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LP Washington County Protests For UN Restriction Resolution

Editor's Note: This is an interview with Dave Seely, chair of the Libertarian Party of Washington County, which includes St. George, Utah.

UL: Dave Seely, your local Libertarian Party of Washington County is very activated and involved in the community, and seems to be getting a lot of publicity. Are we right?

Dave: "Yes, we are active, that's for sure. In the last half year we've manned a booth at the local gun show, had an entry in the Pioneer Day Parade, and protested for the UN (Restriction) Resolution in LaVerkin, where we got press and media coverage. We also had a "roast" last summer for a talk radio personality here, and we have a group of members who call into a radio talk show. Sometimes, we even help with the format of the show."

UL: Do you go by the slogan that any publicity is good publicity, or are you better organized than that?

Dave: "We only do things that will put the Libertarian Party in a positive light."

UL: How did the local LP become involved in talk radio?

Dave: "The talk radio participation has worked well and came about because the host of a Monday to Friday talk show from 4 to 6 p.m. in St. George on KDXU-890 AM, Bryan Hyde. Hyde is a libertarian, small "f", (not a member of the Libertarian Party), but he is a champion of liberty and a good friend of the Libertarian Party."

"We like Bryan Hyde so much we had a barbecue late lunch for him last summer and it was supposed to be a "roast," you know, a chance to insult a celebrity. Well, I was the only one who would roast Bryan. Everybody else there thought he was such a nice guy

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Caption

Nicholes Wins Primary

Walt Nicholes, 51, a computer programmer-computer consultant from Orem, won a primary election in his bid to become an Orem city councilman. On Tuesday, Oct. 2, Nicholes won 544 votes, just a few days plus a year after joining the Libertarian Party on October 1, 2000.

"You never know how many votes you are going to get the first time you run," Nicholes said. "Now the going gets a little tougher. I have to move from 6th place to 3rd in 4 weeks. I can do it!"

Nicholes was originally 1 of 13 declared candidates, but 2 dropped out, leaving a field of only 11 on the ballot. The top 6 advanced from the primary for 3 city council seats, each position a four year term. The general election is Tuesday, November 6.

Nicholes ran his campaign for 4 weeks, spending \$900, with the help of about 10 Libertarian volunteers handing out campaign literature and posting signs. Now

20 have pledged to help in the next campaign push, hoping to hand out as many flyers as possible in a city with 27,000 homes and a population of 105,000, the same population as the sister city of Provo.

"We wanted to place fifth or sixth while spending as little money as possible," Nicholes said. "Without the help of Libertarian Party volunteers I don't think I would have made it. Thanks so much, Libertarians."

Platform

The Nicholes' platform includes the following eight positions:

1. Good government is financially conservative.
2. Good government holds open meetings.
3. Good government listens to citizen input.
4. Good government encourages natural free enterprise solutions to problems.
5. Good government preserves the fair use and value of citizen's property.

6. Good government is only as large as it must be to get the job done.

7. Good government allows citizens to vote on all tax increases rather than sneaking them into annual budgets.

8. Good government sticks to a master plan. Walt Nicholes believes in good government.

About Walt Nicholes

Walt Nicholes is a 25 year resident of Orem. His wife, Rozanne Hatch, is an Orem native, the daughter of Quinn and Dorothy Hatch of Orem. They have seven children and 2 grandchildren.

Nicholes graduated from BYU in 1977 after serving a 2 year mission in Scotland and 4 years in the U.S. Army. Walt also completed postgraduate studies while working at BYU.

He has done work in several major

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Notes From The Chair

by Gene Linder, State Chair, Libertarian Party

This is my initial chance to address many of you fellow Libertarians. In this short column today, I wish to share with you what our objectives as a party are for the coming four years. The genesis of the following nine state party objectives was a gap analysis conducted at the May state convention. Out of nearly a hundred ideas your state executive committee has distilled nine key objectives to make our party successful. As you read these, give some thought as to how you can help your county organization (or how you can individually ~~can~~) implement plans to help accomplish these objectives.

Objective 1. Have state-wide and federal office seekers invited to public debates. We have identified the debates we are talking about and should have inclusion criteria in hand by the end of the month.

Objective 2. Contest 50 percent or more state-wide elective offices annually. Our measurement is simply elective offices available vs. LP candidate numbers.

