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## BICENTENNIAL CONVENTION A SMASHING SUCCESS

The NJLP has moved into high gear with an outstandingly successful convention. Over 70% of the members participated in at least some part of the event, with dinner attendance topping the 100 mark. Convention Manager Dan Piro credited the turnout to a better party organization and, improved communications. Said Piro, "1975 has been a turnaround year. We're bringing goals into focus and acting accordingly. The assembly campaigns sparked new interest in this movement, and the newsletter has become a valuable medium for spreading the word about all the exciting things the NJLP is doing. In addition, we promoted the convention. This included a good deal of personal promoting using the telephone."

The convention was warmly welcomed by Matawan Mayor Victor Armellino. The mayor subsequently demonstrated his libertarian sentiments by endorsing Roger MacBride for President. Guy Riggs followed the mayor with a dramatic keynote speech on the meaning of the Declaration of Independence in our lives.

After doing so much listening, the members were ready to talk. They entered into lengthy discussion on the wording of an amendment to the NJLP platform. The amendment consisted of NJLP positions on issues at the state level. A version was finally approved after the luncheon recess.

LP presidential candidate Roger MacBride addresses banquet guests at the NJLP Annual Convention.

(Photo by Dave Klein)

Howard Katz, national chairman of the Committee to Establish the Gold Standard, was the luncheon speaker. He presented a brilliant political theory based on the premise that a split between the values of liberty and benevolence was brought about during the past 100 to 150 years.

After the matter of the platform amendment was settled, the three remaining tasks faced by the convention were the selection of new officers, the approval of 1976 goals, and the nomination of congressional candidates.

Bill Schetlick who was unanimously re-elected as chairperson said he hopes to continue working on a part-time job so that he can devote as much time as possible to NJLP business. He emphasized the great need for funds to finance the increasing activities during the coming year. (Ed. Bill won't be able to continue his outstanding job unless we can raise money to pay for the increased amount of postage, telephoning, stationery, etc. needed to maintain contacts with the media, members, college groups, etc.)

Rounding out the slate were three new officers and one incumbent. In the NJLP spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm, they ran unopposed. Jane Rhmke was a holdover as Treasurer, while Sam Brown (Vice-chairperson), Lois Grzenda (Recording Secretary), and Walter Swirsky (Executive Secretary) joined the State Committee for the first time.

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## INTRODUCING OUR STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### BILL SCHELICK (CHAIRPERSON)

Bill is a graduate of Kean College, NJ and holds three undergraduate degrees: political science, history, and philosophy. He was elected chairperson of the NJLP in Feb. '75 and was reelected unanimously this year. During the past few months, Bill has been holding a part-time job which enables him to spend a great deal of time working for the MacBride campaign and for the NJLP.

### SAM BROWN (VICE CHAIRPERSON)

Very enthused about the LP, Sam joined in 1975 and is Vice President of Libertarians of Ocean County and is running for Congress in the 6th District. A former federal, state, and local government employee who worked in the agriculture department, the prison system, and school teaching, Sam is now a self-employed entrepreneur with activities in writing, publishing, tutoring, and flea markets.

### JACK CONARD (CHAIR - LIBERTARIANS OF OCEAN COUNTY)

Jack joined the NJLP in 1974 but was interested in libertarianism a few years before that. In 1975, he was the libertarian candidate for the state assembly in the 9th District, created the LQ (Libertarian Quotient) brochure, and was an alternate delegate to the National Convention. An independent insurance adjuster, Jack lives in Toms River with his wife and 2 children in a home which he constructed from the ground up.

### RALPH FUCETOLA (STATE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE)

Active in the libertarian movement since 1969, Ralph is beginning his third year as an NJLP State Committee Representative by petition. An attorney-at-law in North Arlington, he was a member of the 1975 National LP Platform Committee and the chair of the NJ Platform Committee. A Director of the Federation of NJ Taxpayers, Ralph has been an outstanding spokesman on radio and tv in statements against taxation.

### WILLIAM GEORGE (STATE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE)

One of the founders of the NJLP, Bill is beginning his second term as a State Committee Representative. He was a delegate to the 1974 Dallas Convention and an alternate delegate to the 1975 National Convention. He served on the 1976 NJLP Convention Committee and is currently on the NJLP Screening Committee.

A reporter for THE NEWS TRIBUNE, Bill is the editor and publisher of AGAINST THE WALL and the founder of the Libertarian Press Service.

### LOIS GRZENDA (RECORDING SECRETARY)

A former member of New Libertarian Alliance, Lois has been an active NJLP member since she joined in April 1975. She was an alternate delegate to the 1975 National Convention in New York City. Lois is a computer programmer.

### KEN KAPLAN (CHAIR - ESSEX COUNTY LIBERTARIANS)

In 1975 Ken was the libertarian candidate for the state assembly in District 26 and an alternate delegate to the LP National Convention. At the February NJLP Annual Convention, he led the workshop on Local Level Activities and County Organizations. A lawyer, businessman and comedy writer, Ken received his BA cum laude from Brandeis Univ. and graduated from NYU Law School. He's planning a March 1976 wedding.

