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SPIRIT OF '76

## Essex County Libertarians

On Sunday, Dec. 14th a group of 20 people, libertarians and prospective libertarians, met at the home of Betty Florentine to discuss forming an Essex County group. It was also a social gathering to acquaint prospective libertarians with the purposes of the party. This was accomplished in the very pleasant atmosphere of Betty's home with Betty and Nick as most gracious hosts.

The meeting was conducted by Ken Kaplan who opened with a short talk on libertarianism in general with emphasis on the voluntary principle of participation.

Don Meinshausen followed with comments on the activities of the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers in its opposition to the state income tax and the bond issues. The Federation's work has been publicly recognized as a major influence in the defeat of both issues. Don mentioned the FNJT annual convention on Sun. Jan 25th where Jim Davidson of the National Taxpayers Union hopefully will speak.

Don also advocated that our effort be directed toward the defeat of Federal Bill S-1 in the US Senate which would severely restrict protest against the government. This, of course, is another attempt to gain control over our lives and property.

Ken introduced Cal Beatty, NJ State Chairperson of the MacBride for President Committee. Cal spoke to the group about the importance of everyone in the party participating in the petition drive to get us on the ballot. Fred Stein offered the suggestion that members write letters to their local editors as an effective publicity vehicle. Cal favored this approach and thanked Fred for mentioning it. Cal then outlined the procedures for fund raising and asked for full support in this effort.

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## Monmouth County Libertarians

On Saturday, December 14th, 1975 between 4 in the afternoon and 11 in the evening, Ron Wishart and his wife Sandra opened their home and very graciously entertained between 25 and 30 NJLP members and non-members. Everyone in attendance talked, laughed, drank, ate, discussed and generally had a terrific time. Even Santa Claus appeared. I thought we'd be able to recruit him but quickly discovered Ron was already underneath the white beard and the twinkling eyes.

This gathering proved to be not only an enjoyable experience but a successful event for Libertarians. Two new members joined right there and then. They are Bonnie Swirsky and Reinhard Piater. Welcome aboard!!!

At the same time I am happy and proud to announce the birth of our own Monmouth County Committee. We even leaped over the required 10 member minimum with 2 extra. Our new party organ consists of the following people: Tom and Jan Palven, Anne Caroline Riecker, Janet Huhn, recording secretary Lucille Bender, Christopher White, Walter and Bonnie Swirsky, Emerson Ellet, Reinhard Piater, Steve Enterline and the chairman, Ron Wishart.

Jack Conard was there with several other people from Ocean County but there weren't the required 10 to form an Ocean County Chapter. Hopefully this will come about in the near future.

I want to be the first to say thank-you to the Wisharts for their generosity concerning this party. We were wined and dined like royalty, had a superlative time, and brought to life a new party organ. With members like the Wisharts how can we fail?

Sincerely,

Lucille Bender

## Roger MacBride for President Dave Bergland for Vice President

Calvin Beatty has just been appointed NJ Chairman of the MacBride for President Committee (MFPC). This committee will work with and through the NJLP to accomplish three objectives:

- 1) petition drive to get Roger and Dave on the ballot in NJ
- 2) fund raising
- 3) coordination of publicity for and area stumping by Roger and Dave.

Calvin will be principally handling fund raising, with Jane Rehmke agreeing to serve as Treasurer in this effort. Because of the simple equation that money equals visibility, and Roger and Dave sorely need visibility, Calvin requests that all members with leads or suggestions concerning fund raising please contact him. Lenient petition requirements in NJ indicate that Roger and Dave stand an excellent chance of getting on the ballot, and therefore the need for a successful fund raising drive will assure good visibility for the campaign in this state.

In a letter to Bob Meier, Chairman of MFPC, Calvin also noted that "both the MFPC and NJLP are extremely fortunate in that Bill Schetlick is prepared to work for the campaign on almost a full-time basis. Bill's enthusiasm and commitment will enable the NJLP to make a significant contribution to the national campaign."

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Contributions should be made payable to MACBRIDE FOR PRESIDENT COMMITTEE and sent to the following address: (c/o NJLP): Box 247, Bernardsville, NJ 07924.

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*           BERGEN COUNTY           *
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*           Organizational Meeting   *
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* Monday, January 12, 1976  8:30     *
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*           31 Westminster Avenue    *
*           Bergenfield, NJ 07621    *
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* Call Dave Klein if you need       *
* directions, (201) 384-0892.       *
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*           LIBERTARIANS OF OCEAN COUNTY *
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*           Organizational Meeting   *
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* Wed. January 7, 1976  7:30        *
*                                     *
*           Ocean County Courthouse  *
*           Courtroom #2             *
*           Washington St & Hooper Ave. *
*           Toms River, NJ           *
*                                     *
* Bill Schreck of the National      *
* Write Your Congressman Club       *
* will speak on the activities     *
* of his organization.              *
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* Call Jack Conard if you need     *
* directions, (201) 341-0983.      *
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# Libertarians and the bicentennial

40 Buena Vista Ave.  
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To the Editor:

The coming of the bicentennial makes it painful to reflect on how much of our precious heritage of freedom we have surrendered, and how dimly burn the once flaming torches of liberty in this land!

Our major political parties and the philosophies they espouse are seemingly in battle, but their murky struggle is responsible for the never-ending transfer of our personal liberty and freedoms to the nameless and terrifying bureaucracies of a government so remote and fundamentally out of our control that it differs little from the totalitarian tyrannies that we loathe.

The Republicans and Conservatives profess to defend the sacred right of individual economic liberty. Lower taxes! Get the welfare cheaters to work! Reduce the size of government!

But they have other visions. Of imperial power, and glory, and the majesty of bugle, gun, and bayonet. Of kingdoms and nobles and grandeur, and the enforcement of their own morality and traditions on the rest of us by law. So they kill our sons in the Vietnam. They, in their secret hearts, applaud legal systems which favor princes and imprison serfs. They would regulate by law what you and I can read, listen to, and do. And in the end, they betray even their primal philosophy of economic liberty because while they deny the justice of tax monies for welfare, they promote taxation for guns, and subsidies for their friends, and for a police state to regulate our private lives.

The Democrats and the Liberals are no better. While professing to defend civil rights, personal freedom, and equality, they have stolen from the individual the ownership of his labor, and the fruits of his creative talent. They arrogate these to a government which "knows better" how to dispose of our labor, and this proves that they despise the individual and glorify the state. This creature will not rest until all Americans have identical incomes, no matter whether they contribute or not, whether they are worthy or not, whether they deserve it or not. Its ultimate vision is that of a uniformly fed, uni-

formly clothed, uniformly incombed rabble that will then be free to fornicate in the streets and flaunt homosexuality. In his passion for equality, he will blandly compromise civil liberties "to redress past injustice" and to enforce his will on the country. His vision of a welfare state has already had its evil effects on our America. The creative instinct has been sapped. American business vitality and innovations is no longer the envy of the world. And this overweening enthusiasm for civil rights and the legislation that enforces it has resulted not in simple freedom to pick our own moralities and lifestyles, but an overreaction which causes many to flaunt traditions, mores, and customs, and together with welfare station, has largely destroyed our quality of life.