Objective 3. Increase active member participation by 100 percent annually. We have reached a consensus on a definition of "active member" and are gathering data from county chairs to establish a baseline for this year.

Objective 4. Have a least 500 paid members of the LPUtah. Our measurement is the membership database with specific dates to establish a baseline for this year.

Objective 5. Have a least 15 organized county parties. Much work has to be done by adjacent county organizations to form county parties in unorganized areas.

Objective 6. Have a 75 percent awareness of the

Libertarian Party. This will require some doing, but we have measurement plans in development which will not cost significant dollars.

Objective 7. Have a minimum of 5 appointed Libertarians to non-elected posts. We are talking about zoning boards, water districts, etc. Public involvement by our Libertarian members is the key to success here.

Objective 8. Raise funds to X dollars annually. We have begun to establish a baseline (where we are now) and will as an executive committee refine the dollar amount we are striving to achieve. As we report to our membership an objective accomplishment it will be in terms of percentage increase as opposed to the specific dollar amount raised. It is too easy for the opposition to get specific dollar information about our party otherwise.

Objective 9. Maintain our ballot status. Oddly enough this objective may be the most difficult to achieve. All I can say is that you efforts to promote our party in any way are helping us accomplish maintenance of the ballot status.

The target date for accomplishment of these objectives is May 2005. Given the nature of our organization (voluntary and damed independent), it is realistic and achievable, but the objectives are definitely a stretch for our group of patriots. If these are our agreed-upon targets, folks, then let's expand all of our efforts toward achieve the goals. Now comes the time to develop strategies and tactics to move us toward the stated objectives.

We can and should begin moving in a common specific direction, without wasted time and effort. All we seek can be achieved with more people, more effort, and more money. Let's begin moving forward!

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In Deepest Sympathy

The following statement was issued by James W. Lark III, chairman of the Libertarian Party.

On behalf of the Libertarian Party, I wish to express my profound sorrow and grief for the tragic loss of life and suffering caused by [the September 11] terrorist attacks. Our hearts go out to the victims and their grieving families and friends. Nothing we say can ease the devastation and sense of loss that they feel – and that every other American shares—but we stand with them in mourning the loss of friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, loved ones, and fellow citizens.

The Libertarian Party condemns the vicious and barbaric attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. There is no such excuse for such savage acts. No legitimate political or religious ideology can justify the murder of thousands of innocent people.

These actions, and the revulsion they cause to all decent people around the world, demonstrate the starkest way possible that the initiation of force is never an appropriate way to settle political or social differences. The result of such violence is more hatred, more grieving relatives and

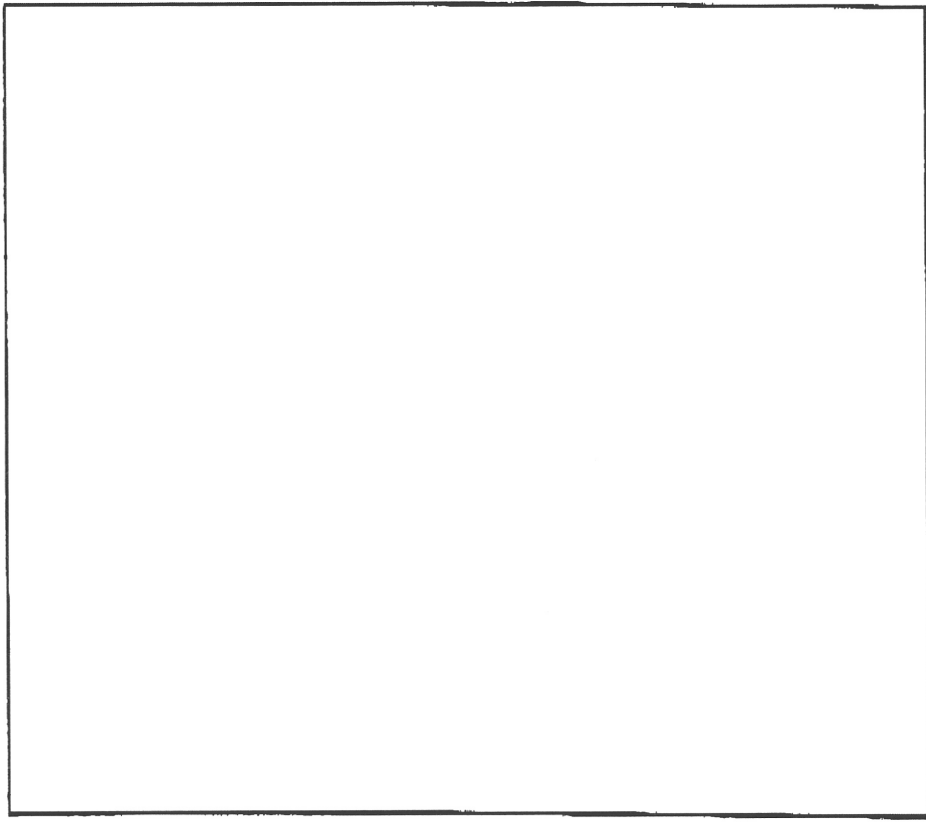
friends, more tombstones— and, ultimately, more violence.

