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THE RACE IS ON

A guest appearance on Pat Burns' CJOR Hotline Show by party leader Victor Levis, and Vancouver Quadra candidate Marco den Ouden, launched campaign '84 for Vancouver Libertarians July 24.

The lively three and a half hour session covered all areas of Libertarian philosophy, and produced enthusiastic response from listeners.

Our controversial stance on immigration (we are for open borders) produced some negative comments, but our economic proposals (abolish our national debt by selling off crown corporations, deregulate the economy, free trade) were very popular.

The show was used effectively to promote the July 25 public meeting. Burns, himself, proved a genial host and was largely sympathetic to libertarian ideals.

On July 25th, a 10:00 AM press conference at the Four Seasons Hotel was held to present our candidates and platform to the media. The press conference was well attended and garnered credible publicity.

GVLA ad hoc President, Marco den Ouden gave a short background history on the party's goals for

this campaign. He pointed out that this was the party's third election campaign but first major national effort in an election. We hope to field over 100 candidates coast-to-coast and two campaigns will be well financed, the campaigns in Peterborough, Ontario, and in the Yukon.

In Peterborough, longtime libertarian activist, John Hayes, is the candidate. He is a prominent Peterborough businessman, active in the United Way and community activities. His wife Sally Hayes, has been a libertarian alderwoman on Peterborough city council for the last two years. The party will spend \$40-50,000 on John's campaign.

In the Yukon our candidate is Keith Dye, a veteran of 24 election campaigns. In the last federal election he was campaign manager for Tory Erik Nielsen, the current MP. Now he's challenging his former boss for his job. Dye also worked on Peter Lougheed's campaigns in Alberta in the 70's. Dye is a well-known and credible candidate for the Libertarian Party in the Yukon.

Then den Ouden introduced LPC Leader, Victor Levis. Victor discussed the Libertarian Party platform. He told the press that an

elected Libertarian would serve as a watchdog for the public's wallets and for liberty. The three major parties had colluded to throttle Canadians' freedom of speech and press with its notorious Bill C169, he charged. Mulroney subsequently conceded that the Conservatives had been "asleep at the switch." "Canada can't afford politicians who are "asleep at the switch," said Levis.

The media were swift in bringing the news to the public. At noon, four radio stations, CBC, CKNW, CKWX, and CKLG carried reports. BCTV's Noon Newshour carried a clip of Victor presenting the Party's message of freedom. CKVU-TV's First News at 5:30 PM carried a story on us as did KVOStv's 10:30 Report.

At 3:45 PM Victor Levis was again a guest at CJOR, this time on the Bill Williams' Show (Williams was subbing for regular host Bob Spence).

At 7:30 PM that evening, 45 people turned out for a public meeting to hear Victor. Several had come as a result of publicity on Burns' show the previous evening.

Vancouver Centre candidate, Paul Geddes introduced Victor, who gave a speech on the significance

of an election in 1984, the year heralded by George Orwell as synonymous with totalitarianism. Paul then discussed the Party's platform and questions from the audience were fielded.

North Vancouver-Capilano candidate, Bill Tomlinson then urged attendees to help support the Vancouver area candidates with funds. Over \$400 was raised for the election and other help was offered as well.

Thursday morning Victor left for the Yukon. He returned to BC for visits to Prince George and Victoria before returning to Montreal, where Victor is running for Pierre Trudeau's former seat of Mont Royal.

Seventy-two candidates will be running under the Libertarian banner in the current federal election: twelve in BC and seven in Vancouver alone. These fine candidates need your help, both financially, and with your time and effort. If you can help, please call Paul at 689-5260.

Special thanks should be extended to our campaign committee; specifically Mary Anne Nylén, Harry Pokrandt, and Dan Ladd who have worked hard to get our candidates nominated. If you wish to help with committee work, please call Mary Anne at 984-9880.

OUR CANDIDATES

Our Candidate in Vancouver Quadra:

Marco den Ouden.

