

NJ LIBERTARIAN



New Jersey Libertarian Party - P.O. Box 247, Bernardsville, New Jersey 07924

APRIL 1976

Editor: Kathleen McAdam - 339 Grafton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07104 (201) 482-3471



KEN KAPLAN FOR COUNCIL

ORANGE, NJ

MAY 11

KEN KAPLAN FOR COUNCILMAN

Ken Kaplan, Chairperson of the Essex County Libertarian Club and former NJLP candidate for the Assembly, is conducting a high-powered and "run-to-win" campaign for the office of Councilman from the North Ward in Orange.

"The prospect for a libertarian victory, our first in New Jersey, is excellent", said Kaplan. "I am conducting an intense door-to-door campaign, with a high degree of visibility -- hard work can win this one for us."

Ken is the only candidate to date who has attempted to address the issues of the campaign, with his opponents apparently satisfied to run a popularity contest. He is endeavoring to set up a board of economic advisors to review the City Budget and the utility of all administrative jobs and departments.

Ken is advocating a reduction of City-sponsored services to be replaced by private contractors, and a tax reduction or exemption for parents who are not using the public (government) schools. He has pointed out in a news release that the police should show priority to the problem of crimes against person or property, and stop spending time ticketing cars.

Although the election is a non-partisan one, the election will enable a libertarian to get in and set an example for the other cities and municipalities throughout the state. Every libertarian should try to get involved in this one; the effect of a libertarian getting into office will be fantastic.

The campaign committee has spent a great deal of money on promotion and advertising, and the campaign will have signs, door hangers, challengers, phone callers and plenty of literature. If enough libertarians come to help out on election day and the few preceding days, an NJLP member could be an elected official --- think about that for a minute.

If you would like to get involved in this campaign, please call 678-4988 or 675-7752 immediately. The election will be on May 11th, so time is of the essence.

Bill Schetlick

STOP STATE INCOME TAX

Contact your State Senators immediately and express your opposition to the proposed state income tax!!!

Mailgrams can be sent to the State House, Trenton by calling 800-632-2271 (it can be billed to your telephone).

If you don't know the name of your State Senator, call Kathy McAdam at 622-7000 x3353 (day), 482-3471 (night) or Ralph Fucetola at 998-6998 (day).

PERMISSION DENIED!

Excerpts from Guy Riggs' Keynote Speech to the NJLP Annual Convention, February 14, 1976:

Guy Riggs began his keynote speech with the following one sentence summary: "My fellow Americans, in this Bicentennial year, will you finally put up or shut up!"

Riggs said he was "celebrating the Bicentennial Year by proposing the political philosophy of the Declaration of Independence", and added "Your government .. will never have the just power to do anything with you and yours, lawful citizen, unless you have given your consent!" Riggs then portrayed three groups of citizens who are not joining him in his celebration of the Bicentennial.

"...(They) have lost sight of the concept of liberty. They want their government to be a provider, an overseer, or both, no matter what the threat to individual liberty. I want my government to be a referee and protector, acting only when individuals are victimized or physically assaulted..." (see p. 8)

CUNDARI FOR SENATE

PETITION DRIVE:

Help is needed on the petition drive of NJLP Senatorial candidate Hal Cundari of Bergenfield. Especially important: any of you who can petition on the weekend of April 24-25 (the last weekend!) We'll make arrangements to pick up your petition afterwards. (It will be too late to trust the postal monopoly)

CALL HAL CUNDARI 384-6845
DAN PIRO 461-2887

Cal Beatty, Chairman of NJ Citizens for MacBride, spoke before the Rotary Club in Edison, NJ at a noon meeting on March 30. About 20 members attended, most of whom were businessmen from both large and small companies in the area. Bill Schetlick also attended and joined Cal at the head table. In addition to petitions for MacBride and Cundari, literature on a nearby table included an ample supply of the New Dawn brochure, LP position papers on Inflation and Government and Business, the LP background information sheet, the Von Hoffman article, and recent copies of the LP NEWS containing the Reagan critique.

The talk required about 15 minutes after which the floor was opened for questions. It was largely assimilated from Roger MacBride's NJLP convention and recent NY Society of Security Analysts addresses. Beginning on the theme that a serious need existed for a new direction in politics, Calvin remarked briefly about the LP and its background of supporters. He stated that the party had been founded in opposition to the Democrat and Republican parties who for too long have been fighting to wrest control of the political apparatus in Washington, debating only when and how to regulate our lives with morals and social engineering legislation on the one hand and income redistribution programs on the other.

Calvin mentioned that the LP is now established in all 50 states, and that its presidential and vice presidential candidates would be on the ballot in about two thirds of the states this November. Even though still a minority party organizational strength and depth in some of the states, including NJ, is indicated by the number of libertarian congressional candidates that would also be on the ballot. Citing a recent Harris poll that an independent could win with 35% of the vote, Calvin said that this indicated that voters were longing for a fresh alternative. Even though winning in 1976 was a long shot, libertarians would be active in 1978, 1980 and beyond because there was no alternative except economic upheaval and civil unrest to what libertarians stood for.

