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Results of the campaigns of

LIBERTARIAN PARTY CANDIDATES FOR N.J. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The highlight of the November 14th General Meeting was the reporting of the results of the recent Assembly campaigns of our Libertarian candidates Jack Conard, Ken Kaplan, Dan Piro, Bill Schetlick, and Ron Wishart. Also on hand was a new NJLP member, Albert Shaia, who was a candidate in the 9th District. Hope you enjoy the following articles submitted by the candidates.

DAN PIRO 1426 Votes

RESULTS — 1426 VOTES OR 2.6% OF THE TOTAL CAST

Because of our lack of challengers in most districts it is probable that we lost a significant number of votes in the counting. A more reasonable estimate is that Dan got about 2000 votes or 4% of the total.

<u>BREAKDOWN</u>			
Bergenfield	326	Fort Lee	498
Cliffside Park	140	Leonia	76
Edgewater	48	Teaneck	150
Englewood	70	Tenafly	69
Englewood Cliffs	49		

Dan did a great deal of personal campaigning. He spent about 200 hours on the street meeting people. Campaign workers put in another 300 hours. Most of this was concentrated in Fort Lee (where he netted 6% of the vote) and Bergenfield (4%). The opposite effect was felt in Teaneck, the largest town, where Dan did little campaigning and received slightly more than 1% of the vote.

My expectation is that the second time out a libertarian candidate would build on this base and do significantly better. In Poughkeepsie, which cast 1.7% of its vote for Sandy Cohen in 1974, Carole Cohen got 5% of the vote in the recent election.

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BILL SCHETLICK 346 Votes

Bill Schetlick, Libertarian Party candidate in the 28th district, announced that he considered his candidacy an unbelievable success in view of the fact that he operated a very limited campaign. Bill's campaign was devoid of the usual buttons, baubles and bumperstickers that characterize all campaigns; rather, he concentrated on a door to door, corner handshaking, tactical campaign.

Bill filled out approximately twelve questionnaires sent by various civic and political organizations, and the answers were published in newspapers and some were announced over the radio. He was interviewed by college and high school activists from Seton Hall University and Columbia High School. Due to the constraints of his job, he was forced to turn down many more speaking opportunities than he could accept. Nonetheless, he was able to speak to a group of Senior Citizens, where he was booed and hissed after his presentation of libertarian principles. In objection to his statements, one woman stood up and proclaimed, "...what we need are immediate and practical programs to deal with rising prices,

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RON WISHART 1082 Votes

The following letter was sent to the supporters of the RON WISHART FOR LIBERTARIAN ASSEMBLY campaign:

The election results were disappointing, considering that we had tried to run a serious campaign with weekly ads, press releases which were widely published, speaking engagements, and handing out literature to commuters and shoppers. In district 11, I received 1082 votes to 26,232 for Dem incumbent Walter Kozloski; 25,956 for Rep. Marie Muhler, 25,941 for incumbent Dem Morton Salkind, and 25,655 for Rep. Jerry Burke.

My 1082 votes were more than the difference between the first and fourth place candidates but I can't say that I took from any particular candidate. Only Salkind had voted for the income tax but Kozloski had voted for all of the nuisance taxes. The two Republicans came out against the various Democrat tax measures, the bonds, and unbalanced budgets, but they didn't suggest where they would cut the budget. When specifically asked they would not rule out an income tax. Burke also wanted a state takeover of the railroads. In private the Dems seemed to like my victimless crime stand but they never said so in public.... (cont. on p. 2)

JACK CONARD 591 Votes

CONARD ELECTION REPORT

ACTIVITIES: WJLK Radio interview, WOPM Radio speech, Public Television appearance, three candidates' night appearances (one televised by cable)

LITERATURE: 2000 pcs. campaign brochure, 1000 campaign "business" cards, 200 pcs. national L.P. literature, 850 pcs. anti-E.R.A. leaflet, 850 pcs. anti-T&E leaflet

QUESTIONAIRES: Eight candidate questionnaires were completed and returned along with literature and explanatory letters; each letter contained a request that the organization contact the N.J.L.P. for speakers (one such request was made by the Ocean County Chapter of the ACLU and Bill Schetlick spoke to them on Nov. 6, 1975) (cont. on p. 6)

KEN KAPLAN 1069 Votes

The following letter was printed in its entirety in the ORANGE TRANSCRIPT of November 20:

The recent election pointed up some serious inequities in the election process, whereby Democrats and Republicans are given preferential treatment over any other candidates. Those parties, the only ones recognized as such by definition in the election law, are automatically given the first two lines on the ballot. Ballot positions for other candidates are determined at the discretion of the county clerk. In my case the county clerk, Nicholas Caputo, abused that discretion by placing my name on the same line with other unrelated candidates, making me appear to be the running mate of a socialist. I ran as the Assembly candidate of the Libertarian Party, a party which believes strongly in a free market economy and broad civil liberties, and was hurt by my position next to a candidate with opposing views. Every candidate or slate of candidates should have their own line.


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We didn't expect to win but we thought that the time had come when voters would recognize the moral and economic bankruptcy of the two major parties and begin to vote independently. Apparently when voters tell pollsters they are Independent, they mean they are willing to split their votes between Dems and Reps.

Nevertheless, I hope you won't give up and I hope you'll be active in the NJ Libertarian Party... We may never win but perhaps like our main opponents the Socialists, we can get our programs adopted. Next year we have a Presidential candidate, Roger MacBride, who was a former Vermont state legislator and who originated the TV show, "Little House on the Prairie." He intends to run a very active campaign. I hope two of you will want to run for Congress and for freeholder on the LP line...

The LP is getting larger, and thru our campaigns we are gradually convincing people. With your help we will be ready when the voters do finally discover that government is the cause of their problems, not the solution.

