciate the value of individual freedom and responsibility, and have for years been looking for a politically relevant way to express their feelings.

Russell's appeal extends to other disenfranchised groups, too. He's a symbol of hope for untold numbers of people of all colors who are fed up with myriad "programs" they realize have been instituted to assuage the guilt of the "haves" while keeping the gates of opportunity closed to the "have nots." One of Russell's most successful appearances to date was at an all-black college in the South, where his presentation of liberty philosophy was answered not only with ovations, but memberships. Similarly, the Philadelphia LP reported it has never received so many calls as followed Russell's appearance on a radio talk show there — mostly from inner-city residents.

The implications for the future of individual liberty in America are enormous.



American Indian Movement leader Russell Means spoke to the top LP leadership in April about his candidacy.

The Libertarian Party has always managed to field excellent and eminently qualified presidential candidates. But never before has it been in a position to nominate someone whose appeal extends beyond a small circle of largely WASP intellectuals.

In an arena where vote totals are the bottom line and media attention focuses on the unusual, Russell's candidacy represents an exciting and unique opportunity to make a credible showing while breaking out of a relatively closed circuit of appeal. What will America come to when the poor, the non-white, the old and the young, discover the logic of liberty — and demonstrate their understanding with votes?

Of course, there are some among us who would prefer that the delegates focus upon one or more points of discrepancy between the LP platform and what our candidates are saying along the campaign trail. Purism has a valuable place in our endeavors because it ensures the integrity of those who speak for us. I won't disparage those who insist that we assess every candidate in terms of libertarian principles. I do object to selec-

tive insistence on purity, however, and will beg off elaborating further by recommending we also pay attention to a couple of proverbs, one of which has to do with "throwing the first stone," the other of which deals with "forests vs. trees."

I've been watching Russell develop better, more libertarian answers to questions every day — a process which (hopefully) we are all engaged in, all the time. His receptivity to better ideas is facilitated by the fact that Libertarianism and the Indian way are virtually equivalent, and it should be obvious by now that increments in his "purity" will occur as he, just like we, learn to apply freedom principles to each and every issue until his repertoire runneth over.

What counts to me in this fascinating race between two very acceptably Libertarian candidates is not what can be done to pick apart their positions on a few issues, but what potential each of them has for revitalizing our party and for developing an enlarged constituency for liberty. I hope you apply these same criteria, and come to the same conclusion I have. ■

Anderson Wins in Denver

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surprised at the outcome because the two incumbent Commissioners were both Democrats active in local politics but were defeated by a former suburban Republican councilman and Anderson, a Libertarian with no prior political record. Republican Bob Shannon received 30% of the vote (41,720) while Libertarian Anderson won 28.6% (39,717). The defeated Democrats received 22.7% and 18.6%. One of the defeated Democrats was a former state party Chair and Democratic National Committee member. Denver Democrats outnumbered Republicans by 2-to-1 in registered voters.

Anderson spent about \$50 on his campaign and advocated abolishing the Commission, contending that elected Commissioners aren't needed to oversee the City Clerk. He also advocates adding "none of the above" as a choice on county and city election ballots. Anderson is believed to be the first Libertarian Party member to win elected office in Colorado and is the first Libertarian to win office since last fall.

Anderson said he was "uncomfortable" with the idea of receiving his salary and would accept only \$100 a meeting and

donate the remainder to worthy libertarian causes.

Anderson was somewhat annoyed that the press played up his occupation, saying, "I'm a good human being who has as much a moral right to be on this earth as the busybodies who would abolish topless clubs and drinking and all sorts of things." He says he's proud of his occupation and doesn't plan on changing jobs. Anderson was elected to a four-year term and he was extensively interviewed by local radio, television and newspapers after his victory, drawing complimentary columns in both the *Denver Post* and *Rocky Mountain News*.

Anderson, a native of Boston, attended the University of Massachusetts and New Mexico State University and moved to Denver five years ago. He noted that it may have been his common name which accounts for his win as much as anything, and said "I didn't see that much groundswell of support for any of the candidates or that much advertising."

He believes his proposal to abolish the Commission will find favor with his Republican colleague, who advocated placing the Commission staff under the city Civil Service system. ■

Paul Campaign

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small club and the study group and leap into the mainstream of history. All we have to do is to go to Seattle as delegates this Labor Day weekend and go for it, vote for Ron Paul for President.

But before we vote for Ron Paul we have to satisfy ourselves that he is, indeed, a genuine libertarian. I strongly sympathize with the idea that before we cast our presidential vote for a newcomer to the Party, however able or glamorous, we must assure ourselves that this person is a true libertarian. As someone who has been notorious questioner of libertarian *bona fides*, I can only say that I have done this searching of soul and of the record, and have concluded, both from written accounts and from years of personal knowledge of Ron Paul, that he is in fact a dedicated libertarian, and has been increasingly radicalized over the years until now he stands with us, consistently in embrace of our entire Libertarian Platform — quite a feat, if we realize that a large number of our veteran LP people continually gripe about the "unrealism", the radicalism, the hard-core-ness of that same platform. It is a measure of Ron Paul's growing and deepening commitment to hard-core libertarian doctrine that he left the Republican Party at just about the time when our notorious "pragmatists" and opportunists were leaving the Libertarian Party to sign up with the Republicans.

There is, in fact, only one issue on which Ron Paul differs with the platform, and everyone knows what that issue is. (There are no other real problems. Thus, criticism of one of Ron Paul's procedural votes on the Foreign Intelligence Identity Act runs up against the hard fact that Ron, quite simply, joins wholeheartedly in the LP Platform's call for the abolition of the CIA. 'Nuff said.) The issue, of course, is the vexed and troubling question of abortion.

Let it be said at once that I am vehemently pro-choice, and always have been. I regard the current Supreme Court ruling of *Roe v. Wade* as wimpy on the issue, since it bars abortion in the third trimester of a pregnancy and restricts the right of abortion in the second trimester. So why do I have no qualms in wholeheartedly endorsing Ron

Paul who, deeply influenced by his occupation as a physician and a gynecologist, upholds the right of a fetus to live and considers abortion to be murder?

