



# NJ LIBERTARIAN PARTY NEWS

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REPORT ON

## NATIONAL TAX PROTEST DAY

A spirited group of anti-tax demonstrators assembled at Washington's Headquarters in Morristown on Saturday, April 12 to participate in the third annual National Tax Protest Day. NJLP members were joined by representatives of various taxpayers groups from the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers (FNJT) and by Young Americans for Freedom and other conservative organizations. The protest was specifically concentrated against the proposed NJ state income tax.

After gathering near the flag pole at the Ford Mansion, the demonstrators marched to the square in downtown Morristown chanting "No State Tax" and passing out anti-tax leaflets along the way. About 20 signs carried by the protestors contained slogans such as: "Stop State Income Tax", "Cut Government Spending", "Taxation is Theft", "To Hell With Botter", "Don't Break Our Backs with an Income Tax", "Axe the Tax, Burn Bryne", "I Can't Pay More Taxes", "Taxation Brings Tax Action. They Tax - We Act", "Join the Tax Revolt".

Approximately 400 "Taxation is Theft" leaflets from the Society for Individual Liberty were passed out in addition to FNJT literature urging people to write their state senators and assemblymen to vote against the state income tax.

After passing out literature in the square for about a half hour, the demonstrators marched back to Washington's Headquarters. Although only 25 people participated in the march, many cheers and words of encouragement were received from passersby and almost everyone seemed interested in the anti-tax literature.

Press releases had been sent to local papers announcing the demonstration, and one reporter spent a lot of time asking us questions about the purpose of the protest.

The following article appeared in the SUNDAY DAILY RECORD, Morristown, April 13, as written by the newspaper reporter Andy Marcus:

### 'NO MORE TAXES' GOVERNOR TOLD

Fifteen persons from Morris and Essex counties marched through downtown Morristown yesterday afternoon to protest the proposed state income tax and "taxes in general", demonstrating at the Governor Morris Inn, where Gov. Brendan Byrne spoke at a luncheon.

William E. Schetlick, a member of the N.J. Libertarian Party and an organizer of the demonstration, said the group was demonstrating because yesterday was designated National Protest Tax Day by the Society for Individual Liberty, a Pennsylvania-based libertarian organization, and because of the governor's scheduled appearance.

Byrne addressed members of the N.J. League of Women Voters, who were holding their annual convention, which began early in the day.

Representatives of the league informed several protestors at the time the group arrived at the Inn that the governor had already presented his speech and left.

Carrying signs saying "Stop, No Income Tax" and "Tax Revolt" the protestors began their march at about 1 p.m. at the Morristown National Historical Park (Washington's Headquarters). They marched single file up Madison Street to the town square, shouting their protests and handing out literature as they went. They returned to the park and rode in cars to the inn.

Several organizations were represented in the demonstration. They were the N.J. Libertarian Party, the Federation of N.J. Taxpayers and the National Taxpayers Union. Schetlick described his party as an "anti-political party" that wants to reduce the power and extent of state and federal government.

Ed. Note: On the same page in the newspaper -- in the article about the LWV convention, the following paragraph appeared:

About 30 picketers, who had been commemorating National Tax Revolt Day by carrying placards around the Morristown Green, shifted locale to the Governor Morris when they learned of Byrne's appearance.

## ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES

Five NJLP members have filled petitions at the State House in Trenton as Libertarian Party candidates for the State Assembly in the November general election. Our five candidates are:

John J. Conard of Toms River (District 9)  
Ronald L. Wishart of Manalapan (District 10)  
Kenneth R. Kaplan of Orange (District 26)  
William E. Schetlick of Newark (District 28)  
Daniel J. Piro of Fort Lee (District 37)

Don't miss our next general meeting which will also be a "Meet the Candidates" party! Bring your friends and neighbors! Let's celebrate!

## OPERATION PAUL REVERE

The New Jersey Libertarian Party has entered into a loosely constructed ad-hoc committee for the purpose of defeating any and all of the proposed tax packages in the state. This organization, which boasts of a membership totalling no less than fifteen groups has been very active in the past three weeks following the Governor as he tries to ram an income tax through the legislature. The "operation" has appeared in Trenton, Jersey City, Lyndhurst, Oradell and New Brunswick carrying the taxpayers message to the Assemblymen and State Senators in an effort to encourage them to vote against the tax or face defeat at the polls and a tax strike.

The membership is largely conservative, including the John Birch Society and the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers. The defunct American Party is well represented, as is MASTO (Majority Against State Takeover) and a Tax Revolt Association. As libertarians, we have been very careful not to let this loose association dominate us in any way, as our beliefs come into direct conflict with many of the conservative convictions. Words like "conservative" have been dropped from the group.

These committees can be extremely helpful to us in our pursuit of freedom. In the near future, we will seek a similar relationship with some left-like groups in an effort to abolish the draft, and, more immediately, to push the bill in the Assembly to legalize marijuana.

Bill Schetlick

Ed. The NJLP has received word that several key state senators have admitted that the Byrne tax plan was defeated when they decided they would vote against it because of all the recent anti-tax demonstrations.

Libertarians in New York also participated in NTPD. According to Don Feder (in a writeup for the FLP newsletter), eleven of the Capital District FLP members picketed the IRS regional office in Albany on April 12th. One of their anti-tax signs stated "April 15th - National Rip-off Day".

"The demonstration received excellent coverage on two area television stations." An interview with the group's spokesman, John Deane "made it quite clear that the FLP was calling for the abolition of taxes, rather than tax reform."

According to an FLP news writeup prepared by Howard Katz, "A dozen stalwart libertarians, primarily members of Sam Konkin's New Libertarian Alliance, demonstrated at the Internal Revenue Building ... in Manhattan..." on April 15th. "The group handed out "Tax is Theft" leaflets containing the basic argument that all taxation is immoral because it is based on compulsion...The pamphlet advocates: filing W4E forms to stop withholding, pleading the Fifth Amendment on your tax forms, resisting tax court (because it is not part of the judiciary) and joining the tax rebellion." The demonstration received good press coverage and a long interview with radio station WBAI.