Yours for liberty, Ron Wishart



**LEGISLATORS GO HOME!
YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH
DAMAGE FOR ONE YEAR**

Government is the myth, whereby everyone expects to live at the expense of everyone else.

**WISHART FOR ASSEMBLY
LIBERTARIAN PARTY**

Repeal taxes, subsidies, bureacracy. There ain't no such thing as a free lunch.

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Locust Grove Lane, Englishtown, N. J. 07726



inflation, and inadequate health care and services for our Senior Citizens!" She continued, "We have no use for these abstract philosophical ideas." Schetlick stated in reply, "...the government, through its own policies has created these economic problems, such that one emergency after another occurs with more and more government used to 'correct' it. Since everyone is confronted with these crises day in and day out, there is virtually no time to stop and re-examine our direction - however, it is just this that is needed to quell the rising call for statism on a grand scale."

Bill's campaign, however, did reach many moderate to lower income families and some students, with the bulk of his votes coming from these areas. According to him, his campaign accomplished three things: first and foremost, it exposed libertarian ideas and the Libertarian Party to the public eye for the first time as a viable political organ; second, it contributed to the growing experience of libertarians in both running for office and the dissemination of ideas through pen and voice; lastly, it serves as an example to future libertarians who seek to run campaigns for the Assembly, the Senate, freeholder, etc. in the sense that it helped to define exactly what areas we are strong in and which ones are weak. Schetlick contends that most of our time, energy, and monetary resources should be directed toward proselytizing students and middle class families for they seem most eager to accept our ideas. Conversely, the government has so many programs that subsidize the elderly, that it can hardly be said that they will benefit at all by adopting a libertarian stand. Actually, they have everything to lose and nothing to gain.

Bill Schetlick

(Ed. Bill Schetlick also spoke at the Ocean County Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union on November 6. The turnout was light but discussion was lively.)

DAN PIRO (continued from p. 1)

NON-ELECTORAL BENEFITS

One of the Republican candidates, Dennis Mehan, started to copy Dan's campaign by stealing his issues (taxes and school decentralization). Mehan outpolled the other Republican, Hirsch, who spent 25 times as much money.

The incumbent, Al Burstein, became interested in the gold standard through talking to Dan. We have a lead here which we intend to follow through on.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE DIFFERENTLY

Dan feels we should have covered more issues and would like to have two brochures designed by Sept. 1 so that we could go to people first with one set of arguments and then with a second set. He feels that we missed taking advantage of several key issues, such as transportation.

It was my recommendation to concentrate on only two issues at the beginning of the campaign, and I still am concerned about conceptual economy. However, I would take a more general approach, i.e., argue for libertarianism in general rather than a laundry list of specific issues.

It is clear that we must have challengers in all the districts or as many as possible, and it probably would have been more rewarding to make a more intensive effort toward fewer people.

IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

We can take as a reasonable 10 year goal that of becoming a real third party in NJ affairs getting 5% to 10% of the vote statewide. At this point we will be influencing policy.

For this we need candidates in most (all) of the Assembly Districts. Each candidate should expect, the first time out, to get 2-3% of the vote, then the second time to get 4-5%, etc. If we can do this all over the state, we will become a force to be reckoned with.

But to do this we need an expanded party organization. We need more people who are willing to come out to meetings. We need to form active county organizations. It is only the people who take part in campaigns who (ultimately) win votes for the party. Party members who are formally enrolled but remain inactive do not do any good.

Howard Katz

ALBERT SHAIJA

The following article introduces one of our newest NJLP members, Albert Shaia, who received 231 votes as an independent candidate in the 9th district:

Albert Shaia is engaged in a never-ending study of the political expositions of John Locke, whose Second Treatise of Civil Government was used to establish the United States, and in the comparative socio-economic-political establishment of today which he feels has deviated from the basic principles for which the men of 1776 fought and died. He felt so strongly about these principles that, not having heard of the Libertarian Party, he formed his own party, the Jeffersonian Party, and ran for the Assembly in District 9.

He appeared at a Tax Revolt Association meeting, and joined Libertarian Party candidates Dan Piro and Ken Kaplan in calling for the support of programs reducing taxation and eliminating State regulation of personal liberty and property. When the Tax Revolt Association chairman called for the creation of a new party, Albert Shaia stated that the Libertarian Party has already been established and that all the candidates present should join that party. Albert immediately thereafter did join the NJLP and worked with John Conard in the 9th District in a campaign against the Demorepublicrats.

In a WJLK radio interview with Jack Christie, Albert explained the method by which private schools would be allowed to compete against the public school system by allowing much greater tax cuts to parents patronizing private schools than presently exists. He also attacked the subsidies to big industries of our involuntarily paid tax dollars, and government regulations and restrictions which prevent industries from competing with the industries favored by the government.

On WOBM radio Albert pointed out that it is not the duty of the State to enforce the morals of one group of citizens on other groups, and attacked such "victimless" laws which limit the unalienable right to make personal decisions on

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matters of liberty. Such liberties by nature should include the right to gamble, the right to engage in sexual relationships with others, even if there is a price, the right to use drugs which an individual feels may personally benefit him, the right to build on his property any type of dwelling he feels he may need, the right to engage in any free enterprise business he desires so long as he does not forcibly infringe on the rights of others in doing so, the right to hire for the purpose of training an individual at whatever price that individual is worth, the right of individuals to live their own lives on their own property away from the mainstream of society if they desire and to form their own local government of their own consent (which our Constitutional Government was formed for the sole purpose of protecting.)

He pointed out that the future holds only two choices for us, the government envisioned by our founding fathers in 1776, or the totalitarian Double-Talk society based on hate and war envisioned by George Orwell in his book 1984.