There are several reasons. In the first place, Ron Paul does not intend to turn his campaign into a crusade against abortion. He believes that, according to the Constitution, murder is a state and local issue rather than federal issue, and so does not believe that abortion is properly a federal issue. As a result, the only people who have raised the question in the campaign so far are the vociferous pro-choicers, and not Ron Paul himself, who is of course ready and willing to answer the question of his beliefs on abortion if asked. So, if this is one issue on which Ron differs from the LP platform why do his critics on this issue persist in being the only ones to keep bringing that issue up?

Secondly, when he is asked, Paul has pursued and will continue to pursue an honorable course. He will say that he differs from the platform on this point, but respects the views of those who differ with him. Why are his critics, at least so far, not willing to accord Dr. Paul the same respect?

But third and most important is the question of principle. For this is the one issue, and virtually the only one, on which hard-core committed and consistent libertarians can readily differ. That is *not* true on other issues that may divide us, such as the draft, the Federal Reserve, the income tax, or mass murder in warfare. For it is not absurd to regard the abortion question as the one tragic case where two deeply fundamental rights are in inherent conflict: that is, the right of a fetus to live, and the right of a woman to her own body. I personally do not see such a clash, and hold that even if there were, even if we can say that a fetus deserves the full rights of a human being, the right of a woman to her own body must be absolute and overriding. But I also hold that it is neither absurd nor evil to take the opposing position. It is probably the most difficult case in all of libertarian theory.

So the question is: are we going to blackball a man who, despite his superb credentials in all other areas, differs with us in just this one most difficult and tragic case? It strikes me that even the most persnickety purist must believe that this is carrying a good thing much too far.

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Nationally renowned American
Indian Movement Co-Founder,
and a leader of the dramatic
uprising which took over the
village of Wounded Knee, SD
in 1973. The village was
held for over two months to
dramatize the treatment of
Indians.

"The government is now taking away from the Non-Indian what it has taken away from the Indian on the reservation, individual freedom and choice."

"All Americans, not just Indians, desperately need times to regain control over their own lives. Voting Libertarian is a very important way for people of all races to 'we've had enough. Give us back our freedom.'"

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Stamps are \$8 ea. (\$15/set) and cards are included. Contact Alabama LP, P.O. Box 11514, Birmingham, AL 35202 for further details.

The Libertarian Party stands poised before the most exciting prospect in its history. On the one hand, we can stay as we have always been: a small club talking to the same people at meeting after meeting at convention after convention. On the other hand, we can seize the moment, we can grow enormously in numbers, in votes, and in a tremendous impact upon American politics and upon the consciousness of the American people. We have a unique chance to leap into history. Do we have the vision and the courage to go for the brass ring? ■

Lewis Declares

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campaign effectively, unlike 1984, and this would only make sense for him as the top candidate.

Lewis also said he would not actively campaign at state conventions like the other principal candidates, and would instead concentrate on mailing material to the delegates and talking with them at the Seattle convention.

He has no campaign staff, and in response to a question about how he would conduct his presidential effort, said he "would play it by ear" but hoped to attract a lean campaign staff "of the quality of Tom Ross, my 1984 VP manager, or Marshall Fritz, who ran Steve Givot's 1984 Illinois Senate race."

"I don't see campaigning with a large costly staff or flying coast-to-coast. I would campaign, like I did in 1984, from state-to-state visiting local LP groups and the media, and stay with local libertarians. I'd keep costs low and put the money into TV ads and literature."

"I've got a terrific mountain to climb," Lewis concluded, "But I've already received about a dozen calls," even though in early June news of his candidacy had been spread solely by word of mouth.

Although he has an apartment in Cleveland, where his employer is located, Lewis is usually on the road and prefers to get messages and mail at his Connecticut residence.

The Jim Lewis for President campaign can be contacted at: **Jim Lewis '88, 2 Neponset Ave, Old Saybrook, CT 06475. 203-388-2046.** ■

Correction

The evening phone number listed for Newman for President ("Newman in Race" May, 1987 AL) was incorrect due to transposition error. The correct evening number is (818) 789-1568.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Turney Shakes Up Committees

Richmond, VA - In a surprising early June development, LP national Chair Jim Turney replaced three LP committee chairs in a major shake-up just three months before the next national LP convention. The national Chair has the authority to make committee chair assignments and Turney has carefully referred to these changes as "replacements" rather than firings. Replaced were Outreach Committee Chair Gary Johnson of Austin, TX, Computer Oversight Committee Chair Emil Franzi of Tuscon, AZ, and Finance Committee Chair (and national LP Vice Chair) Sharon Ayres of Costa Mesa, CA.

Replacements named by Turney were Sharon Mitchell, wife of national LP Director Terry Mitchell of Houston, TX as Outreach Committee Chair, Chad Colopy of West Bloomfield, MI as Computer Oversight Committee Chair, and Paul Jacob of Springfield, VA as Finance Committee Chair. Colopy and Jacob are members of the LP National Committee.

So far the Outreach and Computer Committee moves have not proven controversial. Sharon Mitchell has been working on a student outreach publication project and the previous Outreach Committee had not been especially active. At prior NatCom meetings Franzi had stated that he did not consider himself to be the Chair of the Computer Oversight Committee, and the Committee itself has been in what many view as organizational limbo. There is a separate Computer Acquisition Committee which was established at the April Atlanta NatCom meeting on which Colopy also serves, and he has a professional background in the computer industry.

The most controversial move was the removal of Ayres from the Finance Committee, which oversees the largest party contracts and is perhaps the most important power base inside the party. The Finance Committee has considerable autonomy, and friction between Turney and Ayres in recent months has resulted in sharp public and private disagreements between the two over matters of policy and procedure.

In a memo to Ayres dated June 1, Turney said "I appreciate your offer to relinquish the Finance Committee Chair — first made in early November — and commend your role" in leading the Committee. Turney went on to thank Ayres for her work and explained that celebrated draft registration resister Paul Jacob had been appointed to

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Libertarian Outlook

U.S. Out of Persian Gulf!