Libertarians unequivocally reject the initiation of force as a solution to the disagreements between people and between governments.

The Libertarian Party calls for justice to be meted out to the terrorist responsible for the attacks. However, we encourage the United States government to be sure that any response is appropriate and measured. Action should not be taken that would cause innocent people in other countries to be killed because of the actions of terrorists. Such a response would only continue the cycle of violence and revenge.

The Libertarian Party calls on all Libertarians to aid our fellow Americans who have suffered from this horrible tragedy: donate blood for the victims fighting for their lives in hospitals in New York and Washington, D.C. Contribute to the charities that will assist the families and relatives. If you live near where the attacks took place, volunteer to assist in rescue or recovery efforts, as appropriate and if you know any of the victims' families, offer solace and support in any way you can. Now is time for all Libertarians to stand together to help those who are suffering. ■

Staff & Editors box?



More Volunteers are Needed

by Gene Linder, LPUtah State Chair

A significant problem our party faces in Utah is the consistent shortage of volunteers to accomplish tasks which would help us promote Libertarianism to the public. Most folks have heard of the LP, at least, but have very little idea as to our philosophy and principles. The best way to educate the Utah voter is to meet and talk with a Libertarian party member. If you are a Libertarian in name and deed, but are looking for effective ways to "spread our word" there are many chances to make us a better-known political entity.

Whether you prefer to operate alone, or in coordination with other members, there are many actions you can take. Below are some ideas for your volunteer efforts to further the cause of freedom:

1. Talk to two different people every day and mention the Libertarian Party, or Libertarian positions on

subjects. ^{This is} easy and effective in bringing recognition to our cause. Face to face discussion is of great value because it is likely to be remembered longer and more positively than other more impersonal methods of communication.

2. Write an article for the Utah Liberator once a year. We have great difficulty getting pertinent articles from anyone within the state. If your local or state officials haven't angered you by something they have done lately, then you aren't looking closely enough. This is a good basis for articles to share with fellow libertarians. Send it to the State Chair for publication.

3. Join with your county organization to help in an outreach activity. One of our state objectives is to have county organizations engage in an outreach activity monthly. This takes time and people to get it done. Talk to the County Chair and contribute an hour

or two occasionally.

4. Interested in being a member of the State Membership Committee? Just ask Andy McCullough, our state legal counsel and acting Membership Chair for information. If you are truly ambitious, perhaps you would like to become Chair of the committee.

5. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about something you feel strongly about, pointing out the Libertarian position on the issue. It is amazing how much trash is printed in letters to the editor, so a reasoned, legitimate position on any issue would be welcomed. Mention the word "Libertarian" in your writing.

6. Begin to consider that you should be a candidate for some public office. The more candidates we have running, the more likely we are to get votes. Although the idea of speaking in front of a crowd often intimidates folks, it often isn't really necessary. Just getting your name on the ballot is furthering our cause. Anything in

addition is even a greater plus. This is an item of great importance to our success: the number of candidates we field in elections.

7. If you cannot bring yourself to be a candidate, then be willing to actively work for others who are. All candidates can use all manner of help. Decide what you want to do and volunteer your time or money.

8. Act to change your voter registration to the Libertarian Party. Chances are that you are not a registered Libertarian now. To become a political force, we need to act like one. Change it this week! If we ever intend to become a political party with enough influence to change the course of events, we need to begin acting like folks who have enough initiative to put our efforts behind our talk.

