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# Project 87

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*To Celebrate and Contemplate the United States Constitution*

The Bicentennial of the Constitution of the United States in 1987 marks the creation of a unique instrument of government. The document framing the United States government was a departure — a courageous innovation that, since its adoption, has served as the continuing standard for American political life and as a powerful model for other nations. This Bicentennial deserves to be observed by more than festivities — it calls for programs that communicate the meaning of the Constitution. To this end, Project '87 is providing programs and publications to engage the public.

## INTRODUCTION

Project '87 is a special effort of the American Historical Association and the American Political Science Association, both non-profit, professional and educational associations. Project '87 is governed by a Joint Committee of scholars from both Associations and served by an advisory board, whose Honorary Chairman is retired Chief Justice Warren E. Burger.

The two sponsoring Associations administer grants awarded to support the project's activities and publications. Core support has been provided by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Grants for specific activities have been awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Lilly Endowment, Inc., of Indianapolis, Indiana, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Exxon Education Foundation, CSX Corporation and the AT&T Foundation.

Project '87 maintains a small staff, joining with other organizations for its media and education efforts.

After the Bicentennial era, Project '87's publications will continue to be distributed to enhance education and appreciation of the Constitution for some time to come.

## PROGRAMS

Project '87 was established soon after the 1976 Bicentennial in order to anticipate the 1987 Bicentennial with activities organized into three major stages.

Stage I supported research and scholarship on constitutional issues. Fifty research grants and fellowships were awarded and five conferences were organized. Project '87 sponsored the archival search for documents on the Constitutional Convention. The documents will be published by Yale University Press to supplement the *Records of the Federal Convention of 1787*, originally edited by Max Farrand.

Stage II began in 1980 and extends constitutional scholarship through an ongoing education program. A conference on "Teaching About the Constitution in American Secondary Schools" led to the development of the book, *Lessons on the Constitution* (see page 3).

For college faculty, twelve seminars were conducted in 1983, 1984 and 1985. Nearly three hundred college teachers have participated in this program. Workshops for teachers in other countries extend the education effort.

Two television-assisted courses will be distributed in 1987. One course, for junior and senior high school students, is being

produced with the Agency for Instructional Technology (AIT). A second course, designed for adults, is being produced in conjunction with the International University Consortium and Maryland Public Television.

Project '87's Stage III activities, designed for the public, feature a quarterly magazine entitled *this Constitution: A Bicentennial Chronicle* (see page 3) and a twelve-poster exhibit, *THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY* (see page 2).

In 1985, Project '87 honored the Bicentennial of the Mount Vernon Conference, the meeting between Virginia and Maryland that led, ultimately, to the Constitutional Convention. Chief Justice Warren E. Burger hosted a dinner at the Supreme Court for the conferees on April 1, 1985. The conference, at Mount Vernon, Virginia on April 2, 1985, was co-hosted by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union. Malcolm Baldrige, Secretary of Commerce, Charles S. Robb, Governor of Virginia, and Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland, were among the featured speakers.

In fall 1986, a constitutional lecture series, "To Establish Justice: The Constitution and the Court," was hosted by the Smithsonian Resident Associates Program, under the aegis of Project '87. The series offered lectures by Orrin G. Hatch, United States Senate; Robert F. Drinan, Georgetown University Law School; Susan Ross, Georgetown University Law School; James MacGregor Burns, Political Science, Williams College; Harold H. Greene, U.S. District Judge; and Ed Yoder, *Washington Post* Columnist.

Also, in 1986 and 1987, Project '87 is conducting the James Madison Fellowship Program whereby outstanding teachers prepare to organize Bicentennial programs in their own communities. For the 1986 pilot program, 20 teachers from 16 states are organizing events in their communities. Fifty teachers are being selected as James Madison Fellows in 1987.

In 1987, the League of Women Voters Education Fund joins Project '87 to host a series of constitutional forums. These will feature noted scholars, jurists, public officials and journalists debating constitutional issues of enduring concern. Forums are already scheduled for May 24, 1987, in Philadelphia, in honor of the Bicentennial of the opening of the Constitutional Convention, and October, in Virginia, in honor of Madison's vision of the goals and design of our government.