Albert Shaia also appeared on an equal time for Assembly candidates on Channel 23, 52 Public Broadcasting Authority Television. He presented a drawing of a vise which represents the "squeeze" free men are in and illustrates how the Super-Rich Liberals use their avowed concern for the poor who demand more money by instituting "Socialist" programs, thereby depriving us of our liberties and property while doing so. In addition, he called on everyone to support the Libertarian Party, and specifically called for the election of Roger Mac Bride for President in the elections of 1976. He waved a miniature replica of the Liberty Bell in front of the camera calling for the TV audience to join him and the Libertarian Party in ringing it. He then let the bell ring so clear and loud that the commentator, Mrs. Anderson, declared that she liked that bell much better than her own.

Albert spent the last weeks of his campaign putting up signs he had painted calling for the election of himself and John Conard, and passing Libertarian literature out at shopping centers, where he twice ran into his Republican opponents. His press releases were published by major newspapers until the last week of the elections when the Democratic and Republican candidates were the only ones mentioned in the press, and the subsequent legitimacy of the campaign for winning the elections was destroyed. Nevertheless libertarianism made a major breakthrough in Ocean County, and it is expected that a membership drive will be highly successful in Southern New Jersey as a result of our campaigns.

(Ed. Thanks to Albert Shaia for the above article and for copies of two of his campaign press releases.)

FROM THE CHAIR

THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 14TH



The following will be the anticipated schedule of events for the Jan. 14th meeting:

- A) Presentation of the work done by the Convention Committee ... discussion and approval of final product.
- B) Presentation of the By-Laws of the newly formed County Committees (work on this project has already begun).
- C) Announcement and presentation of the work done by the Screening Committee... names of potential candidates to be considered at the Convention.
- D) Distribution and explanation of petitions for president, congress, and senate.
- E) Formation of Committee for Libertarians '76.
- F) A plan of attack for the college campuses. Hopefully we will be able to get some of our students to cooperate in this project.
- G) A short explanation of the function of the County Committees and their importance in the election.
- H) If I can procure campaign literature from the MacBride/Bergland campaign, this will be distributed at the meeting with the proper instructions. We must be very careful not to violate the federal campaign laws.

Of course, there will be the usual committee reports and old business.

Bill Schetlick

WANTED! One used typewriter for party business. If you can lend us a typewriter, call Bill Schetlick at (201) 374-4624.

A meeting of the State Committee was held on Nov. 24th at the home of Kathy McAdam. State Committee members present were Ralph Fucetola, Kathy McAdam, Tom Palven, Dan Piro, Jane Rehmke, and Bill Schetlick. Absent were Bill George, Dick Solyom, and Fred Stein.

CANDIDATES '76: A motion was passed to provide funds for sending a letter and questionnaire as a general mailing to all members, subscribers, prior members, etc. requesting volunteers to be candidates, campaign workers, etc.

PETITION DRIVE: Bill gave a short outline of his proposed tactics for the petition drive to get MacBride on the ballot. The earliest date we can begin petitioning is January 6th.

PRESS: Bill discussed his plans for an informational package to be used for the media. Bill will mail or personally deliver it to all the major newspapers. A motion was unanimously passed to allocate \$50 to cover Bill's general expenses for travel, postage, and telephoning. (Bill has been working virtually full time for the party during the last few weeks.)

PLATFORM COMMITTEE: Ralph Fucetola was appointed as a one-member Platform Committee to prepare a NJ addendum to the National LP Platform to the end that the Platform and addendum may be offered for adoption at the Annual Convention. The proposed addendum will be reviewed at the next meeting.

REVENUE: Treasurer Jane Rehmke will analyze our costs and prepare a budget for next year. At the next meeting consideration will be given to increasing the membership dues and the newsletter subscription price.

COLLEGE GROUPS: Bill said he has sent a letter to all NJLP members who are college students to try to get someone to work on establishing college groups. He reported that a group is being formed at Princeton.

COUNTY COMMITTEES: The following people were appointed Acting County Committee Chairpersons:

- Jack Conard, Ocean
- Bill George, Union
- Ken Kaplan, Essex
- Dave Klein, Bergen
- Ron Wishart, Monmouth

LIBERTARIANS '76 FUND: Jane Rehmke was appointed as the Treasurer of the Libertarians '76 Fund. Bill will write a letter to National requesting that they mail all election law information to her.

BY-LAWS CHANGES: Dan submitted a series of proposed Changes to the By-Laws (see article in this issue). They will be presented to the membership at the January 14 meeting.

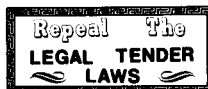
CONVENTION COMMITTEE: Dan Piro, Chairman of the Convention Committee reported on the plans for the Annual Convention on February 14th at the Magnolia Inn, Matawan, (Monmouth County). Committee members are Jack Conard, Bill George, Lois Grzenda, Amy Piro, Jane Rehmke, Al Shaia, Bill Schetlick, and Chris White. Bill George is in charge of food and room arrangements and publicity. Amy Piro is planning the Workshops, Bill Schetlick is lining up speakers, Jack Conard is handling the auction and the entertainment, and Jane Rehmke is finance manager. Tom Palven agreed to try to get others from Monmouth County to help set up things the evening before.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy McAdam, Recording Secretary

NOTICE: A 50/50 raffle will be held at the January 14 meeting and at the Convention on February 14th to raise money for the campaigns and the general party funds.

HELP! The NJLP needs you! We need typists, phone callers, envelope stuffers, door-to-door canvassers, editorial writers, painters, printers, and people to help design our campaign literature. We aim to make a showing in '76... let's begin right this very moment. All those interested in furthering the cause of freedom, please write or call us at PO Box 247, Bernardsville, NJ 07924 (201) 374-4624.

I'm sending a letter to every libertarian, present, past and even those who have shown interest in the party to send in the names of those people who might be interested in becoming electors, candidates for the congress or the senate. These names should be forwarded to the Screening Committee c/o Jane Rehmke at PO Box 247, Bernardsville, NJ 07924.



