



NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

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Dear Lover of Freedom:

(339 Grafton Avenue, Newark, N.J.
07104 (201) 482-3471).

Since June 1974, I have written many letters as Executive Secretary of the NJLP. I have written to some of you who asked for information about our organization. I've tried to tell you about the philosophy of libertarianism and about the activities of the NJLP. I hope that I have been able to answer any questions that you had about our organization.

I have also written to some of you welcoming you to the NJLP and sending you your membership cards. I have been happy to write to others of you who have renewed your membership, and sad to write to others who have chosen not to renew.

I have enjoyed this job immensely because I found that I liked to write to people about libertarianism. I felt that I was doing my small part to further libertarian goals and ideals.

Now I am asking for your help. I have been unofficially appointed as the "NJLP historian." I have been told to begin an NJLP scrapbook. I would like you to be on the look-out for anything in the media about the NJLP and libertarianism. If you see anything in the newspapers, please send me a clipping (I will be glad to return the original after I make a copy). If you hear anything on the radio or television, please let me know so that I can try to obtain a transcript. If you write a letter to the editor of a newspaper or a magazine, please send me a copy.

I am already indebted to some of you who have sent me information for the scrapbook -- to David Longinotti who sent me clippings about the Goodson campaign, to Fred Stein, Ralph Fucetola, and Stevenson Enterline who sent me copies of their press releases, speeches, and letters to the editor, to Bill Schetlick who sent me information about his Classes on Objectivism, to Jane Rehmke who sent me two newspaper articles about libertarianism, and to Tom Palven and Bob Steiner who sent me items from their Congressional campaigns.

The attached report that I am sending you shows that some of our NJLP members have been very active in the past year spreading the ideas of libertarianism. This report is my account of many of these activities. I am sure that I have left out some worthwhile items, but I did the best I could. These are the items that I knew about and that I considered to be newsworthy. I hope that you enjoy reading about them as much as I have enjoyed writing this report for you.

Yours for liberty,

Kathleen McAdam

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Executive Secretary

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THERE AIN'T NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH

TOM PALVEN

3rd Congressional District

Thomas W. Palven, NJLP member from Howell Township, received 619 votes as the Independent candidate in the 3rd Congressional District.

Tom entered the Congressional race during the last three weeks of the election when the Independent Line on the ballot became vacant. He was the first person to turn in the required number of petition signatures; so he became the Independent candidate.

Running as a member of the New Jersey Libertarian Party, Tom spoke at a candidates' night sponsored by the League of Women Voters at Brookdale College, to an economics class at Rumson-Fair Haven High School, and to the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Ocean Township.

In a press release on the Mass Transit Plan, Palven stated: "...It is evident that less government and more free competition is in order, not massive government funding.... The idea that rich people can pay for all this gobble government is ridiculous.... It is the 90 million people in the middle class who make the bulk of the money and pay the bulk of the taxes.... I have had it with politicians promising everyone something for nothing."

Palven and Ronald Wishart, an NJLP member from Manalapan, appeared on a half hour television show on the Public Broadcasting System. Tom also appeared in another five minute television spot on PBS.

In his television speech he stated "The Libertarian Party stands for Constitutional government, and the principles of Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, who said "That government is best which governs least" and "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance." We believe that the only difference between taxation and theft is that when a thief takes your money he doesn't come back to run your life."

"If you want to control your own life and spend your own earnings, vote for me, Tom Palven, on election day, and send the politicians a message."

BOB STEINER

12th Congressional District

Robert A. Steiner, former Chairperson of the NJLP, received 1017 votes as the Independent candidate in the 12th Congressional District.

Bob received help from a few NJLP members during his campaign, but his main support came from members of Young Americans for Freedom and from other conservatives in his local area.

He built his campaign around the slogan "I've had it with big government"! This statement appeared on a billboard on busy Route 22 in Union.