In addition to its own programs, Project '87 continues to assist other organizations — public and private — in their efforts for the Bicentennial of the Constitution. All activities and associated publications, posters and television programs have been carefully selected and designed to reach the people and serve them well.

# A POSTER EXHIBIT

## THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY

Tell The Story of the  
United States Constitution  
with 12 full color 22" x 36"  
posters.

This exciting poster exhibit attracts the attention of viewers and conveys information through the use of vivid graphics accentuated by brief, carefully crafted texts. The exhibit has received official recognition by the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

An accompanying *User's Guide* features an essay describing the events, ideas and leaders pictured in the posters, individual lessons for students in grades 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12, and other essays and bibliographies for adult viewers.

The posters are available unmounted or on a mounting system. The mounted exhibit consists of three sturdy cardboard kiosks. Four posters are displayed on each kiosk. The kiosk is 6' tall, charcoal gray, and foldable for storage or reshipment. The poster exhibit — either mounted or unmounted — can be displayed effectively in libraries, civic centers, businesses, schools or courthouses.

*The posters are sold only in complete sets of twelve.*

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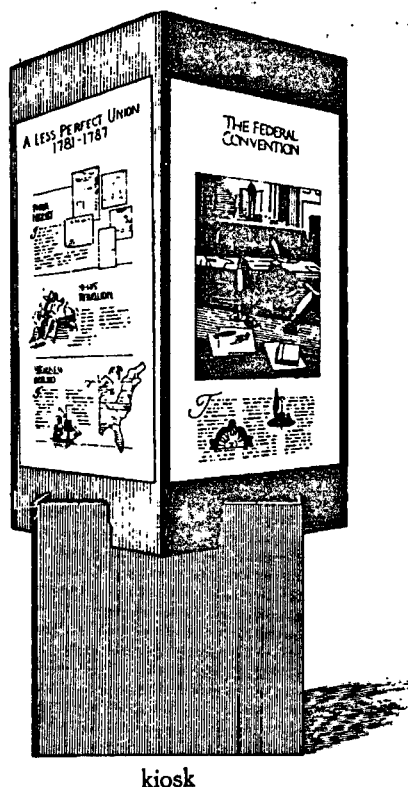
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*The Blessings of Liberty*  
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*Ratification*  
*The Bill of Rights*  
*A City Plan for the Constitution*  
*The Principle of Federalism*  
*The Supreme Law of the Land*  
*To Ourselves and Our Posterity*

## PUBLICATIONS From Project '87



### *this Constitution: A Bicentennial Chronicle*



The quarterly magazine that features articles, documents, and classroom lessons along with information about Bicentennial activities around the country, *this Constitution* is an interesting, useful reference for educators, librarians, civic leaders and public officials. Issue No. 13 features a "Network of Scholars" who can speak at and consult on Bicentennial programs and a "Chronology of Bicentennial Dates" for 1783-1791. Issues 14-18 — which include four issues in 1987 and a special expanded issue in 1988 — will focus on the Founding Period of the Constitutional Convention, Ratification, the Establishment of the Federal Government and the Bill of Rights. (Back issues 1-12 are out of print.)

## Conference Monographs

*The American Constitutional System Under Strong and Weak Parties*, edited by Patricia Bonomi, James MacGregor Burns and Austin Ranney.\*

*Liberty & Equality Under the Constitution*, edited by John Agresto.

*Teaching About the Constitution in American Secondary Schools*, edited by Howard D. Mehlinger.

*The Constitutional Convention as an Amending Device*, edited by Kermit L. Hall, Harold M. Hyman and Leon V. Sigal.

To order *this Constitution* and the conference monographs, please use the order form on page 4 entitled "Project '87 Publications."

\*Available only from Praeger Publishers, 521 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10175 for \$28.95 per copy.

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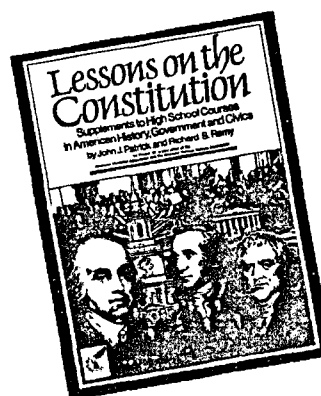
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- Video cassettes and discussion guides for two Constitutional Forums, co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters Education Fund.

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