The U.S. government has a recent history of making incredibly foolish military deployments in the Middle East. The latest, culminating in the obliteration of the USS Stark by an "errant" Iraqi pilot, once again proves the wisdom of not meddling in places you don't belong for reasons you don't fully understand.

Even staunch Reaganites have trouble explaining our current policy of renting the U.S. flag to needy oil producing countries for their tempting tanker targets. Already, threats of U.S. military intervention are escalating and the proverbial "slippery slope" of foreign entanglement daily looms larger.

This crazy policy appears to be the result of fear that the Russians were about to hire out their warships to the Kuwaitis for hard currency, which makes one wonder why Reagan didn't go ahead and let them be the sitting ducks for a change. Perhaps we secretly want to help the Iraqis (notwithstanding the fact that they are attacking our ships), punish the Iranians, or bolster U.S. prestige with other Middle Eastern nations.

Do any of these reasons make any better sense? Maybe we'll find out in the end that it's all a part of secret deal to free hostages, channel aid to the Contras, or a typing error by Fawn Hall on some NSC "decision memo" Reagan can't remember signing.

The only agreed upon facts are: a) there are several dozen dead U.S. servicemen for no good reason, b) there has been no discernable increase in the need for U.S. intervention to ensure free sea navigation in the Persian Gulf (Lloyds of London tanker insurance rates haven't changed in recent months), and c) this mess, with Iranians deploying new missiles, could easily escalate into a major military confrontation involving any one of a dozen countries.

The true victims of this policy are the dead U.S. sailors. The Iran-Iraq war is a real tragedy, but one we cannot possibly "win" by becoming involved with either side. As the millions of dead soldiers and civilians in that senseless exercise in applied statism pile up, our main objective should be to see that there are no additional American lives added to that grim toll. ■

Year One

In libertarian publishing, where lifespans are sometimes measured in months rather than years, we take modest pride in reaching our first anniversary as America's leading independent libertarian newspaper.

We make our share of mistakes, and note them with pain after each issue. It's tough to meet the monthly schedule at times and we're working on improving and expanding our photo quality and news coverage.

We've stirred up some controversy, poked a few sacred cows and tried to keep a sense of perspective about the libertarian movement in all its strange and myriad manifestations. We're doubly appreciative of our First Amendment rights to speak out and write without fear, and the fact that we don't answer to any committees, politicians or eccentric billionaires.

But mostly we're glad to get every issue out the door each month and to have the opportunity to cover the exciting developments in the libertarian movement. The tangible support of our subscribers, advertisers and writers is of incalculable value. We are always ready to receive your expressions of support as well as your suggestions for improvement.

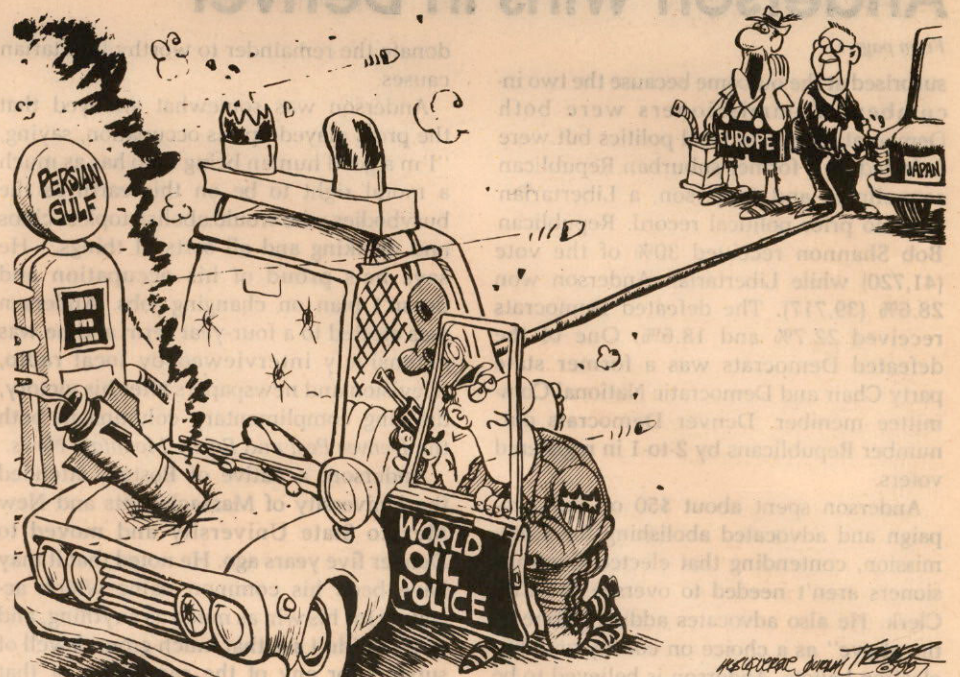
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distrust of factional discipline. The only requirement for membership is the open discussion of issues followed by each member voting his or her conscience. This alone could easily explain why the "Unfaction" has remained a minority on the LNC.

"Neo-Craniac," however, does conjure the past: the days of the "Crane Machine" when, whatever the faults of Ed Crane, things were done — not beaten to death by endless LNC debate; the days of bright young fellows (distinguishable by their blue blazers and looking suspiciously like advance men for some Republican presidential candidate) working with great zeal and some competence to advance their vision of the LP as a potent political force in American politics. Murray Rothbard, himself once a cog in the "Crane Machine," could have said much worse of us.

To my mind, neither the "Berglandistas" nor the "Neo-Craniacs" are the monoliths portrayed in your article. These two groups are themselves coalitions of smaller alliances, and in the current LNC term neither has often voted as a block (only, of course, when it served their purpose).

Moreover, you have failed to identify other alliances outside of these without whom no discussion of LNC politics is complete: the "Assassins," easily identifiable by their penchant of voting the right way for the wrong reason, or *vice versa* (one can never be sure), and the "Faction of One" (aka Dale Hemming). Although not as numerous as the "Berglandistas" and the



"Neo-Craniacs," these also lend color to LNC debate.