Marco, 35, has lived in the greater Vancouver area since 1972, including six years in North Van-

couver, two years in Vancouver, three years in Coquitlam, and the last year in Pitt Meadows, where he

and his wife purchased a home. He was born in Holland, emigrated to Canada at the age of two, and was raised and educated in Montreal, Quebec. He married Janice Baker in 1981, and they are expecting their first child in January 1985.

Having graduated from High School of Montreal in 1967, he attended McGill University for four years studying Commerce. He moved to Vancouver in February 1972 and continued with part-time studies of Philosophy, History and French at Simon Fraser University. He has also taken courses in Television Operations, Film, and in News Writing at the B.C. Institute of Technology.

Marco served two years in fast food management with A&W Food Services from 1972 to 1974. He then joined BCTV where he has worked as shipper-receiver, as film editor, and as video tape operator. Pre-

sently he is working at BCTV as a news editor, a position he held since 1979 (for the duration of the current election campaign he will not be editing political news stories).

Marco was managing editor of an eight page newsletter, The Libertarian, published by the Libertarian Foundation from September 1978 to February 1980. He did some free-lance writing for The Halt Report, published by Human Action to Limit Taxes. In September 1980 Marco co-founded the Greater Vancouver Libertarian Association. He has been a member of Toastmasters International off and on for a number of years, having served as Sergeant-at-Arms and as Educational Vice-President. In his spare time Marco enjoys skiing, swimming, reading and gardening.

He lives at 19519-115A Avenue, Pitt Meadows, B.C., V0M 1P0, Ph# 465-4683.

Our Candidate for Vancouver Center:

Paul Geddes

Paul, 29, and his wife Juliette have lived in Vancouver's West End since 1981. Paul teaches economics at Columbia College, a private Vancouver junior college, and has lectured in comparative economics at Simon Fraser University.

Paul became interested in libertarianism while working as an economist with the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa. Realizing he needed more academic training, he left to enter the PhD

program in Economics at UBC. There he met other libertarians and found out about HALT. He helped HALT prepare a study on the benefits of private garbage collection.

At present Paul is President of Tenants Against Rent Control, a member of the National Citizen's Coalition and shareholder #38 of Transpo 177, the private alternate transit company in Vancouver. Paul also serves on the executive of the Vancouver Center Riding Association for the B.C. Social Credit Party.

Our Candidate for North Vancouver/Burnaby is: John Clarke

John's biography will be published in our next issue.

Our Vancouver East Candidate:

Sandy MacDonald

Sandy MacDonald writes:

Those of you who have attended any of the last three Libertarian supper meetings may know me by sight. I am not the type to sit quietly during a discussion of ideas. I was responsible for the "are you an activist or did you just come for the dinner" survey which appeared on your tables at the Libertarian Party vs. Voluntarist debate at Chateau Granville. At the time I considered a Libertarian movement much more crucial than a party. I still do, but, having just moved to downtown Vancouver from very rural SE Langley for the more abundant job prospects, and being considered a natural for the job due the fore-mentioned problem with my mouth, and given that an election was called; well-- you can do whatever you can.

I am running in Vancouver East which is either a stronghold of the

true-believer socialists or a stronghold of the disaffected. I aim to find out which. I am not running a mere paper candidacy. These people have been raised on Dave Barrett, and while I am not of his oratorical calibre, I am no slouch either (and what I am going to say makes a lot more sense).

If there are any of you Supper Clubbers out there in Vancouver East, please activate yourselves. Your visible support (lawn signs), your communication (apprising me of speaking opportunities, etc.), and the where withal to pay for those lawn signs will be much appreciated; and, I must say with mixed feelings, will also be tax-deductible.

Also, if any of you have any odd carpentry jobs you haven't gotten around to ... contact me at the Cobalt Hotel (685-2825), Room #417.

Our Candidate for North Vancouver/Capilano:

Bill Tomlinson.

