



## 1975 LIBERTARIAN PARTY NATIONAL CONVENTION

2nd Edition

WE'RE GOING TO SHAKE THIS TOWN TO ITS CORE!

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### ROTHBARD, HOSPERS AND HUNDREDS MORE LIBERTARIANS TO CONVERGE IN NY CITY

An excitement-packed week is in store for those attending the 1975 Libertarian Party Convention at the Statler Hilton Hotel, 7th Avenue and 33rd Street in New York City. The Convention Week will begin Monday, 25 August, and continue through Labor Day.

#### CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Monday night at 8 PM the Convention Week will kick off with a special panel, headed by Dr. Murray Rothbard, on OIL AND THE MID-EAST. We expect much heated discussion on this controversial topic. The Press will be invited.

The business of the Convention gets underway Tuesday morning with the opening of the PLATFORM, BYLAWS, and CREDENTIALS COMMITTEES. Several prominent individuals have been invited to testify before the Platform Committee, including Senator William Proxmire, Antony Sutton, Fred Friendly, D.T. Armentano, Ernest Fitzgerald, and Bernard Siegan.

These are OPEN MEETINGS. There is no charge to attend, provided you are registered. (If you do not plan to register for the Convention for some reason, but do want to attend one of the open meetings, there will be a door charge of \$1.00.) Members of the Platform Committee include Murray Rothbard, John Hospers, Ralph Raico, Joe Cobb and Bill Evers. This battle of the giants is not to be missed!

During the period of the Committee meetings (Tuesday and Wednesday), there will be a series of ACTION WORKSHOPS and practical sessions. These are priced low (\$1.50 each). Some of the topics of particular interest are FUNDRAISING, a CANDIDATES' workshop, how to prepare an exciting and professional newsletter, how to create and maintain a viable LP organization, CAMPUS ORGANIZING, ADVERTISING and CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT. There will also be two Special Interest workshops: John Muller will give advice on how to open and run a libertarian bookstore; John Doswell will demonstrate some simple audio-visual techniques. These will all be valuable sessions. We are keeping the price low to ensure a high attendance. The package price for the 16-hour series is only \$12.00.

Beginning Tuesday and continuing through Sunday, the FREE LUNCH SERIES will take place during the lunch break. Since everyone knows There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch, you won't be surprised to hear that no lunch is served (dieters will appreciate this)

and it ain't free. What will be served is a potpourri of topics: a FEMINISM PANEL put together by Fran Youngstein and moderated by a leading MCP, a discussion of libertarian ARBITRATION led by Ralph Fucetola, a session of LIBERTARIAN FOLKSONGS, Howard Katz on the GOLD STANDARD, a chance to meet and talk with some libertarian CONGRESSIONAL AIDES, a discussion of alternate EDUCATION, some thoughts on KID LIB, and lots more. The price will be 99¢ at the door, cheaper yet for a carte blanche ticket. These events will all start at noon. Some will be short (½ hour), leaving time to run out for a sandwich or a gyro, others may run longer. Sometimes there may be more than one going on at once (the carte blanche ticket is based on 6 events, but once you have the ticket, you can sample one and if it doesn't suit you, go on to another, or wander in and out).

On Tuesday evening the much talked about GREAT AVERAGE WORKING PERSON'S ECONOMIC CONFERENCE (GAWPEC) will be hosted by Jerome Tuccille. Tuccille's latest books, "Who's Afraid of 1984?" and "Here Comes Immortality" (or is it the other way around?) make him the perfect optimist and visionary to lead a discussion of what we average folks can do in these chaotic times. Is there anything we can do? Is there really any need to be so concerned? Come find out.

On Wednesday evening there will be a BUS TOUR of Manhattan. See Chinatown, Wall Street, Ayn Rand's apartment house, the Empire State Building, Little Italy, Greenwich Village, Laissez Faire Books (the bus will stop here for ½ hour. Proprietors John Muller and Sharon Presley will provide refreshments and a chance to browse around their new store). Later that evening the bus will stop at Pier 43½ where the BOAT TRIP begins. We will be on a 250 ft. Circle Line tour boat which will travel down the Hudson River to the tip of Manhattan and out to the Statue of Liberty. On board we'll have folk or square dancing. Food and drink will be available.

Thursday morning will dawn with the first of our Breakfast Events, a talk by DAVID FRIEDMAN. Breakfast will be served and it will be a good way to start the day.

