

The Hotline

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HEADLINE: Not Everyone Is Anonymous This Time Either

BODY:

Rep. **Ron Paul** (R-TX) "pursued a marketing strategy that included publishing provocative, racially charged newsletters to make money and spread his ideas, said three people with direct knowledge of Paul's businesses." People "close to Paul's operations said he was deeply involved in the company that produced the newsletters, Ron Paul & Associates, and closely monitored its operations, signing off on articles and speaking to staff members virtually every day."

Paul supporter/ex-Paul sec. **Renae Hathway**: "It was his newsletter, and it was under his name, so he always got to see the final product. ... He would proof it." Paul campaign chair **Jesse Benton** "said that the accounts of Paul's involvement were untrue." Longtime Paul associate **Mark Elam**: "I just do not believe he was either writing or regularly editing this stuff."

A person "involved in Paul's businesses" said Paul and his associates "decided in the late 1980s to try to increase sales by making the newsletters more provocative." The person: "It was playing on a growing racial tension, economic tension, fear of government. I'm not saying Ron believed this stuff. It was good copy. Ron Paul is a shrewd businessman." **Cato Institute** pres. **Ed Crane** said he and Paul "agreed that 'people who have extreme views' were more likely than others to respond."

Crane "said Paul reported getting his best response when he used a mailing list from the now-defunct newspaper **Spotlight**, which was widely considered anti-Semitic and racist." The people "familiar" with Paul's business "said there was no indication that he wrote the controversial material." Ex-Paul aide **Eric Dondero Rittberg** "said he witnessed Paul proofing, editing and signing off on his newsletters in the mid-1990s" (**Markon/Crites, Washington Post, 1/28**).

Umm... Moving On...

ME Gov. **Paul LePage** (R) "met briefly" with Paul on Jan. 27. LePage spokesperson **Adrienne Bennett** "said the roughly 30-minute meeting took place" in the gov's State House office. Bennett "said LePage reached out to Paul 'as a courtesy' to supporters" of the gov "who had urged him to contact" Paul during his ME visit (**Miller, Bangor Daily News, 1/28**).

Paul "told a standing room only crowd" during a 35-minute speech on Jan. 27 at Colby College that "young people who promote truth will help change history." Paul "said" he came to ME "to get all-important delegates." Colby prof. **Joseph Reisert** "said Paul stuck to themes that often resonate with college students liberty and noninterventionist foreign policy."

Paul's wife **Carol** "chatted with those milling around the auditorium." When Paul "was doing his medical residency" in Detroit, and they "lived on \$215 a month, Carol Paul said she taught tap, ballet and twirling to help pay" the rent bill. Carol: "We made our own fun; we played cards" (**Staples, Waterville Morning Sentinel, 1/28**).

On Jan. 28, "more than 600 people showed up" at a rally for Paul on the Univ. of Southern ME campus. Paul "dismissed the idea of throwing his support to one of his rivals." Paul: "I think that's premature. We have a ways to go. I'll work with anybody who wants to come in the direction of Constitutional government." He "noted" ex-House Speaker **Newt Gingrich**(R) "had endorsed his views on monetary policy" during a debate.

Hundreds of people "stayed on after the speech to wait in line to have their photograph taken" with Paul (**Quimby, Portland Press Herald**, 1/29).

Paul, on ME: "We did pretty well three years ago, and we weren't nearly as well organized. And (**Mitt Romney's** been popular up there, but less so right now. So I would say that we have a very good chance. ... I do really believe we're going to do quite well there and a very good chance of winning" ("State of the Union," CNN, 1/29).

'88 ME-01 candidate/'92 ME-01 nominee/L.L. Bean heiress **Linda Bean** (R) "came out in support" of Paul on Jan. 28 (**Travis**, "Political Ticker", CNN, 1/28).

Days In The Desert

Paul aides "admit they are trying to court Hispanics" in NV through "direct mail in both English and Spanish highlighting" Paul's "medical background, faith, and family." The aides "add that they will continue to run ads in the state through the Feb. 4 caucuses" (**Volack**, "The Note", ABC News, 1/29).

Paul "tentatively plans to hit Reno" this week. In NV, "the Paul campaign is aiming for a victory, although most GOP observers believe" Romney "is the favorite." Paul NY chair **Carl Bunce** "said he's trying to get Paul out among his supporters," including Las Vegas, "as much as he can before the GOP caucus." Paul "may take a break" on Feb. 1 to "celebrate his 55th wedding anniversary." Bunce: "I'm pushing for a Vegas anniversary celebration" (**Myers, Las Vegas Review Journal**, 1/30).

Well, At Least One Of His Policy Positions Should Play Well In Colorado

Paul "is slated to speak" at CO State Univ. on Jan. 31 before "traveling south for a noon rally at the Renaissance Denver Hotel. His day will end at 2 p.m. with a speech in Colorado Springs at the Colorado Jet Center" (**Lee**, "The Spot", **Denver Post**, 1/28).

See You In August

Sen. **David Vitter** (R-LA), on the idea of Paul getting out of the race: "I don't think there's any chance Ron Paul is going to do that. He clearly has the attitude and the wherewithal in terms of organization. He doesn't need a whole lot of money to go probably to the conventions. I think we have to count on that" ("Early Start," CNN, 1/30).