Talk is cheap, good whiskey costs money. Anonymous
-Gene Linder, State Chair

strategies

Libertarian Video & Audio Tapes Library

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The Libertarian Party of Utah has established a lending library of audio/visual resources available to members who want or increase their abilities as candidates or advocates for libertarianism. Some of these are effective self-training and study resources, others are designed to be used as presentations to groups. The library is managed by LPUtah State Treasurer, Charlie Bonsall. If these resources are used successfully we would like to expand the library. Please provide feedback about these items and suggest others which would be helpful to members. The items will be available for a three week period for \$1/order to pay for shipping and the reusable mailers, the borrower will be responsible for return mailing costs.

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Presented by Harry Browne

Libertarian Temperment or Tempermental Libertarians Pitfalls of persuasion.

David Bergland.

Communicating Libertarianism to Religious People

A panel discussion with several perspectives on how to seek and achieve common goals with people of all religious denominations.

Transforming Bleeding-Heart Liberals Into Die-Hard Libertarians

Mary Ruwart explains how to seek and achieve common goals with people coming from a liberal position. Includes her own journey from a bleeding heart liberal to a libertarian.

The Opinion Page

Which is More Popular.. Socialism or Freedom?

You would be shocked and surprised to learn that if American public school children were asked if they favored the Communist Manifesto form of government or the Bill of Rights form of government, they would choose socialism.

Such a result proves beyond a doubt that America's public schools have failed to teach freedom and liberty. Instead, such poor teaching is proof that freedom is in deep trouble.

How did we get into such a miserable dilemma which can result in Americans losing all their freedoms? The answer is simple. Children only learn freedom from those who are free. Those who no longer believe in freedom now teach our children. The problem in Utah is worse than any other state in the union. Why? Because certain religious beliefs include the notion that slavery is acceptable in the form of duty to Religious Authority. That is acceptable in church, but should never be an acceptable standard for learning.

For example, in taking the world's smallest political quiz at Operation Politically Homeless Booths, Utahans, and especially Mormons usually indicate they are willing to give up 40-60% of their personal freedom while obtaining 100% of their economic freedom. Such subservience is extremely dangerous because once any person has lost their personal freedom their economic freedom will also be gone forever. This is why the Libertarian Party is by far the most important party in Utah, because it is the only political party in Utah promoting Liberty and Freedom for all.

POINT

US Should Fight to Win in the Desert Shield - Desert Storm War in 1990-1991, the United States and Allies did not defeat Iraq, a terrorist nation.

	Republicans	Democrats	Libertarians
1846 COMMUNIST MANIFESTO			
1. Abolition of Private Property	50%*	worse	?
2. Heavy Progressive Income tax	90%*	worse	?
3. Abolition of Rights of Inheritance	70%*	worse	?
4. Confiscation of Property Rebels	50%*	worse	?
5. A Central Bank	100%*	worse	?
6. Government Ownership of Communication and Transportation	50%*	worse	?
7. Government Ownership of Factories and Agriculture	50%*	worse	?
8. Government Control of Labor	25%*	worse	?
9. Corporate Farms, Regional Planning	60%*	worse	?
10. Government Control of Education	75%*	worse	?
1791 BILL OF RIGHTS			
1. Freedom of Religion, Speech, Press, Assembly			
2. Freedom to Keep and Bear Arms			
3. No Forced Quartering of Troops			
4. No Unreasonable Search and Seizure			
5. Freedom from Being a Witness Against Yourself			
Guaranteed Due Process, Just Compensation for the Taking of Property			
6. Speedy and Public Trial			
7. Trial by Jury			
8. Freedom from Excessive Bail			
9. No Denial of Any Rights Not Otherwise Mentioned			
10. All Powers Not Mentioned are Reserved for the States or the People			
*RATED BY THE EDITORS			

about our foreign policy

There is only one way to defeat terrorism and that is by declaring war and defeating the enemy. Iraq today has both biological and chemical weapons far more dangerous than anyone could possibly imagine. This time we Americans and Allies must fight for victory, because further appeasement of terrorism could destroy civilization as we know it. Victory will require much more than flying flags. Instead, it requires the will to win without compromise or half success. —The Editors

COUNTERPOINT

U.S. Should Reevaluate Arab-Israeli Policy

by Gene Linder, Chair, LPUtah
The attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11 should give us pause to consider what we are doing in our national foreign policy that so enrages millions of people. Especially when it comes to the point that a score of young men would sacrifice

their lives (along with thousands of innocents) to make a statement that very few in our country are thinking about. The central question is "Why?" Perhaps it is the reason for the attacks stated by George W. Bush that "we're the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world." Rigorous thinking about his, however, would lead one to think that this is just emotional blather by our political leader to make the common folk feel better about being the "good guys."

