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Ballot Drive Underway

The petition drive to place the Libertarian Party on the Michigan ballot in 1976 began July 4th.

State law allows six months in which to collect the required 20,000 signatures. The LPM's goal is 30,000 so as to provide a safety margin in the event of signature disqualifications.

Last weekend, Washtenaw County LP members circulated petitions and distributed LP leaflets at the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair. They collected nearly 600 signatures.

In Wayne County, led by Sam Hancock and Barb Rowe, LPers have acquired about 100 signatures in two Saturdays of door-to-door solicitations.

At a meeting of the LP State Executive Committee, it was decided that the LP would also sponsor an initiative petition drive to limit the Michigan personal income tax to its current rate of

4.6%.

Although the chances of obtaining the required number of signatures are very slim (several hundred thousand), it is believed that this effort will be of value in gaining success in the ballot drive.

The income tax petition drive will (1) help in gaining publicity, (2) make persons signing the income tax petition (and who won't?) more receptive to signing the ballot petition, and (3) introduce the LP to conservatives and others who may be willing to circulate the tax petition (since the petition will have LP propaganda printed on it).

Since the future success of the Libertarian Party in Michigan depends on gaining a ballot position, all Libertarians are most strongly urged to become as active as possible in the petition drive. After all, if four socialist parties can get on the ballot, why can't we?

Picnic A Success

By JAMES L. HUDLER

The Second Annual Picnic of the Libertarian Party of Michigan was a complete success. The increased attendance over last year created net revenues of \$65.00.

This year, the anarcho-capitalists upset the limited-governmentalists in the annual softball game by a score of 3 to 2. Alan Harris and Cheryl Clark proved to be two of the better sluggers for the limited-governmentalist team, while Pete McAlpine and Bill Bradford matched them on the Anarcho-capitalist side.

It seems that no longer can the worn out cliché be used by the limited-governmentalists that the Anarcho-capitalists lose because they are wont to play by no rules.

The theatrical of the Ann Arbor Libertarian League kept the crowd

entertained after the softball game and dinner. Sue Bateson's guitar and songs were a delight to the ears and the intellect.

The League's satirical skit about party politics and their effect on "Mr. Middle Class" was good for many laughs. One of the high points of the skit had "Mr. Middle Class" (played by Ernie Bateson) yelling at a representative of the Republican Party (played by Blaine Pryor) about his "mushy" ideas while coating the Republican's face with the filling of a mushy pie.

Among the more than 60 people who attended the picnic were people from all over Michigan. The LPM's only members from the Upper Peninsula, Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Gneuchtel, made a welcome appearance.

Metro-Detroit LP News

The Metro-Detroit LP will hold another of its popular monthly dinner meetings at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 31 at the Bonanza Restaurant on West 11 Mile Road at Greenfield in Southfield.

Attendance at these meetings has been hitting around forty for several months now and all area LP members are urged to attend.

Last month, LP state Vice-chairman Jim Hudler gave a presentation on the way libertarian activists in Ann Arbor have participated in University of Michigan student politics as well as Ann Arbor city campaigns.

Metro Picnic

The Metro-Detroit (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties) LP is planning a picnic for Sunday, August 17.

An exact site has not yet been selected, but details will be announced at the July 31 Metro-Detroit meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, picnic information may be had by calling Pete McAlpine at 485-2363 or Bob Delaney at WO 3-0520 or VA1-4483.

Canoe Trip Rescheduled

Since the cancellation of the June 21 & 22 canoe trip due to flooding, new plans have been made for the Ann Arbor Libertarian League & LP Canoe Trip. The new dates are August 9 and 10.

The same basic plans as before will hold except that instead of meeting at Dennis Starner's home in Mt. Pleasant, those participating should meet in front of the Dougherty Hotel located on the Main Street of Clare at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, August 9.

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Washtenaw County News

The Washtenaw County LP kicked off their petition drive effort with a booth at the Ann Arbor Free Art Fair.

The second monthly dinner meeting of the Washtenaw LP will be held July 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the back room of Bicycle Jim's restaurant at the corner of S. Forest and S. University streets in Ann Arbor.

At the meeting, Michael Freese will talk on making libertarian educational films and there will be a discussion of the Washtenaw party's further petition activities.

The first meeting on June 25 was attended by 15 LP members at the Heidelberg Restaurant. At the meeting, plans for a publicity campaign to be launched in the fall concerning the petition drive and the setting up of an editorial response board to write letters-to-the-editor once a week concerning the libertarian position on certain current events, were the main business topics.

After the business meeting, Greg Clark gave an informative speech on gold.

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McAlpine Confronts Common Cause

Wayne County LP Chairman Peter McAlpine was a guest on WXYZ Radio's David Newman telephone-talk show, June 30.

Pete was pitted against Michigan Common Cause Chairman Doug Ross in a discussion of House Bill 5250, the so-called "Campaign Reform Bill."

Pete began by pointing out that the fact that the bill violated individual rights was enough to make it onerous to libertarians.

As this is not enough for most other people, however, Pete pointed out many of the undesirable "practical" effects of such legislation, such as the institutionalization of the two major parties, the near impossibility of the government campaign funds going to any minor parties, the limits put on even average politically-involved people's activity and the possible reprisals due to the reporting of a contributor's place of employment.