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Dear Kathy,

I like your newsletter very much. I do, however, have one objection. While there is a report on the meeting of the State Committee on 2 March there is no report of any General Meeting in March and I cannot find any notice of where or when one will be called for April. I am gradually finding other kindred souls in Matawan Borough and can bring a couple of them with me to a meeting if only I knew when it was going to be. While on the subject of meetings, I do not think Sunday evening is such a bright time to hold them. Political meetings are not the greatest attractions around and to cut short a week-end in order to attend one doesn't help. Especially in the summer time. One week day night is the same as another with me except Thursdays when I go bowling!

I have a dozen or so names on your petition. When is the deadline for turning them in? I'll try to get some more.

Sincerely,  
Steve Enterline

Ed. Since only a few members showed up on March 9, no formal meeting was held. We did hear an interesting speech on the gold standard by Howard Katz which was reported in the last newsletter. We also discussed the possibility of many of us trying to get enough petition signatures to get on the ballot for assembly. But, sorry, I should have explicitly mentioned the lack of a formal meeting in the last issue.

There was no meeting scheduled in April because of the activity planned for National Tax Protest Day, and at the time the last newsletter went to print, a May meeting had not yet been scheduled, but I should have mentioned these facts so that it would be clear that we were not forgetting to announce our activities. I'll try to do better from now on.

I personally agree with you about Sunday night; it's a rotten time for a meeting. I'm sure we're going to have a difficult time trying to please everyone as far as scheduling meetings. How about writing to us and letting us know when you think the best time for meetings would be, and we'll do the best we can to accommodate you.

The deadline for the taxpayers petitions was April 1, but we have been collecting more signatures so that we can continue to bombard our "representatives" in Trenton to let them know about our disgust with their pro-tax efforts. We want to make sure they know we are paying attention to what they are doing with our money!

Thanks for your letter and for your constructive criticism.

Dear Ms. McAdam

I can't visit your Taxpayer Demonstration, but you may use the following which I wrote:

Pay more taxes to Brendan Byrne  
All the money I can earn  
Taxes already take a big bite  
The State Income Tax I must fight.

No State Income Tax he promised twice  
The Governor isn't being very nice  
After the huge surplus in fiscal "seventy-four!"  
He's after us again as he cries for more.

For schools, welfare and hospitals too  
He'll spend and spend and spend anew  
A dollar for he, a dollar for she  
He'll spend until my pocket is empty.

All the funds coming from my tax rebate  
Are going to be paid to New Jersey State  
For its only one term for Brendan Byrne  
That's the one lesson the people did learn.

Yours truly,  
Alan Lerner

Dear Kathy:

Got the petitions from the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers and am proceeding to collect signatures in my neighborhood-- Short Hills. I note in the Sunday (3/30) NY Times (Jersey section) that Byrne's income tax proposal is still a question mark in the NJ Legislature, with apparent approval in the Assembly but lacking three votes in the Senate for a majority. So a petition drive could have just that marginal impact to make the difference. I had previously written my Assemblymen and Senator, incidentally, and the responses were generally favorable as being against the new tax.

For the newsletter, I enclose for your information an interesting article from the recent Forbes Magazine concerning a professor at Harvard whose views are distinctly libertarian. I had never heard of him before, and it's probably a good thing that he's got tenure (presumably) at this font of intellectual pollution.

Best regards,  
Calvin C. Beatty

Ed. See article on Robert Nozick.

Dear Kathy,

I've just finished reading the newsletter and I must tell you that, in my opinion, it is by far the most superior piece of journalism ever put together under a libertarian banner. You have shown a capability that is needed more now than ever... you have the ability to be both informative and stylistic. Your comments reflect your own dedication to the realization of libertarian ends. The party is most fortunate to have you as the Editor... the newsletter is indeed a newsletter. Please keep up the good work!

ONE PERCENT FOR FREEDOM! Bill Schetlick

To the Editor:

One pat on the back for Kathy! The NJLP News is at long last worth reading.

As for the title, I prefer a descriptive title such as N.J. Libertarian. Whatever the name, please continue the "good news".  
Laissez Faire  
Ruth Bashlow

THE BLUFF

You don't bluff in poker to win money. You win money on your good hands. You must bluff occasionally so that your good hands will be raised or at least called. If you don't lose a couple of bluffs in an evening you aren't bluffing enough.

On the other hand, if you allow your opponents to bluff you all evening and never call them, you lose.

Governmental regulatory agencies are getting away with too many bluffs. They continually pass unconstitutional rules, regulations, and guidelines with impunity. These devices seldom have the backing of law; they are not voted on by our elected representatives, but are blindly accepted as law without being tested in court.

Governmental agencies may threaten fines or other use of force if their ultimatums are not complied with, but they may be powerless to levy or collect fines. Our whole legal system is based upon the presumption of innocence. They must prove the defendant guilty before imposing penalties.

When their bluffs are called they may issue dozens of threatening registered letters but may be unable or unwilling (lack of funds, indefensible position, etc.) to pursue the matter and take a citizen to court.

While it may be risky to call the bluff of "city hall", the defense of life, liberty, and property is not without its perils. The alternative, in the long run, is the greater risk. It is called communism.