Consider, as an alternative reason for the attacks, the statement of May 1998 from Osama Bin Laden. See if this doesn't have a truer ring to it than the president's statement.

"So we tell the Americans as people, and we tell the mothers of soldiers and American mothers in general that if they value their lives and the lives of their children, to find a nationalistic government that will

look after their interests and not the interest of the Jews.

The continuation of tyranny will bring the fight to America, as Ramzi Yousef and others did. This is my message to the American people: to look for a serious government that looks out for their interests and does not attack others, their lands, or their honor. And my word to American journalists is not to ask 'why' we did that, but ask what their government has done that forces us to defend ourselves."
—Osama Bin Laden, May 1998

If one can believe these words, our national foreign policy, specifically as it relates to Israel, is the cause of the terrorist acts.

The U.S. Government gives Israel more than \$10,000,000 of your tax dollars every day of the year. This has gone on for years and years, and will

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continue into the future unabated, it would seem. Our taxpayer dollars pay for those tanks, missiles, and other weaponry engaged in destruction of what little infrastructure exists in Palestinian territory. Our government has condoned an expansionist Israeli state and lauded Sharon as a peaceful man, when he should be tried as a war criminal for the knowing massacre of innocent civilians by the hundred. Is it any wonder that millions of people consider us the dumb big bully always supporting the smart little bully regardless of the issues involved? Can we begin to understand

why many Arabs would feel they need to conduct a war against the U.S. with any means at hand?

Unless and until we change our current foreign policy to one of noninvolvement toward the political interests of foreign countries, we will remain high profile targets for people in the world who perceive our government is acting regularly against their self-interest. We cannot involve our country in the political affairs of other nations, without becoming the target of one side or the other.

Libertarian principle suggests that

we ought to leave other countries alone in their political interests and mind our own national business.

Any influence we choose to exert ought to be from the commercial ties and not governmental agencies and not the federal government. George Washington had it exactly right in 1796 about our conduct of foreign policy. We would do well to work as libertarians to restore that concept to our present government.

"A great rule of conduct for us, in regard to foreign nations, is, in

extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible," George Washington stated on September 17, 1796.

This article is not meant to be pro-Arab or anti-Israeli. Rather, it addresses the facts that our own entire United States foreign policy in the Middle East area is one sided. Also, Osama Bin Laden, if responsible for the recent terrorist acts, or his terrorist organization or any such other groups targeting U.S. citizens, should most definitely be punished for such extreme evil. *brought to justice*

connection

LP Responds to Terrorism

FLORIDA For Being American by Dave Barry

I am not naive about my country. My country is definitely not always right; my country has at times been terribly wrong. But I know this about Americans: We don't set out to kill innocent people. We don't cheer when innocent people die.

The people that did this to us are monsters; the people who cheered them have hate-sickened minds. One reason they can cheer is that they know that we would never do to them what their heroes did to us, even though we could, a thousand times worse. They know that when we hunt down the monsters, we would try hard not to harm the innocent.

Those are the handcuffs we willing wear, because for all our flaws, we are a decent people.

And now we are a traumatized people. TV commentators keep saying that the attacks have awakened "a sleeping giant."

No, I don't see a giant. What I see is Americans. We may have the power of a giant, but we also have the heart of a good and generous people, and we will get through this. We will grieve for our dead and tend to our wounded and repair the damage, and tighten our security, and put our planes back in the air. Eventually

most of us, the ones lucky enough not to have lost somebody will resume our lives.

Someday, our country will track down the rest of the monsters behind this, and make them pay, and I suppose that will make most of us feel a little better. But revenge and hatred won't be why we go on. We'll go on because we know this is a good country, a country worth keeping. *Dave Barry is a syndicated humor columnist, author, and LP member living in Miami.*

MASSACHUSETTS Most Important Job by Eli Israel

On Tuesday, September 11, America had to grow up the hard way. And the Libertarian Party must grow up too. Because our country has never needed us more than it does today.

We have an important job to do, perhaps the most important job that belongs to anyone in the country.

It falls to us to remind Americans to cherish and protect their constitutional rights, even and especially through these difficult times. Some forget that the only thing worse than what was done to us on September 11, would be to lose our heritage of Liberty. We must remind them.