Pete was also able to mention that the seed-money for Common Cause came from people like the Rockefellers - the very ones whose power their legislation is supposed to curb!

The host, David Newman, then led the conversation onto the topic of libertarianism ostensibly to find out what it's all about and then proceeded to "team-up" with Ross in a repetition of all the standard cliches used to justify statism.

Despite this, as a result of Pete's appearance, thousands more people are now aware of the existence of the LP and the threat posed by Common Cause's "campaign reform" efforts.



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Campaign Bill Analyzed

By BARBARA ROWE

The Watergate scandals, opinion makers would have us believe, have eroded public confidence in government. Were it not for Richard Nixon, it seems, the public would not have all of these terrible suspicions about our hard-working "public servants."

Well, never fear, our legislators are working on plans to stop political corruption and restore the people's confidence in government. How, you ask, do they intend to solve this problem? Why, of course, in the same manner that our leaders handle everything that they see to be a problem: by giving more power to the government.

A federal bill to regulate political activity has already been passed, and a similar bill is in the works for Michigan.

House Bill 5250, introduced last May, would have serious consequences for the LPM if passed.

A Political Ethics Commission would be created to oversee the financial affairs of any candidates, committees supporting candidates, and committees supporting ballot proposals.

The Commission would be composed

of people from within the present power structure since they will be appointed by the Governor from a list of names submitted by the majority and minority leaders of the House and Senate, with two members chosen by the Governor from each of the two major political parties.

Under the proposed law, a candidate must form a Candidate Committee with a Treasurer who must keep detailed accounts, records, bills, and receipts in order to file complete financial reports to the Commission.

The Committee Treasurer would be required to surrender to the Commission the names and addresses of all persons who contribute more than \$15.00 to the campaign, and the name and address of the employer of anyone contributing \$50.00 or more.

Aside from the fact that this requirement would be a moral outrage, complying with all the rules and regulations would be a massive bookkeeping job.

Even more of a problem, however, is the fact that anonymous contributions

exceeding 10% of the total permissible expenditures of the campaign would be confiscated by the state!

Some other functions of the bill are: to regulate campaign advertising and literature; to create a state campaign fund taken from income tax revenue to provide public funds for political campaigns; to regulate lobbying; and to set expenditure limits for campaigns.

The Representatives who introduced this outrageous bill, and to whom dissent should be expressed as well as to your local State Representative and Senator, are: Forbes, Bryant, Ryan, Cawthorne, Markes, Geake, Jondahl, Roy Smith, Colleen House, Engler, Clodfelter, Owen, Bullard, Goemaere, O'Neill, Harrison, Larsen, Gerald, Rocca, Hunsinger, Trim, Binsfield, and Hertel.

Even if it is not possible to send this bill to the death it rightfully deserves, it might be possible to get some of the more vicious aspects of this bill toned down if enough people are willing to make their displeasure heard.



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Ontario Considers Restitution

By JIM GREENSHIELDS

A proposal to change the correctional methods in Ontario may spell another victory for Libertarians.

The proposal, made by a parliamentary assistant to the Provincial Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, is a work-sentence programme. Persons convicted of a crime would be placed in this programme under the supervision of a correctional officer. The work would be menial jobs hard to fill, and money earned would be used to compensate the victim.

This proposal would be similar to those already in effect out in British Columbia and in the United Kingdom.

According to a CKLW-TV (Windsor) newscaster, the proposal is just in the planning stage and would take about a year to come before the Ontario Parliament.

Libertarians have always felt that the present practice of incarceration was useless, perpetuated the myth of government as a thing in itself, and produced the absurdity if not the immorality of having the victim pay (through taxes) for the guarding and upkeep of the criminal.

A return to Anglo-Saxon *wergild* (man-money) would provide a more equitable situation.

Such basically libertarian proposals, however, when suggested by non-libertarians, must be checked into carefully. Many times a statist rider is attached to what is otherwise an excellent libertarian idea, thereby defeating its purpose.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 23 - Washtenaw County LP General Membership Dinner-Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Bicycle Jim's Restaurant, S. Forest at S. University Street in Ann Arbor (see article, pg. 2)
- July 25 - Donald Vancurler & Robert Smith: "The John Birch Society Conspiracy Theory," 8:00 p.m., 912 Brown Street No. 104, Ann Arbor. (Ann Arbor Libertarian League Lecture Series)
- July 31 - Metro Detroit (Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb) LP General Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Bonanza Restaurant, 11 Mile at Greenfield in Southfield.
- August 1 & 2 - Equitarian Associates Summer Conference on the Philosophy of Man, Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee.
- August 8 - James L. Hudler: "Central European Romantic Music - Liszt, Wagner, R. Strauss," 8:00 p.m., 912 Brown St., Ann Arbor (AALL Lecture Series).
- August 9 & 10 - AALL & LPM Canoe Trip (see article, page 1)
- August 17 - Metro Detroit LP Picnic (see article, page 1)
- August 25 - Pre-convention activities begin, Statler-Hilton Hotel, New York City.
- August 28 through September 1 - LP National Convention, Statler-Hilton Hotel, New York City.

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