Bill Schetlick



But I managed to overcome such disadvantages to the extent that as a new candidate of a new party I was able to attract 1,069 votes, about 3% of the total. I was very proud of that showing. It was disillusioning, however, that the only people who knew of my success were those I told personally. There was no publication of the results. On election night there was no reporting of the vote totals of third party candidates or independents. In Essex County this was because the board of elections saw fit not to count those votes until they finished the "more important" counts, two days after the election.

A third party candidate, like myself, must not only convince a voter that what he stands for is good, but that in voting for him, the voter will not be wasting his vote. If days and weeks after the election he cannot even find a vote total for his candidate, the wasting-his-vote syndrome will be reinforced. I would like to thank the 1,069 people who voted for me, and assure them that their votes were not wasted, that the major parties noticed them and may change their stands because of them. Myself and other libertarians will be running for office in the future and we look forward to your continued support, and our achievement of major party status and election.

Sincerely, Kenneth Kaplan
150 Orange St., Orange

The following remarks were made by Libertarian Assembly candidate from the 26th district, Kenneth Kaplan, on a New Jersey Public Broadcasting program televised on Oct. 31, 1975:

OPENING STATEMENT: Trick or treat?! That may sound strange from a candidate for Assembly, but being that this is Halloween, the most appropriate greeting I can give you is "trick or treat." But it's more than a greeting, it's a question. And it's a question not just for children, but one that all citizens should pose to their legislators. It is a question whose answer is simply that behind every treat of government beneficence lies a trick of increased taxation. There ain't no such thing as a free lunch. Someone always has to pay. And if that someone is you, if you pay taxes, it's about time you stood up and asked, "Who knows how best to spend my money and satisfy my needs, me or the government?" And if you agree with me that it is you who can best make the decisions affecting your life, then now is the time to speak up and vote for assemblymen who are dedicated to eliminating state taxes and allowing you to spend your money on the things you really want, not on the things the government says you need.

It is time for government to stop interfering in people's lives. Government must be limited to its legitimate role of protecting people from violence committed against them or their property. Where personal conduct does not hurt others, it should not be regulated by the state. This is the philosophy of the Libertarian Party, and I hope this philosophy will merit your consideration.

In answer to the question, "IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR FIRST LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY?"

My first legislative priority would involve legislation to expand personal freedom. We call this a free society, and certainly there are places with less freedom. But are we really free if someone can be jailed or fined for selling a dirty book? Are we really free if a woman or man can be entrapped by the vice squad for the crime of prostitution? And are we really free when activities commonly engaged in by a majority of people, such as gambling and marijuana use, are illegal? The answer is no, we are not free. Freedom exists when the individual may engage in any activity he wishes, as long as he does not violate the personal or property rights of someone else.

In a free society there is clearly no place for laws in the area of victimless crimes. I would therefore introduce legislation to repeal the drug laws, prostitution laws, gambling laws, obscenity laws, and all the other laws in this category.

People who attempt to force you to live your life according to their ideals are your enemy. They are no less your enemy if they accomplish this through a dictatorship or a democracy. I am a Libertarian. I believe very strongly in the principle of "live and let live." Neither as a private citizen nor as an Assemblyman will I tell you how to live your life.

In answer to the question, "WHAT IS THE MOST URGENT NEED IN YOUR DISTRICT THAT YOU BELIEVE YOU COULD FULFILL BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE, AND WHY?"

We, the people of this district, have lost the sense of security and personal safety which is a basic necessity of a happy life. And the fact that people double-lock their doors and stay off the streets at night does not mean they're paranoid. Their fears are based on a factual situation. We have a serious crime problem in this district, and that is where the bulk of government energies should be applied. One method of intensifying the fight against crime is the one I already suggested, doing away with the prohibition against victimless crimes. The vice squads, gambling squads, and other police would then be free to patrol against real crimes of theft and assault.

Also, our concept of criminal justice should be changed. Simply convicting a criminal does nothing for the victim of the crime or his family. A long prison term may or may not sufficiently punish or rehabilitate a criminal. The focus of the courts should be on making the victim whole. If something has been stolen, the convicted thief should be made to pay for it. If he cannot, the fruits of his labor should belong to the victim until the debt has been paid. Personal injury and murder cases should be treated similarly, with monetary damages or term of required labor determined by the jury in each case.

Naturally, speedy and fair trials should be given to all accused of crime. Once guilt is determined however, the guilty party must be made to pay his debt just as speedily - and it is not a debt to society, but to the individual victim!

CLOSING STATEMENT: I have told you I am a Libertarian. The basis of my platform is voluntarism, the voluntary action of individuals who respect the rights of other individuals. The state is nothing special; it is a collection of individuals. It is not right for the state to do anything that would be regarded as wrong for the individual to do. It is wrong for one individual to steal from another to pay for the education of someone else, yet that is state education. It is wrong for one individual to steal from another to support someone else, yet that is state welfare. Taxation is theft. I am opposed to these taxes. People should be free to dispose of their incomes in the way they see fit.

There are many ways of viewing man, but if we look at his essential nature we will see a creature distinguishable from other animals by his ability to choose. That is the essence of man, the ability to choose. By choosing to do good, to be noble and charitable, man can achieve his highest potential.

But government has taken away our choices. If we are forced to support all the works of government through compulsory taxes, we are denied our humanity. Every individual should be free to spend his money, to spend his time, to spend his life according to the dictates of his own conscience. That is what the Libertarian Party is all about and why I am running for Assembly.



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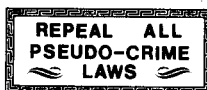
The following article appeared in the political section of the SUNDAY STAR LEDGER, November 23:

CAMPAIGN COFFERS

Political sentiment is tilting against the new Federal Election Campaign Act, now being challenged before the Supreme Court.

