

THE PETITION DRIVE

by Tom Avery

During the next few weeks the Greenberg for Governor Campaign will swing into full gear. The petition drive to get independent candidates (that's us) on the ballot in November begins on August 8th and lasts until mid-September.

The importance of the petition drive cannot be over-emphasized. If we want to have a serious campaign we have to get on the ballot and if we want to get on the ballot we have to get at least 20,000 valid signatures on our nominating petitions in a period of about five weeks. In addition, New York Election Law requires us to collect at least 100 of these signatures from each of half of the Congressional Districts in New York State. Finally, these signatures must be "processed" (election districts, etc. filled in), bound and filed with the Board of Elections in Albany before the deadline.

The FLP has run several successful petition drives in the past and veteran FLPers have learned a lot about them.

Experience has shown that we need about twice as many signatures as legally required (i.e., about 40,000) to scare off a challenge by any major party heavies who want to knock us off the ballot.



Gary Greenberg with 1974 Nobel Laureate (economics) Friedrich Hayek.

If every member of the FLP collects only 100 signatures in the first week (your humble editor has managed to do that in a single day, troops) we will be home free.

Alas, experience has also shown that this is not likely to happen. So we are asking that every member make a commitment (if possible) to work two nights and one weekend day every week for three weeks on the petition drive. Those who can afford to, are also asked to contribute money to hire full-time petitioners. If you cannot collect signatures yourself, come to the FLP office or contact your local coordinator (see below) and volunteer to process petitions.

This is the time when our campaigns get off the ground. If you want to read articles like the one on page 2 in your local newspaper this fall, pitch in now and help us win a spot
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A FULL STATEWIDE SLATE!

One of the key goals of the Greenberg for Governor Campaign is to rebuild the FLP all over New York State. In the early spring, Gary began looking for running mates from different parts of the State so that each area could have a statewide candidate to focus on during the campaign. We hope to help build strong organizations outside of New York City that will last beyond the election in November.

Finally, we can announce a slate that includes two women, one candidate from the Rochester area and one from Nassau County on Long Island.

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JACKIE HAYES JOINS
GREENBERG CAMPAIGN
by Tom Avery

With more than 20 years of editorial and public relations experience, writer Jackie Hayes has offered to assist the FLP in getting the libertarian message across to black audiences.

"Neither the Democratic nor the Republican Party has been responsive to minority needs," said Hayes, adding "Black people need to know that an alternative exists."

Concerned about the failure of government anti-poverty programs, Jackie has become interested in
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Greenberg: A Close Race Will Hurt Us...

By PAUL LaDOLCE

Gary Greenberg hopes that New York voters will rally behind either Gov. Hugh L. Carey or Long Island Assemblyman Perry Duryea in the coming months because that will help his gubernatorial bid and the Libertarian Party he represents.

"A close race will hurt us, while a landslide, one way or the other, will help us," Greenberg said Sunday during a visit to Cortland to meet with his party's state committee.

But Greenberg said it's "hard to tell" just how well he will do in the November elections. The party's candidate for governor in 1974, Jerry Tuccille, got only 10,000 votes. And the Libertarian Party, although growing, is not recognized in New York as an official political party because of the state's election laws.

The New York City trial attorney hopes to get at least 50,000 votes this fall because that will automatically put the party's name on the ballot for the next gubernatorial race and petition drives would no longer be necessary.

Greenberg will be trying in mid-August or September to get 20,000 "good" names which will put his name on the ballot for this year's governor's race.

"Many people are not going to listen to us the first time, the second time, the third time," he told supporters yesterday. "The

fourth time, they may argue with us ... the seventh time, they'll make contributions."

Just how much money Greenberg will need to wage an effective campaign, he didn't know yesterday.

"There's running for governor and being noticed and there's running for governor and being greatly noticed," he said with a smile.

He wants to raise at least \$200,000 from Libertarians across the country and use \$50,000 for radio and television advertising. Media coverage will definitely help his efforts, he said.

Greenberg attended a Pennsylvania fundraiser Friday night and stopped off yesterday morning in Syracuse for interviews with three major television stations before his afternoon reception here.

The three major issues, according to Greenberg, and the ones on which he will concentrate are crime, the New York City fiscal crisis and the state's anti-business attitude.

Crime, he said yesterday, could be cut by 60 to 80 percent if heroin addicts could get what they need at a pharmacy with a doctor's prescription. That percentage of burglaries, robberies and muggings are committed by heroin addicts who have "no way to support" their

\$100 to \$200 a day habit, except to steal, he said. The law now "forces" the addict into a life of crime, he said.

He admitted that many people will "blanch" at the thought of legalizing heroin. But if these and other victimless crime laws were abolished, the now-crowded courts could begin to deal with the "real" crimes, he said.

He added that New York City alone has 500,000 arrests each year which tends to make plea bargaining the rule, rather than the exception.

"Let's hit the real, violent people and isolate them from society," he urged.