In retrospect, this term of the LNC has been productive, successfully avoiding the bitterness and rancor so evident in past terms. Real progress has been made towards implementing a national ballot access strategy, the LP's budget is back in the black and much has been done to restore the LP's credibility — witness at least two nationally known candidates vying for the LP's presidential nomination!

As to the next LNC, I strongly urge the delegates to the Seattle convention to take greater care in the selection of the at-large members and regional representatives. Election to the LNC is not an honorarium, the LNC is the pool of volunteers by whom much of the work of the party must be done. Before you re-elect an incumbent, ask why that person is not part of a faction. The probable answer is that he or she has not done anything! The next two years are of vital importance to the LP, I urge you to vote against the "Deadwood" faction — membership by default.

Finally, I must take personal exception to any characterization that I am in favor of one presidential candidate over another. As Chair of the LP Ballot Access Committee, a self-funding committee, I view myself as a party **apparatchik**. It would thus be inappropriate for me to endorse any candidate prior to nomination. Just count my vote "all of the above."

I thus declare the birth of a new faction, as yet unlabelled, of those committed to work for the LP over the next two years, whoever wins the party's nomination in Seattle.

Steve Fielder
Member at Large, LNC
Shepherdstown, WV

Floating Abstractions

As a small "o" objectivist, I am rather disheartened at Barbara Branden's discourse to Russell Means, reported in the April *American Libertarian*. Branden reportedly "told Means several times that she found it hard to believe what she was hearing." So much for the evidence of the senses! Apparently, Ms. Branden has adopted the metaphysics of believing only what she wants to believe or of, well, subjective reality.

Reading on, "She had the impression that he had been closely associated with the Left and didn't think that could have simply been an impression fostered by the press without a basis in fact." Hmmm, sounds like the epistemology of floating abstrac-

tions to me, but I suppose she couldn't resist serving up some guilt by association.

We then learn that Branden was "shocked" that Means "sees the universe flowing from inside each of us and therefore we (ought to) have complete individual freedom as long as we accept the responsibility that goes with it." However, in the first part of this statement, Means is simply telling us in his own words that the Individual is the center of the universe. If Branden disagrees with this, she has adopted the sociology of collectivism.

The second part of Mean's statement is the basic tenet of libertarianism. Branden says this is "anarchy" and "would be terribly destructive." She does not tell us what the object of destruction would be, so presumably this is just an unanalyzed feeling she has. In any event, in rejecting libertarianism, she adopts the politics of statism.

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Apparatchik

In reply to your recent article entitled "On LP Factions," April, 1987:

I read your analysis on factions within the current Libertarian National Committee (LNC) with relish. You are quite right in suggesting the inevitability of factions within any organization, especially a political one.

The existence of such factions, however, if not bitter, can have positive effects. Members seem to work harder to achieve their factions' goals — submission to scrutiny by the other side promptly dispels complacency. Their existence often serves to moderate the tone of debate.

In your analysis I have been labelled a "Neo-Craniac," a term coined by the Great Labeller himself, Murray Rothbard. The "Neo-Craniacs" have always styled themselves the "Unfaction," signalling their goal of open management and a shared

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The genius of Ayn Rand lied in that Alice Rosenbaum was a short, ugly, friendless, Jewish girl from Russia who stood up in defiance of the entire world. Barbara Branden, on the other hand, is a gorgeous blond and a typical muddle-headed American.

Terry Inman
Florissant, MO

Secret Faction Revealed

Your recent issue, (April 1987) which included coverage of the Atlanta NatCom, confirms your reputation as the most entertaining news publication within The Libertarian Movement.

However, despite your stunning revelations of the identities of the members of various factions on the National Committee, you missed the biggest story of all.

Let me point out to you that Jim Turney, Mary Gingell, Carolyn Treynor, and I are all natives of the State of Virginia. This is the secret faction in LP politics. It is our plan to quietly ease our way into total control before we are noticed.

Jim and I have carefully planted ourselves within the top ranks of the two most active current factions in order to create confusion by sowing dissension. While everyone is preoccupied by the in-fighting on the National Committee, the way is being prepared for total domination by the Virginia Mafia.

I am being forced to reveal this while being held captive by Steve Fielder and David Bergland, who learned of our plans and kidnapped me. If I don't make a full confession they will punish me with a kind of Chinese water torture by subjecting me to a periodic trickle of ballot access financial information.

I will write again with further disclosures.

Sam Treynor
Manhattan Beach, CA

Sam Treynor is currently the National Libertarian Party Treasurer. *American Libertarian* has turned this matter over to the Libertarian Faction Police for further investigation. Ed.

LROC Responds

I was surprised to see that of the 100 or so delegates elected to the National Convention from California, you chose to mention only two in your article ("Cal LP Convention a Hit," March 87 AL) — myself and Eric Garriss. You said that we "rejoined the LP in order to work for Russell Means." This is false on two levels.

1. We do not support Russell Means (or Ron Paul for that matter). In fact, given a choice between these two candidates we support "None of the Above". Ron Paul is a right-winger, opposed to libertarian positions on many civil liberties and foreign policy issues. Means is a publicity seeker whose only ideology seems to be Indian nationalism. The best thing you can say about Means is that he is not Ron Paul.

2. We didn't "rejoin the LP" — we never left. As members of the Libertarian Republican Organizing Committee (LROC) we have advocated that the LP as a group should participate in the GOP as an organized faction, instead of continuing the futile 3rd party strategy. But we have never argued that we, or any individual should drop out of the LP and join the GOP.

The fact that these two men are our only choices in Seattle just reinforced our conviction that the LROC strategy is the right one. The counter-argument that libertarians must remain aloof from the two major parties in order to maintain the purity of our principles looks pretty hollow now that the

LP is in the process of accommodating itself to Ron Paul and Russell Means.

Where is the Coalition for a Party of Principle now? Where is Murray Rothbard, who used to denounce Ed Clark for "opportunism", and who said Earl Ravenal was too recent a convert to libertarianism to be our candidate for President. Murray just shows his desperation by supporting Ron Paul, who joined the Party after announcing for President, and who told me in a Q&A session that he had never even read the LP platform.