I am sure that the recent defeat of the ERA in New Jersey was due not to a general feeling that women should be unequal, but to a keen suspicion of the mischief that our courts could do, armed with much legal ammunition. We have seen it happen over and over again with noble-sounding legislation...

And so the struggle goes, enslaving us, corrupting us, sapping our vitality and spirit. Like a ship without a rudder, we drift, picking and choosing the principles that suit us. The civil rights fanatic will trample on all other rights to achieve his aim. The commuter on the Long Branch RR argues against the injustice of his having to pay for welfare statism, but then howls for all others in the state to contribute to his fare via subsidy.

There is an answer to this dilemma. We must return to principle! We must restore to ourselves the hunger for liberty and all of our personal rights and freedoms. We must find the courage to fight for these freedoms, and the fortitude to accept the responsibilities of freedom.

Neither the Republican nor the Democratic parties believe in all personal freedom; they each pick and choose those they like at the expense of others. There is a new political party called the Liberation Party. It stands for all personal freedom... both economic freedom, and civil rights freedom. It recognizes

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## FROM OUR READERS

# Letters to the editor

Letter to the Editor, ASBURY PARK PRESS, September 6, 1975

NOTHING IS FOR FREE

Gov. Byrne said his bond program will add nearly \$1 billion to the personal income of state residents. Sounds terrific.

The other side of the coin is that it will take \$1 billion plus interest from the personal residents in the form of higher taxes.

As New Yorkers are finding out, bond debts have to be repaid. There ain't no such thing as a free lunch.

TOM PALVEN, Howell Township

## State warned of 'tax revolt'

DEAR EDITOR:

After devastating defeats handed to the administration and taxers in Trenton by the voters in defeating all the bonds and by tossing out a score of pro-tax Assembly incumbents, we still find politicians like the state treasurer and the mayor of Newark calling for substantially higher state taxes. The spectre of a billion dollar deficit and default is raised as yet another excuse for a state income tax.

The taxpaying portion of the population (those who pay more to, than they get from government) may not be able to survive another tax increase in addition to the "nuisance" taxes just passed. During the decade ending in 1974, per capita personal income increased 97 per cent in New Jersey — during that same time, local taxes soared 122 per cent, and state taxes exploded by 259 per cent! And let us not be fooled by the redistributive promises of the taxers: The original income tax offered by the administration would have grabbed 72 per cent of its take from those earning less than \$12,000 yearly.

People are beginning to catch on to the con: Few of us benefit from excessive taxation and government spending — ah, but a FEW of us do benefit from that political strategy of spend, spend, elect, elect (and tax, tax!).

The time has really come to put an end to the con. Taxpayers had better realize the truth of their circumstances: We have become little better than tax-serfs, existing as a passive mass to be manipulated, taxed and controlled as our tax-masters see fit. It is about time we got organized around defending our property and remaining freedoms from Trenton's next onslaught: No income tax in '75, and tax rollback in '76!

The "tax revolt" is appropriately the top news story in this bicentennial year.

Ralph Fucelola 3d,  
North Arlington

THE STAR-LEDGER, Thursday, December 4, 1975

that the principal duty of government is to protect individuals from violent intrusions of their rights.

The Libertarian Party has sapped. American business dignity and justice for all individuals. That torch flickers hopefully in many of the states of the Union, and it burns brighter with each passing day. We Libertarians look to a future in which Americans have cast off their bondage, and the flame of Liberty burns brightly in all our hearts.

Sincerely,  
Joseph A. Twanski

Letter to the Editor, THE HOME NEWS,  
New Brunswick, November 28, 1975

VICTIMS MUST GET RESTITUTION

There are some people who believe the criminal must be jailed to repay society; and others who believe the criminal must be rehabilitated by society.

Very little is said about the unfortunate victim.

Rehabilitation and jailing costs the taxpayers billions of dollars. In prison one gets three meals a day, sleeping quarters, a library, movies, entertainment and other luxury.

To achieve equal justice restitution must be paid from the criminal to the victim. The criminal must be directly responsible to repay the victim; whether it be one's labor, money or personal property. It doesn't help the victim if the criminal is solely thrown in jail. The victim must be entitled to restitution. In the case of death of the victim, the beneficiary should decide life and death over the killer.

FRED STEIN, Maplewood



BEACH HAVEN TIMES December 3, 1975

## Libertarian Party Celebrates Victories

Dear Mrs. Cox:

The Libertarian Party in New Jersey is celebrating its election victories in five districts and sincerely thanks all those people who had the "guts" to pull the lever for the Libertarians.

Though the vote count for the five Assembly candidates of the Libertarian Party totaled only about 5000 votes, the party definitely considers this a victory. Before this election in 1975

very few people had ever heard of the Libertarian Party. Furthermore, voting for principles of life, liberty and justice acquired property rather than political expediency and tax-dollar handouts is a very difficult choice, especially when the voter is on the receiving end of subsidies.

Libertarian Party candidates will probably continue to receive meager vote counts for the next few

years. Eventually, however, more and more people will begin to understand that their right to life is inviolate, that neither the common criminal nor government has any right to violate individual rights.

It will not be too long before the slogan of the day will be "Government, get off our backs!"

John J. Conard  
Toms River

## ESSEX COUNTY LIBERTARIANS (cont)

At this point refreshments were served, and the social period was thoroughly enjoyed by the group.

After the social period, the business of forming the county organization was attended to. The by-laws proposed by Jack Conard for the Ocean County organization were used as a basis for the drafting of our own. To make the organization official, Ken proposed a dollar per year dues until the organization becomes established. This was approved and 13 members paid up including 12 NJLP members. Ken Kaplan was nominated for Chairperson by Bob Steiner and seconded by Bill Schetlick. Ken was unanimously elected. Dick Roth volunteered to serve as treasurer and was unopposed. Bill Schetlick agreed to be acting secretary. The official title for the group will be ESSEX COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COMMITTEE.

To appropriately complete the day's activities, Ruth Bashlow took a series of group pictures which we hope to publish in a future issue of the newsletter.

