CLP Slates Convention in Boulder, Memorial Day Weekend

by Len Jackson

The 1982 State Convention will be held in Boulder, at the Broker Inn, a hotel and restaurant just off US 36. This convention will include a lot of everything: business (Constitution & By-Laws and Platform revision, nomination of candidates, election of officers); learning and thinking through exposure to various speakers and presentations; and one of the LP's important functions, partying.

Business sessions are scheduled on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Reports from the Constitution & By-Laws and Platform Committees are included in this issue of the Liberty and copies of the committee reports are printed in this issue. As many of you know, business goes much more smoothly if these reports have been at least scanned before discussion begins. There are some substantive changes in both the Constitution and the Platform of which members should be aware.

An important part of any Convention is the opportunities it offers to participants to attain new knowledge. This convention will present several such opportunities in the form of two groups of presentations. The first, on Saturday afternoon, will include LP notables Stormy Mon, whose topic will be "Diversified Unity; Ten Ways to Cut Government in Half." Biz Kajunju, a leader of the anti-government underground in Zaire, will speak on the "Cleptocratic" dictatorship in his native country. This presentation is sure to infuriate others as much as it did the CU Libertarians/Objectivists. Biz details how the dictator of Zaire attained power and how he keeps it with — you guessed it — American help.

The second group of presentations, on Sunday night, has an anti-militarist theme. The Fran & Charley Show, a comedy team from San Francisco, will highlight the evening by performing what they term "nuclear comedy." Their idea is that people can open up more to combat the threat of nuclear annihilation if the process is begun with humor. When I heard them earlier this year in Boulder, they were profound, poignant — and very funny.

As everyone knows, partying is one of the attractions of any gathering, so we're planning two parties, just to be sure that everyone is satisfied. The first, a reception by the Boulder County Libertarians' Association, is on Friday night. This will be a chance to relax, get acquainted, start discussing the issues that will come up, and generally have a good time.

and lots of conversation. The Broker's upstairs bar (The Gazebo Lounge) has to be seen to be believed — it's full of out of the way corners and comfortable places. This year, we've expanded the costume idea — you can come as anyone else (not necessarily a Libertarian) or dress as you would in Vegas or Monte Carlo (which means, dress anyway you want). Don't stay away because you hate dressing up — there'll be people attending in all varieties of dress. There may even be prizes for costumes (or non-costumes).

Another part of the available entertainment will be the movies offered. Each one will be run at least twice, so that everyone will be able to see them. We've scheduled The Children's Story, about indoctrination by a teacher; Sacco & Vanzetti, the story of the trial of two anarchists condemned for their politics; THX 1138, about a totally regimented world and an attempt to escape it; and, finally, The Fountainhead, from the book by Ayn Rand.

The cost in individual events (subject to change), is: each movie - $2; each speaker (no change for keynote speaker, Alicia Clark) $4; Saturday Night Party (no "funny money" included, charge extra) $6.50; "The Threat of War; the Hope of Peace" (Sunday Evening) $5, and Friday evening reception — $5. An activities package on the other hand, is only $50. It includes admission to all events and "funny money."
The hotel manager has given us a deal on rooms: singles are now the same price as doubles, $37. Get your reservations in early, to be sure of a room.

If you have any questions about the Convention, please give Len Jackson a call at 653-3413, in the evenings.

See you there!
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**Convention Help Needed, No Pay, But Everybody Smiles A lot**

People make a convention work, and in a volunteer organization like ours, we can't pay much but our undying gratitude. So far, Tracy Harms and Pat Herringer have done a huge amount of work — but they can't do everything, I still need help both before and during the Convention.

Before it happens, I need people to work on the program book (selling ads and layout) and to donate prizes for the Casino Night. If you sell a product or have a hobby, think about donating a sample. If there's anyone who can letter signs, I'd be willing to make you a great deal.

At the Convention, I'll need people to run movie projectors, help with registration, and act as dealers for the Casino Night. Experience won't be necessary for any of these jobs — just enthusiasm.

If you're interested in working at the Convention and helping to make it a success, please let me know. Thanks, Len Jackson.

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**Free Market Space Still Available**

The Hotel will provide 3' by 8' tables, exhibitors provide their own signs and security. Price for two days is $25. Of course, you can share a table and split the cost.