The campaign manager of one leading presidential candidate says privately he is flatly opposed to the law: "It's just downright unconstitutional."

And the nation's first 1976 presidential nominee, Roger L. MacBride of the Libertarian Party, says: "If the Supreme Court does not overturn that dangerous piece of legislation in the pending appeal, I almost certainly will be the last serious candidate of any independent party in these United States."



THERE AIN'T NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH

FOR A FEW DOLLARS MORE

There are about 150 political entities in the world today. How many of them could be placed on a list of moderately successful political democracies?

Twenty, perhaps.

A dozen in Europe -- The United States, Canada, Mexico, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Israel.

What other countries in Asia, Africa or Latin America?

And how many of those 150 could be placed on a list of free market economies?

More than on the preceding list?

Probably less, depending on the stringency of your definition of a free market economy.

Sadly, the country that contributed much to the development of both free markets and democracy will soon be lost to both.

Perhaps no later than this winter, the English will close the door to the London Capital Market to stop a run on the pound. Then they will close the door to free trade and then to free markets. For the English will be in the worst depression in their history.

For a few dollars more, the English will have sold themselves into the serfdom of most of the rest of the world.

For a few dollars more, they will have paid the ultimate price of freedom and enterprise to the envys of this age.

For a few dollars more they will have brought themselves to a length of time, no one can tell how long of depression, collapse and internal disorder.

It came about this way.

Liberal well-intentioned men set about to ameliorate the condition of those less fortunate in abilities, skills and application.

It was scandalous--so they said some years ago, that the bottom fifth of the income distribution had only 3.5% of the income while the top 1% had 7%--an income inequality ratio of 40:1.

They persevered in changing it.

Today the bottom fifth is up to a 6% share; the top 1% is down to a 3.5% share and the income equality ratio of the top 1% vs the bottom 20% is down to 10:1--probably less than it is in the Soviet Union.

And what has it meant to this bottom 20%?

Over the last 20 years, real GNP in England is up 80%, and the share of the bottom 20% is up 70%.

But the English growth rate has been the lowest among the major industrial countries.

If the English economy had grown at the average rate instead of at the lowest rate, and the share of the bottom fifth had not increased--the average income of the bottom fifth would be only \$140 a year or \$3 a week less than it now is.

In two or three years even that advantage would be gone without more redistribution.

If redistribution slows growth--over the years you can never gain.

It is not your share of the pie, but how fast the pie grows.

But how does it come about that redistribution slows growth. In England, in part, it came about because the English progressively priced themselves out of world markets--a process which successive devaluations have not been able to stop. But in general, it comes about because redistribution destroys the incentive to efficient efforts to produce because it removes the basis for incentives in real income gains.

There is an iron law of welfare taxation: If the incremental tax burden cuts the gain in nominal income by more than the increase in productivity, real incomes fall.

And from this law there is no escape.

Government expenditures in England are 60% of GNP and so must be the taxation or borrowing to cover these expenditures.

But 60% is the average rate. Of necessity, the incremental tax rate is higher.

After taking account of the net transfer effects on income, anyone at average or higher incomes is paying incremental taxes at least 20-40% higher than average.

Thus, when a union negotiated a 10% wage increase, its members would find that after taxes their incomes were up only 5%--remember on their gain in income they would be paying a higher rate than over their total income.

But it is pretax wages that go into costs and push up prices. So, if productivity--as it was in England--is increasing by only 2% a year when wages rise by 10%, prices, in general, will go up by 8%.

But since aftertax incomes are up only 5%, with 8% inflation, real after-tax incomes for those with average or above-average incomes, would decrease by about 3%.

Now, if you are the average English union, what do you do? You push for a 20% wage gain. But then aftertax incomes go up 10% while inflation is up to 18% and real income transfers are close to 7%.

The English are now up to 30%, wage increases and the real income transfers to the government and to those it aids would be running a rate higher than 10%.

Unfortunately, we are no longer that far behind the English.

Average wage gains in the last two years ran close to 10%. Inflation moved higher with an extra push from food and fuel.

Taxes and borrowing must cover government expenditures now at 36% of our GNP. With the incremental rate of taxation net of transfer benefits considerably higher than the transfer adjusted average rate--if it weren't, there wouldn't be any income transfer--income gains after taxes fell considerably below the rate of inflation.

But with the recovery in the economy that is now under way, productivity gains would run above our normal trend rate of 2.5% for a time--lowering the rate of inflation. If food and fuel settle down, we might see a 6% inflation rate for a while.

We could have another boom and the Dow could hit 2500 in three years.

Bittersweet would be the prosperity that could be our last prosperity.

INQUIRIES: Twenty personal inquiries about the Libertarian Party were received and answered with a letter and literature; at least three resulted in new members

NEWS COVERAGE: A total of eleven individual news releases were prepared and sent to six newspapers and four radio stations; two newspapers did not print any releases; of the four that did use releases, only two did so on a regular basis, and printed almost verbatim; one of those two printed three releases in one issue! Tot.Spots-14.

NEWSPAPER COVERAGE (general): Conard was the subject of one feature article appearing on the front page of the OCEAN COUNTY REPORTER; along with other minor party candidates, he was the subject by name and party affiliation of five separate news stories. He also appeared by name and party affiliation in at least seven other articles to his knowledge. He was shown by name only in one newspaper recap of election results. One newspaper editor predicted that he would receive 349 votes.

ELECTION RESULTS: Total votes- 591; .8% of the total votes cast in the ninth district; 18% of the total independent votes (of six candidates)

EXPENDITURES: Total \$417.00 spent. Misc. in kind materials and literature, approx. \$50.00

CAMPAIGN ASSISTANCE: Thanks go to Tom Palven, Ron Wishart, Albert Shaia (new member and Jeffersonian candidate for Assembly), Ron and Linda Vaudreuil, Lucille Render, and Pat Conard. Special thanks to all those who donated MONEY!