Submitted by Charlie Hofker

## RACISM

In the New Jersey Libertarian Party brochure "TEST YOUR LQ" (Libertarian Quotient) prepared by NJLP member John J. Conard, one of the true/false questions was: "Racism is immoral, therefore it must be outlawed." The following article was written by Mr. Conard as an explanation of the libertarian answer to this question.

### --RACISM IS IMMORAL BUT IT CANNOT BE OUTLAWED--

(There are two aspects to the issue of racism. The NJLP has attempted to incorporate both aspects into one short true-false statement. While few people would deny that racism is immoral, only very few apparently understand that it is virtually impossible to eliminate it by law. All the laws which could possibly be mustered against so evil an attitude as racism could have not the slightest effect upon either the intensity of the attitude or ways which it can be practiced. The following is intended merely to suggest to the reader why this is so. For a more detailed treatment of the issue-- which is a moral issue of great importance to persons who claim opposition to collectivism-- refer to Ayn Rand's article, "RACISM", in THE OBJECTIVIST NEWSLETTER Vol. 2, No. 9, Sept. 1963, from which all of the following excerpts were taken.)

"Racism is the lowest, most crudely primitive form of collectivism. It is the notion of ascribing moral, social, or political significance to a man's genetic lineage-- the notion that a man's intellectual and characterological traits are produced and transmitted by his internal body chemistry. Which means, in practice, that a man is to be judged, not by his own character and actions, but by the characters and actions of a collective of ancestors.

Racism claims that the content of a man's mind (not his cognitive apparatus, but its content) is inherited; that a man's convictions, values and character are determined before he is born, by physical factors beyond his control. This is the caveman's version of the doctrine of innate ideas-- or of inherited knowledge-- which has been thoroughly refuted by philosophy and science. Racism is a doctrine of, by and for brutes. It is a barnyard or stock-farm version of collectivism, appropriate to a mentality that differentiates between various breeds of animals, but not between animals and men.

Like every form of determinism, racism invalidates the specific attribute which distinguishes man from all other living species, his rational faculty. Racism negates two aspects of man's life, reason and choice, or mind and morality, replacing them with chemical predestination."

Why is this attitude immoral? Precisely because it attempts to negate that faculty and that ability which enable man to be moral: reason and choice. Morality is a code of values, a set of principles, if you will, by which men can choose and judge what is or is not a proper course of action for his life at any given moment in any given situation. Moral values are not determined in a vacuum. They are discovered in the context of existence by application of man's reason to the problem of his survival. Morality is man's answer to that problem. Racism cuts this process at its base. As such, it is anti-life; and as such it is immoral.

But what about the practice of racism, the practical application of this immoral attitude in a social, economic and political context? Cannot the attitude be eliminated by forbidding people to act upon it?

Not unless racism can be eliminated by practicing racism. Outlawing racism in practice means, and has always meant, prescribing that men perform certain acts or provide certain advantages to people based upon race. Observe the "CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1965".

Racism cannot be outlawed, that is, eliminated by means of laws, because human values are not a product of legal decrees. The human faculty of reason functions volitionally, which means that men are free to think or not to think, to discover moral principles or not to bother and thereby to default. Thus, though a govern-

An outstanding libertarian journal has come on the scene in the last few months called the FREEDOM FIGHTER, "dedicated to the restoration of our American constitutional liberties." A fortnightly freedom newsletter edited by Rene Baxter of the Arizona LP, it concentrates on news of the tax resistance movement (published by RBPress, 4045 East Palm Lane, Phoenix, Arizona 85008, \$45/year, 24 issues). Here's an article (reprinted by permission from Rene Baxter) from the 11/13/75 issue which shows the spirit which drives it:



### WHAT'S A FREEDOM FIGHTER?

by Rene Baxter

There are lots of labels in use today: radical, liberal, conservative, leftist, right-winger, hippy, biker -- you name it. Most of them have very bad connotations for large numbers of people. But what's a freedom fighter?

Well, that's just the point -- the term gives a hint of what we mean by it, but it doesn't make anybody feel tense. Americans are prepared to like the term as soon as they hear it. It reminds them of the Hungarian freedom fighters of the '50s, struggling against overwhelming Soviet oppression for control of their homeland. But they really don't know what it means. It's up to us to define it.

#### The Libertarian Activist

Libertarians believe that the individual has an inalienable right to his own life, liberty and property, that he is born with the right to exercise sole dominion over his own life, and that he may live in whatever manner he chooses, so long as he does not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to do the same.

Activists believe that their own lives and actions make a difference in how things turn out in this world. They choose goals, sometimes seemingly impossible ones, and they work unceasingly to attain them. They often succeed. The apathetic, on the other hand, never accomplish anything.

The freedom fighter is a libertarian activist. The individualist tradition to which he belongs goes back a long way. Thomas Jefferson was a freedom fighter. So were John Hancock, Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry and Nathan Hale. Today's freedom fighter is in very good company.

#### Friends and Enemies

The freedom fighter's goal is always and everywhere the same: maximum individual liberty, and severely limited government. This makes judging ideas, people and organizations simple -- if they favor less government, they are friends; and if they favor more government, they're enemies.

But what about the "liberal" who is a great advocate of civil liberties -- free speech, freedom of religion, etc. -- who is also in favor of gun control? He simply has a contradiction. If he really believes in freedom, he can be persuaded to see his error and join us.

The same is true of the "conservative" who is a great advocate of economic freedom -- free enterprise, the gold standard, etc. -- but who also believes in laws suppressing pornography, marijuana, "living together", etc. He has contradictions, too. But, again, if he really believes in freedom he can be persuaded to see that in order to be free himself, he must be willing to allow others the same right.

The elitist is the real enemy. He believes that he is somehow superior to most other men. Those people out there, he will tell you, are animals. They must be forced to do what's right, what he believes is right.

Here's the real watershed between friends of liberty, and enemies: does man deserve to be free? Can he handle it, or must he be protected from his own "depraved" natural state?

The elitist has a very negative, pessimistic view of human nature. He really believes he has a right to rule other men. Socialists are always elitists, as are all advocates of the police state, whether leftist or right-wing.

Libertarians believe in freedom for everyone, not just for themselves. Freedom fighters are always libertarians. But not all libertarians are freedom fighters. A libertarian becomes a freedom fighter by becoming an activist.

## FROM THE CHAIR

A state Committee meeting was held on December 12th at the home of Kathy McAdam. State Committee members present were Ralph Fucetola, Bill George, Kathy McAdam, Dan Piro, Jean Rehmke, Bill Schetlick, Dick Solyom, and Fred Stein. Absent: Tom Palven. Also present were Cal Beatty and Dave Klein.