Tom Palven

**FROM THE CHAIR**

In the changing fortunes of the political arena, the libertarian philosophy stands alone as the only viable alternative to the mounting rage for statism. This fact has been reiterated time and time again even by those who are not of our persuasion. An article in Newsweek spotlighting the Tuccille For Governor campaign stated that "Libertarians are the only people worth voting for..." This kind of sentiment has done wonders to rekindle the fires of freedom in all of us, perhaps to the extent that we might become lax in our efforts, and giving us a sense of false security. Our recent "victory" against the proposed state income tax, could be just such a lethargic poison. Libertarians all over the state became involved in a myriad of efforts to defeat the tax. We have shown that we can work with other groups in cooperative situations and have all the right in the world to feel pleased with ourselves. However, this achievement, instead of causing complacency should spur us on to even greater heights. Political activism has netted us some impressive publicity, and I have been interviewed by several newspapers, all of them giving us at least some recognition. They expressed surprise at some of our suggestions to cope with social and economic problems, but those who took the time to listen were impressed with the logical consistency of our position. Many requested additional information on the party. The point is obviously, that we should continue our steady diatribe against the encroachment of state power through political action. The time has come for libertarians to think seriously about running a campaign to put one of their own into office who will give us a real representative in the state assembly. The coming meeting in June will determine whether or not the libertarians in New Jersey can implement the experience of their activism and are ready to make firm commitments to elect the first real libertarian. Come to the meeting prepared to pledge your support for our five candidates...we'll need all we can get.

ONE PERCENT FOR FREEDOM!  
BILL SCHETLICK

# NO MORE TAXES!

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## NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIANS FIGHT TAXES

On Saturday, April 19 five libertarians were among the opposition which listened to Governor Byrne at Paramus Park while he tried to gain support for his proposed state income tax. According to the Star Ledger (April 20), "Byrne addressed more than 300 persons... most people surveyed said they opposed the tax..."

The Sunday Record (Bergen County) of April 20 reported: "He received a mixed, noisy, and -- at times -- hostile reception."

"'Cut state spending,' 'Byrne resign,' were some of the verbal brickbats hurled at the governor as he stared at placards stating: 'I Can't Pay More Taxes,' 'Lying Greedy Poli-Pigs,' and 'To Hell With Botter.'..."

"Reactions to the tax program ranged from quiet objections to vehemence and hostile epithets..."

"Kathy Greene of Parsippany-Troy Hills, a member of the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers (Ed. and a libertarian) said the income tax would benefit those she termed the governor's rich friends in Short Hills and other posh areas where, she said, wealthy people use tax loopholes to dodge their liabilities."

"R.L.Solyom of Fort Lee, vice-president of the taxpayer federation, (Ed. and NJLP State Committee Representative) said, 'We believe a fictitious gap of \$487-million has been created in the budget to bamboozle the public into thinking an income tax is necessary. It is not necessary.' " (Ed. Dick was carrying a "Tax Revolt" sign throughout most of the governor's talk).

When the moderator cut off the questions, the governor left the hall without so much as a goodbye to the audience and was followed by jeers, boos, and hisses. (Ed. It couldn't happen to a nicer guy!).

Part of Kathy Greene's questions were reported on the Channel 4 and Channel 7 newscasts that night and our anti-tax signs also were shown in the background. Silent justice prevailed as Byrne's voice could be heard answering a question while the camera focused on "Lying Greedy Poli-Pigs", etc.

Before and after the Byrne appearance, libertarians met and talked with other interested taxpayers. Kathy McAdam, carrying a "Cut State Spending" sign, collected 33 more signatures on the Taxpayer's Pledge, and she and Ralph Fucetola passed out "Taxation is Theft" leaflets. Kathy Greene and Phil DeBlock had a few interesting discussions with some people who expressed great interest in the work of the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers. Dick Solyom distributed Federation leaflets urging people to write their legislators and tell them to vote against any new or increased taxes.

Also during April, Bill Schetlick attended a public meeting of pro-income tax groups at Kean College and Dick Solyom went to a similar meeting at Montclair State. Both of them reported that the majority of people in the audiences at both meetings were opposed to the state income tax and that both meetings disbanded when the speakers realized that they were not receiving support for their tax plans.

(Ed. I staged my own silent tax protest on April 14th. During my lunch hour I left 150 S.I.L. "Taxation is Theft" leaflets under windshield wipers in an underground garage near where I work. After work I left tea bags with National Taxpayers Union "UNTAX US" stamps on the desks of approximately 50 of my co-workers.)

After an organizational meeting in mid April, OPERATION PAUL REVERE (see page 1) began a series of anti-tax demonstrations in Lyndhurst on April 22. The Record (Bergen County) of April 23rd carried an article on page 3 headlined: "Call for 'no' vote from Scardino -- PICKETS BOO BYRNE TAX." State Senator Scardino was "reportedly under pressure from other senators to change his vote."

"The protest songs of the demonstrators ending 'If your damn tax goes through, Bye Bye Byrne,' could be heard outside the Board of Commissioners meeting over which Scardino, as mayor presided."

"Afterward, Scardino said he had made up his mind."

"I won't vote for it (the tax,') he said. 'I've never changed my position.'"

The article quoted Dick Solyom and also mentioned the Libertarian Party as one of the groups participating in the demonstration.

The April 23rd Herald-News article headline read: "COALITION LAUNCHES 'REVOLT' AGAINST TAX" and began "Paul Revere rides again."

"Like the colonial rebel who raced through Massachusetts 200 years ago to warn of the oncoming British, a loose coalition of anti-income tax groups swooped down on the Town Hall Tuesday to protest the proposed state income tax...."

"About 45 persons (Ed. we counted closer to 60) ... carried picket signs and chanted 'Ax the Tax,' 'Vote no' and 'We can't afford any more 'help' from the government.'..."

"Ralph Fucetola, vice president of the N.J. Federation of Taxpayers, said the state should 'tighten its belt' and not launch any spending programs."

"'There are two ways of filling deficits,' Fucetola, a North Arlington attorney, said, 'You can increase taxes or cut spending. We say no new taxes.'"