### DAVE KLEIN (CHAIR - BERGEN COUNTY LIBERTARIANS)

A former political science student at Montclair State, Dave was Dan Piro's campaign manager in the 1975 state assembly race and is now serving on the Screening Committee. In 1974, as an independent, he received about 16% of the vote for the Council of Bergenfield as Hal Cundari's running mate. Formerly on the photography staff of THE BERGEN RECORD and THE STAR LEDGER, Dave is now doing free lance photography and is starting his own photo restoration business.

### KATHLEEN MCADAM (STATE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE)

Editor of the NJ LIBERTARIAN and the Region 7 Representative to the National LP Executive Committee, Kathy has been a member of the NJLP since 1973. She served as Executive Secretary in 1974, as Recording Secretary in 1975, was a delegate to the 1974 & 1975 LP National Conventions and is currently on the Screening Committee. Kathy is a Life Sustaining Member of the National LP and is also a member of the Federation of NJ Taxpayers, the National Taxpayers Union, the Society for Individual Liberty, and the Essex County Libertarian Committee. Kathy is an analyst-programmer in Newark.

### DAN PIRO (STATE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE)

Beginning a second term as an NJLP State Committee Representative, Dan was an active candidate in 1975 for the state assembly in the 37th District. He also served as the Chairman of the 1976 NJLP Convention Committee, was an alternate delegate to the 1975 LP National Convention, and was the principle author of the new NJLP By-Laws. Dan is a financial and operations management consultant.

### JANE REHMKE (TREASURER)

Jane has been one of the most active members in the NJLP since she joined in 1973. She served as Exec. Secretary and Chairperson and is now beginning her second year as Treasurer. She is also the Chairperson of the Screening Committee.

Jane was the Region 7 Representative to the National LP Executive Committee in 1975 and was a delegate to the 1974 and 1975 National Conventions. She is a Life Member of the National LP.

A laboratory technician at Sandoz Colors & Chemicals, Jane has recently completed her studies as an economics major at Rutgers University.

### WALTER SWIRSKY (EXECUTIVE SECRETARY)

A self-employed sales consultant, Walt joined the NJLP in 1975 and is a member of the National LP and the Monmouth County Libertarians. He's 36 years old, married to his best friend, and the father of three children. Walt was endorsed by the NJLP for Congress in the Third District.

### RON WISHART (CHAIR - MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBERTARIANS)

In 1975, Ron was the libertarian candidate for the state assembly in District 11 and an alternate delegate to the National Convention. Formerly an associate vice chairman of the NJ Young Republicans, he joined the NJLP in 1972 and is a Life Member of the National LP. Ron is the production operations manager of the NY DAILY NEWS.

LIBERTARIANS OF OCEAN COUNTY:REPORT ON  
JANUARY 7th ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Acting Chairman, Jack Conard, conducted a two hour meeting at Ocean County Courthouse in Toms River on January 7th for the purpose of forming an Ocean County Committee of the N.J.L.P. Notice of the meeting had been mailed to nearly 100 people. Although only eighteen people attended, five became new members.

Conard began a discussion of motivation by attempting to relate each person's employment or occupation to some current infringement by government, thereby demonstrating that virtually no one in the room could escape the systematic reduction in their liberty to exist and produce as free and peaceful individuals.

Bill Schetlick gave a brief rundown on the MacBride petition drive and campaign activities, and asked for support of L.O.C. in obtaining plenty of signatures.

Elections were held for officers and the by-laws were adopted. Jack Conard was elected Chairman, Sam Brown, vice-Chairman, Bill Brown, Secretary, and Al Shaia, Treasurer.

At least two newspapers carried the press release on the meeting and two printed the follow-up release on the results of the meeting. The follow-up release was held until after the January 14th General Meeting in East Brunswick so that additional credibility could be added to the release in mentioning the pending State Committee approval. Conard wishes to remind other county committees to publicize their meetings and make them open to the public at all times. "We must remember that, as a political party, we are seeking the support of the voting citizens, and to gain it, we must remain highly visible and accessible," Conard points out.

"The N.J.L.P. is not going to mature as a viable alternative until we are firmly established on the local and county levels-- the place where the tough, nitty-gritty political problems are going to be solved," said Conard. "And the major task of the county chairperson is to convince the public in his area that libertarians mean business."

**PSYCHIC PREDICTS L.O.C. SUCCESS?**

The following excerpts from THE REPORTER January 7th, 1976 provided an interesting anecdote at the Libertarians of Ocean County meeting on that date.

Under an article entitled "Psychic Predicts New Plan For County Police Network", Elisabeth, the psychic, says, "'I don't know, but I see a real upheaval in Dover politics. (Ed. Dover Township is in Ocean County) I see lots of shakeups and changes. Mind you, I know nothing about politics, but I just feel this.' She reflects a moment thoughtfully and goes on, 'I don't know why, it almost looks like a third party is moving into town. Anyway, things will change drastically.'"