**MACBRIDE FOR PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN:** Bill announced that Cal Beatty has been appointed Chairman of the NJ MacBride for President Committee by Bob Meier, the National Chairman. Cal discussed various fund raising ideas and emphasized that we all have to work together as a team. He stated that hopefully we can use direct mail fund raising and that we should be able to make use of a list of corporations which set up committees and can make up to \$5000 in political contributions. Cal mentioned that all legal reports will be channeled through Bob Meier.

Bill said that he's already contacted the Chamber of Commerce to arrange for a MacBride speaking engagement.

Cal said he has written Meier advising him of Bill's willingness to work virtually full-time on the MacBride campaign.

**PLATFORM:** Ralph Fucetola read his proposal for a NJ addendum to the National Platform, and it was agreed that the addendum would be presented to the membership at the convention.

**NEWSLETTER BUDGET:** Jane Rehmke, treasurer, discussed the estimated budget for the newsletter based on 10 issues per year and 140 members-subscribers. She proposed that the newsletter subscription be increased to \$5/year and 60¢ for a single copy.

Dan said that the State Committee should suggest that state dues be lowered and the newsletter subscription should be completely separate.

A motion made by Jane and seconded by Dan was passed unanimously to increase the newsletter subscription to \$5/yr effective Jan. 1, 1976. Fred commented that our newsletter is a libertarian journal and that \$5 or \$6 is a cheap price.

Fred suggested sending the newsletter to NJ libraries. Dick said there are 357 libraries around the state, and they are anxious and happy to receive news of NJ organizations. Dan said it's a good idea to send your own library a copy.

**CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE:** Bill said that we've received 14 responses to the letter-questionnaire mailed to our members to locate potential candidates and campaign workers. Bill has already met with some of them and he will follow up on others with letters or telephone calls.

**ANNUAL CONVENTION:** Dan Piro reported on the plans for the Feb. 14th convention. Food and location arrangements have already been taken care of (thanks to Bill George), and work is being done on the entertainment.

Dan mentioned that during the afternoon workshops, the leaders will not dominate but will keep the flow of discussion going. Due to the tight convention schedule, Amy Piro, who is in charge of the workshops, has concluded that the reports on the workshop results should be published in the newsletter instead of being verbally presented at the convention.

Dan emphasized that any and all items are welcome for the auction.

**CAMPUS ORGANIZING:** Bill reported that he has been mildly successful in his attempts to help start some libertarian campus groups. As part of his activities in this endeavor, he spoke at the political science club at Kean College and visited with about 10 libertarians at Princeton. (He wants to set up a weekend philosophy of freedom seminar.)

Bill has also tried to obtain the National LP literature about Young Libertarian Alliances.

Dan said that Bill should have someone to help him follow up on all the contacts he is making so that we get a planned growth. Dan was concerned that Bill would get overloaded with responsibilities and that additional help must be found before the work load gets too extensive. Dan emphasized that we need various people to specialize, and that we have to make a conscious purposeful effort to find them.

Dick suggested putting an ad in college papers to try to locate people who'd be interested in forming local libertarian groups.

**PETITION DRIVES AND CAMPAIGN PLANS:** Bill said he thinks that all candidates should try to get people to help handle their own campaigns.

Dan said the typesetter who has agreed to do the work on the campaigns needs about 3 weeks lead time.

A long discussion followed about the petition requirements and plans.

Of the many profound and moving statements pronounced by philosopher-novelist Ayn Rand, the following is perhaps the most apropos for us here in New Jersey. It can be found at the end of the introduction to the "Romantic Manifesto" and it reads: "...anyone who fights for the future, lives in it today."

The case for political action has been stated many times, but never more succinctly and masterfully. Ayn Rand, in one short phrase, has captured the entire essence and emotion of the impetus behind the political activists; moreover, she lights the way to that oh-so-desirable libertarian society. Time and space literally vanishes before her pen, as she dissolves the anxiety and frustration of waiting for the future in an unfree world.

The libertarian society which we are all looking forward to is really here for anyone who acts on his/her convictions. To become active in the libertarian party, to act out the steps involved in becoming the sole liberating force in the world, is nothing less than the necessary preparation for the rapidly approaching time when we will be called upon to show the way.

The Libertarian Party is a complex of many diverse elements, drawn together and bonded by a goal -- to prepare for and to facilitate the transition from oppression to liberty, using the State apparatus as a vehicle. Nothing could be more direct, nothing could be more effective than this approach.

The NJLP will be a significant political force in 1976. The State Committee, along with the newly-established County Committees will bring the libertarian message to virtually every person in the state. With our full slate of candidates and the MacBride campaign, we will bring the future into the present.

Plan to take part in this exciting and worthwhile endeavor. The first stage of our effort has already begun. Don't wait for the future, rather show your impatience by becoming active in our extensive program for '76. Remember, anyone who fights for the future...

Bill Schetlick  
Chairperson, NJLP



"Our party represents the supreme political adventure of this decade. How many of you... will be counted in on this adventure? ... in on the work, on the setbacks, in order to be a part of the final victory, (to be) on the tidal wave... washing away the evils caused by man's power over man."

Roger MacBride at the 1975 NJLP Annual Convention

STATE COMMITTEE MEETING - 12/12/75

**COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS:** It was noted that Bill George has declined the post of Acting Union County Chairperson, and that we will have to search for someone else to begin an organization there.

Dan passed out copies of the proposed by-laws of the Bergen County Libertarian Committee. A long discussion followed which concentrated on the proposed inclusion of Special Membership.

Dick declared that he is against approving these by-laws now because the county group has not even met yet. He concluded that the discussion was meaningless because no county group has approved of them. Dan then decided to withdraw the by-laws from consideration at this time.

**NJLP BY-LAWS CHANGES:** Dan presented his proposed by-laws changes (i.e., the complete copy of the by-laws including the changes he had proposed in the last issue of the newsletter). A motion was unanimously passed to present them to the January 14th general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 AM.

--Racism is Immoral But Cannot be Outlawed--

ment may demand that a man act in a certain manner, it cannot force his mind to accept the moral premise upon which the act is predicated. Since the human mind functions volitionally it can be forced to be neither rational nor irrational. Thus, the only rational way to combat racism is to convince people, to persuade them that it is immoral, and that it is immoral because it is irrational. People must choose not to be racist.

"It is not a man's ancestors or relatives or genes or body chemistry that count in a free market, but only one human attribute, productive ability. It is by his own individual ability and ambition that capitalism judges a man and rewards him accordingly.

No political system can establish universal rationality by law (or by force). But capitalism is the only system that functions in a way which rewards rationality and penalizes all forms of irrationality, including racism...

