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PS: Continued thanks to Anne, Paul and Jon Haugan, Bernie Losching, and the most recent member of the Fritz Book Storage Club, Paul Honkavaara. (These good people keep tens of thousands of copies of RAD safe and secure.)

EXALTED ORDER OF THE STUCK ELEVATOR

Fifteen stalwart liberty-lovers got an opportunity of a lifetime: be with close friends (or was it "be close to friends") for a tour of libertarian think- and action-tanks as part of SUMMIT 86.

Things started fine. Organizer Linda Van Dyke had performed magnificently: driver Barrington Jefferson was on time with the right size van, the luncheon was delicious in the Cato patio area, David Boaz told the group about Cato and David Keating spoke on National Taxpayer's Union.

Then it was back in the bus for the next stop - Citizens for a Sound Economy.

And - shame of shames - both organizer Linda and semi-grand poopah Marshall had to leave the trip for other duties. Just in time.

For the whole group got stuck in an elevator at the CSE building for a 1/2 hour. Their only regret was that there was not a single non-libertarian with them with whom to practice their new communicating skills.

BOLD TODAY, CHIC TOMORROW

Cato and Reason work to keep our ideas moving from "absurd" to "bold" in eyes of the mainstream media. Recent successes:

Newsweek, September 1, 1986: "...in 1977 [Cato] was dismissed as a mouthpiece for the Libertarian Party, a fringe movement...[now it] is attracting a constituency that both major parties lust after: baby boomers."

Los Angeles Times, June 25, 1986: "the libertarian movement to which Reason belongs is a very creative force in American politics... Reason's move will add Los Angeles to the list of major cities...that have libertarian-style think tanks."

BARRY CONNER SMASHES THE 100 BARRIER

The Intro Event started in my home in 1981 with groups of five or six. By 1985, we knew how to attract audiences of 25-50, and by early 1986 we could bring in 60-75.

Who would be first to break the 100 barrier? Several tried. Barry Conner, Gainesville, Georgia, not only broke the record, he smashed it with 197 on July 15th.

Here is what Jack Aiken, State Chair of the Georgia LP, wrote about the event:

"It is, of course, a thrill to see such a large crowd gather to hear more about individual libery and freedom. But the real charge comes as Marshall begins to question and probe the audience about the basic tenents of libertarian thought and you see the crowd agreeing. Everyday, ordinary folks were smiling, applauding, and supporting the ideas and action called for...

"The crowd was made up of people from every background and persuasion. There were two bank presidents, the editor of the local newspaper, plumbers, students, doctors, lawyers, laborers, and lay preachers... And as Marshall walked them through the basic principles of libertarian thought you can see that they agree.

"But you really did not have to see it. You could feel it in the room. Marshall had brought together and explained what they felt all along."