The remainder of the address focused on the Libertarian Party approach to foreign policy, civil liberty and economic policy. As to foreign policy, a posture of traditional neutrality and non-intervention, a repudiation of the Wilsonian idea of "making the world safe for democracy," a gradual withdrawal of the third of a million troops stationed abroad and the closing of most of the 2300 foreign military bases, but the maintenance of a strong defense including sophisticated nuclear weaponry and limited conventional forces to deter the wolves who would still roam the world. Libertarians are not isolationists. On the contrary, our objective is to become a giant Switzerland: formally correct relations with other countries, friends to all peoples and the promotion of free trade and travel where possible.

On civil liberties, opposition to all morals legislation, including victimless crimes, anti-drug laws and other laws or regulations such as the Sunday Closing Laws and the anti-Tavern T-Shirt Bill in NJ. The central libertarian tenet is that so long as you don't use force or fraud on someone else, you may lead your life as you see fit.

On economic policy, Calvin pointed out that over the past 30 years government at all levels had doubled its share of GNP from 20% to over 40% in 1975. While there is still ostensible private ownership and control of resources, the impact of actual government control is much greater than this 40% preemption due to the creeping fascism exercised by the plethora of counter-productive and inept alphabet soup of regulatory agencies. Libertarians believe that deregulation would go a long way toward solving problems in the American economy. In addition, they would abolish the Federal Reserve System, the principal engine of inflation, and favor a steep tax cut while simultaneously replacing the 1.5 million word Internal Revenue Code with a simple flat rate applicable to all. Even in New Jersey the issue is just as much tax reform as spending reform. Libertarians also would favor making Social Security voluntary, as even New York City municipal employees recently chose to do, in an effort to avoid the fiscal time bomb which this and other transfer payment programs represent. Even though Libertarians would recommend the sale of the postal system to private interests, giving the inflation problem to the post office would at least slow it down. In short, libertarians believe in the separation of economy and state just as deeply as many of our ancestors believed in the separation of church and state.

The question and answer period produced no queries concerning our differences with the Hubert Humphrey of the right, Ronald Reagan, and on such "switcher issues" as abortion, gay rights, gun control, motor cycle helmets and the decriminalization of marijuana. But one question which did generate some spirited repartee concerned how under a libertarian administration education would be provided for. Although joined by Bill Schetlick in expressing how a free market in education would provide for greater freedom of choice and diversity of product, lower costs per pupil, less bureaucracy, competition for reputation among teachers and schools, a lowering of property taxes in New Jersey, etc., these thoughts were not as compelling and credible, as many in the audience could not believe that privatization would benefit the poor and underprivileged as well as under forced public education today. Calvin subsequently made a call to Washington about the need for a position paper on this subject and as if by ESP Bob Meier (National Chair - MacBride for President Committee) reported that as of the day of that call a paper was just being prepared.

In conclusion, the speech seemed well received, and the program chairman of the Edison Rotary Club even went to the effort afterwards of sending letters to other Rotary Clubs recommending that they schedule a talk by the Libertarian Party. One thing he forgot to do, Calvin mentioned, was to ask the program chairman if it would be alright to have a reporter from the local paper present.

Calvin greatly recommends that everyone with even semi-polished oratorical skills make an effort to engage in this type of speaking since it represents one of the best, low cost, self-help publicity techniques that can be utilized in the campaign. Calvin is in the process of typing up his speech in outline form for use by others.

Calvin Beatty, Chairperson,
NJ Citizens for MacBride

WORKSHOP: MARKETING LIBERTARIAN IDEALS

Moderator: Amy Piro

This workshop focused on the communication of libertarian ideals.

Minority Groups: A suggestion was made that some literature be directed toward low income and minority groups. Arguments against the suggestion were: (1) our efforts are better spent elsewhere, since the possibility of convincing these people is minimal, and (2) issues and arguments should not be fragmented.

Campaign Literature: Campaign issues should be tied in with general libertarian principles. Both moral and practical arguments should be raised in support of the libertarian position.

Unpopular Issues: An unpopular issue should not be hidden, but should be presented in its most favorable light.

Anarchists: We must be careful to differentiate libertarian anarchy from the lawlessness and chaos usually associated with anarchy. One suggestion was to explain that if on one side of a spectrum is the complete abrogation of freedom and on the other side is the fullest recognition of individual rights, libertarian anarchists will be found at the extreme portion of this latter side.

Ways to Communicate: Press releases, letters to the editor, pamphlets and campaign literature have been found to be effective means of communicating libertarian ideas.

Future Action: It was forcefully noted that the most critical need for a libertarian influence is in the colleges and universities where young people are now being indoctrinated in a socialist, leftist ideology.