—SPEND LESS IS SOLUTION OF CONARD—

TOMS RIVER - John J. Conard, Libertarian Party candidate for Assembly in District 9, proposed today what he called an immediate simple solution to the state taxing problem.

"Its the same solution that every individual and business has to use," he said. "That solution is to spend less. As taxes go up, every taxpaying individual or business will have less to spend on what they need and think is important. Since they can't go out and just take the money by force as the government does, they must spend less. Why can't the government try that solution on a permanent basis?" asked Mr. Conard.

Mr. Conard observed that it had taken nearly 186 years for the New Jersey budget to reach \$510 million but only 10 years to more that quadruple to the present \$2.7 billion. This increase is hardly justifiable on any basis, Conard remarked. "I wish that my income had more than quadrupled in ten years."

Mr. Conard expressed disgust with the State Legislature over their reaction to the defeats of the proposed state income tax.

"I look at the defeat, thus far, of the income tax as a defeat for big government and massive spending," Mr. Conard said, "and I hope that the voters will defeat at the polls all candidates who have voted in Trenton to increase taxes, whether it be an income tax or any other form of taxation."

Mr. Conard also noted that citizens should refuse to accept the Russo-Newman-Doyle State-wide property tax because it is merely another way to make some people think they are getting the state give-away programs for next to nothing while slyly shifting the burden to someone else's back.

The following article appeared in the 10/31/75 issue of the OCEAN COUNTY DAILY TIMES.

CONARD PUSHES RECALL SYSTEM

TOMS RIVER- John J. Conard, 9th district Libertarian Party candidate for Assembly, stated today that he would, if elected, immediately introduce a bill that would facilitate frequent and simplified citizen-use of the referendum, initiative and recall processes.

"These are legitimate voter devices whereby citizens can control more directly the actions of arrogant and voter-contemptuous politicians," said Mr. Conard. "This would be especially effective if every single elected official salary increase were subject to referendum."

The following article appeared in the 10/28/75 issue of the DAILY OBSERVER. It is part of a 10.25 inch-column article which combined two of Conard's releases, one about the referendum, initiative and recall processes and one about the E.R.A. The headline applied to the first part: LIBERTARIAN SEEKS RECALL BILL.

TOMS RIVER- In another release, Conard urged voters to reject the Equal Rights Amendment at the polls on Nov. 4.

He said the E.R.A., if approved by the voters, will be "an insidious tool for government-violation of some people's legitimate individual rights for the alleged benefit of other's"

"Just as the Civil Rights Act has become an excuse for government-sponsored reverse racism, or what's known as 'affirmative action,' so will the E.R.A. become an 'affirmative action' device to permit all manner of government-dictated regulations."

"I don't think women or men want this kind of interference in their private lives."

Conard pointed out that any unjust or discriminatory laws which now exist on the books could be repealed; a constitutional amendment is not needed to get rid of poor legislation.

The following is a condensed article entitled, "Independent Candidates Say Major Parties Have Little to Offer," which appeared without by-line on Nov. 2, 1975 in the ASHBURY PARK PRESS. The article also seemed to have been cut by the paste-up crew at the newspaper because in was obviously chopped mid-sentence in the section about Conard.

.....For John J. Conard, Toms River, the Libertarian Party offers a political philosophy which maintains a separate identity from that of the independents.

"We don't have anything to do for people," said Conard. "Its time for the people to claim their inalienable rights."

On the state level, Conard believes those rights "have been infringed upon in many different ways." The only role Conard feels government should play in the lives of its citizens is the arbitration of disputes.

"The purpose of government is to protect the rights of people when they are violated," he said. Citizens should be able to follow the precepts of life, liberty and happiness without coming into conflict with another person, he said.

Libertarians have confidence, said Conard, in the fundamental benevolence of people. A legal system could be established simply to help people peacefully adjudicate their disputes.

Conard favors the abolition of taxes, welfare, social security and any other kinds of government control of one's private life. He believes "the right of the producer is primary," meaning that money is the property of the individual who earns it, and no one else has any right to it. Conard says he will take a strong legal stand on this issue.

Conard would also oppose any laws he sees as unjust in the social or legal system, and any measures which build up the power of the state government.

He also wants a law repeal board, with the intent of removing laws to broaden individual freedom.

Conard believes this philosophy offers the voter an opportunity to express the feeling, "I want to live in peace with myself.".....

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FOR A FEW DOLLARS MORE (cont. from p. 5)

Dear Kathy:

Doug Kennell (who under other guises has spent time helping New Jersey Libertarians), was arrested on October 22nd, by the F.B.I., as a draft resister (he faces 3 counts: 5 years and \$5,000.00 on each). He had been underground for about four years working with libertarians all over the country.

He now needs our help to attack the draft laws under the 13th and 14th amendments. Please send whatever contribution you can to:

The 13th Amendment Defense Fund
P.O. Box 1202
Free Venice, California 90291
(checks payable to Shawn Steel, Esq.)

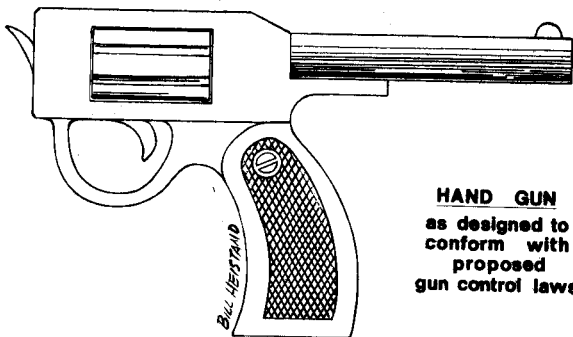
Doug has been a significant factor (though not necessarily a visible factor for obvious reasons) in developing libertarian activism in the past few years. We ought to support his defense.