No man...has any claim to the property of another man. A man's rights are not violated by a private individual's refusal to deal with him. Racism is an evil, irrational and morally contemptible doctrine--but doctrines cannot be forbidden or prescribed by law. Just as we have to protect a communist's freedom of speech, even though his doctrines are evil, so we have to protect a racist's right to the use and disposal of his own property. Private racism is not a legal, but a moral issue-- and can be fought only by private means, such as economic boycott or social ostracism."

Racism cannot be outlawed. And there should be no attempt to outlaw it, because by attempting to do so, our rights to freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and freedom of press, not to mention our property rights, begin to suffer. One group of people cannot, with impunity, violate the rights of other individuals. By the same token, racism, while immoral, does not necessarily lead to violation of individual rights. There are laws to protect us when our legitimate rights are violated. Let the racist alone, with his irrationality, until he does violate those legitimate rights. Let him suffer the real consequences of his immorality in the free market place.

Jack Conard

put I.R.S. AGENTS  
where they belong  
(IN PRISON !)



DROP A LINE TO A REAL FREEDOM FIGHTER!

Karl Bray, noted libertarian activist in the tax resistance movement, is currently serving a 6-month jail sentence for possession of Xerox copies of an IRS seizure notice. He was convicted without a jury trial. Karl would like to correspond with fellow libertarians.

KARL BRAY  
Federal Prisoner  
City-County Jail  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111



## in the spirit of '76

JANUARY 1, 1976 -- GOOD MORNING "1776" OR "1984" ?

"Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God, I know not what other men may say, but as for me, Give me Liberty or Give me Death!"

Patrick Henry

As the New Year comes upon us, it is becoming clear that the Legislatures in power intend to celebrate the American Bicentennial by totally depriving the citizens in the United States, and especially in New Jersey, of every guaranteed constitutional right granted to us by the Constitution of the United States. Americans are again finding, as they found out two hundred years ago when the Magna Carta was supposed to guarantee all Englishmen their unalienable rights, that those rights (Ed. guarantees) no longer exist. The Jury is becoming full of judges picked by officials of the Executive branch who are definitely conspiring to institute a completely Totalitarian Socialist Government on the citizens of the United States.

Thomas Jefferson has stated that every attempt to deny an individual his natural rights (which are defined by Thomas Paine and John Locke as the right each individual has to the freedom of his own mind, to act according to his own conscience in securing his own comfort and happiness, so long as he does not interfere with the equal rights of others) is proof of an attempt to reduce the people to tyranny.

On December 19, 1975 at the Pre-Trial hearing of Slot vs. the State of New Jersey, at the Ocean County Courthouse, I overheard one of the most flagrant acts of tyranny instituted by the State. An individual was charged for one of the most ridiculous "victimless crimes" in existence, conspiring to buy marihuana, for allegedly stating in a telephone conversation that he would be interested in purchasing an ounce of marihuana. The defense motioned to sever Mr. Slot's case from others who agreed to purchase various drugs from the seller whose phone was being tapped. The defense asked the judge if the conspiracy charge law states that any individual who merely states that he would be interested in buying marihuana is just as guilty as a person caught possessing heroin. The judge replied that, as the law stands, any person agreeing to purchase marihuana can be indicted for "Conspiracy to purchase controlled dangerous substances", and can be found guilty of that charge, which carries a sentence of three years imprisonment.

From these Pre-Trial events, it appears that a new precedent for totally depriving all individuals of their constitutionally guaranteed rights has occurred. It appears that as the dawn of the American Bicentennial comes upon us, we no longer possess any of the rights and liberties Americans for two hundred years have fought and died for. Any person can be secretly recorded and found guilty of merely saying that he will do something which is against the law. It is clear by the mere fact that I have quoted Patrick Henry's Speech that I myself can be arrested, tried, and found guilty of conspiring to overthrow the Government, and then, if the New Criminal Code is passed, be sentenced to death. The only response and answer I have is not only to quote Nathan Hale and say "I have but one life to give to my country", but to also quote Patrick Henry again and say "If this be treason, make the most of it!"

Albert Shaia  
Secretary Pro Tempore  
Libertarians of Ocean County

**"THE PEOPLE HAVE MORE GOVERNMENT  
THAN THEY WANT, MORE GOVERNMENT  
THAN THEY NEED AND MORE GOVERNMENT  
THAN THEY CAN PAY FOR"**

# Libertarian Party

1516 P Street, NW, Washington DC 20005

## LIBERTARIAN PARTY BLASTS CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT

The nation's first 1976 presidential nominee, Roger L. MacBride of the Libertarian Party, has strongly criticized the Federal Election Campaign Act. In a series of speeches during a recent tour of the Midwest MacBride predicted that "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."

MacBride's Libertarian party is a co-plaintiff with Sen. James Buckley (R-NY), Eugene McCarthy, the New York Civil Liberties Union and others in a suit challenging the constitutionality of virtually every major aspect of the FECA...

Edward H. Crane, National Chairman of the Libertarian Party says his organization opposes the law for a variety of reasons. "To begin with," said Crane, "the law is a blatant attack on the freedom of expression guaranteed in the First Amendment.

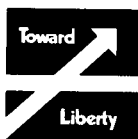
"By limiting the amount of money that can be contributed to a candidate or spent by a candidate the law limits political discussion and debate--it says, in effect, that freedom of expression is okay up to the point deemed appropriate by the government. The rights guaranteed Americans in the First Amendment are not conditional or limited, they're absolute."

Crane claims the law is designed to institutionalize the Democrats and Republicans "at a time when their broad base of support is crumbling rapidly. The audacity of the two major parties voting to give \$20 million of the taxpayers' money to each of their presidential candidates in the name of 'campaign reform' reflects a very low opinion of the American public."

"Private financing of campaigns is not only a basic right in a free society, it is one of the last means we have to control politicians. Public financing of political campaigns, on the other hand, allows the Establishment politicians to be even less responsive to the voters' growing disenchantment with their continuing attempts to control, regulate and tax our lives and liberties."

The Libertarian Party, which recently relocated its national headquarters in Washington, D.C., has stated that it will refuse federal "matching funds" when MacBride qualifies for them early next year. "The FECA is 'crisis' legislation that mocks the Constitution and takes control of the electoral process away from the people and gives it to the politicians," Crane said. "It is imperative that this ill-conceived law be overturned by the Supreme Court if we hope to maintain even a semblance of a free society in this country..."

Press Release, National LP Headquarters, 11/10/75



NATIONAL EXECOM MEETING - JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 1  
Fairmont Hotel, New Orleans

As Region 7 Representative to the National Executive Committee, I'll be attending the next Execom meeting on January 31- February 1 in New Orleans. If you have any comments, questions, concerns about the National LP, please drop me a line at 339 Grafton Ave., Newark 07104 or call (201) 482-3471.