Steiner appeared on the Public Broadcasting System television channel on a five minute spot and on a half hour show with Richard Solyom (also an NJLP member) and Herb Stupp (a YAF member). He spoke on radio stations WJDM and WERA and to the League of Women Voters of Union County. He also talked to thousands of people at the 4th of July fireworks and other outdoor activities in the area.

Many articles about his campaign appeared in the Daily Journal, the Courier News and other New Jersey newspapers.

Bob's campaign literature stressed his link with the fed-up taxpayers and his concern for individual rights. As his campaign brochures stated, "The President and Congress pretend that increased Government spending can be done without increasing taxes. History and logic tell us otherwise! Look at your paycheck. See how much of your money is taken away from you"! "Bob believes that the only legitimate function of Government is the protection of individual rights." "Like you, Bob Steiner has had it with government power and control over the lives and pocketbooks of the citizens of the land of the free"!'

LETTERS TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

During the last few months, I have written letters to fifteen people who have not renewed their membership in the NJLP. I began my letters with the following paragraph:

"I was so sorry to hear that you have not renewed your membership in the NJLP. Perhaps you would like to write and give me some ideas about what we could do as a party to increase our value to you and to other libertarians in New Jersey. I will welcome any suggestions you have toward improving our organization."

I have recently received letters from two people who were kind enough to write to me explaining why they have not renewed their membership. I would like to share these letters with the members for their knowledge and comments.

ECONOMIC COLLAPSE

One person wrote: "Your very nice letter calls for a reply. I did not renew my membership because I have come to believe it is too late to save the country. I see the collapse of organized society in the near future, and must devote my energies and resources to dealing with that."

"I applaud the work the Party is doing, and have supported various efforts with contributions. I would have liked to attend the November 9 seminar on economic survival, but had a prior engagement. It seemed to be something close to my current interests, and I would buy any transcripts available. Most people don't seem to realize that 'economic' collapse is total collapse. ...Living in populated areas will be difficult or impossible; there will be no long-distance transportation or communication. Swiss banks will be useless if there is no mail service!...

"I do have some interest in meeting other libertarians, and hope you will keep me on your mailing list for social events. Thank you for your sincere and personal letter...."

I cannot argue with the picture the letter-writer has painted of the future of our society and the effects of an economic collapse, but I'm still hoping that it is not too late to save the country. I believe the only hope for our society is in the ideals of libertarianism; and I therefore believe that I'm acting in my own self interest by being in the LP.

NATIONAL LP PLATFORM: THE ECONOMY

I don't know how many NJLP members have a copy of the 1974 Platform of the National LP adopted in convention at Dallas, June 12-16, 1974. (Copies from the National LP will be available for sale at the Annual Convention on February 8.) Contained in this platform is the following plank on The Economy:

"Government intervention in the economy imperils both the material prosperity and personal freedom of every American. We therefore support the following specific immediate reforms:

- a.) drastic reduction of both taxes and government spending;
- b.) an end to deficit budgets;
- c.) a halt to inflationary monetary policies, and elimination with all deliberate speed, of the Federal Reserve System;
- d.) the removal of all governmental impediments to free trade - including the repeal of the National Labor Relations Act, the Interstate Commerce Act, all anti-trust laws, and

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ECONOMIC SURVIVAL SEMINAR

Ralph Fucetola, NJLP State Committee Member, initiated and organized a very successful and informative Seminar on Economic Survival at Rutgers University, New Brunswick on Saturday, November 9.

Approximately 65 people attended the all-day seminar which was sponsored by the Economic Education Committee with generous contributions from Ralph Fucetola, the NJLP, Robert A. Steiner, and the East Coast Coin Company of Eatontown, N.J.

Ralph's introductory remarks covered the general state of the economy and the unreliability of certain measuring devices such as the unemployment rate, the inflation rate, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, and the Gross National Product. As an example, he stated that we are told the unemployment rate is 6%, but it is actually nearer to 26% because it ignores all the people on welfare and the people who have been out of work for at least 18 months. It also "does not include 2/3 of the people who work for the government and are not doing any work at all and are really on welfare by a different name."