The article also mentioned "William E. Schetlick, chairman of the Libertarian Party, which advocates a voluntary society and the abolition of taxes."

At least eight libertarians participated in the Lyndhurst demonstration including one of our newest NJLP members and one of our former members.

On Saturday, April 26, three NJLP state committee members joined with other anti-tax demonstrators to picket in front of the home of state Senator John Fay who has been one of the supporters of the proposed income tax.

Other anti-tax protests during the last few weeks have been held at Bergen Community College in Paramus, at St. Peter's College in Jersey City, and in East Brunswick at the NJ School Boards Association meeting. As this newsletter is going to press, Operation Paul Revere is planning future anti-tax demonstrations around the state.

## WELCOME BACK TO WORK JANE!

We're glad to hear that our treasurer Jane Rehmke is now back to work after a bout of illness last month. Unfortunately Jane had planned to run for Assembly but had collected only about 40 signatures before she became ill. Despite a last minute effort by Phil DeBlock and Kathy McAdam and a generous offer of help from Cal Beatty, it was just too close to the deadline to obtain the necessary signatures. Sorry about that Jane. Better luck in two years.

Note: Jane is also custodian of our PO Box in Bernardsville; so please forgive our delay in answering your mail this month.

## BILL TO LEGALIZE GOLD CASES PENDING IN HOUSE

H.R. 5711, an extremely important bill for all those interested in the gold standard, is now pending in the House of Representatives. It would open the way, now legally barred, for numerous suits concerning the constitutionality of the various measures used by the Roosevelt administration to abrogate the gold standard in 1933-34.

In January of this year the Committee to Establish the Gold Standard brought suit to stop the U.S. Treasury sale of gold on the grounds that it would prejudice the return to the gold standard. Judge Kevin T. Duffy avoided ruling on the merits of CEGS' case by invoking 31 U.S.C. 773b, which states:

"Any consent which the United States may have given to the assertion against it of any right, privilege, or power whether by way of suit, counterclaim, set-off, recoupment, or other affirmative action or defense in its own name or in the name of any of its officers, agents, agencies or instrumentalities in any proceeding of the nature whatsoever (1) upon any gold-clause securities of the United States or for interest thereon, or (2) upon any coin or currency of the United States, or (3) upon any claim or demand arising out of any surrender, requisition, seizure, or acquisition or any such coin or currency or of any gold or silver and involving the effect or validity of any change in the metallic content of the dollar or other regulation of the value of money, is withdrawn..."

This invokes sovereign immunity (withdrawal of consent to be sued) on all cases involving gold and the basis of our money system. It is a highly discriminatory piece of legislation designed to stop legal cases by gold bugs and no other group.

Congressman Steve Symms has introduced H.R. 5711 which states:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Gold Clause Act of 1935 (31 U.S.C. 773b) is repealed."

H.R. 5711 would remove this bar to gold cases. Its passage is an extremely important first step in achieving a gold standard as it would open a whole new legal aspect to our attack.

H.R. 5711 has been referred to the House Banking Committee. It is extremely important that all gold bugs write to Henry Reuss, Chairman of the Banking Committee, to urge him to hold hearings on the bill. Without sufficient public support this bill will die in committee. Unless Reuss sees that there is a large segment of opinion supporting it, he will suppress it by simply not scheduling hearings.

We therefore ask all supporters of the gold standard to write to Congressman Reuss to ask him to hold hearings on H.R. 5711. His address is:

Hon. Henry S. Reuss, #2186  
Rayburn Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

Thank you, Howard S. Katz, COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH THE GOLD STANDARD, 85 Fourth Avenue 6m, New York, N.Y. 10003

Why not give the attached membership application to a friend? If you're not a member, why not use it yourself? We need your support.

Massachusetts LP member Robert Nozick has won the National Book Award in the category of philosophy and religion for his new political theory book, ANARCHY, STATE AND UTOPIA.

According to the March 15 issue of Forbes magazine, Nozick who is a professor of philosophy at Harvard University "stakes out an extreme libertarian position, from which he is tough on 'liberals'. Why is free sex good, he asks, and free enterprise bad? Why divvy up wealth through taxation and not good-looks through free plastic surgery? ... (his book is) nothing less than a challenge to a central feature of the moral landscape: the state as everybody's mother and father."

In the Forbes interview, Nozick stated: "... the central theme of the book was: What activities of the state are legitimate? The two major areas that I really am quite critical about are redistributive activities of the state and paternalistic activities, where people are forbidden activities for their own good; not to help others, but for their own good."

"...I do believe that you should aid people in need. I would personally do it, and I would encourage it. But I don't believe the state has a right to force me to do it, or that my fellow citizens, if they're in the majority, have a right to vote to force me to do it."

"... People are entitled to what they have if they got it in a legitimate way..."

(The free-market economists) "didn't often talk about people's rights, but talked just about capitalism's efficiency. I believe they were right about that, but it wasn't enough. People would say, it may be more efficient but it's not just. One thing I say in the book is that it is just."

"...I would counsel just about immediate lifting of all the paternalistic legislation that there is."

"...most people find the libertarian position threatening, partly because it is saying that people's lives are their own to live. It's not government's job to make you live correctly."

"...The trouble with socialism is that it prohibits capitalistic acts between consenting adults."

The March 31 issue of Newsweek, in a full page article in the IDEAS section, stated that Nozick "argues that any state that pursues egalitarian goals is inherently unjust, however noble its intentions. His book, ... is at heart a shrewd defense of laissez faire and a theoretical buttress for the growing libertarian movement."