Colin Hunter
Palo Alto, CA

Media Watch



Freedom Newspaper Trial

Santa Ana, CA - The dramatic trial for the control of the nation's largest, and arguably only, libertarian-oriented newspaper chain began in March and continued in April before a California Superior Court Judge.

The case pits hard core (but anti-political Robert LeFevre disciple) Harry Hoiles against Mary Jane (Hoiles) Hardie and her husband in a wide-ranging family dispute over ownership and control of the newspaper empire. The *Orange County Register*, California's second largest paper, is the flagship of the chain and is reportedly one of the most profitable in the nation.

The chain has long espoused libertarian editorial positions ever since the chain's founder, R.C. Hoiles, fell under the sway of hard core libertarian philosopher Robert LeFevre. The dispute began after R.C.'s death in 1970 and the death of his eldest son Clarence in 1981, who had succeeded R.C.. Harry had expected to inherit the mantle but instead was pushed aside by his sister Mary Jane and her husband, who began moving the chain away from principled libertarian positions.

Contending that he was unfairly excluded from the operations, and wanting to keep libertarianism at the forefront of editorial positions, Harry offered to buy up the chain in a leveraged buyout for \$1.01 billion. This was rejected by the other family stock owners of the closely held corporation.

Claiming that he was then free to dispose of his stock in the marketplace despite corporate restrictions on the stock to the contrary, Harry went to court in an effort to seek approval to sell his shares, which the 71-year-old Hoiles estimates to be worth over \$334 million.

Harry faced an uphill battle, particularly when the judge ruled in mid-trial that R.C. Hoile's libertarian principles regarding freedom to dispose of one's own property when he set up the original corporation were "irrelevant" to the legal issues at hand.

In early June, Judge Leonard Goldstein ruled that Harry had failed to prove his claim of conspiracy to squeeze him out, a verdict which leaves him essentially out of the decision making process involving the Freedom chain. An appeal battle is now expected.

Freedom Themes Get Ink
Katy, TX - A variety of libertarian writers and subjects have appeared in various news media in recent months.

Paul Jacob, head of the anti-draft registration organization Volunteers for America, authored an anti-compulsory national service piece in the March/April 1987 *Common Cause Magazine*.

The March 11 editorial page of the *Wall St.*

Journal featured an editorial "After Apartheid" discussing possible outcomes to South African political problems. The piece was based on **Frances Kendall** and **Leon Louw's** new book *South Africa: The Solution* which suggests a libertarian style decentralized confederation approach to political and racial differences.

Veteran libertarian **S.D. Yana Davis**, now an editor for the *Birmingham Business Journal* penned an incisive editorial on March 16 entitled "Let's Sell the Airport" to improve service at that Alabama city's municipal facility.

Finally, Institute for Humane Study's **Sheldon Richman** had the lead letter to the editor in the March 31 *New York Times*, objecting to Reagan's protectionist bailout for the domestic semiconductor industry.

SIL Veterans Start Editorial Syndicate
Philadelphia, PA - Society for Individual veteran writers **Don Ernsberger**, **Dave Walter**, **Jorge Amador** and **Frank Bubb** have surveyed area newspapers and weeklies and are in the process of launching a weekly editorial and op-ed feature syndicate.

Intended to be a commercial venture, the authors will supply weekly editorial material and opinion pieces on political and current events, presumably with a libertarian slant. All of the authors are experienced writers and have previously published in a variety of publications.

Walter Sets LWV Straight

Boston, MA - The national **League of Women Voters** (LWV) has been squawking loudly in the media about the GOP and Democrat plans to usurp the LWV presidential debates in 1988 and hold their own exclusive bi-partisan show.

The League, faced with losing its biggest publicity generator (and no doubt, contribution stimulator) has been huffing and puffing about its own "public service" record in the matter.

But SIL's own **David Walter** (also on the LP NatCom) set the record straight in the February 27 *Christian Science Monitor*, a nationally respected daily paper. Walter observed that the LWV has excluded the LP candidates from their last two debates anyway, leaving hollow their claim that League sponsorship is necessary to include third party candidates (Anderson in 1980 was given his own five minute spot by the

League).

Now maybe the LWV will sponsor a nationally televised debate with **only** the third party contenders. . .

New Options

Washington, DC - The "New Age" oriented newsletter *New Options* edited by **Mark Satin** out of Washington, DC featured a front page review and excerpts from **Frances Kendall's** and **Leon Louw's** new book *South Africa: The Solution*.

While the review wasn't an endorsement, the newsletter said the book "raises issues which must be discussed" and praised the decentralist approach to South Africa's difficult political and racial problems.

Media Bits and Pieces. . .

Robert Bakhaus, who once published *Efficacy* magazine in the early 70's, has resurfaced in Santa Barbara, CA publishing *Objectivist News* bi-monthly, (POB 4394, Santa Barbara, CA 93140, \$5/yr.). . . for some reason many libertarian publications have been bombarded of late by press releases and material detailing inventor **Joe Newman's** struggle with the U.S. Patent Office over a patent for his energy machine. Touted as a real-life **John Galt** by publicist Evan Soule, the Mississippi engineer's difficulties with the federal bureaucracy have been well publicized in both libertarian and mainstream media. The Feds claim the device is a "perpetual motion machine" (non-patentable) and Newman won't provide details of his supposedly revolutionary scientific breakthrough until it's protected by a patent. Publicist Soule has added a distinct libertarian twist to his PR efforts: those who want to keep up with this have to subscribe to get his PR/publication! Can't blame 'em for trying. . .

The Irangate/Contrascam affair has turned up some curious names. "Philosopher-adventurer" **Jack Wheeler**, touted by *Reason* and financed by its Investigative Journalism Fund for a world tour of anti-communist insurgencies, was identified as a close friend and frequent visitor to peripatetic Marine **Col. Oliver North**, whose horse-trades have fallen under considerable scrutiny. A mid-December article in the *Washington Post* carried an extensive account of North's entré into the hard right Council for National Policy, a cabal of wealthy right-winger types and assorted anti-communists. ■

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Committee Shake Up

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the Chair position. Turney later said Ayres originally "offered to resign" at the November 1986 LP Budget Committee session in Los Angeles and also repeated that sentiment to him at the February California LP convention.