Then, on the same page about three inches down from that article appeared the following as headlined: LIBERTARIANS ORGANIZE AS POLITICAL PARTY-- "The New Jersey Libertarian Party held an organizational meeting of the Libertarians of Ocean County in Toms River. Acting committee chairman is John J Conard, a defeated Assembly candidate on the Libertarian ticket." ETC!??

**S-1: LEGALIZED**



**POLICE STATE?**

Bill Schetlick, chairperson of the NJLP, recently attended a meeting of groups opposed to a bill in the Senate, S-1. The bill, if passed, would have vicious effects on the right of an individual to protest the actions of the government, especially with regard to military endeavors, and would bring about censorship of the media.

The groups represented were many, but the main participants were: the ACLU, NOW, and SCAR. The meeting was generally designed to organize literature and to establish a thrust of attack. Bill, in an effort to get organized, offered to review literature proposals and to start press relations. It was decided that the Coalition would use the literature developed by NCARL (National Coalition Against Repressive Legislation) with slight modification and would distribute it with a petition campaign.

Anyone seeking information about the Coalition or S-1 should contact Bill at the NJLP headquarters at (201) 678-4988.



**ATTENTION -- NEW PHONE NUMBERS**

Bill Schetlick (201) 374-9733  
NJLP Office (201) 678-4988

**Robert A. Steiner**

**STEINER APPOINTED LIBSIG CHAIR**

Bob Steiner has just been appointed National Chair of LibSig, the National Libertarian Organization in Mensa.

Bob, a Lifetime Member of the LP, was a founder and first Chair of the NJLP, and ran for Congress in 1974.

Within Mensa, Bob has spread the word of libertarianism and the LP across the country. He has had articles published in various newsletters, has given talks at various local meetings, has given seminars at Regional Conventions, and presented a seminar at the Annual Convention of Mensa in 1975.

The immediate observable results of these activities has been the generation of much interest and the turning over to the LP of names of many persons interested in receiving more information.

The main result, accomplished with much credit to LibSig founder Dick Radford, has been: "... There aren't many places left in the organization where knee-jerk collectivism still rules discussions of social philosophy."

With Dick staying on as editor, and with Bob assuming the duties of the Chair, there are bright prospects for the future dissemination of the ideas of libertarianism within Mensa.

# LP Platform - NJ Addendum

# BICENTENNIAL CONVENTION

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The systemic crisis of statism in America is no where more evident than here in New Jersey.

Cancerous government, a collapsing economy, confiscatory taxation and massive unemployment all lead to the conclusion that politics as usual, the politics of spend, spend, elect, elect (tax, tax) has failed. It is time to seek solutions to social problems which remove the deadening hand of government control from our lives.

We propose to move forward on four broad fronts:

- the crisis of state spending,
- the crisis of local autonomy,
- the crisis of accountability, and
- the economic crisis.

First, total state spending in New Jersey has exploded by over 2,500% in 30 years: we call for a constitutional limit to state spending and a yearly reduction of the budget by at least 1% (our "One Percent for Freedom" program. State taxes on a per capita basis have soared by more than 250% in a decade (while per capita income was up only 97%): we call for a freeze on higher taxes with meaningful tax-rollback in 1976, including the repeal of the so-called "unearned" income tax.

Second, local communities are losing even the semblance of local autonomy: we call for a reversal of this trend by (1) repealing any legislation which denies local citizens control of their schools, such as the "thorough & efficient" Education Act of 1975 as a step toward the abolition of government control of schools; (2) re-enacting and expanding the recently repealed provisions of N.J.S. 40A:9-165 that permitted local voters to challenge local government salary increases by referendum; and, (3) repealing all state and regional land and sea use restrictions as a first step toward a free market in real property.

Third, that the governor and state legislature be held more directly and immediately accountable for their actions, especially in the areas of taxation and spending, by amending the state constitution to allow broad uses of the citizen powers of initiative, referendum, and recall.

Fourth, though the economic crisis is largely a creation of the Federal government's debasement of the dollar, New Jersey's unsound policies have caused the depression to be more serious here than in other, less regulated state economies. We call for the repeal of victimless crime laws, of taxes and restrictions, of subsidies and monopolies -- especially on trade and production -- so that New Jersey becomes a center of liberty, a tax and free trade haven to attract an expanding commerce and production to improve the quality of life for all of us.

With steps such as these, it is possible to begin to return control over our lives to all New Jersians during this bicentennial year. In 1776, New Jersians raised the banner of Liberty against the citadel of Power: we too stand ready to struggle as ceaselessly as they to regain the Liberty they won and lost.

In addition to the officers, three state committee representatives-at-large were selected. Dan Piro and Kathy McAdam were elected on the first ballot, and Bill George won a run-off vote. All three were members of last year's state committee. In addition to the at-large members, Ralph Fucetola a member of the state-committee by petition, maintained his status by soliciting additional valid signatures.

Several challenging goals were approved for 1976-77, these included the increasing of membership by 300%, the establishment of county committees in 8 of the 21 counties in the state, and the running of a full slate of congressional candidates.

