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Richard Durant addressing the convention

FROM The CHAIR



By James Hudler
L.P.M. Chairman

NATIONAL ELECTION RESULTS

"The official returns are finally in and I'm proud to announce that the Libertarian Party--in five short years-- has come from nowhere to become the third most popular political party in America. Pat yourself on the back. Here are the final election totals for third parties as reported by U. P. I.:

Roger MacBride (Libertarian)	183,187
Lester Maddox (American Indpt)	170,673
Tom Anderson (American)	153,009
Peter Camejo (Socialist Workers)	90,109
Gus Hall (Communist)	58,689
Margaret Wright (Peoples)	48,891
Lyndon LaRouche (U.S. Labor)	40,008"

from Ed Crane's letter to L.P. activists.

CONCRETIZATION OF THE L. P. M.

A political party is a fairly nebulous and abstract thing, especially a third party with no elected officials in government. I have found from my past experience with the general populace that in order to reach them the party must have some concrete manifestation in reality, to bridge the credibility gap if you will. Such a bridge, it seems without question, is a permanent office with a telephone and someone to answer it.

Another type of bridge is the setting up of a shadow government, the idea of which Mr. Richard Durant, the L.P.M.'s lawyer, expounded upon during his dinner conversation with L.P.M. activists at the 1976 business convention. This shadow government involves appointing or electing individuals from within the L.P.M. to as many of the elected governmental offices as possible (e.g. governor, state representatives, U. of M. regents, mayors, supreme court judges, dog catchers, etc...) Each shadow official would then follow closely the current events pertaining to his or her office and issue press and news releases (or just a phone call to the media) at least once a week. Not only would this "shadow government" give the L.P.M. a good deal of publicity in the off election year, but it would provide an excellent opportunity for the education of the public with libertarian ideas concerning any aspect of human action.

I propose that this shadow be set up at the February State Central Committee meeting to be held at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. I would ask you now to think about becoming a shadow official yourself and to start following the absurd antics of your antimatter counterpart.

HAPPY NEW YEAR & LAISSEZ FAIRE!

L.P.M. Convention

By Barbara Rowe



James Hudler, LPM chairman.



Dr. Bette Erwin, LPM Vice-chairwoman.

(Ed. Note; the following has been edited for brevity.)

Joan Weaver read the Rules Committee Report, and moved that the rules be accepted. The motion passed.

James Greenshields read the Credentials Committee Report, and moved that the report be accepted. The motion passed.

Gail Shantaram moved that those persons elected at this convention would hold their offices until the spring of 1978. Rob Tannen amended the motion by substitution: Beginning with the calendar year 1978, the regular convention shall be held in the first quarter of each year; in the year 1977 there will be no regular convention. The Motion as amended passed.

Barbara Rowe moved that Article IV of the By-laws be changed by adding Section 10; if any member miss misses four State Central meetings, that member shall relinquish membership in this committee. After much debate and several amendments the motion read; In the event that a State Central Committee member shall be absent for four State Central Committee meetings in a twelve month period, that member shall relinquish the position. Such position shall be filled by a caucus of the affected district. At-large vacancies shall be filled by the State Central Committee.

Barbara Rowe moved to add a new officer, the membership secretary. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE FOR A FAIR ELECTION

2300 Penobscot Bldg.
Detroit, Michigan 48226

December 9, 1976

Dear Friend:

If the ballots cast on November 2 are honestly counted, Ford-- not Carter-- is our next President.

The Committee For a Fair Election is in the middle of the critical fight in Ohio (25 electoral votes), Wisconsin (11 votes), New York (41 votes), Louisiana (10 votes), and elsewhere, to expose and correct the incredible, fantastic, multimillion vote fraud which has been used to steal the 1976 election.

In Ohio, members of the Republican, American Independent, and U.S. Labor parties are in Federal District Court in Columbus, exposing the fraud.

In Wisconsin, members of the American Independent and U. S. Labor Parties are asking the State Supreme Court to allow a recount so that over 100,000 fraudulent votes can be thrown out; suit in Federal Court in Milwaukee is scheduled to be filed this week.

In New York, members of the Republican, Conservative and U.S. Labor parties are in Federal District court in Brooklyn, exposing the fraud.

Evidentiary hearings are continuing, and as they continue, the hard evidence of the fraud piles up.

