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DELEGATES ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION

At least 16 delegates and alternates from Michigan attended the Libertarian Party National convention September 2 - 6 in Seattle, Washington. The hotly contested race between Presidential nominees Ron Paul and Russel Means resulted in a Paul victory on the first ballot, and Russel Means gracious defeat not only resulted in a Party more unified than any time in the past seven years, but also forcefully demonstrated the members' desire to see a principled presidential campaign that would focus on more than just middle-class conservatives.

Paul's campaign had already produced an eight minute campaign film for use in television and other promotions, and after the Saturday night banquet fundraising, had over \$310,000 in total campaign contributions.

LIBERTARIAN WEEK SET

At its July 11 meeting the Libertarian Central Committee set October 18 - 24 as Michigan Libertarian Week with special emphasis to be placed on building local organizations. Since 1980 the Michigan LP has designated a week in the fall to especially promote Libertarian goals in

Paul quickly committed to supporting ballot access efforts in all 50 states and will be operating the campaign from his Houston, Texas headquarters.

Andre Marrou, former Libertarian State Representative from Alaska, was nominated as the 1988 Vice-Presidential candidate after Means declined nomination for the position and endorsed Marrou. Marrou plans an active campaign, including a stop in Michigan on October 23.

Other convention business included Platform committee debates, By-Laws revisions, and a wide variety of seminars and forums. The convention drew nearly 800 people from across the country and was said by many to be one of the best LP conventions in the Party's history.

Michigan. County organizations have sponsored membership contests and speakers. The state LP has sent letters to the legislature asking it to recognize the week and take it off without pay. One year every state legislator received a copy of Lysander Spooner's

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SIGNATURE '88

by Emily Salvette, Ballot Access
Coordinator

On August 31 the Libertarian Party of Michigan filed 19,851 signatures with the Secretary of State Elections Division. Certification will be forthcoming and the Libertarian Party's name and candidates will appear in Michigan voting booths on November 8, 1988!

During the course of the ballot drive, we have raised approximately \$8,000 (\$2,000 from the Ron Paul for President Committee, \$3,000 from the LP Ballot Access Committee, and \$3,000 from the Region 10 Ballot Access Committee). A significant benefit of the ballot drive has been the number of inquiries our petitioners have generated about the Party. David Hunt of Ypsilanti is sending an average of 20 information packets a week to interested signers.

Special thanks are extended to Judy Shultz and Brian Wright of Oakland County who are now "Master Petitioners." They have each collected over 500 volunteer signatures this summer. There have also been "Master Contributors" who have donated funds equivalent to 500 signatures or more. They are James Rodney of Birmingham, Charles Seven and Bill Hall, both of Grand Rapids.

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Articles submitted for publication are welcome and should be typewritten double-spaced and signed. Advertising is available at \$3 per inch for camera-ready copy. All materials and information submitted for publication must be received by the 1st of the month preceding the desired issue and sent to: *Michigan Libertarian*, 1016 Haley, Midland, MI 48640.

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"Letter to Thomas Bayard." The week has also provided an opportunity for local LP spokespersons to give news interviews.

The hi-lite of Libertarian Week has always been a Michigan appearance by a prominent Libertarian. Past banquet speakers have included Ed Clark, Dick Siano, David Bergland, and Karl Hess. When David Bergland was our guest shortly after his nomination in 1983, his press conference at the Detroit Press Club received wire service coverage.

This year's banquet will feature Andre Marrou, Libertarian Party candidate for Vice-President of the United States and former Libertarian State Legislator in Alaska. The Danish Club of Detroit will host this event Friday, October 23. See the enclosed flyer for more details.

Macomb County libertarian Virginia Cropsey is chair of the week long event. She has sent notices to all LCC members requesting that they appoint local chairs for the week. If you would like to help with Michigan Libertarian Week, call Virginia at 313-334-4449.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN

The Libertarian Party of Michigan is a statewide organization of individuals dedicated to the preservation of individual rights and the advancement of freedom through education and political action. The central Committee consists of one representative from each county.

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NATCOM TO DECIDE ON HEADQUARTERS MOVE

by Bill Hall,
NATCOM Representative

The newly elected officers and representatives comprising the Libertarian National Committee met on the evening of Sunday, September 6, 1987, in Seattle, Washington, following the Libertarian National Convention. The Convention reelected Jim Turney and Dean Ahmad as Chairman and Secretary, respectively, and elected Dave Walter and Clifford Thies as Vice Chairman and Treasurer, respectively. Matt Monroe, Steve Fielder, Tonie Nathan, Lew Rockwell, Gerry Walsh, Sharon Freeman Mitchell, and Don Ernsberger were elected At-Large Representatives by the Convention.

Steve Fielder, Chairman of the Ballot Access Committee, reported that the Ron Paul Campaign had indicated in informal discussions that it wished to take from the BAC primary respon-

sibility for performing ballot drives in eight states it considered particularly "difficult," and estimated it would spend approximately \$200,000 to hire a professional petitioning company to do those drives. Steve noted that we could now start petitioning in several more states, he had a number of paid petitioners lined up, and he needs funds now to keep those petitioners continuously working, particularly in northern states, before winter begins.

By far the most significant issue discussed at the Seattle meeting was the question of whether the National Office should be moved from Houston to the Washington, D.C., area. This issue is inextricably bound up in the question of appointing a new office manager for the National Office. The existing office manager, Terry Mitchell, has resigned, but

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THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ITS
7TH ANNUAL LIBERTARIAN WEEK BANQUET

featuring

1988

Libertarian Vice-Presidential Candidate

ANDRE MARROU

Mr. Marrou's topic will be:

"The Vice-Presidency: What it is and What it should be"

Come and hear this former Alaska State Legislator
(Libertarian) discuss the Libertarian Party's 1988 Na-
tional Campaign.