How do you like the above logo? Please let me know before the meeting. It's now the Colorado LP's new logo, and Dave Nolan is going to introduce a motion at the Execom meeting to have National adopt it as the National LP logo.

Some Execom members are heading for New Orleans on Wednesday to partake of the first annual Anarcho-Alcoholic Caucus organized by Mass' Dave Long (Acting Chairpot). Come on down and join us!

Kathy McAdam

According to Ed Crane, National LP Chairman, a Ronald Reagan candidacy will "go a long way toward sharpening the differences between conservatives and libertarians.... We do have one problem with Reagan that must be dealt with effectively and quickly. That problem is his continuing use of the word libertarian to describe his political position."

"Strategically it makes good sense for Reagan to do so. He's got the conservative vote locked up and calling himself a libertarian makes him more attractive to liberals and the media. As we all know, however, Reagan is about as libertarian as Attila the Hun. Therefore, whenever you read or hear of Reagan describing himself as a libertarian write letters to the editor, telephone the radio or TV station and generally raise holy hell. We will be issuing a data sheet on Reagan in the near future which will detail some of his statist policies. For now, consider: He is in favor of the draft (war time only, of course); in favor of victimless crime laws; in favor of overseas military intervention (probably the most hawkish candidate for President); in favor of taxation; in favor of 'some' regulation of business; in favor of 'public' utility monopolies; believes that our present government is 'voluntary'; and saw the budget of his state double during his term as governor. Check the July issue of Reason for an enlightening interview with this actor-pol."

## ROGER MacBRIDE FOR PRESIDENT

Excerpts from a STATEMENT OF ROGER L. MACBRIDE  
1976 LIBERTARIAN PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE  
NATIONAL PRESS CLUB - NOVEMBER 25, 1976

I am running for President of the United States as the Libertarian candidate because the major policies pursued by Republican and Democratic administrations alike over the last sixty years have brought this country disaster. At home we have an economy choked by unemployment, high taxes, and inevitably increasing inflation. Abroad the American government persists in policies that present a significant risk of American military involvement in another Viet Nam-style war...

... Massive problems call for massive changes, and during this campaign I shall propose them.

... Is it not time to renounce our role as world protector--or imperial power if you like-- and be neutral and friendly toward all the world? Such a policy is not so revolutionary--it was in fact American foreign policy for many years after being proposed by Washington and Jefferson.

The crime rate and drug use dramatically climb year after year in the United States. The politicians call for bigger doses of the same old solutions which have not worked and which will not work. Isn't it time to reexamine the wisdom of the Harrison Narcotics Act of 1914, and to discuss whether prohibition of drugs may have created those twin problems in the same sense that prohibition of alcohol brought about alcohol abuse and widespread criminal activity in the 1920's?

Inflation has been a gnawing problem for years.... Isn't it time to contemplate abolition of the Federal Reserve Bank? That proposition need not be astounding either; perhaps we can study and profit from President Andrew Jackson's successful fight to abolish its predecessor, the Bank of the United States, in the 1830s. For eighty years thereafter (except for the Civil War greenback era) the United States prospered without a central bank and without monetary inflation.

...Through the coming year I will campaign vigorously ... and I will discuss policy changes that no Democrat and no Republican will care to or dare propose.

## ATTENTION STUDENTS !!

The National Headquarters of the Libertarian Party has started to form the National Libertarian Alliance. The function of the Alliance will be to communicate the libertarian philosophy on the campuses throughout the US. All those interested either in joining or starting such an organization, should contact Bill Schetlick at (201) 374-4624 or NJLP, PO Box 247, Bernardsville, NJ 07924.

by Kathy McAdam

There are many things that libertarians have to learn, perhaps the most important thing is that silence is anything but golden. Soon it will be too late to take any action that is aimed at enhancing liberty for the individual. Soon, if our legislators have their way, the economy will be nationalized, and our freedom to protest will be abolished.

When I say that this could happen soon, I am not referring to a time period of five or ten years; I mean a few months or a few weeks! The following will show that these are not empty fears, but a rational estimation of probability.

There are two bills in the Senate of the United States that are receiving more than just passing interest; they are: The Humphrey-Javits bill and S-1, the Official Secrets Act.

The Humphrey-Javits bill, if approved, would divide up the United States into separate planning districts, and all property rights would be suspended in favor of bureaucratic control. All production, exchange, and price would be determined by the dictates of a planning board. No individual would be allowed to use his/her own property as he/she saw fit. Where I come from, this is called fascism.

The Official Secrets Act (S-1) is a real terror. The passage of this bill would effectively prohibit any criticism of the government, especially with regard to the "National Defense". Some kinds of things prohibited would be: protesting a war or "undeclared police action" like Vietnam; the exposing of information like that contained in the Pentagon Papers; and the jailing of people like Halderman and Ehrlichman for their involvement in domestic spying, and a host of other atrocities.

These bills are really being considered; at the very least, a watered down compromise bill will probably be accepted, at the expense of our liberty. Why do libertarians not protest vociferously at the injustice of our legislators? Why do they not express their anger and frustrations in the form of political activism? I certainly cannot answer these questions. But I do know that time is running very short for the development of a truly vibrant, organized, and professional protest.

If you should like to be heard, write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper informing them of the consequences of these bills. Join the Libertarian Party... DO SOMETHING!

Bill Schetlick



## NATIONAL TAXPAYERS UNION



According to the Taxpayer's Liability Index, a study by the National Taxpayers Union (based on official Treasury Department figures), "...U.S. taxpayers are now on the hook for at least \$5 trillion."

"Your personal share is about \$115,000. That's up by a staggering \$13,000 from last year. While you've been working to make ends meet, politicians have been wracking up debts and liabilities which you'll have to pay."

"...Taxes and inflation are already your single greatest expense, greater by far than what you spend on food, shelter, or any other necessity...."

"...You may be squeezed for the rest of your life to pay the costs of government spending....Politicians have seen to that. They've spent every cent of yours they could lay their hands on. And promised away \$5 trillion more. Staggering amounts have been spent in ways which bring little benefit to you:

Item: \$100,000,000 to build a truck so poorly designed that it can travel a maximum of 90 minutes at a time before catching fire.

Item: \$600,000 in subsidy payments to a single beekeeper in Washington.

Item: \$238,500 to a professor and two assistants to follow migrating bats in Morocco.

Item: \$415,000 to remodel a jet-set hotel in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where the cheapest rooms cost \$150 per day.

(Ed. The list goes on....) Irresponsible politicians, almost totally under the sway of special interests, are threatening to spend you into bankruptcy...."

"National Taxpayers Union was founded to provide you with the means whereby you can regain some control over your life - including how your hardearned money is spent."