We must work together, as one party, with unshakable support for each other, and unflagging belief in the beautiful principles for which we fight. *Eli Israel is the Chairman of the LP of Massachusetts*

NEW MEXICO Peace and Security by Joseph Knight

The attacks on Sept. 11 are not just attacks on the government, they are acts of terrorism on the people of America. I'm sure all Libertarians share my sympathy for the victims and their families.

If there is a single legitimate function of the federal government, it is to protect the lives, safety, property, and liberty of Americans in America. I fully endorse whatever actions, short of violating the rights or safety of Americans or other innocent people, necessary to identify, locate, and punish those responsible for these acts.

At the same time, it was only a matter of time before such an attack happened. When we meddle in the affairs of most of the world we will make enemies. Minding our own business would be a significant step toward our future peace and security. *Joseph Knight is the Chairman of the LP of New Mexico*

UTAH Predators by Dave Seely

Isn't it time that every time the U.S. federal government further (increasingly) disarms her citizens, we Americans are always attacked by predators? *Dave Seely is Chairman of the LP of Washington County*

Disarm? by Beryl Furmer, Provo

Am I as mad and disgusted as you are? Yes. What a terrible waste — all those lives lost Sept. 11, because guns are not allowed on commercial jets.

Who in charge of security slipped a cog? I'm sorry, but just thinking about what I just said makes me mad as hell.

There is a place for guns. Let's not allow ourselves to be fooled by leaders who are no smarter than the rest of us, fanatics and plain liars. Let's not go off half-cocked to a third world war until we examine our own mistakes and foolish choices and laws.

Prevention has always been better than cure. *Beryl Furmer is the secretary of the LP of Utah County. She is an LP member since 1975. This story appeared in The Daily Herald on page A6.*

Steps for Libertarian Action by Dwight Steffner

Editor's note: Dwight Steffner is the Recruiting Chair, LP Utah County. He has received the LP Utah "Top Recruiter" Award the last two years, recruiting 24 new members.

The Libertarian Party is going through a period of slightly slower activity and less involvement. Here are some suggestions to pep up membership.

1 The most important fight you will ever fight in your lifetime is for liberty and freedom.

2 Fighting such a battle alone would only end in failure. Therefore, Libertarian Party members must organize and they must hold regular, monthly meetings.

3 Monthly meetings should be entertaining, educational, show respect for the differing viewpoints and ideas of the people attending, and have some humor and much human kindness. Sometimes befriending fellow Libertarians is like finding gold, because Libertarians are mostly great people to know and associate with.

4 Show a video tape the first 30-40 minutes of most of your monthly meetings. To do so, use our new video library effectively, and your meetings will interest a larger audience.

5 Ask new members to introduce themselves, and welcome them warmly!

6 Don't be discouraged at starting with one or two members. Most Libertarian Party county organizations grow at a rate of about 3 percent a year. Most other civic and social groups would be grateful to achieve the same rate of increase. If you start at two or three members, a realistic goal would be increasing one or two members every six months. Don't expect overnight success and learn from failures.

7 Membership varies drastically during midsummer vacation times and the holidays. Always phone up to two or three days before the meeting with a reminder, and send out regular invitations to come to meetings to all registered libertarians in your county.

8 Brainstorm ^{with} every member every meeting. In discussing one central question, go around the table or room and ask for everyone's opinion. Libertarians have varied ideas and are extremely authentic and original thinkers. They think far beyond the narrow thinking that "all solutions can only be solved by more government." When those attending hear new ideas, they become more excited and more involved.

9 Every member should have a job, and every job should be

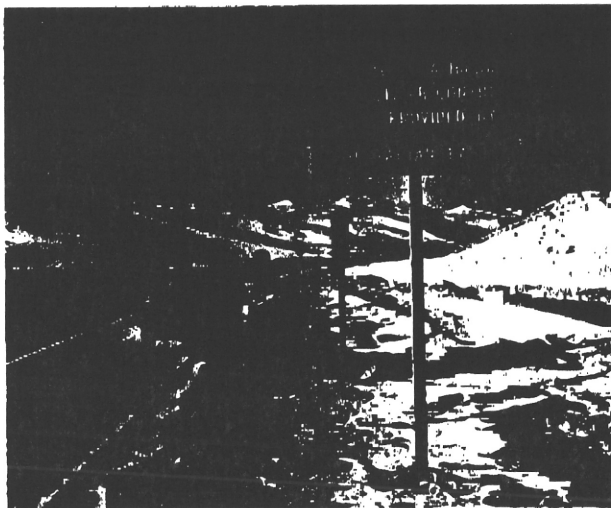
important. The recruiting chair, for example, and the publicity chair (seeking as much free publicity as possible for every event) are absolutely essential for the success of your county organization, no matter how small, and should be the second and third duties assigned. The elected chair should be the activities chair; at the start you do not need a vice-chair, and the secretary-treasurer could be one person. Your recruiting chair should be someone who likes people and has a sales or public relations background, if at all possible.