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**Are You Close To Boulder And Willing To Provide Housing?**

To keep our costs down we're trying to find housing for the three members of the Fran & Charley Comedy team. Please let Len know if you're interested.
Colorado Platform Committee (Continued from Page 5)

candidates elected to public office and oppose all laws restricting such voluntary
financing.

POLICE POWERS
Unanimous Plank
We favor drastic reductions in the discretion currently accorded to police and
other government officials to take threatening or violent action against others on whom
and with impunity. In particular, the virtually complete immunity from criminal
prosecution for acts such as theft, breaking and entering, false arrest [kidnapping], strip
searches and the like committed against innocent people, which police officers enjoy,
must be changed. We specifically repudiate the doctrine that anyone’s suspicions or belief,
whether or not held in good faith, constitute an entitlement to take violent action against
others, unless supported by demonstrable facts.

We particularly condemn the use by various Colorado public agencies of entrapment
methods such as the use of decoy prostitutes and the placement of undercover
agents in schools. These practices violate basic individual rights, and often result in
a high degree of danger to the general population.

EQUAL RIGHTS
Unanimous with Abstentions
We deny the right of government to discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color,
creed, age, national origin, disabilities, sexual or political preference. Nonetheless, we
oppose legislative or judicial attempts to regulate discrimination in private relations
and transactions.

Individual and cooperative efforts, not government coercion are the only just
solutions to the problem of “equal rights”. No human need, no matter how legitimate,
justifies the initiation of force through taxation. (We particularly deplore the op-
pression of handicapped persons by govern-
ment through token social programs, the
government-medical complex, mandated
architectural changes or any laws which
institutionalize discrimination.)

RIGHT TO PRIVACY
No change from last year.

ELECTION LAWS
Unanimous Plank
The State has an interest in ensuring that people are given reasonable notice in
order to register to vote.

shale development, surface mining and
toxic waste disposal.

WATER
Unanimous Plank
We favor the recognition of private rights
to ownership of water. Any residual claims of
the State to water or its use should be
returned to private ownership.

As an interim measure, we advocate
water user fees to finance the administration of water rights and water courts,
rather than taxation. (For all Colorado residents so that
water becomes subject to the same supply and
demand factors as other resources and
commodities, except where individual
water rights presently are being exercised.)

Public utility monopolies in the area of
water storage, distribution and use must also be abolished and water as a resource
returned to its proper place as a privately
owned commodity in a free market.

We call for the termination of the monopoly held by the Denver Water Board
and similar local government agencies
elsewhere in Colorado.

Since government uses tax money to
finance water projects, we urge termination of
such subsidized engineering jobs in Colorado as federally funded water projects,
mine drainage abatement and the Foothills
Water Treatment Facility.

In addition, we oppose the exercise of
federal reserve rights and interstate com-
pacts to the detriment of any Colorado
water right. To the extent that downstream
water users claim the right to Colorado
water, disputes should be settled through
arbitration, litigation.

(We oppose manipulation of the envi-
ronment by the State and call for an immediate end to taxpayer-financed weather modi-
fication experiments and programs.)

PUBLIC LANDS AND LAND USE
Unanimous Plank
Land use planning is properly the
responsibility and right of land (the) owners.
(We oppose government ownership of land, and laws that restrict the right
of private property owners to use, dispose of
and covenant with regard to their property
as they see fit. We advocate private opera-
tion of parks and preservation of wilderness
through privately owned conservancies.)

With respect to private property, we urge
an end to government control of land use
through such devices as zoning laws,
building codes, eminent domain, regional
planning, growth control and urban renewal.
We insist that real costs of new development
be borne by the developer or the purchasers,
rather than by (all) taxpayers. (within that
municipality.)

TRANSPORTATION
Unanimous Plank — Substitute Plank
Government attempts to provide
transportation services interfere with volun-
tary exchange and promote costly and in-
efficient transportation systems. A free
market in transportation will provide a
diverse selection of alternatives, and, in all
probability, increased employment oppor-
tunities.

To achieve this, we favor the repeal of
laws prohibiting the operation of private
transportation systems. Specifically, we call for
the elimination of the monopoly granted
to the Regional Transportation District, the
licensing of taxicabs, trucking companies
and chauffeurs.