In addition the workshop recommends that the NJLP (1) obtain literature to distribute to persons interested in the libertarian movement, and (2) set up a speakers bureau.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
★ **FREE by '76** ★
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

WORKSHOP: RELATIONSHIP OF LP TO OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES

Moderator: Bob Steiner

The lively discussion at this workshop, attended by 12 persons, covered such items as cooperation with other political parties for mutual benefit, endorsement of non-LP candidates who were 'close' and activities of libertarians in the major parties.

The consensus seemed to be - do not compromise principle, but build the Libertarian Party qua Libertarian Party. Thus, running for office as the candidate of other parties or LP endorsement of candidates for other parties was not recommended.

WORKSHOP: GROWTH OF MINORITY MOVEMENTS AND POLITICAL PARTIES

Moderator: Fred Stein

The discussion at this workshop was informal and, though sidetracked many times, covered the following issues: What success can the L.P. expect as a third party? What can we learn from other minority movements?

The consensus was as follows:

(1) Libertarians should seek better communication with minorities such as blacks, Puerto Ricans, women libbers, gay righters, etc. Capitalism is seen in a bad light by these groups because the past representatives of capitalism were conservatives with racial and religious hang ups. As a result, capitalism must be redefined to these minority groups.

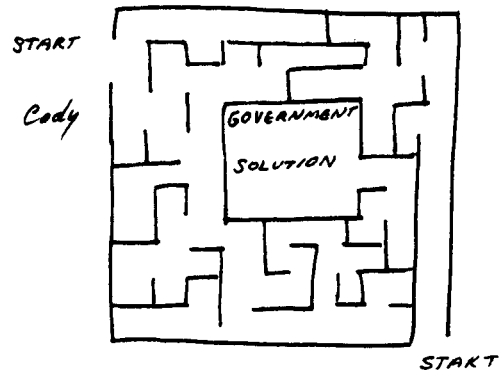
A few members of the workshop stated they would seek to bring other minorities and movements into the libertarian movement.

(2) The L.P. should not be the only vehicle to promote liberty.

(3) The two major parties are aware of the libertarian movement and are counting on our ideas. If libertarianism survives the existing political crisis, it will triumph.

(Ed. Reports on the other convention workshops will appear in future issues.)

lps



WISHART DEBATES SOCIALIST

Unemployment, inflation and the economy in general were among the topics discussed by NJLP member Ron Wishart at a recent forum held in Middletown Township. The free-market ideas presented by Wishart contrasted sharply with those presented by his opponent in the debate, Walter Petrovich, a member of the Socialist Labor Party.

Wishart stated that a society could have a sound economy and enjoy individual liberty only if "oppressive government restrictions were lifted" and replaced by a system of uncontrolled competitive activity.

In direct opposition to his opponent, Wishart maintained that progress and a well run economy can only be achieved within the strict guidelines dictated by supply and demand.

The February 12th debate was sponsored by the Brookdale Community College and the American Association of University Women. The event was reported by the Asbury Park Press.

by Bob Ryley

Libertarians of Ocean County

- 4 -

Bergen County

BERGEN COUNTY LIBERTARIANS

Report on 2nd Meeting of Libertarians of Ocean County

We again met at the Ocean County Court House, Rm. 223, Toms River, on Thursday, March 4, at 7:30 pm. A discussion of the party position on drug usage and crime and lawbreakers and victims ensued.

A young newcomer initiated plans to raise funds for L.O.C. by organizing a large sports demonstration benefit, sharing funds with a current charity or person in need. (He seems a likely prospect of great worth for the party, should he decide to join.) All the officers have begun to work on this project, scheduled for May.

L.O.C. will be meeting every first Thursday of the month, at the above meeting place and time.

Samuel Evins Brown, Acting Chairman, L.O.C.



Monmouth County Libertarians

Flea Market Venture Successful

At the Monmouth County Libertarian meeting March 14, Chairman Ron Wishart suggested the possibility of getting a table at the Collingswood auction to sell junk and gather signatures. The following Saturday we got a table at 6:00 AM and worked in pairs on 3 hour shifts until 9:00 that evening and again Sunday until rain washed the operation out at around 3:00 o'clock.

The party took in over \$90 for the campaign chest and gathered about 50 signatures each for Lucille Bender, our Freeholder candidate, Wally Swirsky, our Congressional candidate, and Hal Cundari, our Senatorial candidate. The MacBride petition got about 75.

A big "Don't Tread on Me" banner was hung by the table and other signs such as "Taxation is Theft" and MacBride bumper stickers were posted around. Perhaps the most important aspect of the venture is that we handed out a lot of literature and hundreds of people saw that Libertarians do more than write letters to editors.

Special efforts were made by Janet Huhn, Elizabeth and Joan Macron and a friend of theirs, and Ron who worked two shifts. Others who worked a shift included Lucille Bender, Wally and Bonnie Swirsky, Chris White, Emerson Ellett, and myself. I intend to suggest that we allocate half the receipts for booze as a morale builder.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Palven

Bergen County libertarians, at a meeting on Tuesday, April 6, endorsed the following candidates for Freeholder:

Charles Irwin of Montvale
Henry Koch of Old Tappan
William Reynolds of Bergenfield

At a busy meeting, the group also approved the county by-laws for submission to the State Committee, welcomed four new members, and passed a resolution in opposition to the state income tax. They plan to issue press releases and to contact their state senators urging the defeat of the proposed income tax.

