Dictionary as an Ally of Liberty

Dictionaries typically have excellent definitions of libertarians:

1985 An advocate of the doctrine of free will. One who upholds the principles of absolute and unrestricted liberty esp. of thought and action. (Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, Merriam-Webster)

1975 One who maintains the doctrine of the freedom of the will. One who advocates liberty, esp. with regard to thought or conduct. (New Webster's Dictionary of the English Language, Consolidated Book Publishers)

1960 One who holds to the doctrine of free will; also, one who upholds the principles of liberty, esp. liberty of thought and action. (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, G&C Merriam)

1959 One who believes in the freedom of the will. One who maintains the principles and doctrines of liberty, particularly in thought and conduct. (Britannica World Language Ed. of Funk & Wagnalls Standard Dictionary)

1933 One who holds the doctrine of the freedom of the will, as opposed to that of necessity; opposed to necessarian. One who approves of or advocates liberty. (Compact Edition of the Oxford English Dictionary, Oxford Univ. Press, 1971)

1828 Pertaining to liberty, or to the doctrine of free will, as oppossed to the doctrine of necessity. (Noah Webster's First Edition of an American Dictionary of the English Language; replica republished 1983 by Iverson-Norman Assoc, NY)

"Libertarian" 200 Years Old

The word "libertarian" has a longer history than most of us are aware. In just two years will be the 200th anniversary of the oldest known written use of the word. Here from the Oxford English Dictionary are some examples of its use:

1789 Where is the difference between the Libertarian...and the Necessarian? (Belsham)

1830 The general drift of his [Kant's] system...is not libertarianism. (Taylor)

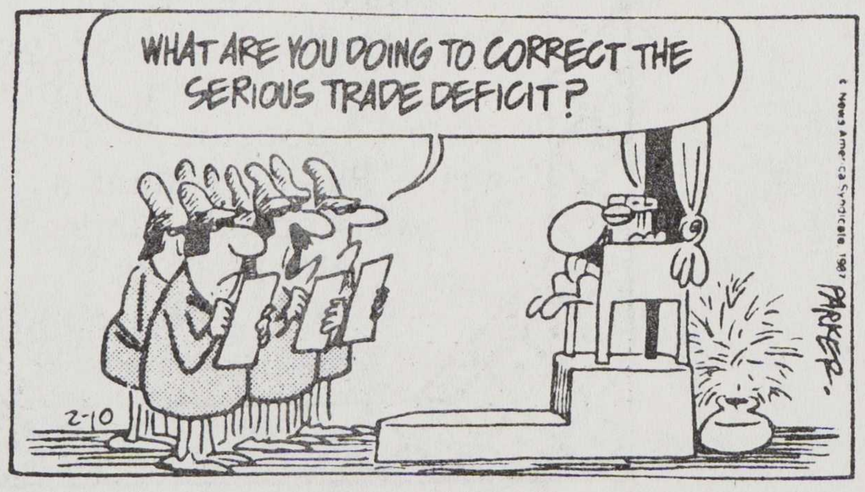
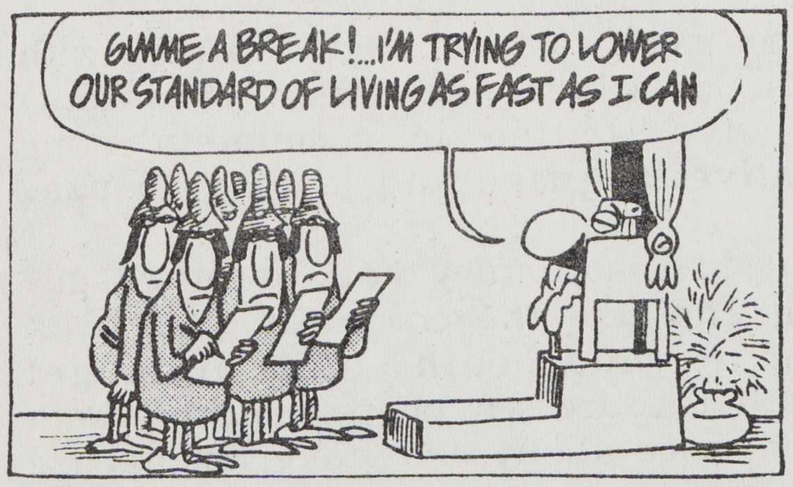
1882 The libertarian doctrine is now taught by appealing to consciousness. (Patton)

1886 His psychology inevitably precludes him [Plato] from being really Libertarian. (Sidgwick)

1901 In such matters [censorship] Englishmen are individualists and libertarians. (Maitland)

Advocates Gets Administrator

Mary Malesani has joined the Advocates as Administrator. She's starting at 15 hours per week and is expected to be full time by year end. Together with Suzie Ontiveros, Mary will work hard to help me fullfill the promises I make to produce and ship the tools that help libertarians get others to encounter, evaluate and embrace our ideas.

Mary has over 25 years business experience as an executive secretary, real estate agent and property manager. She brings organizational and administrative talents we sorely need at the Advocates.

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