The FIRST GENERAL SESSION of the Convention will follow. DR. JOHN HOSPERS, 1972 LP Presidential candidate, will give the KEYNOTE address. Anyone registered for the Convention is urged to arrive in time for this session. Those not registered may attend sessions by paying a door price of \$1.50 per session.

Credentials will follow the Keynote (will there be a floor-fight or can the Credentials Committee work it out in their meetings? You'll have to be there to find out). Then the cliffhanging Bylaws and Constitution battle (will 'Chairman' be supplanted by 'Chairperson'? Can we patch up the holes to avoid future credentials challenges? Who knows!).

By Thursday evening we should be ready for PLATFORM but to prepare ourselves, there will be a RECEPTION from 5 to 7 PM. Platform debate will carry us from Thursday evening through all day and evening Friday (we have scheduled a sleep break for Thursday night and hopefully for Friday as well).

Interspersed throughout the convention's several sessions will be a series of multi-media presentations on various aspects of libertarianism. These will be short (5 minutes or so), entertaining and exciting. These five-screen "modules" will begin with the origins of the concept of individuality...carry us through the American Revolution...through the events of the fifties and sixties which led to the modern libertarian movement...a Libertarian Party retrospective...plus a special presentation on what lies ahead. There will also be an entertaining module on life in New York City.

The Breakfast Event Friday morning will feature D.T. ARMENTANO, and there will probably be a Friday evening reception as well, before the 6th General Session.

Saturday's Breakfast Speaker will be ERNEST FITZGERALD, Pentagon cost-overrun expert who was fired by Nixon.

Then comes the Big General Session - the one we play up for the Press - the one we're all waiting for - THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING SESSION. The VICE PRESIDENTIAL nominee will also be selected at this time. A full-scale Press Conference is scheduled for noon to announce the LP's choices to members of the print and broadcast media. Following that will be acceptance speeches by the candidates.

At about 6 PM Saturday there will be a special seminar on PERSONAL PROMOTION OF LIBERTARIANISM. This is our most requested event. The seminar will be headed by LEE EDWARDS, author of "You Can Make A Difference."

A MUSICAL THEATRICAL EXTRAVAGANZA will be presented Saturday night, as yet unnamed but featuring a host of new libertarian songs and original music. Proceeds of the Theatrical, to be held in the elegant Terrace Ballroom, will go to the Presidential Campaign.

Try to struggle awake for Breakfast Sunday morning. The speaker will be commentator JEFFREY ST. JOHN.

Sunday morning's convention session will feature the election of LP officers. The rest of the day will be spent on unfinished and new business (will the porcupine gobble up the Libersign? etc.).

A TAX STRIKE Seminar, headed by KARL BRAY, is scheduled for 6 PM Sunday. This is a topic of great interest to libertarians, which will feature the movement's leading tax resister.

Finally comes the celebration - THE BANQUET, to be held high above the city in the pent-house Skytop Ballroom. The Banquet Speaker will be Mr. Libertarian himself, MURRAY ROTHBARD. Entertainment will be provided by libertarian star JEAN PREECE and others to be announced. The Banquet should provide a stirring climax to the Convention Week.

## SOAP BOX

In the center of the Exhibition Hall there will be a stage upon which anything and everything will happen. Free concerts and acts will appear from time to time. If you wish to perform (small acts such as folk singing with guitar, magician, juggler, etc.) the stage is yours...FREE. (You can pass the hat if you want) If you wish to rent the stage to run a rally, orate about something, make a pitch, or whatever, you may do so at the rate of \$5.00 per half hour. More information in the August newsletter.

## PICTURES WANTED

One of the multi-media presentations planned will concern itself with libertarian activities of the past three years. We are looking for pictures of campaign activities, newspaper articles (pictures and headlines), campaign photos and materials, demonstrations - anything and everything that's visual. We will re-photograph these items as slides and use them in the show. The originals will not be harmed. They can be B&W, color, slides or whatever. If you have any 16mm film, that too (8 mm won't work) - how about TV spots? ALSO WANTED...audio materials...such as radio interviews, radio spots, recordings of candidates' speeches, etc. Any form (cassette, reel to reel) acceptable. Items sent in should be IDENTIFIED CLEARLY, and will be returned at the Convention... or, if you're not coming, send a self-addressed return envelope and we'll send them back. Send pictures, tapes or whatever, to:

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