(Reported by Amy and Dan Piro)

Essex County Libertarians

Essex County Libertarians recently endorsed the following candidates for the Nov. election:

Sheriff: Bill Schetlick of Newark
Freeholder: Betty Florentine of Orange
Kevin Lehman of Irvington
Richard Roth of Orange

(Ed. note: Schetlick's candidacy is pending the approval of the State Committee)

STATE COM

Report on the STATE COMMITTEE MEETING, 3/24/76

An emergency meeting of the State Committee was held on Wed., March 24 at the home of Bonnie and Walter Swirsky.

ENDORSEMENTS OF CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS:

Upon the recommendation of the Screening Committee who had interviewed the prospective candidates, the State Committee endorsed JACK MOYERS of Matawan for the 4th District and DR. FRANK J. PRIMICH of West New York for the 9th District.

COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS: By-Laws presented by the Monmouth County and Ocean County organizations were approved. Samuel E. Brown announced that Jack Conard has resigned as the Chairman of Libertarians of Ocean County and that he is now serving as Acting Chairman.

PETTY CASH FUND: A motion was passed to establish a petty cash fund of \$100 to be used for expenses such as stationery, postage, supplies by the chairperson. The State Committee also voted to reimburse the chairperson for up to \$20 per month in transportation expenses. All reimbursements for expenses will continue to be made only upon presentation of bills or sales receipts to the treasurer.

MEETINGS: A motion was passed to hold State Committee meetings on the first Friday of every month (at the home of one of the State Com. members) (reported by Kathy McAdam)

NEWSLETTER

- 5 -

Thanks to Samuel Brown, Ted Jacobs, Warren Kupchik, Tom Palven, and Bill Pearson for the clippings for the newsletter and the scrapbook. Special gratitude goes to Bill George for the clip art and the countless news articles.

MAILING LAST ISSUE: Charlie Hofker, Kathy McAdam, and Jane Rehmke.

STAFF THIS ISSUE: Layout: Warren Kupchik, Kathy McAdam, and Bob Ryley. Typing: Kathy McAdam, Amy Piro, GR, and Bob Ryley.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR: Bob Ryley, 111 Oakland Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306, (201) 963-9549.

DEADLINE: 25th of the month. You can help by sending letters and articles already typed $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches across the page.

Note: Jack Conard wrote the LOC articles in the last issue. Bob Ryley wrote the following.

ADVERTISE!!

THE EGG and I

The codfish lays ten thousand eggs
The homely hen lays one.
The codfish never cackles
To tell you what she's done.
And so we scorn the codfish,
While the humble hen we prize
Which only goes to show you
That it pays to advertise.

There is no better place for readers of this newsletter to advertise than right here! Therefore you may consider this our invitation for your advertisement to appear in future issues of the NJ LIBERTARIAN. Whether you have a service, product, profession or trade you can promote it in these columns. In addition to reaching a varied audience of readers, you'll also be promoting Libertarianism in New Jersey by helping your newsletter grow.

Advertising rates [for camera ready copy] begin at a modest \$2.00 for one insertion of business card size. A full page costs only \$25.00. Rates for intermediate sizes and ads requiring composition are also available upon request. Don't hesitate: Request a copy of our complete rate card today. Better yet, send your camera ready ad for insertion in the next NJ LIBERTARIAN now! Closing date for all ad copy is the 25th of month preceding issue.



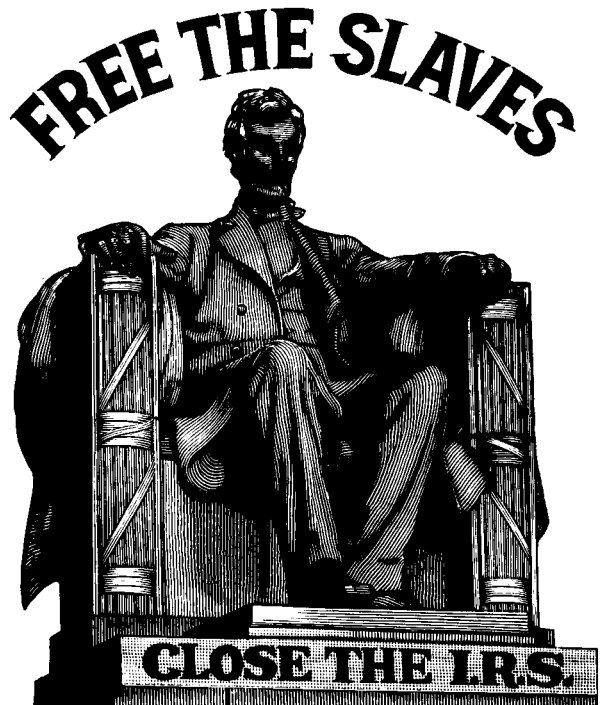
LOCAL COORDINATORS:

The Cundari campaign is looking for local coordinators around the state to

1. line up speaking engagements for Hal,
 2. coordinate work and appearances with the NJLP Congressional and local candidates, and
 3. hand out literature later in the campaign.
- Please call Hal or Dan at the above numbers. It's very important to get the local coordinators working early in the campaign. Let's hear from you!