To preserve and protect the Constitution from the assaults of the Democratic Party-AFL-CIO, you must do two things:

CONTRIBUTE MONEY on the below pledge blank so that the legal case can be pursued to the highest level necessary. We cannot afford to lose any ground in the States where court action has already been taken. A complete report on what the money was spent on will be sent to each contributor.

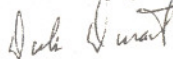
CONTRIBUTE OUTRAGE at the betrayal of the idea of democracy and the frontal assault on our Constitution by this gigantic vote stealing process. Public opinion must be mobilized, not only to influence and stiffen those Republicans who supinely say we should surrender to successful ballot box stuffing; but also to prevent any future attempt to steal elections in such a blatant way, especially in the near future when the Libertarian Party starts to become a real threat to the establishment.

Time is running out. We need your help.

SEND for a leaflet about the details of the fraud from the above address.

SEND MONEY TO the committee so that we can mobilize public opinion WIRE the Republican National Committee, urging them to back the efforts to expose the vote fraud which is putting them out of business-- and the White House in tainted and comparatively (to Ford that is) more statist hands.

Sincerely yours,



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M O N E Y

Libertarians are noted for their lateness. However, it is money, in the form of a non-refundable deposit of one-third the desired accommodation rate, that reserves rooms. If you are serious in your intent to participate, please mail your check to me as soon as possible, in no case later than January 10 if you expect more than a sleeping bag and an iflloo.

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Durant Opens State Convention

By William Minard

Letters to the Editor

Oct. 27, 1976

To the Editor,

1. Thanks for putting my Sep. 3, 1976 letter on page 15 of the Oct. 15, 1976 M. L.
2. RE: New logo? page 9 Oct. 15, 1976 M. L. - I suggest that the logo be the Liberty Bell and that the party's name be "Liberty Party" (the latter since it is easier to spell and shorter for advertising purposes.)

Yours Truly,
T. W. Jones



LIBERTY
PARTY

In order to bring up to date our membership list and to facilitate any new methods devised to better keep such records, I am asking All LPM members to send in to the party office the following information on a postal card:

NAME
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.
OCCUPATION

NOTE: If place of mailing/living is different from place where registered, please give us latter information also.

Thanks.

Jim Greenshields
Membership Secy.

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The 1976 Libertarian Party of Michigan state convention was opened with an address by Richard Durant, prominent Detroit lawyer and party member. Mr. Durant centered his speech around four areas that he considered of importance in making the LPM the first party in the state; idea, people, money, and tactics.

"The Libertarian Party has got, of course, the idea, you've actually got the radical idea of human liberty," Mr. Durant said in summing up the importance of idea. He then went on to praise the idea of liberty.

Next he spoke about people, saying that "...you've got the men and the women." Talking about the low turnout at the convention, he said that it was the quality of people that was important, not the quantity.

He went on to speak about money, saying "...It's ridiculous to think that you're going to become the first party in the state if you have a treasury... of a couple of thousand dollars." He then proposed that the party raise its party membership dues to between \$200 and \$250 per year to build a "war chest."

He then went on to talk about the additional uses to which money could be put. First was the printing of professional brochures explaining the Libertarian party. Second, a wats line, and third a full time person

who would use the wats line to help local volunteers. He would then have the volunteers spend weeks at a time traveling around the state speaking to local groups, and making contacts with the local media, talk shows, interviews in the press and T.V., etc. If money were available he would have the people paid who are traveling around the state.

On the subject of tactics he used the example of a party member speaking in Cadillac. He or she would say that taxes should be abolished on every business in the state. She or he would go on to tell how this would attract business to the state, create more jobs, and raise pay. He used this as an example of appealing to the issues that affect the people being spoken to in an area concerned with the loss of business.



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Calendar of Events

The calendar of events is a service to subscribers. Entries will be published upon receipt.

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Jan. 10, 1977

Washtanaw County Meeting 6:30 pm., Best Steak House State St. Ann Arbor, Mi.

Jan. 15, 1977

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Jan. 7, 1977

All copy must be in for the Michigan Libertarian.

Jan. 9, 1977

State Central Committee Meeting; 2:00 pm. Dr. Bette

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The Michigan Libertarian welcomes all contributions of interest to Libertarians.

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