**Friday, October 23
Danish Club of Detroit
22711 Grand River
Detroit, Michigan**

**6:30 PM Cocktails
7:30 Dinner
8:30 Program**

Cost: \$20 per person, Table of Eight for \$150
\$10 Program Only.

**PLEASE NOTE: RESERVATIONS MUST BE
RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 14!**

Yes, I want to make my reservations today!
Send me _____ tickets at \$20 each.
Reserve _____ tables (8 seats) at \$150 each.

Name _____
Address _____

Please make checks payable to Libertarian Party of Michigan
Mail to: Ben Bachrach, 604 N. Vernon
Dearborn, MI 48128
(313) 563-1558

DELEGATION NAMES NATCOM REPRESENTATIVE

Among other business at the Libertarian National Convention in Seattle, our State Delegation selected a regional representative to the Libertarian National Committee. The Michigan and Wisconsin Delegations joined to form a "Great Lakes" region, and chose Bill Hall, Vice Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Michigan, as our representative.

Bill is a real estate lawyer from Grand Rapids, Michigan, and has been active in the Libertarian

Party since 1978. He committed to keep the lines of communication open between NATCOM and our State, by timely reporting on NATCOM actions and representing our interests on issues considered by NATCOM.

If you have any questions or comments for Bill, you can contact him at: William W. Hall; 900 Old Kent Building; Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503; telephone (616) 459-6121

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reportedly has agreed to continue to serve during a transition period.

Jim Turney promised, as part of his campaign for reelection as National Chair, that he would appoint the well known and respected Paul Jacob as office manager. Paul is currently employed by the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C., has a home in Virginia, and his wife has a good job there that she would be unlikely to relinquish. Paul would prefer that the National Office be located nearby so he need not move, and his wife need not give up her job. Locating the office in

Washington would also be convenient to the four national officers, as they all live within a couple hundred miles of it. Proponents of a move to Washington also claim that location there will afford ready access to the media, and increase the stature of the LP in the eyes of both the media and the public in general.

The NATCOM decided that it had insufficient information to assess the costs of an office move, and appointed a committee to prepare a proposal setting forth in detail the costs of moving to the Washington area and designating a specific location. The proposal is to be mailed to all NATCOM members, and a mail ballot taken.

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In addition, there are a group of petitioners who have collected at least 50 volunteer signatures in any one week. They are:

David Raaflaub, Bill Krebaum - Washtenaw County
Joe Overton, Joe Lehman - Midland County
Dale Dobberstein, Gary Bradley - Ingham County
Ben Bachrach, Evy Warmbier - Wayne County
Janet Tlapek - Ionia County
Cliff Schwinck - Genesee County
Jerry Comptois, Tim O'Brien, Paul Lamoureux - Oakland County
They are "Petitioners Plus" and without their commitment, the ballot drive would never have gotten off the ground!

Signature '88 is a success; thanks to all of you! It has been a challenging and rewarding summer working on the ballot drive. My sincerest appreciation goes out to all petitioners, contributors, checkers, and County Coordinators who have helped accomplish this important task. Thanks also to Stephen Fielder, National Ballot Access Committee Chair; Nadia Hayes of the Ron Paul for President Committee; and Brian Wright, consultant and Zen Master petitioner for their special help.

YES, I want to join the Libertarian Party as a :

- \$20 Combined State and National Member
- \$10 Michigan Member Only
- \$10 Newsletter Subscriber Only
- Please send me more information on the Libertarian Party

Note: All memberships include the state newsletter, **Michigan Libertarian**. National membership includes a subscription to **Libertarian Party News**.

"I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

Signature:

Send to:
Libertarian Party of Michigan
322 Millington Blvd.
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48013

UPCOMING EVENTS

Libertarian Week Banquet

You won't want to miss the 7th Annual Libertarian Week Banquet on Friday, October 23, at the Danish Club of Detroit, 22711 Grand River. The featured speaker will be Andre Marrou, former Libertarian State Legislator from Alaska

who was recently nominated as the Libertarian Party's 1988 vice-presidential candidate. For reservations, contact Ben Bachrach, (313) 563-1558. Reservations must be received by October 14.

Washtenaw Libertarians to meet

The Washtenaw Libertarians will meet Sunday, October 18 at the Wiffletree Restaurant on Huron in Ann Arbor. The speaker will be David Raaflaub, who will present an analysis of Professor

Vadra's book The Crash of 1990 and the libertarian policy implications. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Metro Detroit Supper Club

The Metro Detroit Libertarians will have Elaine Andreski speak on the private and home school

movement in Michigan at their Supper Club on Monday, October 19. Call 313-977-6628 for details.

IN THE NEWS...

Private Abortion Aid

If Gov. James Blanchard and "his big-name backers" are sincere about ensuring abortion aid to the poor ("Abortion petition drive set," July 12), their time would be better spent establishing a private charity than working on a petition drive for a referendum to allow state funding.

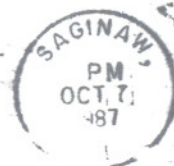
The \$2 million the petition drive has budgeted for the campaign would go along way toward meeting the \$5.6 million subsidy that the state annually gives the abortion providers. If there is true public support for abortion aid, there should be no problem collecting the funds on a voluntary basis.

The political fight will continue round after round, no matter which side wins. A private chairity would be the best method to stop the debate, and help those in need.

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