According to the February 1976 issue of BATTLELINE of the American Conservative Union:

'A 'presidential preference poll' ... gave former California Governor Ronald Reagan an overwhelming 78 percent, Alabama Governor George Wallace 15 percent, Libertarian candidate Roger Mac Bride a surprising 6 percent, and President Jerry Ford a pathetic two votes.'



(by Jerry Bernsohn)

"I would rather be a ditch digger in a free country than a slave in the Taj Mahal."
Warren Kupchik

Interesting note from Jack Conard:

Thomas Jefferson recommended that the US adopt the metric system of measurement in 1790, according to World Book Encyclopedia. Congress rejected the idea.



Roger MacBride for President

- 6 -

by Bob Ryley

Media coverage of the MacBride For President Campaign continues to verify the claim that the Libertarian Party is quickly moving toward it's goal of becoming a major force on the American political scene.

With six months of campaigning left before the November election the MacBride campaign has already received widespread coverage in newspapers and magazines across the nation.

The *NATIONAL OBSERVER* weekly carried a five column article about MacBride bearing the headline; "The Candidate for Maximum Liberty." In commenting on the principles advocated by the Libertarian Party the article concludes, "Whatever you may think of the Libertarians' total package you must admit that MacBride and his disciples operate from the noblest political principle—the maximizing of freedom. They believe people can best pursue happiness if they are left alone, that their enlightened self-interest will produce the best possible society."

In providing a general overview of the campaign the *CAVALIER DAILY* of Charlottesville, Virginia said, "To understand MacBride, and ultimately the Libertarian Party, it is important to realize that a vote for the Libertarians is a vote for a government that would be opposed to government, or at least government as we know it now."

The positive coverage of the MacBride campaign has been noted by readers in New Jersey. MacBride's visit to the Garden State for the recent NJLP convention resulted in headlines such as: "Libertarian Candidate says GOP finished; Ex-Republican official now backs Libertarians; Nominee urges: Repeal Narcotics control act."

In addition to coverage of his own campaign the MacBride visit to the NJ Convention created excellent publicity for other Libertarian candidates throughout the state.

A recent triumph of the Libertarian campaign for the presidency was the appearance of a two page article in the national weekly magazine, *PEOPLE*. Complete with photographs, the article announces that "MacBride and the Libertarians would reduce foreign commitments ('I'd retire Kissinger to Harvard to write his memoirs'), drop out of the U.N. and end most federal policing of such businesses as broadcasting and transportation. They would abolish laws regulating prostitution, gambling, drug use and homosexuality. 'We combine the best of McGovern and Goldwater,' MacBride says."

**BREAK
FREE!**

The uncompromising nature of the Libertarian campaign was revealed in an article by the candidate himself appearing in *CONSERVATIVE DIGEST*. "Are we" wrote MacBride, "willing to bear the costs of crime spurred by drug prohibitions, as well as the costs of police preoccupation with such crimes without victims? Wouldn't it be preferable to devote the valuable time of our law enforcement personnel to protecting citizens against muggers, robbers and rapists than busting drug users and street walkers?"

The media highlight of the campaign to date was the appearance of candidate MacBride on the National Educational Television program, *AMERICA: PEOPLE AND POLITICS*. The ten minute presentation followed MacBride on a campaign trip to upstate New York. At a press conference shown on the program MacBride stated "This is not a third party in any conventional sense. We're a new emerging national party, which at the very least will be one of the three major parties in this country by 1980 if not much sooner." MacBride also asserted his belief that the Libertarian Party would eventually replace the Republican Party.

In providing the national audience with a glimpse of the Libertarian position MacBride said, "We are here because we believe the government in the hands of the politicians of the last half century has intervened in our lives far too much; we believe every individual has the right to lead his or her own life the way that person sees fit, so long as that person doesn't use force or fraud on somebody else."

In addition to providing a general outline of the LP position on various issues MacBride expressed the fact that the Libertarian Party is not a 'protest' party that would fade away after the presidential election. He said that the LP would be fielding candidates in the years ahead for both local and national offices.

It is apparent from this extraordinary coverage that Libertarianism is an idea whose time has come!



LIBERTARIAN ELECTED PRESIDENT! ?

Can it really be true? Did the LP finally come up with a winner? YES, INDEED!!!

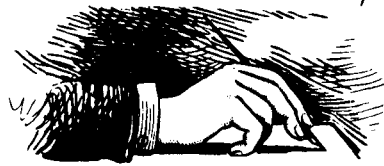
Matthew Schetlick, brother of NJLP Chairperson Bill Schetlick, won by a landslide, garnering a record 75% of the total popular vote cast in the general election -- in the Fourth Grade Social Studies Mock Presidential Election.