Greenberg is opposed to a federal bailout of New York City because it will cause a "nation-wide chain reaction."

Many cities, including New York, spent and spent and spent in the past and then "passed the buck to the next generation," he said. We are that generation, he told supporter, and "now we have to pay the piper."

"The city will have to suffer under its own weight," he concluded. As for those who bought city bonds, "they ought to be taught a lesson not to support the bond system."

Under a federal bailout plan, upstate's will be paying for New York City's mistakes, he noted.

Referring to New York City Mayor Edward Koch, Greenberg

said, "Let him pick up the bill for his stupidity."

Greenberg said he doesn't believe in bond financing for government and feels government should operate on a pay-as-you-go basis.

He knocked the high wages paid many New York City municipal workers and suggested that such jobs be delegated to the lowest bidder.

The candidate feels that Brooklyn, Queens and the rest of Long Island should be a separate state. With its population, it would be the eighth largest state in the country, he said.

Staten Island "already thinks it's part of New Jersey" and should be part of the Garden State, he went on. Bronx might as well remain part of New York because it is "an offshoot of Westchester, anyway," he said.

The result would be a "better geographical arrangement" and would "get rid of the city" at the same time, he said.

Greenberg said that "survey after survey" has concluded that New York State is the "most anti-business state" in the country due, in part, to its high taxes.

A recent survey by Money magazine, he said, revealed that six of the 10 fastest growing cities in the country are located in Texas. The cost of living is much lower in Texas compared to New York and there is virtually no unemployment, he noted.

"New York has to become a tax haven, a place where business wants to go to, not escape from," he insisted.

To bring this about, Greenberg would make Manhattan an international free trading zone where industries would not have to pay taxes. "Businesses would clamor to get there," he predicted.

Industries could also be encouraged to locate and build in areas of the fire-gutted South Bronx, he added.

Turning to other issues, Greenberg said he would eliminate all "coercive" taxes on such things as medicine, food and clothing.

He would also allow people to indicate on their income tax forms where they would like their money spent. For example, right-to-lifers would then not have to fund abortions if they chose, he said.

Useless programs at the state and federal levels would be shut down as a result, he said.

He attacked schools as "part-time prisons designed to keep children off the streets" and predicted that illiteracy would drop significantly with their abolishment.

Greenberg met with supporters yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Brokaw at 39 Prospect Terrace. Mrs. Brokaw is Greenberg's campaign coordinator for the nine-county Cen-

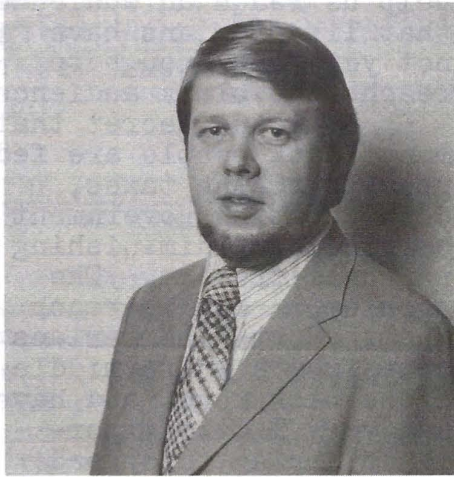
tral New York region.

Other campaign organizers include Mike Kessler for the Capital area, Dave Hoesly for the Western New York region and Tom Frederick for the metropolitan New York area.

Greenberg said his campaign organization consists of about 40 core people, most of whom come from the New York City area. Wilbur Wong heads up the statewide campaign. Ziglinda Kress is his press secretary. Bill Costello is his finance chairman.

The Libertarian Party candidate plans to visit the Albany area on June 17 and make trips to Buffalo and Rochester during July to garner support.

After the petition drive, he plans to visit other areas of the state by private plane, he said.



Jim Franz for Lieutenant Governor!

The FLP candidate for Lieutenant Governor is James Franz, a computer programmer from Rochester, New York.

Born in Chicago, Jim has been active in the LP in New York since 1975. He worked in the MacBride petition drive in 1976 and has been active since then in the Genesee Region Chapter of the FLP. (The Rochester-Buffalo area was the strongest vote-getting area of New York for the MacBride/Bergland ticket.)

The FLP candidate for Attorney General of New York State is Manhattan attorney and veteran FLP activist Dolores Grande.

Dolores has been the Treasurer of the Party and was also the Treasurer of the Tuccille Campaign in 1974. In 1977 she was the FLP candidate for Manhattan District Attorney and led the Party ticket in Manhattan.

The FLP candidate for New York State Comptroller is Nassau County businesswoman Judith White.

Although Judy has become active in the LP only recently, she began her activities in the libertarian movement at Brooklyn College in the early 1960s, where she and Gary Greenberg were members of the Society of Capitalists. That group brought to Brooklyn College such free market speakers as Ayn Rand, Nathaniel Branden, Ludwig von Mises, John Hospers, Alan Greenspan and others.