We favor a freeze on further expenditure of
taxpayers’ money for new roads and
highways, and the conversion to private
ownership of existing government facilities.

GUN CONTROL
No change from last year.

UNIONS AND COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING
Unanimous Plank
We support the individual’s unrestricted
right to free contract and voluntary associa-
tion including participation or nonpar-
ticipation in a labor union — and oppose
the use of government as a tool or weapon in
labor relations.

We insist that a difference exists between
private employers and government entities as
employers. Accordingly, we deny the right of
any government agency to accept any labor
union as an exclusive representative for its
employees.

FREE MARKET ZONES
Unanimous Plank
As a (transition) step toward (establishing)
a universal free markets, we favor
the establishment of free market zones, i.e.
areas in which all federal, state, and local
regulations, taxes, services and subsidies
(should be) are permanently eliminated. We
support the right of individuals in any
geographic area to establish free market
zones.

We are however, opposed to “Enterprise
Zones” by which governments manipulate
investment with artificial and temporary
incentives to achieve political ends.

UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS
Unanimous Plank
People should be allowed to immigrate to the
United States and move to any state for
political, economic, or any other reasons.
Accordingly, we condemn any and all round-
ups of individuals not possessing required
government documents as restrictions on
ELECTION LAWS
Unanimous Plank
We favor greatly increased access to the ballot for initiated issues, referenda, political parties and independent candidates. We oppose all attempts to limit access to the general election ballot for independent candidates or candidates of small political parties. We deny the right of the state government to define what constitutes a political party or to dictate how political parties must operate. We further oppose the current merging of the business of the Democratic and Republican parties into the area of governmental action, and call for an end of the “open primary” system, under which parties recognized by the State are required to accept any and all voters into their ranks in return for the State’s running of their candidate selection process.

We oppose any attempt to restrict the voluntary financing of campaigns or the range of choices available to voters in a general election.

So that voters may express dissatisfaction with the political system, “None of the Above” should appear as a choice in every election. If “None of the Above” wins a plurality, the office for that term would remain unfulfilled and unfunded.

ENVIRONMENT
Unanimous Plank
The present system of regulation fails to prevent the deterioration of our environment, wastes tax dollars, and arbitrarily (limits) violates individual rights. Regulations are misleading, since they permit the government to establish arbitrary “tolerable” levels of pollution.

We advocate the development of an objective system to establish individual property rights to air, water and other natural resources. Present legal principles which provide for the preservation of individual rights through the institution of civil actions should be expanded so that the principles of trespass, nuisance and negligence fully protect individual rights regarding damage done to air or water, or by noise, chemical or radiation pollution.

This would create incentives for development of less polluting, and therefore, less costly, technologies. Holding polluters fully responsible for their actions would also promote much more careful handling of problems important to Colorado such as oil

ENERGY
Unanimous Plank
We advocate a free market in energy production and consumption. (We demand that all government interference within the energy market be eliminated, as such interference)

Government interference with the energy market is the primary cause of the so-called energy crisis. Only through a free market in energy can we encourage a rational use of resources, conservation through the pricing system and development of alternative energy sources.

Therefore, we favor decontrol of prices, and deregulation of allocation, distribution and production. We advocate the abolition of all government attempts to develop or restrict [by eminent domain, subsidies, or otherwise] energy production or consumption.

Specifically, we call for an immediate end to government financed oil shale and synfuels projects, and the Solar Energy Research Institute. We also demand the removal of all roadblocks to energy development, such as the mineral severance taxes, and we demand the transfer of all government held mineral rights and lands to private hands.

EDUCATION
Unanimous Plank
We advocate separation of education and the State. Government schools interfere with the free choice of individuals and severely limit educational alternatives and progress. The proper solution to our educational ills is a free market in education so that individuals can choose the manner [and the language] in which they will be educated.

We advocate public auction of all educational facilities now owned and operated by government to the private sector including voluntary charitable organizations. As interims measures, we support tax credits for tuition and other educational expenses, and, with no restrictions placed on the manner of their use, and release of taxes levied against private schools.

We call for elimination within the state education system of forced busing, for the use of drugs, corporal punishment and compulsory education laws. Re-requirements of a state license or other certification to offer educational services must also be ended.

ABORTION
No change from last year.

the fundamental freedom to work and move about unmolested.