When asked to explain his overwhelming success in the election, Schetlick cited the section of his favorite campaign speech dealing with the abolition of compulsory school attendance. According to Schetlick, a "...form of mild pandemonium broke loose whenever I mentioned that plank of my platform. The Democrats and Republicans tried to steal this issue in their usual manner, but I had already lined up too much support from the Left."

We wish Matthew the best of luck in this, the first Libertarian administration.

Reported by the President's brother.

Letters to the Editor



- 7 -

Kathy,
4000 of these went out all over NJ. (Last NJLP newsletter was excellent).

Ralph Fucetola
1776 - 1976

A GENERAL TAX STRIKE CALL

Because confiscatory taxation is reducing all the people of New Jersey to the status of tax-serfs, with all power being grasped by avaricious politicians and bureaucrats in Trenton;

Because our elected "representatives" refuse to cut spending, disregarding our will at the polls, and continue to burden us with ever more taxation;

Because our governor, using unconstitutional tactics, pledges frugality but demands higher taxes while increasing bureaucracy; and

Because the New Jersey Supreme Court unconstitutionally usurps power, attempting to mandate taxes:

WE CALL FOR A GENERAL TAX STRIKE TO BEGIN ON JULY 4, 1976, CONTINUING FOR 6 MONTHS

* We will strike the INCOME TAX, if passed, by withholding the payment of whatever portion is not withheld from our salaries or income;

* We will strike the PROPERTY TAX by withholding our payments (which we may legally do for at least 2 years);

* We will strike the SALES TAX by postponing purchases during the strike and buying only necessities (or buying out-of-state and shipping here, thereby paying no sales tax); and

* We will strike the STATE LOTTERY (which, like the sales tax, they "promised" would pay for schools and lower property taxes), by not buying chances during the strike.

We call for a general tax strike, because different people have different means of striking taxes. If we each strike even a little, we can strike out the big spenders!

We take these drastic steps because "our" government will not heed our petitions and will respond to nothing less.

WE WILL PERSEVERE UNTIL ALL TAXES ARE REDUCED!!
CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL THE AMERICAN WAY,
TAX STRIKE !!!

Kathy,
W10Q (FM) Philadelphia, PA radio -- Sat. A.M. 2-28-76 announced about Bergland's "None of the Above" effort of the California LP.
Samuel E. Brown

Notice: When calling the NJLP office (678-4988) please let the phone ring ten times before you give up.

Dear Kathy,

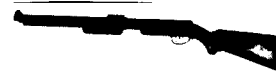
Roland Vaudrueil and I have formed an ad hoc committee by the name of INALIENABLE RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF NEW JERSEY. Its purpose is to illuminate statewide issues in terms of individual natural rights. Hopefully, it will draw support from individuals who are libertarian in spirit, but who have been unable to overcome either their own philosophical contradictions or their fear of the bold libertarian ideal of freedom. Of course, libertarians will no doubt support, at least in good wishes, if not in work, our projects.

The first "project" is the circulation on a statewide basis of the attached petition. It will take some doing, but we hope to either mail or hand deliver copies of the petition to every sport and gun shop and club in the state. Perhaps 10,000 to 20,000 signatures is not an unrealistic goal.

Another "project" that I have in mind is an organized system of letter-to-the-editor writing as a means of identifying rights as they pertain to local or state problems. There is a real need to show the public where to focus and how to focus their disgust with events and their nagging uneasiness with the direction of things. It is not only a problem of interpretation, however, but one of letting the newspaper readers know that there are large numbers of other people "out there" who know what their natural rights are.

In terms of natural law, which derives from observance of natural rights and objective moral principles, Rene Baxter is right: we are dealing with a criminal government. Let's hang 'em by their own crimes. Let's not let them rest!

For liberty, Jack Conard



HELP PROTECT YOUR INALIENABLE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

We, the undersigned, being of full age, hereby petition the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey to: (1) immediately and permanently cease action on any and all new or pending legislation designed to enact (a) mandatory firearm registration, and/or (b) government regulation of sale or ownership of firearms, and/or (c) government confiscation of firearms of any kind, and/or (d) any other so-called "gun-control" bills presently under consideration by either legislative body; and (2) immediately repeal the State of New Jersey "Firearms Law of 1966" (N.J.S.2A.151); and (3) immediately repeal all "gun-control" laws that become effective either before or after the filing of this petition.

Whereas all individuals possess inalienable rights to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness and justly acquired property, and therefore possess the inalienable right of self-defense -- against criminals and tyrants -- we hereby unequivocally declare our Right as free people to keep and bear arms, and hereby affirm the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States: our Right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. We support effective laws and severe penalties to deal with persons using firearms during commission of crimes.

by Tom Palven

The breeze blows warmly in the Spring
when I'm free, when I'm free.
The birds sing sweetly in the morning breeze
when they sing of liberty.
They're free, they're free, they're free.