A graduate of Brooklyn College with a degree in economics, Judy was once a liberal Democrat but changed her religion to libertarianism before the Libertarian Party was born.

NEWS DIGEST

In addition to radio and television interviews the Greenberg for Governor Campaign can boast of several newspaper articles, many of them generated by Gary's upstate trip in early June.

(Experience has shown that we can expect more newspaper coverage outside of New York City. Consequently, Gary plans several upstate tours after the petition drive is over.)

Here are some excerpts from some of the newspaper articles on the campaign:

"Greenberg strongly advocates the repeal of all victimless crime laws and the end of coercive taxation and he opposes the Westway Highway Project in New York City and a federal bail-out of the crisis-plagued New York City government."
CORTLAND STANDARD 5/31

" 'My first official act as Governor will be to pardon all those imprisoned in New York State for offenses involving gambling, marijuana, pornography and other victimless crimes.' "
SCHENECTADY GAZETTE 4/78

" 'New York has to become a tax haven' the candidate contended, 'a place where business wants to go to, not escape from.' "
SYRACUSE POST-STANDARD 6/5/78

"Greenberg blamed the over-crowded American courtrooms and the prevalence of plea-bargaining on the prosecution of victimless crimes."
CITIZEN-STANDARD 6/7/78

"He attacked (public) schools as 'part-time prisons designed to keep children off the street and predicted that ill-literacy would drop significantly with their abolishment."
CORTLAND STANDARD 6/5/78

"Asked what his response is to Democrats and Republicans jumping on the tax revolt bandwagon, he replied 'It's easy to talk about it. But if they're so concerned,' he asked, 'why aren't they moving to permit the initiative in New York?' "
SCHENECTADY GAZETTE 6/19/78

This, of course, is only a sampling but it shows that we are being listened to. FLP members can help by clipping out any newspaper or magazine articles on the campaign and sending them to us. Anytime you see any news media coverage of the campaign, spread the word.

CAMPAIGN NOTES

The campaign desperately needs volunteer typists to work either at home or in the FLP office. We also need to know of anyone who has a car available to run short errands on quick notice. Contact FLP headquarters at 354-0292. ...We are now producing our first one-minute radio commercials and expect to start running them in the Buffalo, Rochester and Albany areas by the beginning of the petition drive... Fundraising to date has been encouraging but we are still running well below our target budget for the campaign. So far, about 125 people have contributed almost \$5,000. We need at least \$5,000 more by mid-August and another \$5,000 by the end of the petition drive in mid-September. As part of this effort, over 6,000 packets are being mailed (as of this writing) across the country to the LP's past contributors. Projections from our earlier mailings indicate the new drive should bring us close to our goals for the petition drive... Gary will speak at the LP national convention in Boston over the Labor Day Weekend. There will also be a multi-media fundraising production during the convention, courtesy of John Doswell. ...Several press releases have been sent out by the campaign supporting Proposition 13, asking for referenda in New York State on income, sales and property taxes and calling for public referenda on all wage increases in civil ser-

vice contracts. We have also called for an across-the-board cut in salaries for all elected and appointed officials and all civil servants. We demanded a \$20,000 ceiling, with all other salaries to be scaled down from there... The FLP office is now open several nights a week and Wednesday nights will be utilized for open campaign discussions among any interested members... Gary will be making radio, television and newspaper appearances in the Rochester-Buffalo area from August 3rd through August 6th. There will also be a picnic that weekend. For further information, contact Dave Hoesly at (716) 671-2077.

JACKIE HAYES

(Continued from page 1) studying about economic solutions to minority group problems. The Chicago-born writer has helped promote the expansion of minority-owned businesses and has a wide background in the civil rights field.

Jackie has worked with such leaders as Martin Luther King, Jr. and Dr. Thomas Matthews, head of the National Economic Growth and Reconstruction Organization (N.E.G.R.O.) Already he has introduced Gary to prominent leaders in the black community and plans to set up a reception for Gary to meet other influential black leaders.

No one is more aware than Jackie that nobody can "deliver" black votes, or promise new black membership to the FLP but that is not his goal. He seeks

instead to use his knowledge and experience to help us reach an audience that libertarians have not yet done enough to reach: the black audience.

It is no secret that many black people are fed up with rising taxes, deteriorating government services and diminishing personal freedom. The problem is how to reach them. Most libertarians come from a white middle class background and have had very little experience trying to spread the gospel outside of the narrow circles they are familiar with.

It is time for this to change.

As many libertarians, black and white, have pointed out, there is no reason why libertarianism should be considered a movement of, by and for America's white middle class. The challenge before us is to bring the word to everyone who has suffered from government policies and few people, if any, have suffered more than the black community.

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(Continued from page 1) on the ballot in November. You will receive several petition sheets, along with a set of instructions, in the mail. The Petition Drive Coordinators are:

CAPITOL DISTRICT:

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Dottie-Lou Brokaw
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WESTERN DISTRICT:

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