"An active socialist in his undergraduate days at Columbia University, Nozick has come full circle in his intellectual development to a sophisticated and relentlessly reasoned defense of privilege, private property and the free-market system. Nozick, who is 36, argues that the only just government is the minimal or 'night-watchman' state; the only purpose for such a state is the protection of individuals from assault, theft, fraud or breach of contract. The modern state, in Nozick's view, has grossly violated this social contract. As a philosophical libertarian, he is opposed to all paternalistic laws, such as those forbidding drug use, which attempt to coerce bad citizens into becoming good ones. Nozick also opposes taxation as a form of slavery and would abolish all government agencies that regulate—and protect—private business."

"Nozick's underlying point is that any theory of justice that relies on a 'patterned' distribution of goods—each according to his need, effort, marginal productivity or whatever—coerces individuals and violates their fundamental rights..."

"...Nozick reasoned his way to libertarianism, a lonely position he has skillfully defended at Harvard, where he won a full professorship at the age of 30."

According to the March-April LP News, articles have also appeared in the Times Literary Supplement (the most important book review journal in Britain), Harpers, and the New York Review of Books. The LP News concluded: "The publication of Nozick's book has moved libertarian political thought into the spectrum of plausible alternatives in academic circles. Libertarian ideas now have an opportunity to be seriously debated and discussed in scholarly journals. The book's favorable reception in academic circles has already percolated downward, helping to make libertarianism something to be considered in popular magazines. Both these effects are important breakthroughs."

LAISSEZ FAIRE BOOKS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

On May 30, Roy Childs Jr. will speak on "WHY OBJECTIVISM FAILED". He will discuss such topics as Objectivism's deadly moralizing, intellectual elitism as a rationalization for doing nothing, Ayn Rand and today's political issues, the tragedy of Objectivism and much more. (He is the author of the influential article "An Open Letter to Ayn Rand"). Time: 7:30. Place: 214 Mercer Street, NY. Admission: \$5. (212) 674-8154.

UNGRATEFUL

If Congress is expecting a wave of gratitude for the tax refund (April 7), they can forget it. It is like being fawningly grateful when a holdup man gives you bus fare home.

According to the national LP News (March-April), Roger MacBride has thrown his hat in the ring for the LP Presidential nomination. Making the announcement at the annual convention of the California LP, he promised a vigorous campaign if nominated. "MacBride pointed out that some pessimistic libertarians see the task ahead as hopelessly impossible. But these pessimists are usually thinking about the difficulty of converting 40 million people to a full mastery of libertarian philosophy in all its details and ramifications. 'That indeed would be a mind-boggling task,'..."

"Instead MacBride foresees a 1976 campaign strategy built around persuading the American public of the viability of libertarian solutions. 'Our goal is to convince Americans that we do have the answers. That is a far easier task and one well within our means.'..."

"A prerequisite of the advancement of liberty through the political process is serious political standing in the eyes of the populace and the news media..."

"No reporter for any newspaper, or for any radio or television station will take our ideas seriously if we present the image of a quixotic tiny minority. To avoid that the LP must have ballot status in as many states as our energies permit."

"Such ballot status drives will require enormous effort, MacBride said. But with 'a joyous dedication to a cause whose time has come,' the effort can succeed."

(Ed. We in the NJLP are hoping we will gain experience in this year's assembly campaigns which will be of benefit to us next year for the presidential campaign. Come to the June 1st meeting and contribute to the campaign plans.)

SPEAKERS BUREAU

On May 1, Ralph Fucetola spoke about inflation to 200 history students at Bernardsville High School. He reports that the lecture went well, many good intelligent questions were asked, and the audience was very receptive to his remarks. A special thanks to Ralph for filling in with less than 24 hours notice when our scheduled speaker could not make the engagement.

PSYCHOLOGY OF SELF ESTEEM

The ballroom of the McAlpin Hotel was filled to capacity. This was the opening lecture (April 18) of a course entitled NEW LECTURES ON THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SELF ESTEEM which was to run for two consecutive weekends, Friday night, and all day Saturday and Sunday. The full course, given by Dr. Nathaniel Branden, was attended by about 100 persons.

Branden began by explaining that the goals of psychology were to understand and explain human behavior and to determine the conditions for change in human experience and behavior. He emphasized that the purpose was change and not control, and that he sought to understand the nature and condition of personal growth and evolution, and what obstructs human growth. Psychotherapists effect change by the communication of values; therapy cannot occur without a communication of values. These values may be communicated in three ways - explicitly, implicitly, and by modeling (the example set by the therapist as a person).

Human behavior is explained as being in response to a value. All action is goal directed, and neurotic behavior also serves its purpose in furthering a goal, the goal often being protection of one's self image or the avoidance of an anxiety producing situation. In order to understand and change neurotic behavior it is more useful to look for the purpose rather than the cause of the behavior. The behavior serves some need of which the individual is usually not aware. He has "disowned" that need and thereby has blocked an avenue of self-awareness. If one is blind to the need, one is also blind to any opportunity to satisfy that need. It is important in therapy to remove the blocks to self awareness. Branden described some of the techniques he used in getting his clients (not patients) to remove these blocks. Often dramatic results have been obtained with his techniques.

Psychological health is defined as having full contact with one's inner world, full contact with the real external world, and knowing the relationship between them. All psychological disorders entail a breach of awareness.

The course was not strictly lecture. There were also lengthy question periods and some workshops. For one workshop the class divided into groups of six persons sitting in a close circle. We were asked to complete, each in turn, a variety of sentences such as "One of the things I don't want to tell you about myself is ...". The answers were both revealing and enjoyable to the participants.

Branden announced that he plans to give a full-day therapy workshop in New York later this year.

Ruth Bashlow 4/19/75

Ed. Thanks to one of my friends at work for the following clipping from the 4/21/75 issue of Time magazine. It appeared in the letters to the Editor.

The NJLP has again become a very active organization! During the past few months, many of our members have participated in anti-tax demonstrations around the state, five members filed petitions for the state assembly elections, and some members have had letters to the Editor published in their local newspapers. (We also have 9 new members and 4 new newsletter subscribers.)

