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Paul/Marrou Picked to Lead LP in '88

By Randy Langhenry

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

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

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

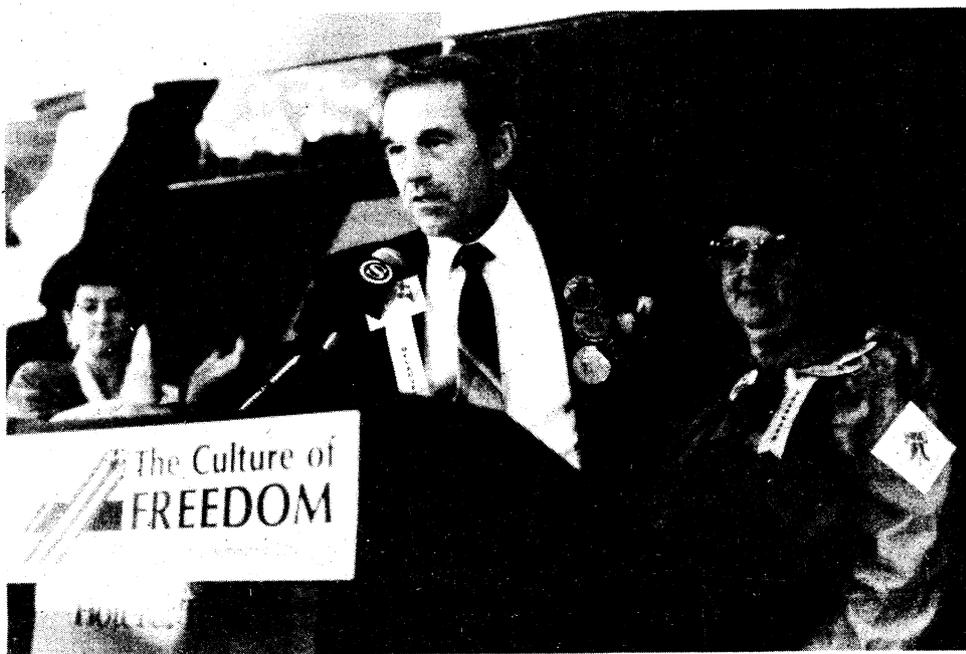
John Hospers, Roger MacBride, Ed Clark, and David Bergland have represented the Party in the past four elections.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

nomination.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Russell Still Means Freedom

By Larry Dodge

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Jim Turney Re-elected

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Russell Means will lead the new Party caucus, FIFE.

Good Faith Fund Raising Snafu

By Larry Dodge

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ceeds split between Means for President and the Libertarian Party.

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

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

Cato Marks Anniversary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Means

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

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

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

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

Local Candidates, Workers Needed

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Viewpoint

Information and Choice

By Karl Hess

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And even the Libertarian Republican Or-

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

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

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

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

The birth of Liberty

Your Chance To Take Part

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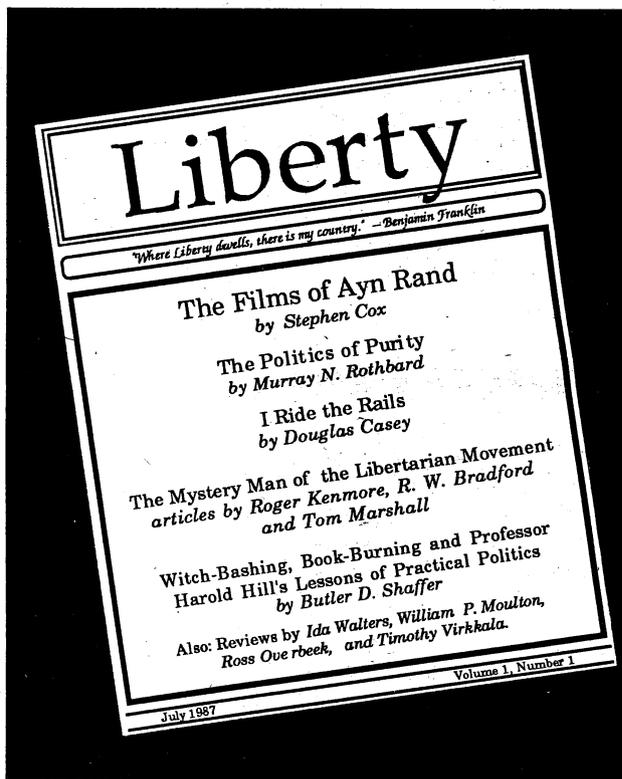
Among the articles scheduled for the first issue of **Liberty**:

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

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

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

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Chair's Column

By Jim Turney
National Chair, LNC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

An Open Letter From Paul Jacob

By Paul Jacob

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Paul Staff Gears Up For 1988 Campaign

By Kevin Southwick

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

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

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

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

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

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

mentions U.S. government intervention around the globe.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For the New Hampshire Primary, Ron is

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

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

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

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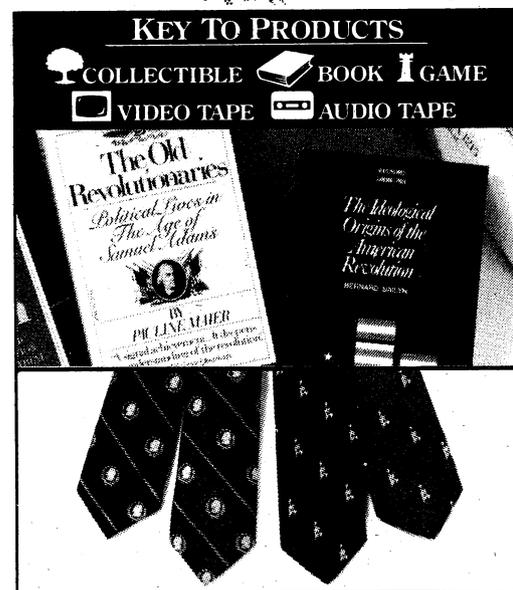
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Paul/Marrou

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Marrou without opposition.

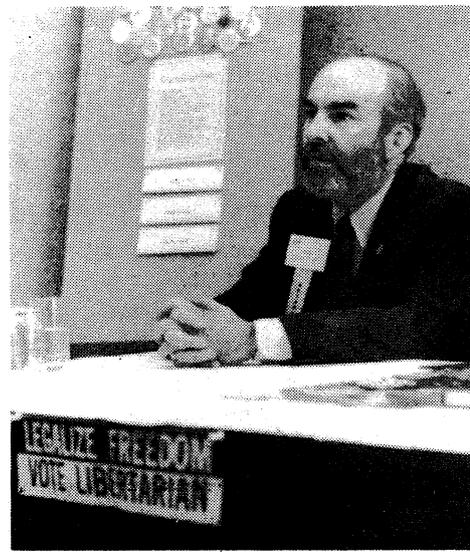
The Paul/Marrou campaign began just moments after the elections were completed. The two men, as a team, faced the press together for the first time, and both said they looked forward to the upcoming year.

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

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

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

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



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

excitement in contrast to some of the other conventions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mitchells Resign

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

State-by-State Delegate Count

State	Paul	Means	Lewis	Glenn	Marrou	NOTA	State	Paul	Means	Lewis	Glenn	Marrou	NOTA
CT	3	1	3				NY	4	3	12			
DE	1						NC	2	4				
DC	3						ND	2					
FL	4	4	2				OH	4	5		1		
GA	4	1					OK	6					
HI	2						OR	4	2	1	1		
ID	2	2					PA	7	4	2			
IL	5	7	2				RI						
IN	4	2					SC		2	1			
IA	1	3					SD		2	1			
KS	1						TN	3		1			
KY	1						TX	8	12				1
LA	2					1	UT	4					
ME	1						VT	1	1	1			
MD	5	4					VA	7	4				
MA	5	1					WA	5	3	2			
MI	5	3	3			1	WV	2					
MN	6	1	1			1	WI	5	2				
MS	2						WY	1	1				
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