Ralph cited some figures that can give us a hint toward what is really going on in the economy. For example, interest rates, failure and bankruptcy rates, and "perhaps the most important thing to look at is the flight from paper. Everybody is getting away from paper and getting into assets that are real" like gold, silver, etc.

As Ralph concluded, "The basis for an incredible inflation is being laid this year...the economy is clearly on the brink of a very serious decline.... The crash is perhaps right around the corner...."

HOW TO SURVIVE THE CRASH was the subject of the first Workshop which was given by William Schetlick (also an NJLP member). Bill emphasized that the issue is not really how severe the crisis will be, but that a crisis is coming and that we should try to prepare ourselves for it.

As he stated, government spending will not provide us with a ready cure. In fact, "...it is the entrance of the government into the economy which causes depressions in the first place...."

As Bill continued, "Once you recognize that the government cannot and will not save you, then you know that there are certain acts that you must take to save yourself. No one else can help you... Since you never can predict what the government is going to do, you have to try to prepare yourself for the worst...."

Bill quoted eighteen steps by which the economic disaster could occur from Harry Browne's best-seller You Can Profit From A Monetary Crisis. He also cited Browne's recommendations for protecting your financial assets. As Browne declared, you should get your money out of the traditional investments such as the stock market, life insurance policies, real estate, savings accounts, etc. All these things are tied to the dollar, and you "can never tell when the government is going to plunge the dollar into hyper-inflation." Investments should be made in gold, silver, in Swiss bank accounts, and in foreign currencies.

It is important to "...keep your cash reserves invulnerable ...to try to convert your long-term assets into liquid assets ...and to be cautious about extending credit to anybody." Bill concluded that in times of crisis, flexibility and liquidity are the primary concerns.

As the main event of the seminar, THE COMING ECONOMIC CRASH was discussed by DR. MURRAY N. ROTHBARD. Author of For A New Liberty, Man, Economy and State, America's Great Depression, and numerous other books and articles, Dr. Rothbard was introduced as "the leading free-market economist and libertarian theorist in the country."

ment said explicitly that... all macro-economic problems, in quotes, are now solved... Nobody says this now...."

"Basically the problems were supposed to be solved by the fine-tuning of the system by the government.... A point of the Keynesian model... [is that] the economy is sort of like an automobile driving along a very narrow ledge...on the left hand side of the abyss is unemployment and depression, and on the right hand side is ...inflation. Unemployment being caused by underspending... and inflation by too much spending..."

The Keynesian argument is that the "free market is OK in the micro area,... but in the larger sphere,... the free market is helpless... Nobody is steering the car.... So what you need is the proper government to be the driver of the car..." But nowadays the fine-tuning Keynesian establishment economists are confronted with problems they admit they can't solve.... "Inflation keeps... accelerating despite the fine-tuning... and we are getting recessions... in the middle of inflation which are not supposed to happen..."

Dr. Rothbard then stated that "everybody blames their pet hate for inflation. If you don't like unions, you blame unions. If you don't like big business, you blame big business...." But inflation has been occurring since the late Roman Empire, and there weren't any unions or techno-structure at that time. "So something else has to be involved in this inflationary problem.... The something is the government down in the basement cranking out more money all the time..."

According to Dr. Rothbard, "...The government is engaged in a double con game, or whim-wham, or flim-flam ... on the society. Everyday... they are creating more money and spending it, lending it out... As the public begins to use the new money, prices start going up. Then the government turns around and starts blaming everybody for spending too much... 'The consumers are too piggy'... President Ford...says that the cause of inflation is that we don't clean our plates, that the way to check inflation is to eat our vegetables, 'the old grandma approach' ..." But, "the inflationary process is bound to go on... as long as the government is down there in the basement printing more money..."