State support of national policies restricting immigration, such as attempts to keep Cubans and Asians out of Colorado, should be withdrawn.

However, we oppose tax financed welfare and transfer payments to aliens just as we oppose them in general.

MILITARY INSTALLATIONS
Majority Plank - New Plank
Violations to individual human rights by the government are the result of the operation of military installations in Colorado. Accordingly, we oppose any current plan to deploy MX missiles in Colorado, and support the closure of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal and Rocky Flats nuclear facility. We also oppose the condemnation of private land for the expansion of military installations such as Fort Carson.

SAFETY CLAUSE
Unanimous Plank
We adamantly oppose the routine attachment of a “Safety Clause” to every bill approved by the legislature in order to limit or circumvent the ability of the courts or the electorate to review or reject improper or unconstitutional bills.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES
No change from last year.
Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report

The 1982 Constitution and By-Laws Committee met and approved proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Colorado Libertarian Party. The members of the committee chaired by Charles Jackson were: Ruth Bennett, Suzanne Canlon, Tracy Harms, and Dave Tyson. The committee report is printed below in its entirety.

Report of the 1982 Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Charles Jackson, Chair

The following changes were passed unanimously in committee:

Global change: Whenever 'national Libertarian Party' appears, capitalize 'n' in the word 'national.'

Constitution:
Article II
Interchange items b and c. Replace '.' and ',' with '-' in item b. Replace '.' with ' ' and ',' in item c.

Article IV, Section 2
Strike last two sentences.

Article V, Section 1
Replace 'one District Representative from each U.S. Congressional District' with 'four at-large members.'

Article V, Section 2
Replace entire section with 'At-large members shall be elected by a majority of Party members at the Annual Convention. Nominations for at-large Board positions shall be received from the floor. Members may nominate themselves.

Each member registered and in attendance at the convention may cast a single vote for the at-large candidate of his or her choice. The total votes cast by each Party member shall not exceed four. The highest vote total shall be elected.

The powers and duties of the at-large members shall be as specified herein and in the Party By-Laws.'

Article V, Section 3
Renumber to Section 4.

Article VI, Section 2
Replace 'elected' with 'elective' and strike 'and U.S. Senator.'

Article VI, Section 3
Replace 'Libertarian Party national' with 'National Libertarian Party.'

Article VII, Section 1
Replace 'a committee designated thereby' with 'the Board of Directors.'

Article VII, Section 4
Strike 'or' and add '.', or by the Board of Directors' at the end of the sentence.

Article VIII, Section 3
Strike 'District Representative and'.

By-Laws:
Article I, Section 2
Strike 'each affiliate shall select its representative in a manner consistent with that affiliate's governing documents.'

Article II, Title
Replace 'OFFICERS' with 'THE BOARD'.

Article II, Section 6
Renumber to Section 7.

Article II, Section 6 (New)
Insert 'The duties of the at-large members shall be as follows:

a) to organize and coordinate affiliates, and
b) to work with the Directors in establishing efficient committee structures for fulfilling the Directors duties.'

Article III, Section 3
Strike.

Article III, Section 4
Strike.

Article VI, Section 7
Insert 'and alternates' between 'Representatives and'.

Strike item a and b and insert 'if the number of representatives to National Libertarian Party Committees is known at the time of the Party Convention and the committees are to convene after the Convention, the Convention shall elect representatives and alternates in the same manner and immediately after the election of at-large national convention delegates; otherwise the Board of Directors at a regular meeting at least one month prior to the National Libertarian Party deadline, shall elect the committee representatives and alternates by majority vote.'

The following changes were approved by a majority of the members of the committee:

Constitution:
Article VIII, Section 2
Insert 'annually' at the end of the sentence.

By-Laws:
Article I, Section 1
Insert 'after Principles' and replace 'and' with 'The petition and the ratification'.

The following change failed to receive a majority vote and was submitted by Ruth Bennett as a minority report:

Article VIII, Section 1
Insert new paragraph 3, 'In order to vote at Convention a person must be a member of the Party at least 30 days prior to Convention.'

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Jackson
Ruth Bennett
Suzanne Canlon
Tracy Harms
Dave Tyson
STOMP STATISM

A lot of you reading this are not party members. Do you believe in freedom? Do you want to help us achieve freedom? Become one of us and help yourself and others to be free. Join the Party!

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