10 Phone ten libertarians a month and compliment everyone locally who accomplishes anything for the party, or writes a published editorial page article in your paper, or talks on a local radio talk show. Pass on such good news of work to other LP members as well. Encourage always, never discourage. If you do not know any libertarians

or are not in contact with them, you simply cannot help the party by being isolationist.

11 The success of the LP can be measured on several levels, and the political criteria of electing people to office may be secondary. Comparing the LP to the other two major parties may also be unfair. Our number one function is educational— to teach citizens about liberty and freedom, while keeping those fires warm and alive. That is a far higher objective than just electing someone to office, but we must run candidates to become popular over time. There is one absolute in history: all socialist societies eventually fail from corruption from within— such revolutionary change will come about very suddenly. Be prepared for such a change. ■

(Dwight Steffner is the recruiting vice-chair of the LP Utah County, and has received the party's "Top Recruiter" award the last two years. For any questions regarding this article, he can be reached at home nights at 801-768-2666.)



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industries including Education, Transportation and Finance - experience that will serve him well on the city council.

Nicholes has served in several church-related capacities, and was twice president of Utah County Sertoma Club. He has taught computer science at UVSC as an Adjunct Faculty Member and also for the Alpine School District Community Education program.

Why Nicholes Can Win

Nicholes faces a campaign battle which he can win, according to campaign manager Dwight Steffner, a member of the Libertarian Party since 1995.

"Nicholes has raised more than half the money he needs to win, but he still needs about \$2,000," Steffner said. "If we get the money we will win. I absolutely believe that, because we already have almost all the volunteer help we

need. It is now down to if we can afford signs and advertising for the last crucial 10 days."

"If you want a Libertarian Party member to win in 2001, in a big city campaign, please make a donation," Steffner added. "Each \$40 will bring in 20 more votes." To make a campaign pledge, send a check or money order, pay to the order of:

WALT NICHOLAS FOR OREM CITY COUNCIL co Dwight Steffner/campaign manager 817 South Songbird Lane Saratoga Springs, Utah 84043

Or phone 8 pm - 10 pm with any questions to 1-801-768-2666. To phone the candidate, Walt Nicholes, with any question(s) about his campaign, 1-801-224-0668. Receipts will be mailed for money orders and checks if requested (state receipt requested in notation area on checks). ■

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that he shouldn't be insulted. Oh, well!"

"Sometimes we have also worked out a format with Bryan on certain shows," Seely added. "We will present a large problem for those calling in to respond to, then in the last segment of the show we give the listeners the libertarian solution to the problem."

UL: Tell us about the LaVerkin protest on July 31?

Dave: "What was neat about that was, five or six of us got out of the car with our Libertarian Party hats, and a Bennington flag (replica of a flag from the American Revolution). Well, a newspaper photographer saw us, and when he came towards us about 50 other people formed a group around us, making us look like a larger group, which looked great."

"We went there because we agreed with the LaVerkin city resolution, which states the city of LaVerkin is not obligated to do any United

Nations business. Some people are very confused about the resolution, thinking it means people there can't support the U.N. or fly the U.N. flag. It doesn't say that at all. It doesn't restrict anyone's rights. Which makes great sense to start with."

"As far as my personal opinion of the United Nations is concerned, I feel; we do not need another layer of unconstitutional government. We have enough of that already."

"In the morning we had a radio interview with Tom Barberi, a Salt Lake City talk radio (KALL- 910 AM) host covering the LaVerkin story for a day. We gave him a Libertarian Party hat and he wore it all morning. What a great visit!"

UL: How do you keep morale high in your LP organization?

Dave: "It's not easy. That's my answer. We know what we are doing is right and we know we are making the world a better place by espousing Libertarian principles." ■

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