The inflationary process has several phases, according to Dr. Rothbard. "...The first phase is when the money supply went up faster every year than the price level. This is always the first phase of inflation, 'the euphoric phase'... The public first thinks that this is a temporary price increase... and so the public holds onto their money,... waiting for return of normalcy ... As a result...prices only go up by a little bit..."

But "...After years of this kind of treatment... the public finally begins to wake up... that prices are not going to go back... Then the public begins to spend money faster.... This is the critical point,... the beginning of the runaway inflation stage...."

People are now complaining about the shortage of money. We are suffering from a "liquidity crunch," and people are "clamoring for the government to start... creating more money...to tide them over..."

"The central reason why the government is inherently inflationary is that any organization that's allowed to have a legal monopoly... on counterfeiting... will use it..." As Dr. Rothbard said, "...If any government came to me and gave me total power over the money supply... even I might be tempted to print a few thousand to take care of the existing obligations, and once you print the first few thousand, the rest is heady wine...."

"Only if you take the printing presses away from the government will they stop using them... take the printing presses away from the government..."

Dr. Rothbard then discussed the workings of the banking system and explained the fractional reserve system declaring that the tendency is for the banks to create as much money out of thin air as they can get away with. The way to stop inflation is really very simple - stop the Federal Reserve System from buying assets. What would be even better would be to "abolish the whole Federal Reserve System...because as long as the Fed... continues to buy assets, we are going to have inflation...."

Dr. Rothbard concluded "The problem is that whenever the government is faced with a crunch... and a choice between allowing a total inflation... and accepting a further recession, they're going to pick inflation. They've done it everytime, and there's no reason to think they're going to stop it. So, the prognosis then has to be that we are going to have accelerating inflation in the months and years ahead."

Dr. Walter Block, Assistant Editor of Business Week, conducted the Workshop on INFLATION AND THE FINANCIAL COLLAPSE. Dr. Block has a Ph.D. in Economics from Columbia University and has taught at Rutgers University and Baruch College.

Dr. Block discussed the need for money in society because "Money leads to trade, trade leads to division of labor, division of labor leads to specialization, specialization leads to productivity, and productivity leads to life. Therefore, money leads to life."

As an example of the need for money and of the "lack of double coincidence of wants," he said "It would really be an amazing coincidence for a chicken-owning pickle-wanter to meet up with a chicken-wanting pickle-owner... and yet this is what we would have to have if we are going to have trade without money..." Instead, "The chicken-owner trades his chicken for something widely acceptable, say salt... then he trades the salt to someone that has pickles. This pickle-owner need not want a chicken, and that's the key. If he'll just accept salt, the trade will be consummated, and he'll accept salt knowing of its wide acceptability. He can get anything he wants for salt. Salt, by the way, is now working like money. It facilitates exchanges. This is really the key point of money.... It's a medium of exchange..."

After mentioning the qualities needed to be a good medium of exchange (durability, divisibility, portability, and marketability), Dr. Block stated: "When people are free to choose, they always choose gold; (and silver for smaller exchanges)... The libertarian favors the gold standard... because the libertarian favors free choice."

He acknowledged that "it does cost money to have a gold standard.... 'there ain't no such thing as a free gold standard'... but it costs more not to have a gold standard...." He stated that we can look upon gold as an insurance policy against the government ruining our money supply.

While discussing inflation, he stated that the argument that an individual price increase causes inflation is crazy. "It's sort of like saying that if the elbow gets fatter, this causes you to gain weight. It's part of the problem; it's not a cause of the problem..."

Dr. Block then discussed the Keynesian theory of the business cycle using another analogy to a car. If the car [the economy] "goes too slow, you hit the gas. If it goes too fast, you hit the brakes... The right-wing Keynesians, like Milton Friedman and the Chicago School, see the brakes and the gas in terms of monetary policy. The left-wing Keynesians see the brakes and the gas in terms of fiscal policy... They're both willing to fine-tune our lives. They're both embarrassed by inflation at the same time as unemployment because what are you supposed to do then! Hit the gas or the brakes, or both, or get out of the car, or what!..."