If you would like more information about this taxpayers' organization, write National Taxpayers Union, 325 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003. Annual dues are \$15.

I have my own ideas about the goals of a libertarian campaign, and I can't think of a better way to express my beliefs than to reprint the following excerpts from a statement made by DONALD A. FEDER who has received the Free Libertarian Party's nomination for State Senate in New York's Albany area (Don's address is 102 West Front Ave., Johnstown, NY 12095):

My basic objective in running for State Senate is to propagate the libertarian philosophy, to educate for individual freedom. Secondly, I hope that my campaign, and those of our other candidates, will help to build a solid party organization...

I will not gauge the success of my campaign by the number, or percentage, of votes I receive. I'll consider the effort worthwhile if we receive extensive publicity for libertarian positions. More importantly, however, I'll evaluate my campaign by the quality of people we recruit...

I'm dissatisfied with the caliber of many libertarian campaigns. Some of our candidates have been so obsessed with their "credibility", with not scaring the voters, that they've failed to take radical positions on the issues. Their sin has been one of omission. It's not that they compromise their values; they just never state them explicitly. In the end, it's difficult to differentiate their milk-toast libertarianism from standard conservative rhetoric...

I do intend to take radical moral positions, such as calling for the abolition of welfare, the termination of tax theft, the end of public education, and the repeal of morality laws. I believe there's a gold mine of support for libertarianism among the electorate, if we only have the fortitude to take radical positions...

I will not seek or accept the nomination of another political party. To do so would be a serious strategic mistake. A Libertarian-Conservative or Libertarian-Republican, candidate only confuses the voters. They identify with the party they're familiar with. Hence, they never become acquainted with libertarianism. If the Libertarian-Conservative makes a convincing argument, conservatism gets the credit.

Another detriment to running as a Libertarian-Conservative or Libertarian-Republican is that all of the collectivism, the power-lust, and the dishonesty of those parties will eventually become an albatross around the neck of the libertarian candidate.

We should strive to convince the electorate that the Republican Party is the Whig Party of the 20th century; and that the Libertarian Party will eventually replace it. We should stress the fact that Conservatism has failed due to its pragmatism, its anti-intellectualism, and its collectivist premises. How can we do this when we pander after these groups for their nominations? ...

In closing, let me add that I invite your close scrutiny of my campaign. If I stray from the straight and narrow, don't grumble behind my back, tell me! I'll always be open to advice and suggestions. And I'll be proud to be the candidate of the Party of Principle.



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## LIBERTARIAN PRESS SERVICE

A new libertarian organization, Libertarian Press Service, has been formed by one of our own NJLP members, Bill George. LPS is a network of libertarian publications which will service its members by publishing packets of graphic material and news copy, as well as information which can be used to improve a publication's appearance and economic situation.

The membership is \$10 a year. For more information, write LPS at P.O. Box 444, Westfield, NJ 07091.

## EDITORIAL

Just take a count of the people mentioned in this issue! The NJLP is really growing up! More and more members are taking an active role in the organization. Libertarians all over the state are writing letters to the editor, starting county groups, working on committees, helping with the newsletter, writing articles, ... It's great to be a part of it all!

If you've been sitting on the sidelines, the Bicentennial year is a wonderful time for you to begin working for a free society. There's so much that you can do. Any effort or contribution (no matter how small) will make a difference. In addition to whatever work you're doing in support of freedom in your own life, wouldn't you like to work together with other libertarians to help publicize libertarian ideals? Why not become active in the NJLP? We've got loads of jobs to be done: petition drives for MacBride/Bergland and the NJLP candidates, fund raising, legal advice, press releases, membership drives, public speaking, research on current issues, typing, editing articles for the newsletter, college campus organizing, ...

There's only one declared candidate for an NJLP office next year (Jane Rehmke is running for re-election as Treasurer) Other offices also open for competition are: Chairperson, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, Executive Secretary, three At-Large State Committee members, and don't forget the newsletter editor who'll be appointed by the new State Committee.

Pick the job of your choice and try for it! We need you!

## KID LIB

Virtually every Libertarian thinker has pondered the issue of Kid Lib. It seems to grate on the Libertarian consciousness, so much so that a delegate at the National Convention proposed a plank for consideration dealing with this issue. Many protested, claiming that such a plank would damage the Party's chances in the upcoming election, in other words, on "practical" grounds. Personally, I cringe whenever I hear that justification for anything, for to be agnostic on any subject is identical to taking a stand. As to the objection that it could do undue damage to our chances in any election, I submit our entire platform could do the job quite efficiently, without singling out any particular aspect alone. On the contrary, we are a group of people with controversial ideas and seek to pursue the controversy in all areas. Expanding and completing our full ideology to encompass all questions can only work in our favor. Any question left unanswered will leave us open and unguarded and this would be an area where the media could wipe us out.

The plank that was proposed was certainly not adequate, and I did not support it. More discussion, serious debate, and research is needed before a platform plank can be established. I have done some serious consideration and I would like to start the debate. The following paragraphs outline what I found.

Apparently, there are many erroneous notions undergirding the observations and objections on "kid lib." The first is the whole idea of "kid" itself. What is a child and how does one determine what a child is as opposed to an adult? Criteria range from "age" to "self-sufficiency." The former is absurd because there are no determinants in age (inherent in age) that make a person act. There is no such "thing" as age as an entity influencing any person's actions. One must conclude that any decision relating to age is necessarily arbitrary. The latter creates some cause and effect problems. Many claim that full rights should be accorded to those who have shown the ability to be independent and self-supporting. Obviously, freedom or the right to action is a prerequisite to this condition. It must be assumed first that a person has the right to act in his own self-interest in order to determine that he or she is capable of living free. Ironically, it is the determinists (not libertarians!) who have observed man, ignoring the fact that he is not free during said observation, and reached the conclusion that man is incapable of handling freedom and that man is inherently base and irresponsible! Children have been subject to the same environmental prejudice, even by libertarians. Existing law and institutional restraints have kept them in bondage and these restrictions have caused an alteration in behavior by those subjected to it. Some children rebel viciously against it, and are physically punished for it, the punishment taking many forms. Many are passive resistors, merely suffering alienation and rejection by the authority. In most cases, rewards and punishments are meted out based not on independent and creative action, but rather on obedience. There is sufficient evidence to conclude that early conditioning of this kind makes future indoctrination of young persons easier, both for the indoctrinator and for the child,

Some advocates of child "control" observe that children are "reckless and playful" and are therefore not "responsible enough" to be accorded full right of action. This reasoning is as spurious as the others, for it can be observed that anyone who doesn't have to provide for him or herself will act frivolously, or at least without regard for matters that do not threaten or concern his or her existence. Experience does not indicate to them that reading Barron's magazine is necessary for their livelihood. There are certainly not any economic disincentives involved in "play" when mommy and daddy are footing the bill. I should think it incumbent upon any parent to foster as much freedom and responsibility as is possible, so that the child can experience the connection between work and the sustaining of his or her own life.