Candidates were nominated in eight of the fifteen congressional Districts, and Hal Cundari was selected as the party's standard bearer for the Senate. The congressional candidates and their districts are listed below:

- 1st C.D. - Vernon A. Smith of Camden
- 2nd C.D. - Samuel E. Brown of Toms River
- 3rd C.D. - Walter M. Swirsky of Englishtown
- 5th C.D. - Jane T. Rehmke of Bernardsville
- 8th C.D. - Gilbert Doll of Passaic
- 10th C.D. - Kathleen McAdam of Newark
- 11th C.D. - Warren Kupchik of Montclair
- 14th C.D. - Robert W. Ryley of Jersey City

After the business meeting, 5 workshops were run simultaneously dealing with the following topics:

- Relationship of LP to other parties
- Growth of third parties and other minority movements
- Marketing Libertarian ideals
- Campaign strategy
- Local level activities and county organizations.

The workshops were so lively that one or two actually extended into the cocktail hour!

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IF YOU LOVE LIBERTY...



The evening was packed with activities starting with a flashy disco-dancing performance by the Foxy Feet. Next came a speech by Roger MacBride in which he demonstrated his skill in portraying libertarian solutions as the only viable alternatives to the current economic and social problems. After a fine dinner, Murray Rothbard delivered a perspective on libertarianism in America for the past 200 years.

The last official event of the day was the auction. A variety of items were sold, but there was a definite consumer bias toward books. The auction added nearly \$300 to the treasury and helped make the Convention a sound financial venture.

(Thanks to Dan Piro, Convention Chairman, for the above article)

## EDITORIAL

### WANTED: NEWSLETTER STAFF

Due to a combination of personal reasons and other LP commitments for the coming year, the current editor wants to resign. She volunteers to devote a sufficient amount of time during the next two months to help the new editorial staff and she pledges to work up to 5 hours each month for the rest of the year to help with typing and mailing whenever called upon by the new editor.

She'd like to give some advice to the new staff:

1. Divide the responsibility perhaps into a) editing, writing, reporting; b) layout, graphics, printing; c) circulation, mailing, advertisements. (Too bad the current editor didn't follow her own advice!)
2. Stick to the stated deadlines. People have to get used to reporting information on time and the newsletter staff should not have to keep bugging people to send in their committee and county reports, etc.

If you want to help with any of the newsletter jobs (writing, typing, mailing, reporting, collating, stapling, stamping, layout, etc.) contact Bill Schetlick (678-4988 or 374-9733) or Kathy McAdam (482-3471).

## NEWSLETTER

Thanks to Sam Brown, Jack Conard, Phil DeBlock, Emerson Ellett, Bill George, Ted Jacobs, Tom Palven, Bill Pearson, Bill Schetlick, Judy & Warren Schubert, Grace Shamy, Dick Solyom, and Fred Stein for the news clippings for the scrapbook and the newsletter,

Thanks also to Ruth McAdam and to one of our newest members for donating stamps. (It's a great idea if you don't want to send us money!)

MAILING LAST ISSUE: Charlie Hofker, Warren Kupchik, Kathy McAdam, and Don Meinshausen.

STAFF THIS ISSUE: Layout: Kathy McAdam. Typings: Jack Conard, Ed Huser, Kathy McAdam, MN, Dan Piro, and Judy Schubert.

DEADLINE: 20th of the month.

You can help by sending letters and articles already typed 4½ inches across the page.

NOTE: The printing on this issue is larger than past issues. Is it still too small? Please let us know. We can't know you're unhappy unless you tell us.

The following letters were mailed shortly after the NJLP Annual Convention by Calvin Beatty, Chairperson of New Jersey Citizens for MacBride:

Honorable Victor Armellino:

On behalf of New Jersey Citizens for MacBride, I wish to congratulate you for your endorsement of Roger MacBride as the presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party.

Your willingness and independence to support Roger will serve as an inspiration to all voters and other elected officials that the Libertarian Party stands firmly against the growing presence of government in our lives.

Dear Roger,

We all appreciated your dignifying our NJLP convention with your presence. Your remarks were well chosen, and feedback from those who attended, as well as from the press, has been most favorable.

We are looking forward to your next visit to the Garden State, and to the publication of your book, which should serve well our publicity and fund raising efforts.

## Roger MacBride for President

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE -- FUND RAISING

All members familiar with individuals who could be sympathetic to libertarian ideas are urged to send names and addresses to our new office at 235-B Main Street, Orange, NJ 07050. (201) 678-4988. We can send a direct mail solicitation to these people, and if this can be followed up by a personal call, fund raising professionals say that returns can be quite impressive. Our candidates need funds, and your leads are just as important as your money. Remember to try to get a phone number, since this is very important for the follow-up.

Calvin C. Beatty, Chairman, NJ Citizens for MacBride

### LIBERTARIAN LEADER "RAPS" WITH YOUNG VOTERS

Bill Schetlick, New Jersey Libertarian Party State Chairman, answered questions of importance to contemporary young voters, at a local gathering in Dover Township, Monday, January 26, according to the Vice-Chairman of Libertarians of Ocean County, Samuel Evins Brown.