The Austrian economists "look at it differently. There's no government fine-tuning... (Dr. Block recommended a new book by Murray Rothbard, Depressions - their Cause and Cure by declaring that Dr. Rothbard "...is one of the few people who can write an economic tract and make it look like a cowboys and Indians war - you start rooting for the demand curve...") In the Austrian view, "the basis of the structure of the economy is time preference... [which] measures the way at which consumption in the present is preferred relatively to consumption in the future.... The more impatient you are the higher your time preference..."

He explained that inflation artificially lowers the real rate of interest and "fools entrepreneurs into thinking that people have a low time preference rate..." Inflation therefore ties up money in "unwanted heavy industry and produces less consumer goods than what is really wanted..." "...For the Austrians it is the proper allocation of spending between... consumption and capital..." that is important. "...it's a matter of the balance between the two parts; but balancing is painful after years of imbalance. If we were going to go cold turkey and stop inflating right away, the contention is that it would cause a recession, and that's horrible!... The point though is that it's inevitable either that we're going to continue on with our inflation and move into hyper-inflation on one side or we'll get into a depression on the other side. And, any attempt to put the day later by our government is going to make things that much worse when we get there because, all the time, the imbalance between capital and consumption is piling up... [When] the government tries to prop up unsound business... [it] only succeeds in prolonging the depression..."

Dr. Block concluded that "The free market principles contain the answers to our present economic problems."

The last Workshop of the seminar was on GOLD AND SILVER and was conducted by Greg Kaye and Donald J. Muniz.

Greg Kaye, graduate of Rutgers University and an independent investment consultant specializing in precious metals, discussed the advantages of silver coins and bullion as investments.

Donald Muniz, the President of the East Coast Coin Company and a professional coin broker since 1958, discussed gold coins as an investment.

Both Mr. Kaye and Mr. Muniz were available at the MARKETPLACE throughout the day. Also present at the Marketplace were representatives of the Society for Individual Liberty with copies of various brochures and pamphlets available for sale, and Sharon Presley with books from the Laissez Faire Book Store. Representatives of Chase Enterprises of Newton, N.J. were also available to market dehydrated and freeze-dried foods.

Thanks to Ralph Fucetola's initiative the Economic Survival Seminar was an informative and enjoyable event. Ralph is now hoping to obtain NJLP approval to use part of the profits of the Seminar to "begin to fund a permanent educational foundation (The Foundation for Freedom?) which would be libertarian and have power which a political party cannot have. It would be tax-deductible and tax-exempt and an opening to taxpayers groups and other forces in the state to begin to build a coalition which would leverage our strength." Ralph will discuss this educational foundation at the State Convention on February 8.

RALPH FUCETOLA ON AMNESTY

Ralph Fucetola III, our NJLP State Committee Member-at-Large, conducted a workshop on Amnesty at the Fifth Annual Libertarian Conference sponsored by the Society for Individual Liberty on November 16 at Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

In his introductory remarks, Ralph stated that only about 700 people have accepted President Ford's "partial pardon." Of these 700, approximately 500 were already in custody. (Some estimates of evaders, resisters, and deserters at large run to over 100,000.)

Covering some of the history of amnesty, Ralph mentioned that until this century, every time there has been a war, the American government has extended amnesty afterwards because they could not throw all the "violators" in jail. But during this century, there has been no amnesty. After World War II, very few of the 15,000 resisters were pardoned (about 1500 people were released from jail).

Ralph commented that, in this sense, at least partial amnesty is a step in the right direction. But, Ralph emphasized, it is especially immoral to attempt to pardon the victims of a crime. The victims are the draftees, the resisters, the deserters, and all those who served. They are all the victims of a totally unjust and immoral law, and that law is still on the books.