Another challenge to the efficacy of "children's rights" is the alleged need to "protect" children from themselves. "After all," it is argued, "they don't know what's good for them." There is no need here to extrapolate on the effects that this notion has had on this country and the world. Just to mention a few: involuntary incarceration of those whose behavior does not meet "social norms"; the setting of government standards in all areas of production and exchange; the so called "victimless crime" laws and a whole myriad of debilitating controls and regulations.

"But what if a small child should wander out of the house and into the street? Would I have the right to stop him?" This question was actually posed at the convention as an example of how impractical "children's rights" are. To this I would respond that there will always be borderline cases where there exists a question as to whether or not rights were violated; this is properly assigned to a court to decide in each particular case. This is not indigorous to children, however, it is certainly questionable whether any man seeing another in an absolutely life-threatening situation would be prosecuted for violating that man's (or child's) rights by "saving" him or her. On the other hand, extenuating circumstances, such as when a man is attempting suicide and another "saves" him (not knowing that the man was committing suicide), the "saver" would be subject to prosecution, are likely to occur, but these should pose a small problem, if any. This is so, because if the person still wants to commit suicide, he will and the fine levied against the "saver" would be cancelled or minimal. The conclusion one must reach is that the courts would have to determine if the action taken by the child was "purposeful" in any real sense, or if the child was indeed wandering into a potentially threatening situation that it was not cognizant of. As I demonstrated above, this problem knows no age limits and solutions would depend on the circumstances of each individual case. The reality of the situation, of course, is that the plaintiff (the baby) would have to show in some way that its actions were goal-directed (purposeful) or its lawyer would (with the baby instructing the counsel?) and the court would probably dismiss such a case out of hand. It is hardly likely that any man could be found to be guilty of obstruction in such a case, for the precedent set would probably cause such a furor that the court would be discredited. Think of what a business could be established by hiring people to fake drowning and the like in order to sue the would-be rescuers!

I am inviting others to write to me concerning this question, so that at the next convention, we can either dismiss the question as irrelevant or unsolvable, or compile a comprehensive plank for the platform.

Bill Schetlick

## NEWSLETTER

Thanks to Ruth Bashlow, Cal Beatty, Tom Palven, Bill Pearson, Jane Rehmke, Dick Solyom, and Fred Stein for the news clippings.

STAFF THIS ISSUE: TYPISTS: Lucille Bender, Lois Grzenda, Dan Piro, GR, Kathy McAdam, LAYOUT: WK and Kathy McAdam. BOOSTERS: Ruth McAdam (for the roll of 13¢ stamps), and Kathy McAdam.

MAILING LAST ISSUE: Gloria Birn, Lois Grzenda, Charlie Irwin, WK, Kathy McAdam, Jane Rehmke, Bill Schetlick, and Grace Shamy.

NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE: Feb. 20. It will be a two-month issue (Feb-March) coming out the first half of Mar.)



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# CONVENTION

## SPIRIT OF '76

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The NJLP Convention Committee has planned to make our Fourth Annual State Convention the most memorable one yet.

The convention will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14, 1976, at the Magnolia Inn, Route 79, Matawan. It is located about two blocks from the gravesite of Philip Freneau, "Poet of the Revolution," personal secretary to Thomas Jefferson and one of the founders of the (Jeffersonian) Republican Party. The site was selected not only for its historical significance but because of its accessibility to NJLP members. With most of our members living north of Matawan, the Magnolia Inn can be reached most easily by taking the Garden State Parkway south to Exit 117A (not 117!). A right turn at the end of the exit ramp puts you on Lloyd Road, which you stay on until it deadends into Route 79. Another right turn and a half-mile drive down Route 79 places you at the Magnolia Inn.

A close second reason for selecting the site was the price of the accommodations. For \$17.76 per person, we are offering a package which includes a continental breakfast, luncheon and roast beef dinner, plus workshops, entertainment and an auction. Individual prices, for those who don't plan to stay for the entire convention, are as follows: Dinner, \$12.00; Lunch, \$5.00, and Workshops, \$3.00. Admission to the general business meeting will be by NJLP membership card or \$1 for non-members (included as part of the \$17.76 package).

Dr. Murray Rothbard has agreed to give the dinner address and Guy Riggs will be the convention's keynote speaker. Howard Katz will be the luncheon speaker.

Matawan Mayor Victor Armellino will welcome the convention at the dinner. While not a libertarian per se, the mayor was reelected in November as an Independent, has reduced the local tax rate for the past three years in a row and proclaimed during his campaign that the best government is the least government.

The Convention Committee needs a great deal of help to get the many items completed which can make the Convention a resounding success. Contact Daniel J. Piro, Convention Chairperson, at (201) 461-2887 if you would like to offer your assistance, or write to him at 2151 Center Ave., Fort Lee, N.J. 07024.

### CONVENTION RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets in my name in the following categories for the 1976 NJLP State Convention:

		Individual Prices	
___ Special Package (sit with Rothbard at dinner)	\$25.00	___ Dinner	\$12.00
___ Regular Package (The Whole Thing)	\$17.76	___ Luncheon	\$ 5.00
		___ Workshops	\$ 3.00

I enclose a check or money order to cover the full cost of the above tickets. (Make check payable to New Jersey Libertarian Party.)

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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, therefore, not compatible with the protection of individual rights in the free market.

**NJLP MEETING**  
**Wed. JAN. 14 7:25**

HOWARD JOHNSON'S  
Rt. 1 & 18, New Brunswick  
(near Exit 9, NJ Turnpike)

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Get in on the start of the MacBride/Bergland petition drive.
- Find out all about the Annual Convention.
- Welcome the County Committees and approve their By-Laws.
- Meet candidates who want Libertarian endorsement - here in '76.
- Here about new Libertarian activities on NJ college campuses.
- Socialize with your Libertarian friends.
- Oops! Almost forgot! Vote on proposed NJLP By-Laws changes.

**NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY**

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

NJLP By-Laws

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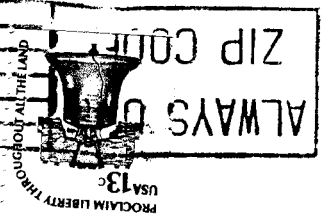
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**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help pick up conventioners at the Matawan railroad station. (2 miles from the Magnolia Inn). Please contact Dan Piro at 461-2886.

**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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