"Each individual is fully responsible for himself and his own actions," said Schetlick, "and government should not interfere between voluntary and contractual agreements among individuals." Issues vigorously discussed included, taxation as theft, victimless crimes, employment, and personal rights.

In order to regain our individual freedom, plans for local college campus organizing were considered. An effort is being made to establish Young Libertarian Alliance & Students for MacBride/Bergland chapters across the country.

"How many personal rights are you going to lose to government interference before you take action?", Schetlick queried. "There is no better audience for a student libertarian activist to work on than other students," he added.

(Ed. Thanks to Sam Brown for the above press release which appeared in the Ocean County College paper.)

# Letters to the Editor



Thanks to Samuel Evins Brown for the following excerpts from a letter from Karl Bray dated 1/22/76:

"...say hi to all my NJLP friends. I hope to see all of you soon."

"I have only 52 days to go before I'll be released on appeal..."

"I'm making good use of my time by reading Rothbard, Nozick, Hospers & Rand again, & by working on a full-length book on tax revolt. I intend to see that government regrets giving me this paid vacation."

"...my situation is minor compared to the situation we'll all be in if we don't win this ideological/political battle. I usually speak only in positives, but it's a do-or-die situation and we'll be the ones to be sacrificed if we don't educate rapidly enough!"

"...we simply must write more books, run more candidates, and challenge statism publicly more often."

"Live free"  
Karl Bray

Dear Kathy,

The NJLP Convention is to be congratulated for its adoption of the No Tax-salary Pledge for its candidates. We should not underestimate the significance of this event: for apparently the first time in American (and perhaps world) history, a political party has determined to abandon politics as usual by pledging that its candidates, if elected, will not participate in the tax plunder. This step distinguishes the NJLP from all other political parties and places it in the forefront of the taxpayers' struggle for freedom. It was an act of principle for which congratulations are in order!

For liberty, Ralph Fucetola III

## TAX IS THEFT!

Kathy:

As the first (I think) member to join the NJLP in Ocean County, after Jack Conard's initial feature story in the Reporter newspaper last summer, it is time for me to express myself a bit.

The December newsletter is quite good. I find myself agreeing and nodding to certain statements and concepts printed, especially Ken Kaplan's article on page four. I heartily concur with his following statements, i.e., "...people who attempt to force you to live your life according to their ideals are your enemy...I believe very strongly in the principle of 'live and let live'...do away with victimless crimes in order to increase police energies against real crimes of theft and assault (sic)...our concepts of criminal justice should be changed, the fruits of the criminal's labor should belong to the victim until the debt has been paid, it is not a debt to society that the criminal owes, but to the individual victim...the state is nothing special, merely a collection of individuals...people should be free to dispose of their incomes in the way they see fit...the essence of man is his ability to choose...every individual should be free to spend his money, his time, his life according to the dictates of his own conscience..." I must admit to some inward regeneration when I read such soul-stirring words as these.

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Kathy,

The convention was well run, enjoyable, and inspiring. I was delighted to hear that Roger's a fellow vitamin "nut". Maybe he can wake people up. There are theories that most of our ailments can be blamed on what we do or don't eat. Someone once said that poor diet killed far more Jews than Hitler, and judging from what I've seen Libertarians eating, many of us will suffer the same fate. It is ridiculous that someone should die in his mid-forties of a heart attack (and especially while participating in a non-survival-oriented sport like tennis).

I was reminded of Ruth Bashlow's comments (10-75) about the lack of minority-types among Libertarians. They seem to be missing also among science-fiction, chamber music, and back to the land enthusiasts. What conclusions could be drawn from this?

Ed Huser

Dear Kathy,

I just read the January 1976 New Jersey Libertarian. The excitement going on in the campaign is exhilarating.

Congratulations to you for the continued superb job on the NJL. The message of "Activate for Freedom" virtually leaps from the pages.

Keep on goin'!

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,  
Bob Steiner

To the Editor,

### REPEAL OF ANTI-DRUG LAWS SHOULD BE FIRST STEP IN CURBING DRUG ABUSE!

We believe that the various anti-drug laws are one of the major causes of the alarming increase which has occurred in drug abuse. By creating a virtual monopoly for organized crime, anti-drug laws have produced a situation where the "pushers" have an enormous incentive to get new users "hooked" on the various illegal drugs that they are selling. Children and young adults are particularly susceptible to the efforts of these disgusting pill peddlers.

By appealing to our children's natural curiosity about "forbidden fruit", these "pushers" have succeeded in making addicts out of an alarming number of them.

We believe that the unregulated sale on the free market of these contraband drugs would quickly reduce their price (through competition) thereby pushing the "pushers" out of business!

Sincerely,  
Romney W. Smith  
Richard W. Smith

**Push the "Pushers"  
Out Of Business**  
**REPEAL THE  
ANTI-DRUG Laws**

# Matawan mayor backs Libertarian

MATAWAN BOROUGH — Mayor Victor R. Armellino became the first elected official in the country to endorse the presidential candidacy of Libertarian Party nominee Roger L. MacBride Saturday.

