

UNITED STATES PACIFIST PARTY REPORT

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USPP 1986 CONVENTION

Interest has been expressed in a USPP national convention the summer of 1986, probably in Chicago. If you'd be interested in attending such a convention, please write or phone our national office, whose address and telephone number head this page. Also, we'd like to know what dates would be the best for you, if a location other than Chicago would be more convenient, and what items you'd like on the agenda.

CONTINUING AND WIDESPREAD INTEREST

Each month since the November 1984 election the USPP headquarters has received a number of communications expressing interest in the Party. These have been of three kinds: 1) Letters from individuals in the United States who either want more information about the Party, or want to join it, 2) Communications - often periodicals - from organizations that appear to be close to the USPP in spirit and outlook, and, 3) Letters from people in other countries. In regard to the communications from people in other countries, one was from a Christian minister in Kenya, Africa, who was curious about the Party's principles and platform. A second was a statement of support from a "Green" party in Ireland. A third came from the mayor of Zushi, Japan (a suburb of Tokyo), seeking support for an environmental initiative to prevent a wildlife sanctuary from being turned into a U.S. military housing project. The letter from the mayor was accompanied by a number of carefully developed documents including maps, and what appears to be a complete listing of the species of birds, butterflies, dragonflies, and beetles that inhabit the sanctuary, and will be endangered by the housing project. Still a fourth letter came from a professor of political science at a university in Sao

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JEROME D. GORMAN'S CANDIDACY

Jerome D. Gorman, a medical doctor and sponsor of the USPP, ran for Governor of Virginia in the November 1985 election under the auspices of the New Party. Below are his platform, and a statement that he issued on "Abortion and the Death Penalty." Further information about his campaign and viewpoint can be obtained by writing to him at 8319 Fulham Court, Richmond, VA 23227.

Platform - I ENDORSE AND SUPPORT

- The public schools of Virginia. My children attend them.
- Improved voter registration.
- Unions for state employees who may wish to join them.
- Removal of sales tax on food and prescription drugs.
- An Equal Rights Amendment for Virginia.
- Divestment of state funds which give aid and comfort to apartheid.
- Aid and counseling for those who are victims of violent crime.
- Handgun registration.
- Establishment of a Virginia Commission for Human Rights.
- Appointment of more women to state management and advisory posts.
- A moratorium on the killing of prisoners with appointment of a study group to propose nonviolent and nonlethal alternatives to the death penalty.
- More work-release programs for prisoners with opportunity for such persons to make restitution.
- A uniform, skilled and statewide public defender system for persons charged with criminal offenses but who cannot afford a private attorney.
- An annual statewide Community Learning Week to honor and to remember the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- The International Shadow Project, an annual art event each August which reminds us of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

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