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## ANDRE MARROU TO SPEAK AT LIBERTARIAN WEEK BANQUET

Vice Presidential candidate Andre Marrou will be in the Detroit area on Friday, October 23, where he will take part in the Michigan Libertarian Week celebration.

Marrou, who was unanimously nominated to the number two spot on the Party ticket, will be the guest speaker at the annual Libertarian Week banquet. He will discuss his views on the vice presidency, views he clearly expressed earlier in the campaign. "As indicated in the Constitution, the founding fathers intended the vice presidency to be more than a waiting-in-the-wings, understudy type job. It can, and should, constitute an active role in the leadership of our country," Marrou said.

He has a strong technical and administrative background, as well as experience as an elected official. He served one term in the Alaska House of Representatives (1985-1987) and in that capacity was the only Libertarian legislator. (Note: He was not the first; to date, there have been three--all from Alaska.)

In a recent interview, Marrou told the LAS VEGAS REVIEW JOURNAL (his home town newspaper) that he had been "kind of a Republican" and had voted twice for Richard Nixon before joining the Libertarian Party. He joined because of a brochure: As he was leaving a small business convention he was handed a Libertarian pamphlet. The message, Marrou said, hit him like a "bolt out of the blue" and he soon joined the Anchorage (Alaska) Libertarian Party.

Michigan Libertarian Week Chair Virginia Cropsy said Marrou will spend Friday

(October 23) in the Detroit area and on Saturday and Sunday will tour other parts of the state. He plans to conclude his visit with an appearance in Grand Rapids on Sunday evening.

This year's banquet is being held at the Danish Club in Detroit. At the time of publication, some tickets were still available. They are \$20.00 each, or \$150.00 for a table of eight. Tickets for the program only are \$10.00. The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. the program is scheduled to start at 8:30. Call Ben Bachrach at 313/563-1558 to reserve your place at what promises to be an informative and entertaining evening.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- OCT. 19: Supper Club, Ryan Road House, Warren, 6 p.m. Speaker: Elaine Andreski, Home School Chair, Michigan Coalition for the Family.
- OCT. 23: Libertarian Party of Michigan Libertarian Week Banquet, The Danish Club, Detroit, 6:30 p.m. Speaker Andre Marrou, Libertarian candidate for Vice President of the United States. Call 334-4449 for information.
- NOV. 16: Supper Club, Hogan's, Birmingham, 6 p.m. Speaker: Charles Costa, Detroit landlord.
- DEC. 4: MDL Christmas Party at Mark Sellers (see article on Page 3 for details).
- JAN. 18: Supper Club, Hogan's, Birmingham, 6 p.m. Speaker: Susan Lieberman-Walker, Psychologist.

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### SEATTLE, 1987!

If you took part in the convention in Seattle last month you probably came home with some very special memories. But, whether or not you were there, all of us will be able to share in the excitement of this historic event. Convention delegate Brian Wright is in the final stages of publication of his account of the entire proceedings. It's entitled, "The Dream Never Dies...The 1987 Libertarian Party Nominating Convention" and will be available in November.

"The Dream Never Dies" is a combination report and philosophical essay; and its the later that lets you share in the spirit of the convention. There's a record of the day-by-day activities that includes a look at each of the candidates and a summary of the various committees. On a more personal note, the author describes his reaction to the convention, before, during and after Seattle.

This passage, excerpted from an early part of the paper, gives you a look at the way any long-time activist might see themselves under similar conditions:

"My thoughts this year are different, much different. Eight years ago I was 30 and married, bogging down at a job in the "cannon" (war) business, discontent in the real world while optimistically pursuing an ideal one. ... Eight years is a long time for Don Quixote in a statist world."

Shortly after their arrival in Seattle, some Michigan delegates witnessed a baggage search/intimidation incident. It's described in detail in the paper--the trained sniffer dog, the over-zealous guys with badges and the victim. Here's how the author reacted:

"The incident disturbed me. I wanted to intervene on behalf of the harrassee, to scream obscenities at the fascist idiots in blue ... to demand they get the hell out of there and do their ... jobs"

A portion of Don Ernsberger's Keynote Address appears in the paper and this, coupled with a synopsis of some of the special programs, put you right on the convention floor.

My preview copy of "The Dream Never Dies" ended on Thursday, so how the MAIN EVENT is covered is unknown. If, however, it follows the same format as the first few days, it will certainly be good reading material. The September/October issue of MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN noted that many of the nearly 800 people who attended the '87 convention felt it was "one of the best LP conventions in the Party's history." Read "The Dream Never Dies" to find out why!.

To reserve your copy, send \$5.00 to: Brian Wright, 6689 Orchard Lake Rd., #249, West Bloomfield, MI 48322.

## NATIONAL LIBERTARIAN PARTY PLATFORM CHANGES

*By Virginia Cropsey*

Delegates to the National Libertarian Party Presidential nominating convention in Seattle September 3 - 6 made no major changes to the LP platform, but concentrated on addressing contemporary issues.