The mayor's endorsement of MacBride followed a wreath-laying ceremony in which both men took part at the gravesite of Philip Freneau, "Poet of the Revolution" and an outspoken supporter of Thomas Jefferson.

"I read your platform and like what you stand for," Armellino told MacBride. "You have my endorsement, and I'll do what I can for you."

The Libertarians advocate a decentralized government, free market economy and non-interventionist foreign policy.

Armellino was observed nodding in agreement when the 65 delegates at the party's state convention, held at the Magnolia Inn, Route 79, voted to support repeal of the state's "T&E" (thorough and efficient education) law.

Section 29 of the "T&E" law would have a particularly adverse effect on the borough in its relationship with Matawan Township in the Matawan Regional School District by requiring that regional districts apportion current expenses on the basis of ratables rather than on a per-pupil basis.

The mayor delivered a 25-minute welcoming address to the assembled delegates in the morning in which he urged the Libertarians to "have faith in yourselves."

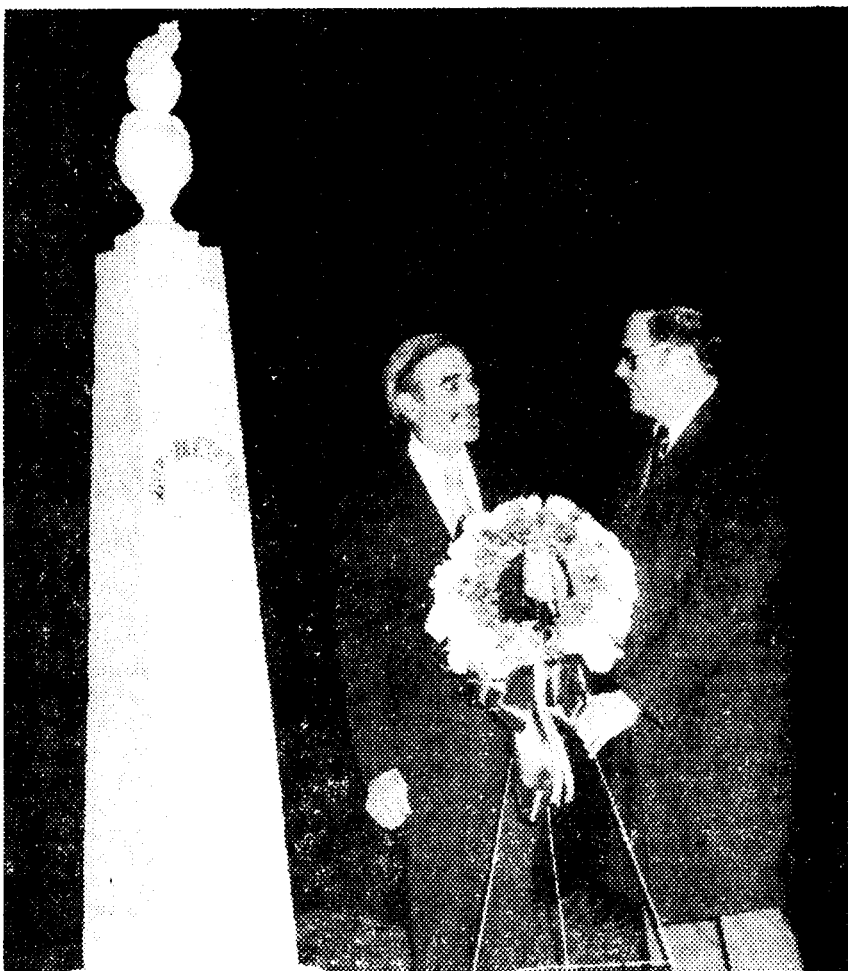
"I ran as an Independent because I didn't want to be dictated to by a group," he said. "You can upset the election if you're organized. You can have all the money in the world, but you can't do it without people."

Both Armellino and MacBride are former Republicans. Armellino, elected in 1969 and 1971 as a Republican, bolted the GOP to run successfully as an Independent last November. MacBride, as a Republican presidential elector from Virginia in 1972, refused to vote for Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew and cast his vote for Libertarian candidates Dr.

John Hospers and Ms. Tonie Nathan instead.

Another parallel between the two men was noted by MacBride in a dinner speech Saturday night at the convention before an audience of 106: "Mayor Armellino lives in the house where Philip Freneau lived, and I live in a house which is believed to have been designed by Thomas Jefferson."

Also in attendance at the convention at various times during the day were former councilmen Lawrence J. Bucco, Stevenson M. Enterline and Dennis A. Rike of Matawan Borough, former Monmouth County freeholder Albert E. Allen and former deputy mayor Stanley B. Pianko, both of Matawan Township, and Regional Board of Education member Michael F. Kidzus.