The NJLP is planning to work hard on the assembly campaigns, and we'll attempt to gain good media coverage of our activities. Please be on the look-out in the newspapers for any items about libertarianism, the NJLP, and anti-tax activities, and send them to me for the newsletter and also for the party scrapbook.

This month I give special thanks to Tom Palven for his very generous contribution to the newsletter expenses. Thanks also to Dave Burnett for the Morristown NTPD news article, to Cal Beatty and Tom Palven for the articles about Robert Nozick, and to Ruth Bashlow and Charlie Hofker for the articles about the Lyndhurst demonstration.

Now a special recommendation for action — imagine how many more people would be reached if even 1/4 of our members wrote letters to the Editor of their local newspapers!! (I've never written a letter to the Editor in my entire life before last month, but our governor made me so angry in Paramus that I sat down the next day and wrote one). It's a great way to get additional exposure for libertarianism — and you can pick your own topic! Why not try writing one yourself?

Don't miss our June 1st party!

ONE PERCENT FOR FREEDOM

#### FEDERATION OF NEW JERSEY TAXPAYERS

At the beginning of April, the FNJT unveiled its taxpayers' proposed budget which called for a 1¢ reduction in sales tax and a 1/2¢ reduction in gasoline tax. NJLP State Committee Representative Richard L. Solyom who is the legislative vice president of the FNJT declared in a press release: "There is no gap — the budget CAN be balanced without an income tax!... Our C.P.A. (Ed. NJLP member Robert Steiner) has shown us that new taxes are not needed and existing taxes can be reduced."

"... Amounts spent on relief and welfare have increased beyond all reason during the past few years. The hard-working, productive citizens of this State cannot continue to spend at this rate without going into bankruptcy!..."

The press release continued: "Calling attention to the Office of Fiscal Affairs' suggested 15% across-the-board reduction, the taxpayers' lobbyist said: 'We believe a 10% reduction is more realistic and we recommend all departments trim spending by this amount.'..."

"When asked if he thought the taxpayers' budget was realistic, Mr. Solyom shot back: 'Of course it's realistic; when a family is faced with reduced income the members of the family must cut spending — our State government must do the same....'"

The press release was sent to state newspapers and to all 567 NJ mayors. The cover letter to the mayors began as follows: "The drive by those in Trenton to shift taxing authority from municipal level to state level continues unabated. The renewed push for an income tax is evidence that those in Trenton intend to concentrate power IN Trenton." and concluded "... The Legislature, with a State income tax, will take from local officials much of the 'power to tax' thus rendering municipal governing bodies impotent figureheads. Please let your Legislators know your position on this vital issue."

For more information about the Federation, "a coordinating body to make local taxpayer groups more effective and give them a strong voice in Trenton", write PO Box 261, Summit, NJ 07901. Regular FNJT meetings are held on the fourth Friday of the month at the Franklin State Bank, 2222 South Avenue, corner of Hatfield, Scotch Plains, 8 PM.

Ed Note: As the newsletter was going to press, a FNJT spokesman said that about 25,000 Taxpayers' Pledge signatures will be delivered in a wheelbarrow to the legislators at the State House in Trenton at the beginning of May. (NJLP members Ruth Bashlow, Cal Beatty, Phil DeBlock, Steve Enterline, Kathy McAdam, Jane Rehmke, and Bill Schetlick collected about 900 of those signatures. I haven't heard from our other members.)

#### 1975 LIBERTARIAN PARTY NATIONAL CONVENTION AUGUST 28 - SEPT. 1

The Presidential Convention will be held at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Manhattan at 32nd Street & 7th Avenue. Pre-convention activities will begin on Monday, August 25th and will include workshops, speeches, and seminars. Special events will include a NY Tour & Boat Ride, a Theatrical Revue and a Banquet.

If you're planning to attend, take advantage of an overall 5% discount and pre-register now by sending \$7.50 to Linda Osbourne Blood, The Presidential Convention, 30 E. 9th St., #5 EE, NY, NY 10003.

If you'd like to help with the pre-convention work write John Doswell Inc., 44 West 63 Street, NY, NY 10023.

Note: The next issue of the newsletter will be a two-month issue in July.

#### 'MEET THE CANDIDATES' PARTY -- JUNE 1, 1975

On June 1, the NJLP will have a party at the home of Thomas Palven, a state committee member, for the purpose of having a good time. Tom has agreed to let us use his home, but it must be understood that he is, in no way, relinquishing his property rights and is reserving the right to expel any unruly initiator of force, whoever that person or persons may be. If any person is harbouring devious plans for that meeting, let him or her be forewarned.

Regular business procedures will be temporarily suspended so that even the anarchists can have their chance. (Is anarchy really consonant with a free society? We'll have a rare chance to see a group of libertarians in action... if such rational people can't cooperate, perhaps we should champion a better cause...)

There is, of course, an ulterior motive behind calling this meeting... our five candidates will be there for all to see, with emphasis on discussion of campaign tactics and the overall thrust of the upcoming November assembly elections. All those with ideas that need airing, or hot issues to discuss, should attend the meeting on the 1st. Directions follow below.

Bill Schetlick

**Time:** Short STATE COMMITTEE MEETING at 1:30; GENERAL MEETING 2PM - ?

**Refreshments:** Beer, soft drinks, and snacks will be available (If you want anything else, you'll have to bring it yourself.)

**Directions:** Garden State Parkway to Rt. 9 South. Drive thru Freehold and follow the signs to Farmingdale, Rt. 524. Make jughandle to left. Go about 3 miles on Rt. 524 to police station on right and town hall on left. Make right turn at Ketchum Rd. and go 1/2 mile to the end of Ketchum Rd. and the yellow stucco house — 95 Casino Drive, Farmingdale. In case you get lost, call Tom or Janis at 938-4775.