Turney took great pains not to characterize his move as a "firing" and has made no public criticism of Ayres, whom he appointed to the post in April 1986 after having no organized Finance Committee during the first 7 months of his term. However, Turney came under considerable fire from Ayres and others unhappy with his administration at the Atlanta NatCom meeting, and has been involved in additional turf battles with the Finance Committee in May. Reportedly, the Finance Committee offered to place former National Director Perry Willis (who works as a paid direct mail consultant for the Finance Committee) in charge of the LP's *Liberty Pledge News*, a monthly newsletter prepared in the national office and sent to monthly pledgers and other LP contributors. Turney did not favor this proposal — among other reasons, Willis did not always produce the newsletter on time when he was National Director — and after a number of phone calls in April and May finally told Ayres that *Liberty Pledge News* was staying put at the national headquarters. Turney was also reportedly concerned about the lack of definite fundraising plans in progress for the next three months. According to recent interviews, neither Turney nor LP Director Mitchell were aware of any specific direct mail fundraising plans for the summer as recently as one week prior to Turney's action.

Ayres sees the matter differently. In a June 9 memo to members of the LP National Committee, she stated "I did not ask Jim to replace me, although I did acknowledge his authority to do so." In an interview with *American Libertarian* Ayres repeated her contention that she did not offer to resign either last fall or later at the California convention. She considers Turney's action "ill advised" and in her memo suggested that replacing her three months before the Seattle convention was irresponsible. Ayres also said that one fundraising and one prospect mailing were in progress, although it was not clear whether Turney or other Finance Committee members were made aware of this.

Two other Finance Committee members, Jack Dean and Mary Gingell, both of California, weighed in with objections to Turney's actions. Gingell circulated her own memo on June 9 objecting to what she termed Turney's "firing" of Ayres, disputed Turney's version of the facts and concluded by saying "I am afraid the party will suffer for your action."

Finance Committee member Jack Dean said he was "appalled" at Turney's firing and said Turney had not mentioned any problems with Ayres' performance in recent discussions with him. Dean offered to resign or stay on the Committee at the new Chair's pleasure, and suggested that Jacob "has been misled and placed in an extremely awkward and dangerous position by Turney."

Jacob, who has fundraising experience with his own legal defense committee and the anti-draft group, Volunteers for America, is also seen at many LP conventions, where he is frequently used to emcee the after-banquet fundraising events. Jacob suggested in a recent interview that he considers his assignment a temporary one and a

stop gap until the upcoming September convention. He expressed reluctance to get involved with intra-party feuding and said he agreed to help because he believes this function shouldn't be neglected during the period prior to the convention.

This episode occurs against a backdrop of LP factional quarrelling between Turney and David Bergland (who is married to Sharon Ayres). National LP funding reached a crisis during the late summer of 1986 when the national office ran large deficits for several months. After Perry Willis resigned as Director and a new, lower budget was adopted for 1987, the LP paid its long-standing debt in the spring of 1987 and has been running consistently above budget.

The Finance Committee supervises the successful telephone fundraising operation managed by Alexis Thompson in Tuscon, AZ and is responsible for the monthly Liberty Pledge program and the major donor

Torch Club effort. The Finance Committee also develops regular direct mail solicitations, renewals for membership and other special fundraising projects. ■

Turney Declares Others Consider LP Chair Race

Richmond, VA - Current Libertarian Party Chair Jim Turney officially announced his intention to seek re-election to that position in mid-June, becoming the first candidate to formally declare.

In addition to Turney, LP Vice Chair Sharon Ayres is "seriously considering seeking the Chair position" according to a recent *AL* interview. LP National Commit-

tee member Hugh Butler of Utah has also said he is seriously contemplating the race, although as of mid-June neither he nor Ayres had formally declared. Others have been rumored to be considering the race, including NatCom members David Walter, Stephen Fielder and Randy Ver Hagen. Little has been heard about these possibilities of late and Fielder recently disavowed any intention to run for Chair.

Turney has been informally suggesting for the past several months that he was considering another term as Chair, despite sometimes heated criticism of his administration by other national LP officers and NatCom members. He had put off a final decision until he could discuss the prospect with supporters and state LP leaders. Turney's formal written statement was not available as of press time, but Turney verbally said that he felt that "we've accomplished a lot during my administration

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LP Chair Race

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and I want to keep the positive momentum going" in a second term.

He acknowledged a number of problems during his first term, but said that "these are largely behind us now. We're out of debt, have a new computer system on order and have re-established stability in the national LP."

He suggested that resuming an upward growth curve in LP membership (which has declined in the past two years) and taking advantage of the attention generated by the LP's presidential campaign would be major areas of focus in a second Turney administration.

Only two LP Chairs, Ed Crane and David Bergland in the 1970's, have been elected to two LP Chair terms.

LP Vice Chair Sharon Ayres, who for the past six months has disavowed interest in running for Chair, recently told *American Libertarian* that "a number of people have strongly urged me to run for Chair, and while that is very flattering, I also feel I should seriously consider the situation."

Ayres has recently been at odds with Turney, in what some describe as a factional dispute (see "Shoot-Out on Peach Tree Street", April 1987 AL). At the 1985 LP Convention she was a strong supporter of

current Chair Randy Ver Hagen, who was defeated in a close race by Turney. Ayres was also replaced in June as Finance Committee Chair (see related story elsewhere in this issue). Ayres' husband David Bergland served as national Chair from 1977 to 1981.

Former Utah LP Chair Hugh Butler has also expressed interest in running for Chair, although no formal announcement was received as of press time. Butler has been discussing this for several months and has been making the rounds at several LP state conventions. Butler is a long-time LP National Committee member and recently, a vocal critic of Jim Turney. He also heads up the LP's Computer Acquisition Committee which is selecting the new LP headquarters computer system.

Butler is known as an advocate of a decentralized national LP operation, with emphasis on supporting state parties. He has also expressed interest in moving the current Houston-based LP national office to Salt Lake City, where he operates a computer software consulting firm.

