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NEWSLETTER OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF PENNSYLVANIA

"I don't imagine you will dispute the fact that at present the stupid people are in an absolutely overwhelming majority all the world over. But, good Lord!- you can never pretend that it is right that the stupid folk should govern the clever ones!"

-Henrik Ibsen, An Enemy of the People

## REGIONAL REPORTS

### Western

The meeting of the Allegheny County members was held at the home of Fred Hoffstadt on February 9th.

Fred Hoffstadt will begin writing the Constitution and Bylaws for the chapter. He also appointed Bob Murphy chairman pro tem of affiliating chapter. The members drafted a brief statement regarding "Skybus", a controversial county mass transit issue, to be released to the local press.

The next meeting will be held March 9th at the home of Bob and Bertha Murphy, 1203 Greentree Rd., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15220 - (412) 563-4347.

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## Delaware Valley

Gerry Morris and Olga Chauncey participated in a 4 hour radio broadcast on Ken Boehm's audience participation, talk show on station WEEZ in Chester, Pa.

Although there is some question as to the effectiveness of our presentation, partially because of our inexperience and partly because of the type of questions which were generated by our initial presentation, there was a constant flood of inquiries and comments about our philosophy during the entire 4 hour period.

For anyone else in the IP who plans to make an appearance under similar circumstances; the most valuable strategy that was learned from this experience is that we must keep the upper hand and be sure to direct the conversation to our advantage.

We found ourselves locked into long conversations concerning drug and obscenity laws, which of course are important, but we completely lost an opportunity to discuss the IP views on economics.

In retrospect, we observe certain questions could have been swayed to our advantage had we been more experienced.

Nonetheless, we would recommend that any libertarian take advantage of such media exposure. We can never regret our efforts in the area of experience gained.

There are no plans for a local meeting in the Philadelphia area this month. DVC will be notified of upcoming activities in a separate letter. Any inquiries can be directed to Olga Chauncey, 1271 Irma Rd., Warmminster, Pa. 18974 - (215) 672-0932. O.C.

## Central

The February meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter was poorly attended due to lousy weather. It was noted that the committees which were formed three months ago to accomplish various tasks have not been very productive, and also that

consideration should be given to running a candidate in the '75 municipal elections, possibly for the office of Justice of the Peace. Gary Shoemaker resigned as Chairman of the chapter (although he plans to remain active in the IP) producing an interesting procedural question, since the chapter has no constitution under which to elect a new Chairman. Roy Euvrard offered to ponder the Constitutional problem

and present suggestions at the next meeting to be held March 13th at JoAnne Chernow's.

## LEGISLATION

DO YOUR CONGRESSMAN (WOMAN) A FAVOR...

...Inform him (her) of libertarian positions on the following bills pending in Harrisburg:

HOUSE BILL 132 heaps sexism on stupidity by requiring a matron trained in first aid

to be on school buses at all times, in addition to requiring seat belts, safety straps for wheel chairs, and roof emergency exits on all buses. (According to my dictionary, there is no way a matron can be a man. Aren't any of you men indignant at this flagrant discrimination?)

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SENATE BILL 27 provides for \$4,500,000 of your money to be used by the Department of Transportation "for promotion and improvement of transportation facilities and service in order to restrain congestion and enhance mobility for tourists visiting American Bicentennial Historical Sites". The funds will be used; among other things, to distribute brochures and build an aerial cable car across the Schuylkill River at Valley Forge. Wouldn't it be a good occasion to emulate George Washington and take a dinky little boat instead?

SENATE BILL 18 gives the PUC blanket power to regulate Community Antenna Television Systems, while extending to the CATV Company the powers of eminent domain when deemed necessary by the PUC.

HOUSE BILLS 10 & 31, and SENATE BILL 36 create a bureaucracy to establish and maintain a Crime Victims' Compensation Board which would provide compensation not to exceed \$15,000 to innocent victims of crimes, nor to exceed \$20,000 to survivors in the case of the death of the victim. \$200,000 of your money would be appropriated for this act; it hasn't occurred to them yet to make the criminal pay.

ANYONE can get a copy of any bill pending in Harrisburg by writing Legislative Reference Bureau, P. O. Box 1127, Harrisburg 17120. Almost everything under consideration falls under a plank in either the National or State LP platforms. Pending legislation is also a good topic for writing letters-to-the-editor.

## *Miscellany*

Governor Shapp, in his State-of-the-State message to Congress, has announced some impressively bureaucratic goals for 75-76, among which are:

- a drive for a Constitutional amendment to permit a graduated state income tax (establishing a "fairer tax program", of course);
- legislation to establish state control over increasing health care costs by curbing construction or expansion of "unneeded" facilities (and if the law of the State won't solve the problem, we suggest he try the law of supply-and-demand);
- more laws limiting campaign spending (the old get-on-the-band wagon tactic).

The State Executive Committee will be voting this month on a date for the '75 State convention- June 21st has been offered for consideration. Anyone who has a suggestion for a place for said convention should contact State Headquarters with details. The last convention, besides attracting favorable publicity both in and out of the LP, was financially profitable for the host chapter. Highlight of this year's convention will be the election of delegates for the '75 National Convention to be held in New York City in September.

Vivien Kellems, a long-time crusader against unfair taxation, died last month in Santa Monica, California. Ms. Kellems paid only part of her federal income tax from 1967 to 1971 and none for 1972 & 1973. The basis for her refusal was government discrimination by taxing her (a single person) at a higher rate than married individuals. She claimed the government owed her \$83,000 in overpaid taxes and interest accumulating over 20 years "because I couldn't get a husband".

## Issue of the Month: ERA RATIFICATION

Only four more state legislatures need to approve the Equal Rights Amendment before it becomes part of the Constitution. Be prepared to take advantage of the occasion with news releases, letters-to-the-editor, and talk show discussions.

Don't hesitate to note the varying degrees of havoc the Amendment could cause because of government intervention in a wide range of social activities (e.g., schools, minority hiring regulations, etc.). A good opportunity to discuss individual rights and equality under the law.