#### NJLP LIBRARY

The NJLP is trading newsletters with many other libertarian organizations around the country and some back issues of these other newsletters are now available in the NJLP library. So far we have at least one issue of the following:

- National LP News
- Action (Alaska LP)
- Caliber (California Libertarian News)
- The Colorado Libertarian
- Free Libertarian (New York)
- Freedom Express (Utah LP)
- Laissez Faire Review (Laissez Faire Books)
- Libertarian Front (Kentucky LP)
- Libertarian Penn (LP of Pa.)
- LIMIT (Libertarian Republican Alliance)
- LP of Indiana
- LPI Newsletter (Illinois LP)
- Massachusetts Liberty
- The New Hampshire Liberty
- Reason magazine
- The Reasonable Answer (LP of Minnesota)
- Renaissance News
- Shockwave (LP of Washington State)
- Southern Libertarian Messenger (South Carolina)
- Toward Liberty (Maryland LP)
- Wayne County LP (Michigan)

In addition to the above libertarian publications we now have a non-libertarian report prepared by Governor Byrne's Capital Needs Commission and obtained by four of our members on a recent trip to the State House in Trenton.

Note: We've had at least one borrower who's now reading Atlas Shrugged.

#### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

"The national Executive Committee will hold its first meeting of 1975 on May 24-25 at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago. A Saturday night cocktail party and banquet will be held and any LP member wishing to attend should contact Steve Nelson, 4825 Linscott, Downer's Grove, IL 60515...Openings are still available on both the Platform Committee and the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules Committee for the national convention in New York this summer. Most selections will be made by the Execom in Chicago so send your name to national headquarters as soon as possible if you're interested..." (LP News, March-April) Libertarian Party, 550 Kearny Street, San Francisco, CA 94108. (Ed. Keep up on libertarian news and activities from all over the country — subscribe to the national LP NEWS, \$3 for six issues; \$5 for twelve issues.)

Three new items are available from the national LP: "Vote Libertarian" stickers, the LP position paper #1 on Inflation, and the new introductory brochure/membership application "There is No Middle Ground."

Ralph Fucetola appeared on television during the last week of April in reply to a Channel 9 editorial favoring the state income tax. He spoke as the First Vice President of the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers. Ralph, an NJLP State Committee Representative, has become known by the media as a major spokesman for the FNJT.

Letter to the Editor, ASBURY PARK PRESS, March 19, 1975

**LIBERTARIAN ALTERNATIVE**

The rejection of many school budgets in the recent elections will unfortunately provide no solution to the continuing education problem. The libertarian alternative to the public education mess we have now is what we call a voucher system.

Each parent would receive back from the government a voucher in the sum necessary to educate a child. This voucher could be used at any approved public or private school. A voucher system would encourage a proliferation of private schools which are now unable to compete with "free" schools.

With this method the parent would have the option of sending a child to a school which did or did not offer prayer, sex education, football, music, etc. The system would also encourage better education as schools would also compete in terms of scholastic standards to earn the taxpayer's dollar.

Competition has been shown to be the best method of insuring efficiency and offering the widest range of choices. The taxpayer could expect to receive a better product at a lesser cost.

TOM PALVEN, Howell Township

Letter to the Editor, STAR LEDGER, March 9, 1975

**TAXPAYER WARNS BYRNE OF 'REVOLT'**

Just who does Gov. Byrne think he's fooling with his continually shifting excuses for a state income tax?

First, his excuse was the Botter decision "court mandate." Next, it was to replace part of the sales tax.

Why does he want an income tax so desperately? Some of his economic advisors have spilled the beans. Real revenues from sales and property taxes decrease during an inflation, but real revenues from an income tax increase during an inflation. This is because your actual buying power decreases with inflation, but your paper income may increase forcing you into a higher tax bracket. Hence, you must pay the state more when you can least afford to!

The Governor, as representative of the people of this state, must recognize that we cannot and will not pay any more in taxes. And if he keeps trying to cram his will (or Hudson County's) down the throats of the taxpayers, he may be faced with the first real tax revolt since 1776.

Ralph Fucetola III  
Vice-President, Federation of New  
Jersey Taxpayers, Summit

Letter to the Editor, STAR LEDGER, April 18, 1975

**P. A. TOLL HIKE ASSAILED**

As a citizen of New Jersey and New York, the Port of Authority is ripping us off with a toll increase of 50 percent.

Not only is it going to cost more to go from New Jersey to New York, the costs of goods and services that depend on the tunnels and bridges are going to go up, by as much or more.

This is just another cruel tax. Please write the governors of New Jersey and New York and the Federal Highway Administration to veto this senseless hike in the toll.

J. Billy Verplanck, Clifton

Letter to the Editor, ASBURY PARK PRESS, March 27, 1975

**NO VALID ARGUMENTS**

Socialists inevitably attack capitalism and the Free market by means of predictably fallacious arguments which are not logical arguments, but ways of evading the issues.

Observe the common element of these paraphrased assertions: individual ownership is "unrealistic, regressive and reactionary"; individual production is an "outworn conservative lust"; capitalism is little more than a process of "eking out survival from the reluctant dung-heaps of the earth." This is typical socialist jargon. Nothing is refuted, nothing proven.

It is curious that those who so vociferously praise the merits of socialism and the "advantages of social production and the abundance it has produced" seldom seek the "truly good life" in Red China, Soviet Russia, Poland, East Germany, and Cuba. I wonder why so many risk death every day attempting escape from those havens of "democratic, industrial government."

They must be reactionary individualists. They just do not know what is good for them, do they?

JACK CONARD, Toms River

**ATTENTION, TEACHERS**

Wie wood eneeewun deezier too teech hiz or her chield ITA (inishul teeching alfabet)?

This iz espeshullee cruel too noo Americans hoo trie too lern the languaj uv ther noo cuntree.