Very truly yours,
Ralph Fucetola III
Attorney

Dear Kathy:

Just a note to compliment you on your very fine publication, NJ LIBERTARIAN. It's the type of newsletter that I am hoping all the state parties will eventually adopt--chock-full of party news and activities along with interesting commentaries on the issues. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Edward H. Crane, III
National Chairman



To the Editor,

The above cartoon expresses our great concern that proposed gun-control laws will only serve to disarm the law-abiding citizen. We believe that criminals will continue to get and use firearms, by fair means or foul.

As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of our Republic's birth, we feel that America should rededicate herself to those ideals of liberty and self-sufficiency which have made her great. We believe that this includes the protection of our Second Amendment right to keep and bear firearms. This right is not a simple tradition as some people are now claiming, but a vital part of the foundation of America's sacred heritage designed to keep this nation's citizens armed against tyranny of all kinds, political as well as criminal.

It is our belief that a disarmed citizenry will be in as untenable a position as a man defending himself with the pistol above, that is in danger of imminent suicide!

P. O. Box 34043
Indianapolis
Ind. 46234

Sincerely,
Richard W. Smith
William H. Heistand

For with a tax burden higher than ever, and productivity dropping to less than normal, we might find wage gains next time running more than 10%, as unions engage in a futile effort to beat inflation.

But to no avail. The iron law of welfare taxation would ensure that for most, real incomes would fall as taxes and inflation transferred real purchasing power to the government and to those to whom it made substantial income transfers.

And as inflation accelerated, so would the transfer in real incomes, incentives to produce would progressively deteriorate, lowering overall productivity gains and overall real growth.

If the Fed held the line against too rapid a recovery, we could stretch it out a while longer.

But the margin is now too narrow. We used to run two decades behind England. We are no further back now than five years.

The margin is much too narrow. The tax burden is a measure of how far we have moved along the road to serfdom.

As an adjunct to the inflationary process, it is also a measure of how fast we are moving and we are moving very fast indeed.

PUBLICITY

Letter to the Editor, ASBURY PARK PRESS, July 28, 1975

POLICE JOB CURBS

If a strike occurs in the private sector, the management has three choices; give in to the union's demands, hold out a little longer, or find new employees. If the union leaders win, the consequence may be higher price for the commodity. The consuming public will lose nothing, since they will shop around for another brand.

When there is a strike of government employees it is another story. Civil servants are on the public payroll. The public is faced with taxes to meet this payroll. Pay increases come from the public treasury. Now we have an equation -- higher pay for civil servants equals higher taxes. To add another variable, they become unionized. Not only are we at the mercy of a monopoly service; but a strike that will paralyze that service.

These public employees lobby with political pull. Nearly all politicians prostitute themselves for more votes.

What incentives are there for civil servants? Their jobs are decreed to be safe, and there is no competition from the private sector. And their wages, hours, and benefits are better than workers in the private sector.

The following steps should be taken to safeguard the tax-paying public. Stop hiring any new person. If someone retires, leave the job vacant. Enforce the illegality of a strike. And pay increases should be decided by referendum since the taxpaying public must pay.

FRED STEIN, Maplewood

Letter to the Editor, ASBURY PARK PRESS, September 7, 1975

LIBERTARIAN IS PROUD

I have just returned from the Libertarian Party convention in N.Y.C. Being with hundreds of people who regard integrity as an absolute was almost a religious experience. This was not politics as usual.

While power corrupts, I hope that if the day comes that the Libertarian Party gains power and loses its purity, that another party will emerge. At this point, though, it sure feels great to be a Libertarian.

TOM PALVEN, Howell Township

Submitted by Daniel J. Piro,
State Committee Member-At-Large

of the meetings from which said member has been absent. Said member may be reinstated by a unanimous vote of all the remaining members of the state committee.

1. There shall be at least four general meetings held each year. Three to five weeks prior to any general meeting, there shall be a meeting of the state committee. Following said meeting of the state committee, and at least two weeks prior to the general meeting, the editor shall mail a newsletter to party members and subscribers. The editor shall publish a summary of the business conducted, motions and resolutions passed or defeated (or tabled), and any other activities engaged in by the state committee in said newsletter. Further, the editor shall publish notice of the time, date, and place of the general meeting in said newsletter.
2. On or before December 31st of the current year, the state committee shall meet to prepare, in writing, specific goals for the following year. Said goals shall serve as a recommendation to the general membership to be voted upon at the annual convention in February. In preparing such goals, the state committee shall enumerate objectively measurable results for each goal identified in its recommendation. The chairperson shall be responsible for providing written copies of said recommendation to all party members at least three weeks and not more than six weeks prior to the annual convention.
3. The treasurer shall formulate and chair a budget and finance committee. This committee shall be responsible for preparing a detailed plan of income and expenses and a statement of planning assumptions, in writing, for submission to the state committee by December 15. This plan shall cover the period encompassed by the upcoming fiscal year.
4. The treasurer shall serve as finance manager of the annual convention and shall be a member of the convention committee.
5. The treasurer shall advise the state committee quarterly of any changes to the annual financial plan which (s)he deems appropriate in view of current income and expenses and party activities. The state committee shall be responsible for approving all changes.
6. The state committee shall be responsible for approving the annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The chairperson shall be responsible for furnishing all members with written copies of said annual financial plan, as approved by the state committee, at least three weeks prior to the annual convention.
7. Any offices which are unfilled at the annual convention or which are vacated prior to the expiration of their terms, shall be filled by the state committee.
8. Any decision of the state committee may be appealed to the general membership by submitting a petition to the chairperson at either of the two general meetings subsequent to the state committee meeting at which the decision being appealed has been made. Said petition must contain the names and counties of at least 10% of the membership.
9. The executive secretary will furnish any member with a copy of the membership list at reasonable cost of reproduction.
10. Any member of the state committee who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the state committee shall be deemed to have resigned from said position and shall be so notified by the chairperson or the executive secretary. The chairperson must have given said member at least ten days notice for each
11. The state committee shall be responsible for organizing committees and task forces which it determines to be appropriate for the successful achievement of the goals approved at the annual convention.
12. (Refer to item 2) Any member may submit amendments to the state committee recommendation of goals by submitting said amendments in writing to the chairperson at least one week prior to the annual convention. Each amendment must refer to only one goal.
13. (Refer to item 2) Each goal enumerated in the state committee's recommendation shall be voted upon separately at the annual convention. In addition, each amendment shall be voted upon separately. No amendments shall be permitted from the floor unless they are in writing and are reproduced in sufficient quantity to furnish those attending with copies.
14. An officer shall be deemed to have resigned if (s)he is a candidate for office representing any political group other than the New Jersey Libertarian Party.
15. The chairperson may not be a candidate for any elected office without the prior written consent of at least two-thirds of the members of the state committee. Violation of this provision shall result in automatic resignation of the office of chairperson.
16. The chairperson shall be responsible for fulfilling the goals approved by the membership at the annual convention. He shall advise the membership of his progress on a quarterly basis. In fulfilling this responsibility, he shall act within the guidelines and organizational structure approved by the state committee.
17. No member may act to spend the party's funds without prior budgetary allocation and state committee authorization.
18. The state committee shall be considered to have a quorum if all elected officers of the party are in attendance. Otherwise, a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.
19. The state committee shall appoint a convention committee chairperson at least four months prior to the date of the convention.