An A.I.D.S. plank, ranked as the number one change by the Platform Committee which sets the order for addressing changes recommended to the convention, was passed. "We recognize that A.I.D.S. is a dread disease of epidemic proportions. But governmental proposals to combat it present an unprecedented threat to individual liberty and often encourage the spread of the disease" begins the new fourth paragraph to the "Health Care" section. Government mandated testing and contact tracing are opposed and "the right not to associate" is supported.

A statement opposing reflagging foreign ships was added to the section on the Middle East. The statement noted that oil and shipping companies should bear the expense of their own protection, not look to taxpayers to provide it.

Changes in the "Trade and Economy" section included the addition of a new "Finance and Capital Investment" plank which called for deregulation of these two markets and the "repeal of all laws based on the muddled concept of insider trading." Government mandated waiting periods for factory closure were opposed in the "Unions and Collective Bargaining" section.

Although the woman's right to choose abortion was debated for two hours by the Platform Committee, no change to the current language upholding the right was recommended and the issue was never successfully raised on the floor.

A proposal by Bill Evers and Murray Rothbard stating that the death penalty "is an

appropriate penalty in cases of willful murder proved beyond a reasonable doubt" was debated and not passed by the Platform Committee.

Since no minority report was filed, it was never raised on the floor.

## BALLOT ACCESS STATUS REPORT

On August 31, the Ballot Access Committee submitted 19,851 signatures to the state--over 3,500 more than the 16,313 required to get the Libertarian Party on the 1988 ballot in Michigan. Ballot Access Committee Chair Emily Salvette has received word that the State Elections Committee will recommend the Party be approved for ballot status; all we're waiting for is a formal meeting of the Board of State Canvassers...In Metro-Detroit, 15,378 signatures were collected: 7,445 by Oakland County workers; 3,617 by Washtenaw County; 2,977 by Wayne County; and 1,339 by Macomb County...Statewide, Master Petitioners (over 500 volunteer signatures collected) were: Dale Dobberstein (622), David Raaflaub (634), Emily Salvette (1029), Judy Shultz (1020) and Brian Wright (607)...Individual Master Contributors to the drive (those who contributead funds to cover the cost of 500 signatures) were James Rodney of Birmingham and Charles Seven of Grand Rapids.

## METRO DETROIT LIBERTARIANS CELEBRATE THE WINTER SOLSTICE

All MDL members and their friends are invited to an informal Christmas party at the home of Mark Sellers at 7 p.m. Friday, December 4. Mark's address is 49630 Ellis Court, Utica, located in the Heritage North condominium complex off 22 Mile Road, between Schoenherr and Hayes Road. Please bring your own alcoholic beverage and an hors d'oeuvre to pass. Call Mark at 247-4257 for information and details.

## ORGANIZATIONAL NOTES

*by Emily Salvette, MDL Organizational Coordinator*

Brett Belmore is now News Outreach Coordinator. He will send introductory information to people writing libertarian sounding letters to the editor in metro-area papers. If you see a letter expressing libertarian ideas, clip it, try to find the address in your local phone book, and send it to Brett at 8750 Burt Rd., Capac, MI 48014. His phone: 313/724-1293.

Judy Shultz is now Speakers Bureau Coordinator. She would like names of libertarians interested in giving presentations, as well as names of civic/educational groups who regularly have speakers. Please contact her at 656-1139 if you have ideas.

Mark Sellers, Fundraising Coordinator, will begin a fundraising drive next month. Look for his letter and please give him your support. MDL does not have dues; we rely on your voluntary contributions to keep our program going. Please plan to help.

The MDL Supper Club meets the third Monday of every month. Supper Club Coordinator Virginia Cropsey is asking for one volunteer to handle meal finances at the end of each meeting, i.e. making sure everyone has paid their bill. Please call her at 977-6628 if you can help.

Who's on First? and other questions about who's on what list: Supper Club notices are

sent every month to all active members and contributors of MDL (about 180 people). Due to cost considerations, I would like to cut down the Supper Club mailings to only those people who are truly interested. If you would like to continue receiving Supper Club postcards but have not yet attended a Supper Club Meeting, please contact me at 334-4449 to keep your name on the list.

Newsletters are currently sent to the Supper Club list plus about 100 others who are not active in the organization (we keep hoping we'll spark your interest!) After this newsletter, I am purging the MDL mailing list of these extra 100 names. After a year, we simply cannot afford to continue mailing to people who have not expressed interest in our group. PLEASE-If you are one of the 100 (i.e. you don't receive Supper Club notices but you do get a newsletter) and you want your name kept on the list, contact me at 334-4449.

Being on the MDL list does not necessarily mean you are on the state Libertarian Party of Michigan list! If you are interested in the state Party, please contact me at 334-4449. You can receive two complimentary copies of the state newsletter, MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN, before being asked to join the Party. I will gladly send membership information to anyone who is interested. Please call me.

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