A number of other LP activists are also reportedly considering the situation and it is possible that others will announce prior to the September Seattle convention. LP Chairs are elected for two year terms, preside at National Committee meetings and have authority to hire and fire LP staff and the LP News editor. ■

Nomination Campaign Briefs

Katy, TX - The race for the 1987 LP presidential nomination is approaching a fever pitch, as new candidates continue to announce (there are now at least seven declared candidates) and the final push to select delegates for the Seattle convention draws to an end.

The two principal contenders, Ron Paul and Russell Means, have each visited over 3 dozen states and have been traveling every weekend virtually non-stop. Two other well known libertarians, Jim Lewis and Carol Newman, have declared, though neither is doing much active campaigning. Of the three other announced candidates, only Jim "Libertarian" Burns is known at all. Indiana-based Harry Glenn and Illinois resident Ed Roth are virtually unknown to most LP members.

Andre Marrou is still the only announced VP candidate, though Carol Newman has not ruled it out. The rumored candidacy of Ron Holland of North Carolina has not materialized and he did not appear at his previously announced appearance at the Vermont LP convention in May. According to Holland, in a recent interview with *American Libertarian*, he only considered running for three days this spring before he heard that Andre Marrou was running. "Once I heard a qualified, credible candidate was in the race, I decided it wasn't necessary for me to run," Holland said in mid-June.

According to LP Chair Jim Turney, who has probably attended more state LP con-

ventions than anyone else over the past two years, turnout in 1987 is running an average of double last years and in some instances considerably well above that. In many states there is unprecedented competition for delegate positions. Even LP founder David Nolan, who recently moved from Colorado to Georgia, has hit the carpetbagger trail seeking a delegate seat (he departed Colorado an alternate and arrived in Georgia too late to become a delegate there). In 1987's feverish libertarian political climate, even being the Grand Old Man of the LP doesn't cut much ice.

Russell Means

American Indian Movement founder Russell Means has continued his break-neck pace across the country, generating interviews and stories, including national wire service articles which have appeared in the *New York Times*, among other places.

Means' all-volunteer effort is being supplemented by a full time professional campaign manager. Cathleen Lone Tree, who previously worked for a public relations firm that assisted Gary Hart's lousy but ill-fated Democratic campaign, has been named as Means' Campaign Manager. She is an American Indian who is also an aunt of Marine Sgt. Clayton Lone Tree, currently awaiting court martial over the Moscow embassy Marine spy episode.

Montana LP Chair Larry Dodge, who was instrumental in recruiting Means for the nomination, has been promoted to Campaign Chair and head of the Means Cam-



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paign Steering Committee. He was also the subject of a spate of stories in the Montana press reporting that he was considering a run for the Vice Presidency on the LP ticket. He spent a considerable amount of time in May denying that story and attempting to get a retraction published.

Margaret Werry of Dallas is Campaign Coordinator and has been coordinating Means' schedule and literature production. Werry worked at the national LP headquarters in 1984 on ballot access efforts.

The Means campaign has produced a four-page tabloid newspaper which they are distributing to party members and delegates, which contains background on the candidate and information about the LP platform.

Free Forum Books owner Jim Peron has issued a second edition of his critical **Do the Ends Justify the Means?** booklet, an expanded version of the first edition which sold out the first 400 copies. The Means campaign has denounced the booklet as distorted and misleading, and Means supporter Bill Howell has said that one major source in the publication, footnoted as a Senate investigating committee, consists of the testimony of just one former paid FBI informant who later became a paid lecturer for the John Birch Society.

Means recently issued a challenge to debate Ron Paul, which to date has not been held. Both Means and Paul were scheduled to attend candidate forums for delegates in California, and Paul has publicly stated he will appear in candidate forums "open to all the candidates."

Ron Paul

The well-organized and well-funded Ron Paul effort continues on its course of sponsoring the candidate at conventions and encouraging media interviews with the former GOP Congressman. In most interviews, both candidates acknowledge their other main opposition but publicly downplay the extent of the competition.

The Paul campaign has done extensive direct mail fundraising and as of mid-June have over 3,000 contributors and have raised over \$150,000. This is impressive money in libertarian circles. The Means campaign is running about 10-20% of that, which is in itself far in excess of any prior LP nomination campaign funding at a comparable point in time prior to the nomination. The entire national LP budget for 1987 for instance, is only \$280,000.

The Paul campaign has even begun funding some ballot access efforts, with an announcement that they were underwriting a professional petitioning effort in Arizona to finish that state's ballot drive effort. This move has generally been applauded as a helpful step in LP ballot access efforts. There has been some sniping about favoritism (Arizona LP Chair Perry Willis,

also a Paul campaign paid consultant, works closely with Paul campaign Co-Chair David Bergland) and the fact that this support bypassed Stephen Fielder's LP Ballot Access Committee.

The Paul campaign reports that he has spoken for over 50 hours on various radio talk show interviews which have been conducted by long distance telephone from his Lake Jackson, TX home in between his travels and his work as physician.

A Students for Ron Paul group has been organized by Florida/Delaware LP activist Eric Rittberg, and now has contacts in a dozen states. High school students with "Students for Ron Paul" ribbons were in evidence at recent Ron Paul Texas functions and at the Texas LP convention.

Paul appeared on the cable C-SPAN channel May 28 and 30, interviewed by Carl Rutan for the *On the Road to the White House* series. Paul's campaign was also the subject of a nationwide AP wire story headlined "Ron Paul would abolish Fed if Elected" in early June, just about the time former Ayn Rand disciple Alan Greenspan was appointed the new Federal Reserve Bank Chair.

American Libertarian will feature an extensive interview with Ron Paul in the next issue.

Other Candidates

Former Alaska legislator Andre Marrou (now of Las Vegas, NV) has been hitting the LP convention circuit and so far is the only announced candidate solely seeking the VP nomination. Marrou has joined with campaign manager Perry Willis to form WIN-PAC, intended to be a libertarian oriented political action committee to help fund LP races. Marrou is generally well regarded and viewed by some as a fall back compromise candidate for the top slot should the convention become deadlocked.