Robert A. Steiner, Westfield

Ed. Bob enclosed the following explanatory note: "ITA" is being taught to first-graders in some "public schools" instead of English. Even its proponents admit that programs like Sesame Street and Electric Company "cause some confusion". What causes the confusion — Sesame Street and Electric Company which teach them to read, write, and spell correctly, or ITA, wich teechez them too reed, riet, and spell raung?

Letter to the Editor, SUNDAY STAR LEDGER, April 27, 1975

**GOVERNOR'S TAX REPLIES FOUND LACKING**

Gov. Byrne has been making a big show during the last few days of going to the people to talk to them about the proposed state income tax. Apparently he wants us to believe that he cares what we, the citizen-taxpayers, think about this issue. But, in Paramus, the Governor did not answer the citizens' questions.

When a recent poll was cited "that 62 percent of New Jerseyans oppose any new taxes to balance next year's budget and 55 per cent are strongly opposed to an income tax," and he was asked how he intended to change the minds of the people. He did not answer the question!

When asked just how far he intended to go in his quest for our money — was he going to stop at 60 per cent — or 90 per cent, he did not answer the question!

When asked if he sincerely wants to know what the people want, why doesn't he support the assembly resolution to place the issue on the ballot as a public referendum, he did not answer the question!

Why didn't the Governor (our public servant) answer the peoples' questions? Could it be that he doesn't really care what we think! Could it be that he is afraid to allow us to vote on this issue because then there would be no doubt in anyone's mind that the people do not want the income tax, but the Governor is trying to force it upon us!

Kathy McAdam, Newark

**COUNTERCON II**

Three-day Memorial Weekend Conference (May 23-26) at Camp Mohawk in the Berkshires. Seminars on Hyperinflationary Depression, Coming Mideast War, Tax Resistance, Alternative Enterprises and Self-Liberation.

Speakers: Robert Lefevre, Charles Curley, Dennis Turner, Sam Konkin, and Ken Kalcheim.

\$75 per person including room, board, snacks, parties, and all camp recreation facilities. Make checks payable and mail to J.Neil Schulman, 180 West End Ave., Apt 7-C, N.Y., N.Y. 10023.

**RENE BAXTER LETTER**

In his fortnightly economic newsletter, Rene Baxter replied as follows to an irate letter-writer who condemned as illegal and ethically immoral his plan to use silver coins to defer capital gains. (The letter had stated "I want no part of a rip-off of this country, however many faults it may have."):

"Repeat after me 25 times: 'I am NOT a sacrificial animal. I am NOT a sacrificial animal. I am NOT.....'. Legally and morally your right to your life, liberty and property is ABSOLUTE. In a civilized society ALL human relationships are VOLUNTARY. Since I have no right to your life, liberty or property, there is no way I can delegate that right to any government I may create. Government, according to the Constitution, has only those rights delegated to it by its citizens.

"THERE IS NO WAY THE GOVERNMENT CAN LEGALLY OR MORALLY ARROGATE TO ITSELF THE 'RIGHT' TO YOUR OR ANYONE ELSE'S LIFE, LIBERTY OR PROPERTY. In other words, taxation is THEFT, the draft is SLAVERY, and political liquidation is MURDER.

"You have it exactly backward: if you manage to hold on to part or all of your property, you aren't 'ripping-off' the government. When the government takes your property at gunpoint (or the threat of it), your fellow citizens, under the fiction of government 'legality' are ripping YOU off. You were not put on earth to serve the state. The state was created to serve you and to protect your rights, not to violate them.

"This point of view is neither 'liberal' nor 'conservative'. It's libertarian, and a direct response to the steadily increasing power of the American Police State. I love this country for what it once was, and perhaps can be again — but I hate what it has become. I'm doing everything I can to make it a decent place for free men to live. Unless you want to live in a socialist slave pen I suggest you do the same."

Rene Baxter Letter, 3/14/75, 4045 East Palm Lane, Phoenix, Arizona 85005, \$75 per year.

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We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life — accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action — accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property — accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.



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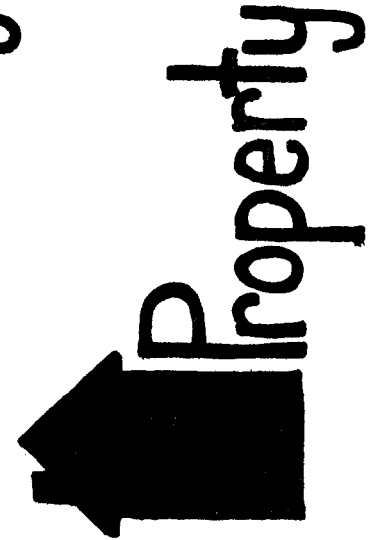
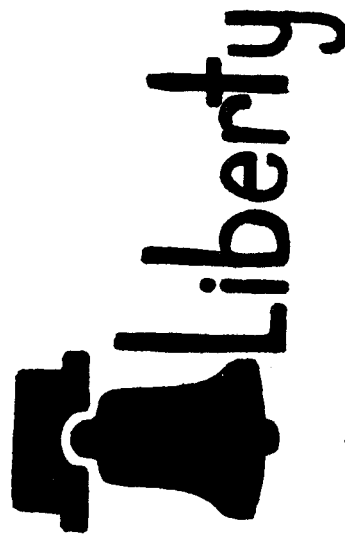
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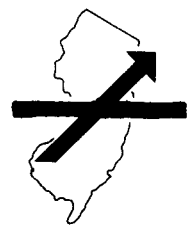
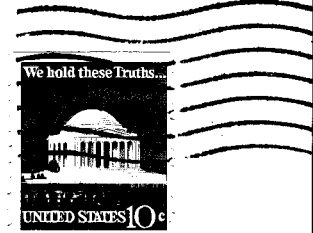
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