People are still being arrested for violating the draft law -- which has been "suspended." People are still required to register for the Selective Service.

Discussing the difference between legislation and the Law, Ralph stated that legislation is what legislators have passed. Law is the embodiment of the principles of justice. The courts' proper role, as seen by the politicians, has been to get through anything the politicians want to legitimize illegitimate power.

According to the principles of common law, contracts to commit criminal acts are null and void. A contract is void if one party is threatening to use force against people or is coercively obtaining its funds.

These principles of common law apply particularly well to the draft. We, as libertarians, must uphold the principles of justice and emphasize the immorality and injustice of the draft law which is supported by the involuntary taxation of the citizens. We should also note that the draft itself is a labor tax collected from draftees and that it is a form of involuntary servitude.

It is not the draft resisters and deserters who are the criminals against justice. It is the politicians and their cohorts who have maintained the draft as the law of the land. We must remember just who are the criminals and who are the victims.

Note: "We further pledge to work for a declaration of unconditional amnesty for all who have been convicted of, or who now stand accused of, draft evasion and for all military deserters who were draftees."

(1974 Platform of the National Libertarian Party.)

"...There's no way to rule innocent men. The only power any government has is the power to crack down on criminals. Well, when there aren't enough criminals, one makes them. One declares so many things to be a crime that it becomes impossible for men to live without breaking laws...just pass the kind of laws that can neither be observed nor enforced nor objectively interpreted -- and you create a nation of law-breakers -- and then you cash in on guilt...."

Ayn Rand, Atlas Shrugged

ROTHBARD TO SPEAK AT FNJT

Dr. Murray N. Rothbard, outstanding free market economist, will be one of the main speakers at the annual convention of the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers on Sunday, January 26, 1975.

Ramada Inn
Valley Road & Walnut Avenue
Clark, N.J.
Exit 135 on Garden State Parkway
Time 2 P.M.
Dinner 6 P.M.

The Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers is dedicated to "fight AGAINST unjust and unreasonable taxation, and FOR economy and responsibility in government." It is composed essentially of local taxpayers groups throughout the State and also welcomes individual members-at-large. A number of New Jersey Libertarian Party members are also members of the Federation.

At the FNJT convention, two NJLP members will lead workshops beginning at 2 P.M. Federation Director Ralph Fucetola's workshop will be on Legal Weapons Available to Taxpayers. Richard Solym, Federation Legislative Vice-President, will lead a discussion group on Citizen Participation in Government.

Dr. Rothbard will speak at approximately 4:30 after the workshops and the annual meeting and election of new Directors.

The guest speaker for the 6 P.M. dinner will be State Senator Alene S. Ammond from Cherry Hill.

Dinner reservations (at \$8.50) can be obtained from Mr. Hannibal Cundari, Ticket Chairman, 222 North Queen Street, Bergenfield, N.J. 07621 (201) 384-6845. (Checks should be made payable to the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers).

STOP INCREASING OUR STATE TAXES

As the result of a decision by the NJLP State Committee on December 13, Jane Rehmke, NJLP State Chairperson, sent the following telegram to the State House in Trenton:

"STOP TAX GOUGE, CUT SPENDING INSTEAD, OR FACE TAX STRIKE AND DEFEAT AT THE POLLS."

The telegrams were sent to Governor Brendan T. Byrne, and to State Senators Frank Dodd, Joseph Merlino, James Dugan, and Matthew Feldman who were all supporters of the 6 1/2% surtax.

During that weekend, attempts were made to contact NJLP members by telephone to ask them to also send telegrams to their state legislators. Many of the members could not be reached on such short notice, but those who were contacted did agree to send telegrams or to telephone their legislators.

For future reference, it is very easy to send a public information telegram (you're allowed 15 words). Just call 800-632-2271 and have them bill the \$2.00 charge to your telephone.