NOTICE!

LP NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS new address:

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Washington, D.C. 20005 (202) 232-2003

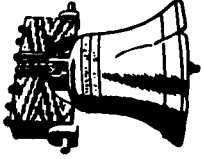


EDITORIAL

Don't forget our Annual Convention - Feb 14. Officers will be elected & candidates for political office will be endorsed. Why don't you join the work for freedom. Be a libertarian "angel" and contribute your time and money.

Thanks to Jack Conard, Emerson Ellett, Ken Kaplan, Tom Palven, Al Shaia, Bill Schetlick, Judy Schubert, and Ron Wishart for the clippings for our party scrapbook.

NEWSLETTER BOOSTER FOR THIS ISSUE: Paul Geyer. TYPISTS: Jack Conard, Betty Maguire, Kathy McAdam, M.N., G.R., Dan Piro. MAILING STAFF FOR LAST ISSUE: W.K., Grace Shamy, Kathy McAdam, and Jane Rehnke.



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DATE: Saturday
February 14th, 1976

"TAXPAYERS '76 -- TOWARD LIBERTY & PROSPERITY"
Seventh Annual Convention--January 25, 1976
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Dear Libertarian,

1976 will be an important year for liberty. Throughout the nation, Americans will be more aware of the value and meaning of freedom.

The N.J.L.P. Bicentennial Convention is being designed to give you the opportunity to participate in this most important year of the cause for liberty. You will help to choose our goals and formulate policy for the year.

One of the most exciting aspects of the convention is the workshop format. All who attend will be invited to participate in workshops of 6 to 12 people. Each group will be assigned a specific policy area to evaluate. For example, you might join a discussion of county organizations in the state. Perhaps, you may wish to discuss strategies for the 1976 congressional campaigns.

If you prefer to listen and observe, there are three speakers scheduled throughout the day. These people will also participate in workshops. You can watch them and other leading libertarians in action.

One of the best ways to get into the 'spirit of 76' is to start now. Join the convention committee. We have a great deal of preparation to do to make the convention an outstanding success. Most importantly, plan to attend and let us know by returning the slip at the bottom.

Yours for liberty, *Sam Piro*

Daniel J. Piro, Chairperson - Bicentennial Convention
2151 Center Ave. Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024 Tel: (201)461-2887

____ YES, I plan to attend !! _____ YES, I will join the convention committee.

NAME: _____ TEL: _____

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- I. WORKSHOPS in taxpayer organizing & issues (10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.)
- II. CONVENTION includes election of directors (all members vote), Issues '76, speakers (1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.)
- III. DINNER for which the Forsgate is renowned with a well-known speaker to regale you (starts about 5:00 P.M.)
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() Convention Journal Booster, \$5.00 \$ _____ enclosed
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NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY
P.O. Box 247
Bernardsville, New Jersey 07924

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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Wed. JAN. 14 7:25**

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PARTY AT RON WISHART'S

ALL INVITED! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 4 PM

Directions from the north: Garden State Parkway to Rt. 9, South. After Covered Bridge development, look for water tower on left. Exit at sign saying Tennent & Englishtown. Head toward water tower which is behind my house.

Directions from the south: go up Rt. 9 about 3 miles north of Freehold past Taylor's Mill Rd. Look for a Shell station on right. Take right just before station & then make first right on Willow Grove Way. Then 1st left, then 1st right onto Locust Grove Lane. My house is near end of street on the left.

5 LOCUST GROVE LANE, (201) 536-4950
Englishtown

PARTY AT BETTY FLORENTINE'S

ALL INVITED! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2 PM

Meeting to give Essex County libertarians a chance to get to know each other better and to attempt to form a county libertarian organization. Coffee and cake will be served. Call Betty if you can come.

Directions: Garden State Parkway (from north) Exit 145 to Central Av. Turn right, go approx. 1 mile (past Howard Johnson on left), turn left onto Center St. (Brick Church - Buick). 3 Blocks to Highland Av. Turn right, one block & turn left onto Seven Oaks Rd., go to 2nd block & bear left into Seven Oaks Court (white ranch house).

498 Seven Oaks Court, Orange
(201) 674-1790

AUCTION

FEBRUARY 14, 1976

If you have any articles that you'll part with for the auction at the Annual Convention, contact:

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