Bill was born in England in 1934. After his education he served two years in the Royal Air Force. He married in 1954, and soon after he and his wife started up their own successful small building business. Bill, his wife and two daughters came to North Vancouver in 1967, settled down quickly in this country the love so much; and made their home here ever since. Like all newcomers, Bill tried several jobs at first, but finally realized that he preferred working for himself. He has owned and operated Abbott Plumbing and

Electric Ltd. since 1972. This is a small business, but it keeps him and his wife very busy. Bill is well known on the North Shore, and many of his new customers are referrals from other satisfied customers.

Bill's late involvement in politics has been brought about by his concern for the downward slide of the Canadian economy, and the low standard of ethics in public life. If we are to leave any heritage for our children beyond the massive state debt and a worthless

dollar, we must now reduce Government spending. The only people

committed to doing this are Libertarians.

Our Fraser Valley West Candidate.

Martin Macdonald

Martin Macdonald is 29 years old and lives in the Bridgeview area of Surrey. He is married, and has two children. Martin had the good sense to leave Ottawa, his birthplace, when he was one year old, and moved to the Lower Mainland. He is a graduate of Vancouver College High School and BCIT where he studied Mechanical Engineering. He has worked as a draftsman, and is currently taking a full-time course in Industrial Electricity and Electronics at the Vancouver Vocational Institute.

Martin joined the Libertarian Party this year, but he has advocated the Libertarian philosophy for 5 years. He worked with HALT (Human Action to Limit Taxes) in that organization's efforts to reduce taxes and to privatize some government services. Later he worked with the Western Canada Concept but left when most of the members

became concerned more with personalities than with principles.

"The Libertarians' respect for justice and individual liberty appeals to me" he says. "The immense economic and cultural benefits are an added bonus." Martin endorses the Libertarian Party platform. Particularly, he would like to see an end to the customs checks at the border crossings. "Waiting two hours for the privilege of being let back into your own country is degrading. Coerced, virtually at gunpoint, to pay duty on goods bought in the U.S. is nothing short of robbery. Another crime is the cost of customs bureaucracy."

"Ottawa does not want to open the border because then people will start to wonder why they need governments at all. That is a question the politicians and bureaucrats do not want to see asked."

Our Candidate for Fraser Valley East:

J. Wayne Marsden

Wayne lived his entire thirty-nine years in B.C., and in Fraser Valley East for the last four years. He is married to former Susan Neufeld of Chilliwack for fifteen years, and has five children aged four to thirteen.

Wayne attended UBC and SFU, graduating from the latter in 1969 with a B.A. with honours in

Philosophy.

He worked his way through university as a millworker and surveyor. Since graduation he has been employed as a Geophysics technician, carpenter, and headrig sawyer. The last ten years he worked in various management positions in the construction industry. He is at present a construction superintendent.

Your \$\$\$'s Needed.

The Libertarian Party of Canada is officially recognized by the Government, as we have run more than fifty candidates in the last election. Therefore, seventy-five percent of the first one hundred dollars contribution may be written off as a tax credit when you fill out your income tax return. It should give you some satisfaction that for every four dollars you invest in the cause of putting government in its place, the government will relinquish robbing you by three dollars.

We want to use your contribution to get out the message that Canada needs less Government, less taxes, and less regulation.

Please help.

We are engaged in a philosophical battle, and our liberty is at stake. Please send contributions to The Libertarian Party of Canada, 906-1640 Alberni Street, Vancouver V6G 1A7.

Announcement of Candidates' Rally.

Meet our Greater Vancouver District candidates, and the candidate for you riding in particular, to hear their platform speeches; and for a lively exchange of ideas on the issues with which Libertarians are concerned in this election campaign.

of fact and of tactics; your contribution in thought and ideological ammunition; and your contribution in time and effort even more than your money.

The Candidate's Rally will take place on Tuesday August 21, 1984, at 7:00 pm, at The Actor's Institute, Rm #230, 195W-2nd Avenue, Vancouver.

In this battle of ideas we need your contribution in knowledge

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