**WREATH-LAYING** — Matawan Borough Mayor Victor R. Armellino, left, and Libertarian Party presidential nominee Roger L. MacBride chat during wreath-laying ceremony Saturday at gravesite of Philip Freneau, who served as personal secretary to Thomas Jefferson while Jefferson was Secretary of State. Armellino, an Independent, became the first elected official in the U.S. to endorse MacBride for President.



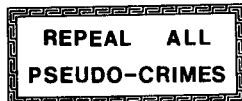
# Monmouth County Libertarians

FOUNDATION FOR FREEDOM

At the Sunday, March 14 meeting of the Monmouth County Committee, four exciting things happened:

1. A new member, Jeanne Macron, was welcomed.
2. Elizabeth Macron became a candidate for the Council of Freehold Township.
3. Bonnie Swirsky was elected Corresponding Secretary and will answer requests for information and work on a membership drive.
4. Saturday and Sunday, March 20-21 were designated as fund raising - petition drive time. Members of the group will attend the Collingwood Auction (flea market) at the intersection of Rt. 33 & 34 Wall Township to collect signatures and distribute literature.

Reported by Walter Swirsky



## LETTERS (from p. 6)

I have always been an independent, protest-voting, individualist. When I read Jack Conard's views earlier this year, I immediately knew I had found "my" party, and that I was truly a "libertarian" deep inside the very fibre of my being.

I truly trust that our party (at least in N.J.) will not grant special favors to the more affluent members over the less affluent members. I sensed this possibility when reading of the N.Y.C. convention, and the "extra" benefits accorded those who were able to pay more. If NJLP succumbs to this, then we are no better than the "demorepublicrats" who enjoy this continual practice in their endless reign of power over us all.

I expect that you received my application to run for office where needed, especially in and for Ocean County. I am also available to print and run-off some campaign literature, after January. Also, I am able to suggest designs for campaign literature, if needed.

Kathy, you received the October supplemental issue of "Teamwork Magazine" in which I placed a full page ad for the party and the candidates of N.J., didn't you? If I can be of service in this way -- free, of course -- just ask. I included runoffs only in my New Jersey mailing, since outside the state would have been wasted, as far as voting was concerned.

Oh, car: you send me a new Libertarian bumper sticker? Mine fell off the car...imagine!

I could go on for pages, I am sure, Rather, it is time for you to return to disseminating the "Libertarian word", so I will end this letter. Oh, you are free to reprint any of this letter in the N.J. Libertarian Newsletter, should you deem any of it helpful to the cause.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

"Sam" Samuel Evins Brown

(Ed. Thanks for the free ad! I've also had trouble with bumperstickers falling off my car. Hope the new ones are better)

A NJ libertarian educational organization, the Foundation for Freedom, has been formed. The trustees are Ralph Fucetola, Dan Piro, and Bill Schetlick. The first activity of the organization hopefully will be the sponsorship of a libertarian education conference at Princeton University this spring with the cooperation of the Princeton Libertarian Organization. The foundation is currently seeking tax-exempt status.

## LIBERTARIANS OF Bergen County

Bergen County libertarians held an organizational meeting on January 12 at the home of Dave Klein. The following pro tem officers were elected:

Chairperson: Dave Klein  
Treasurer: Ted Jacobs  
Secretary: Sid Pope

If you're interested in joining the Bergen County group, please contact Dave Klein, 31 Westminster Ave., Bergenfield, NJ 07621, (201) 384-0892.

(Thanks to Sid Pope for the above information)



(by Jerry Bernsohn)

Kathy,

It's beginning to happen -- Roger MacBride's name was shouted twice from a tv audience -- let me explain:

While watching the "Mark Russell Comedy Show", on Channel 13, last night (Ed. Feb. 16), from Buffalo, NY, he (M.R.) began a comedic routine on having the audience applaud for their choice of presidential candidates as he mentioned different names. (Of all names, Ford and Humphrey were applauded the loudest.)

At the end, some NY Libertarian shouted out, "... and Roger MacBride!", to which Russell replied (in a non-professional, non-comedic quip), "Bridey Murphy?" Again, our Libertarian friend shouted out loud for the whole tv audience to hear, "ROGER MAC BRIDE!". Russell turned about and said, "Who's he?", then almost dropped his next line, looked embarrassed, caught himself and then overlooked and disregarded it further!

The main fact is that now, in the eastern states, with 23 YAF straw votes, and tv shouts, we are beginning to be heard, slowly but surely!

Sam Brown



In the January 1976 newsletter Bill Schetlick addressed an issue of increasing interest to libertarians - the question of children's rights or "Kids' Lib". The issue is particularly important because it is prerequisite to the hot issues of teen-age crime and compulsory education.

In principle the question is simple for libertarians. We believe in the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and justly acquired property for all, unless one loses these rights by infringing upon those of others. We do not make or imply any references to race, religion, sex or age.

What does "Kids' Lib" mean in practical terms? "Children's Rights" probably conjures up a picture of armed bands of roving kindergardners in the minds of some, just as "free market" conjures up a picture of economic chaos. Both of these scenarios are 180 degrees off.