Former LP 1984 VP candidate Jim Lewis is now in the race (see related article elsewhere in this issue) as is California attorney Carol Newman (see May 1987 AL "Newman Enters Race").

Jim "Libertarian" Burns is also in the race, and recently moved back to Nevada after a brief stint in Vermont. Burns is using his candidacy to publicize his strategy for concentrating LP resources in small population states such as Nevada, Montana, Alaska and Vermont, where he believes LP candidates could achieve sizable vote percentages. Burns has been active in the past as a candidate and with ballot access efforts, and raised several thousand dollars in 1986 for the BAC committee. He has not been actively campaigning in his current race.

Even the Libertarian Party can have "political unknowns", as evidenced by the April announcements of Indiana country-western musician Harry Glenn and Illinois

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constitutionalist Ed Roth.

Glenn is a colorful, bearded opponent of the IRS who ran unsuccessfully for Sheriff in his county as a Libertarian in 1986. He is not currently a national LP member and is not actively campaigning. Ed Roth of Downers Grove, IL sent out a campaign announcement in early May citing his concern over constitutional issues, but failed to mention that he was a Libertarian, though he has been a national member since 1983. He contends he is "not a single issue candidate" though according to reports, he, like Glenn, has an ax to grind with the IRS.

Campaign Addresses:

Ron Paul for President, 1120 Nasa Road, Suite 104, Houston, TX 77058, (713) 333-1988.

Russell Means Freedom Campaign, 1412 West 9th, Austin, Texas 78703, (512) 320-0801 (Honey Lanham) or (214) 350-3695 (Margaret Werry).

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Harry Glenn for President, 8561 Patterson, St. John, IN 46373, (219) 365-8656.

Ed Roth for President, Box 9053, Downers Grove, IL 60515, (312) 969-2314.

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**Washington LP
Convention
Report**

by American Libertarian Special Correspondent

Seattle, WA - Although the race for the LP Presidential nomination is growing increasingly bitter, one would never know it from the Washington State LP Convention on May 16. Delegates for the nominating convention were chosen with virtually no mention of who each any supported for the Presidential nomination. An informal poll of the newly-elected delegation saw Paul with 3 votes, Means with 2, Burns 1, undecided 1, and NOTA 1.

One of the candidates for the presidential nomination, Russell Means, addressed the convention. He argued that he was the only candidate who could bring libertarianism into the center stage politically. He warned that there is a major effort by the so-called "Rainbow Coalition" to build a new party around anti-libertarian ideas and argued that the LP could diffuse these efforts by nominating him.

He described himself as "in total agreement with the LP platform," effectively ending any discussion of his political beliefs. He was confident he would appear in any Presidential debates if he wins the LP



Veteran libertarian and current **LP News** editor Karl Hess (left) receives the 1987 Phoenix Award from the Society for Individual Liberty, presented by David Walter. Photo by Ken Rand.

nomination: "I have excellent relations with the League of Women Voters." If he fails to win the nomination, he said he would work to build a libertarian society on an Indian reservation.

His speech was disappointing to many LP members, who expected him to be a more compelling speaker. Means complained of suffering a touch of flu, which may have affected his performance.

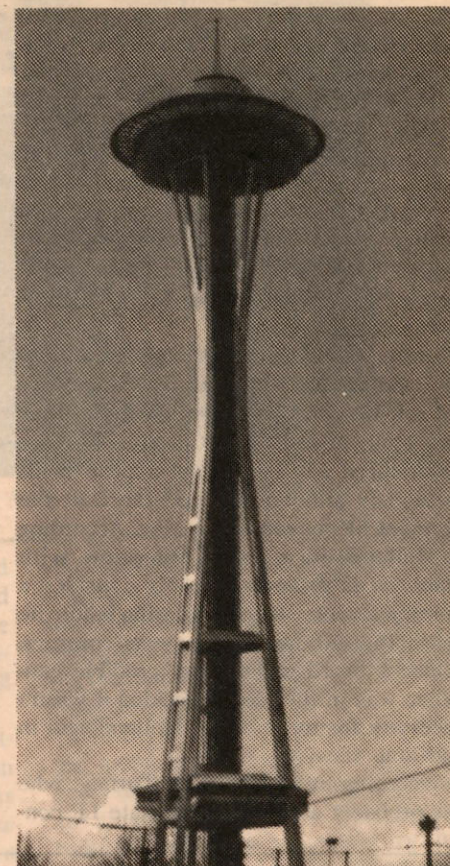
Earlier, Means demonstrated his drawing power by attracting representatives of two local television stations and the University of Washington student newspaper to a news conference.

Andre Marrou, candidate for the vice presidential nomination, also addressed the convention. Relying on his low-key wit, he amused the crowd by reading recent news clippings to illustrate the folly of statism.

In other convention business, officers and committees were elected and the party bylaws were amended, all without acrimony. Even the platform endorsed without discussion. Most members seemed to be more concerned with building the party and getting ready to host the presidential nominating convention this fall than fighting over minutiae of the platform or constitution.

Twenty-three delegates attended the business session — tying a record for the Washington LP set in 1983.

The same weekend, libertarian activist DeAnn Pullar hosted a conference "The Resurrection of Liberty," at Western Washington University, some 90 miles to the north. Aside from Means' Friday evening speech, which did not clash with the LP Con, the conference was poorly attended. Most sessions were reportedly attended by 5 to 25 people; despite featuring such "name" speakers as Michael Emerling, Jim Turney, Andre Marrou and Dick Boddie. ■



Seattle's landmark Space Needle tower is one of the symbols of the 1987 National LP Presidential nominating convention. With the official theme "The Culture of Freedom" convention organizers have included a musical revue, and Art & Liberty exhibit, programs with novelists Robert Anton Wilson and Tom Robbins, and access to the city's famous Bumbershoot music festival as part of the program.

Volunteers are being sought to assist with convention logistics in exchange for admission discounts, according to Convention Committee coordinator Richard Shepard. Interested parties should contact him at: **LP Convention Services, P.O. Box 23108, Seattle, WA 98102 (206) 627-3545.**

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