I'm free to build and free to save
and what I earn belongs to me.
I'm not harassed and my work's not taxed
because I live in liberty.
I'm free, I'm free, I'm free.

(chorus)
I recognize no King.
No one can tax my tea.
And no one has the right
to run my life for me.

No right to tax my work
or tax my property.

I'm free, I'm free, I'm free.

I'm free to work and free to play.
I'm free to live, I'm free to love.
I am the owner of my life. I am as
free as the stars above.
I'm free, I'm free, I'm free.

Each person has the right to do exactly
as they please.
To live their lives just as they wish
As free as birds up in the trees.
To be free, to be free, to be free.

(chorus)

I won't agress on anyone
and no one will agress on me.
We can live and trade in harmony
because we live in liberty.
We're free, we're free, we're free.

(Ed. Tom wrote this song to an original tune.
Maggie Smith is making a tape of it. (Maggie
Smith sang for us at our picnic last year.))

LAWMEN OPPOSE MORE GUN LAWS

Local 178, Policemen's Benevolent Association, Glassboro, N.J., has issued a statement warning that laws may soon be needed "not to restrict gun ownership but to allow everyone to carry one."

The association, representing 72 police officers, believes that any additional firearms legislation "would have only a negative effect..."

In its statement, the association asks for "a readjustment of the aims and structure of the current criminal justice system that will insure swift and sure punishment to those who commit violent crimes. If the police do not soon retake control of our cities and communities from violent criminals, laws will need to be enacted not to restrict gun ownership but to allow everyone to carry one."

(From a recent issue of THE AMERICAN RIFLEMAN)

"But a strictly limited government was just that called for 200 years ago, wasn't it?..."

"Then what in the world has happened in the intervening years? People now want the Great Provider to aid the pursuit of their happiness, but want the Great Overseer to hinder the pursuit of happiness of 'undesirables'. Furthermore, they want the whole process cloaked by noble words to hide a government 'of the pressure group, by the pressure group, and for the pressure group.'"

"Whatever happened to the sovereign citizen-- to you and me?"

"Nothing. We have yet to assume our stations!"

"... our noble experiment, begun in 1776, has not failed; I say it has not been completed. 'We the People of the United States' never accepted the idea that we cannot be free, in the political sense, unless we 'do ordain and establish' ourselves as sovereign citizens..."

"Therefore, in this Bicentennial Year, I hereby call for the completion of our noble experiment, I call forth my fellow Americans, women and men alike, and ask that you 'do ordain and establish' yourselves as sovereign citizens, thereby affirming the simple fact that no one, anywhere, can be your rightful boss without your permission."

Recognize that you are subordinate to none and that, among your fellow citizens, only governmental agents with a delegated portion of your sovereignty are subordinate to you. Most important of all, assume the mein and manner of your superior station when dealing with these subordinates. It has been the lack of the firm hand, these last 200 years, that has resulted in the dangerous reversal of our proper roles today..."

"...I suggest a terse statement which will reflect the cold certainty of your superior station and the essence of the firm hand. It is the superior's reply to any subordinate who, knowingly or not, wants consent for something transgressing his or her bounds. It can be your reply to any governmental subordinate, from the President on down, who demands your consent to dispose of the life or property of innocent citizens without their consent... It can be: 'Permission denied!'"

"A President demands you fund and fight his 'righteous' war."

"'Permission denied!' "

"A tax official demands you testify against yourself."

"'Permission denied!'..."

"No screaming, no railing, no shouting -- just a forceful 'Permission denied!' which not only withholds your consent, but also reaffirms the fact that you, citizen, are sovereign and firmly in charge."

"... I'm trying to fan a smoldering spark, in each of you, which will blaze up and turn the tide ... You are sovereign! You are second to none! Then, by all that's best within you, act accordingly! ..."

**WARNING: READ AT
YOUR OWN RISK**

(YOU MIGHT AGREE WITH US)

TAX IS THEFT!

"...Like the criminal, the 'tax collector' is taking money or property which does not belong to him and which the victim does not choose to give voluntarily. If the victim voluntarily supported the cause for which he is being robbed, there would be no need to rob him in the first place...."

"It is irrelevant whether another man steals by his own authority or with the sanction of a million others, whether he takes money for himself or for 'the poor' or for any other group which did not earn it. Theft consists of taking a man's property against his will, regardless of the beneficiary... The association of men into a group called 'government' does not free them from morality or sanction actions otherwise immoral."

From "Taxation is Theft", by David Walter, Society for Individual Liberty, PO Box 1147, Warminster, Pa 18974. Quote from SOCIETY WITHOUT COERCION by Jarret Wollstein.

National Taxpayers Union

The legal arm of the National Taxpayers Union, the National Taxpayers Legal Fund, Inc., has received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service recognizing its right to solicit tax-deductible contributions. This letter came after an application period of almost two years.