As libertarians it is unnecessary to justify liberty on pragmatic grounds to ourselves. While we expect a libertarian society to be more just, humane, prosperous, and peaceful than any other, it is not these ends we pursue, nor do we expect a Utopia. We pursue individual liberty and the chips may fall where they may, even if some choose to "go to hell in their own way".

However, in pursuing liberty on principle alone, we cannot remain unaware of the societal effects of people living, producing, and trading without coercion. And although liberty should need no justification, we are in the unfortunate position, now that it is almost extinguished, of having to build a case for it.

Thus, it is without enthusiasm we mark the efficiencies of the free market, the practical implications of repealing victimless crime laws, etc.

What is the "case" for "Kids' Lib"? What if the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and justly acquired property of children were recognized today? Would there be chaos? No. In fact the effects would go almost totally unnoticed.

For instance, most children are unaware that they are compelled to go to school by law. If they were made aware that they do not legally have to attend, would those children who do not like school choose not to go? Very unlikely. They would continue to go due to the social (I won't like you) and economic (no supper) pressure of their parents. These factors would exist regardless of law.

At the age of 14 or 15 some children might decide to drop out of school or leave home due to various circumstances. At present these children are classified as "runaways" or "chronic truants" and confined in detention centers at taxpayer's expense. Libertarians recognize their rights to get a job or do anything they please so long as they do not infringe on the rights of others. The statist use their typical argument that young humans lack the competence to make decisions affecting themselves, a panel of statist being better qualified to make any decision affecting anyone.

The most practical implication of children's rights is in relation to crime. A 15 year old convicted of robbery, rape, murder, etc. would be subject to the same treatment as anyone else and thus the same deterrents.

Along these lines I personally opt for corporal punishment rather than the mental punishment of incarceration, in any case where punishment in addition to restitution for the victim, or in lieu of it, can be justified. I opt for the whipping post for first offenders with repeaters or those convicted of heinous crimes beaten almost to death, and hanging reserved for those convicted of atrocities such as pre-meditated murder. However, the whole area of crime, punishment, and restitution requires a lot of libertarian attention.

Bill questioned our need for a platform plank on children's rights. I would give a hesitant "no", recalling Dick Solyom's objection to a "laundry list" at the National Convention. As I recall, Dick feels that our Statement of Principles is sufficiently definitive and that to describe the rights of bisexuals, plumbers, hunters, ad infinitum, is counterproductive, although libertarians should attempt to familiarize themselves with positions and arguments. At this time I concur.

Note: Jack Conard told me that he thinks the punishment part of my "Kids Lib" views are somewhat irrelevant and make my views appear disjointed. I agree. I was anticipating the arguments that children unprotected by their parents or the State are subject to malicious injury. My answer is to deter the perpetrators, not to imprison the potential victims.

Digressing again, I think that it would be more difficult for the State to inflict corporal punishment on tax resistors such as Karl Bray, or those convicted of other victimless crimes, because the cruel mental punishment of incarceration has come to be regarded as rehabilitative. Whipping Karl Bray would expose the kindly benefactor of the State for the coercive apparatus that it is.

Love and Liberty, Tom Palven

## STATE COM

### Report on State Committee Meeting - February 26, 1976

At a recent State Committee meeting held at the home of Kathy McAdam, Chairperson Bill Schetlick reported on his extensive activities collecting almost 300 petition signatures and contacting colleges and the media.

Treasurer Jane Rehnke announced that we made a profit of \$773.93 on the annual convention (\$275.50 on the auction alone). A resolution was passed commending the entire Convention Committee for their excellent job.

The State Committee officially approved of the Bergen, Essex, Monmouth, and Ocean county committees with the provision that they send copies of their by-laws to all state committee members.

The State Committee reappointed Kathy McAdam to the position of newsletter editor.

A lengthy discussion covered various suggestions for fund raising and the need for an extensive budget.

**NJLP MEETING**  
Magnolia Inn, Route 79, Matawan

**Wed., APRIL 14, 8PM**

Speaker from National Organization of Women

Garden State Parkway south to Exit 117A (not 117), right turn onto Lloyd Rd. Take Lloyd until it deadends into Rt. 79, turn right & go 1/2 mile to Magnolia Inn.

# SENSATIONAL

- \* Any contributions to the NJLP before \*
- \* July 4th will be matched by a gift \*
- \* from a libertarian 'angel'.
- \* \*
- \* **DOUBLE YOUR MONEY FOR FREEDOM!**
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## ATTENTION READERS!

The Channel 13 television program "USA: People and Politics" covering LP presidential candidate Roger MacBride which was originally scheduled for March 15 will be shown on Monday, March 29 at 8PM. (Thanks to Ted Jacobs for the above information)

## NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

"The purpose of the NJLP is to organize the means for promoting libertarian ideals and institutions."

NJLP By-Laws

**NJLP MEMBERSHIP:** If you would like to become a member of the New Jersey Libertarian Party, contact us at PO Box 247, Bernardsville, NJ 07924.

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## LIBERTARIAN PARTY Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

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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