The National Taxpayers Legal Fund, Inc., headed by A. Ernest Fitzgerald, is working to restore the rights of taxpayers in their dealings with big government. As we all know the average person is at a substantial disadvantage when it comes to a conflict with the bureaucracy. Most often, ordinary people, small businessmen and even not-so-small businessmen do not have the time or money to adequately defend their rights against government abuse. As a result our rights are whittled away by a series of defaults.

The National Taxpayers Legal Fund, Inc., is providing taxpayers with help in protecting their rights. Working with responsible attorneys across the country it will be trying to bring about a change in the legal system so that taxpayers will once again receive the protections the Constitution specifies.

NATIONAL TAXPAYERS UNION, 325 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003. From the March 1976 issue of DOLLARS AND SENSE.

**"If the Patriots of 1776
Were Alive Today, They'd Be
Raising All Kinds of Hell!"**

TAX RESISTANCE SEMINAR

MAY 15
9 AM - 5 PM

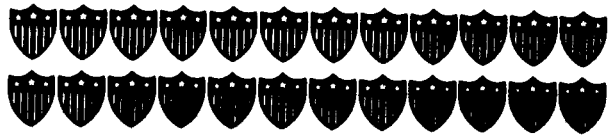
Speakers: JEROME DALY, WILLIAM DREXLER
\$15/person, \$25/couple.
Paramus Holiday Inn, 601 From Rd, right off
Garden State Parkway, exit 165.
(Information: call Joe Edelson, 387-1400.)

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

BALLOT DRIVES: "Congratulations are in order for the successful petition drives in Ohio and Kentucky. In Ohio we needed 5,000 and handed in 9,341... In Kentucky... (we) turned in over 1,400 signatures (1000 required) and have received official notification ... that we're on the ballot. With Utah having already obtained ballot status we are now on in 3 states. Hawaii, Alaska, Louisiana, New Jersey and North Dakota are expected to make the total 8 by the end of April... We still don't know about Alabama - so far 90% of the needed 5,000 signatures have been OK'd..."

"... The Michigan petition drive is our current 'crisis'..."
(Excerpts from 3/30 letter from Ed Crane, National LP Chairman)

LP POSITION PAPERS: Two new position papers are available from National. #5: GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS by Walter Grinder, a leading exponent of the Austrian school of economics and #6: POT, HELMETS, VITAMINS AND YOU by David F. Nolan, a co-founder of the LP. Copies are available at 25/\$2; 100/\$5; 500/\$20; 1000+/\$3 each. Libertarian Party, National Headquarters, 1516 P Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.



FLP MAKES NEWS

On the front page of the April 7 WALL STREET JOURNAL there appeared a brief remark about whether Nixon was running for the Senate. "Yep, that's Martin E. Nixon, candidate in New York of the Free Libertarian Party has designated this Saturday (April 10) as Tax Protest Day. 'Taxation is Theft,' candidate Nixon proclaims."

FROM THE CHAIR

As the petition deadline nears, libertarians are really exerting optimum effort to secure a place on the ballot for our nominated candidates. Many are spending entire days petitioning and spreading the good word.

In three of the four counties where the NJLP has established Committees, the respective groups have filled out entire slates of candidates, including Sheriff, Freeholder, and County Register. Sometimes I really have to pinch myself to make sure I'm awake -- the dedication of so many people willing to place their fortunes and good names on the line for the cause of liberty is just astonishing.

In my own efforts, I have become more excited than ever, due to the constant good will of the public to the libertarian goals of maximum individual freedom and reduced government. If the individuals I have met are a representative cross-section of the voting public, we are in for quite a favorable surprise. Perhaps a well run congressional campaign could net us more than some good publicity -- well it's nice to dream, isn't it?

Bill Schetlick

LIBERTARIAN PARTY
INDEPENDENCE
DECLARE YOUR

NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY
 P.O. Box 247
 Bernardsville, New Jersey 07924

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Statement of Principles

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

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life — accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action — accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property — accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.



THERE AIN'T NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH

ROGER MACBRIDE FOR PRESIDENT

MACBRIDE IN NJ ON MAY 14 - 15

Roger MacBride will be in NJ on May 14 and 15. Hal Cundari will be traveling with him on the 14th. Tentative plans call for a press conference, interviews by the media, a possible fund raising dinner or cocktail party on the evening of the 14th and stumping by MacBride on Saturday the 15th with the local candidates.

Calvin Beaty, Chairman,
 NJ Citizens for MacBride

SENSATIONAL

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

ATTENTION LEADERS!

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!

It's the last week of the petition drive. Please get out and get signatures for MacBride, Cundari, and our other NJLP candidates! Every signature is needed.

NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

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

NJLP By-Laws

NJLP MEMBERSHIP: If you would like to become a member of the New Jersey Libertarian Party, contact us at P0 Box 247, Bernardsville, NJ 07924.

Types of Membership

Student	\$ 4.00	Regular	\$ 7.50
Sustaining	25.00	Lifetime	100.00
	Lifetime Sustaining		250.00
Newsletter Subscription	\$ 5.00		

FIRST CLASS MAIL