Our state elected officials are obviously not going to let the taxation question die; so we have to keep our eyes on what they're doing with our money and let them know what we think. We may get tired of sending letters and telegrams and making telephone calls, but let's not allow them to forget that we want them to vote against increased taxation and for government spending cuts instead.

NJLP MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to become a member of the New Jersey Libertarian Party, contact us at P.O. Box 247, Bernardsville, N.J. 07924.

Types of Membership:

Student - \$ 4.00 Regular \$ 7.50
Sustaining - \$25.00 Lifetime - \$100.00
Lifetime Sustaining - \$250.00

NJLP 3RD ANNUAL CONVENTION

Saturday, February 8, 1975 - 10 A.M.-5 P.M.

Dinner (Speaker: Roger Lea MacBride) 6 P.M.

The Ramada Inn
East Brunswick, N.J.
(Exit 9, N.J. Turnpike at Route 18,
Near Route 1 and Route 18 Junction)

Speakers: Leland Schubert
Alan Reynolds

- Election of the State Committee Officers for a one-year term (Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Executive Secretary, and three State Committee Representatives)
 - Election of Delegates to the 1975 National Convention in New York City
 - Election of two Trustees for a three-year term
 - Proposed establishment of an educational foundation
 - Endorsement of candidates for political office
 - Proposed By-Laws change to add a new official, a Sergeant-at-Arms, to be elected yearly at the Annual Convention
 - Proposed changes to the NJLP Platform:
 - 1) Elimination of all sexist references.
 - 2) Changes of references to legitimate functions of government to statements that governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights.
 - 3) Change of "laissez-faire capitalism" in the last sentence to "the free market."
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No admission will be charged for the daytime meeting and speeches, but donations will be appreciated to help defray the cost of the room.

Lunch will be available at the Ramada Inn and at other nearby restaurants.

Please send dinner reservations by February 1, 1975 to Mr. Warren Schubert, Treasurer, 30 Montrose Road, Somerset, N.J. (201) 545-8289.

_____ I will not attend the dinner.

_____ I will attend the dinner. Enclosed is my check for _____ dinners at \$12.50. (Payable to the New Jersey Libertarian Party)

Name _____

Address _____

PLATFORM OF THE NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

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 each individual has the right to exercise sole dominion over his own life, and has the right to live in whatever manner he chooses, so long as he does not forcibly interfere with the equal rights of others to live their lives 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 life of the individual and seize the fruits of his labor without his consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that the sole function of government is the protection of the rights of each individual: namely (1) the right to life — and accordingly we support laws prohibiting the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action — and accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press; (3) the right to property — and accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support laws which prohibit robbery, trespass, fraud and misrepresentation.

Since government has only one legitimate function, the protection of individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. Men 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 on a free market; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of man's rights, is laissez-faire capitalism.

CLASSES ON OBJECTIVISM

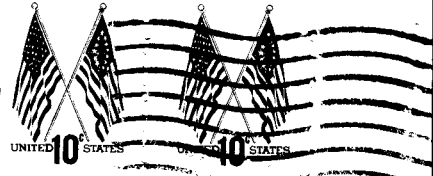
In an effort to offer a rational alternative to the stale eclecticism and moral relativism pervading the campus of Kean College of New Jersey, Bill Schetlick and Ken Gursky (both LP members) have founded the "Kean College Students of Objectivism," a group dedicated to the study of the philosophy of Ayn Rand and its application to current issues. To date, the group has gathered twelve active members, not all of whom attend the College as students. Membership is open to anyone.

Due to the nature of the study, meetings are held at irregular intervals, depending upon the volume of material to be read and discussed; however, meetings are usually held at least twice a month on Thursday evening. The Club has not met during the holiday recess, but will resume activities in the last week of January, 1975. Those who are interested in studying Objectivism in an informal group atmosphere are urged to contact Bill Schetlick at (201) 374-4624.

(Thanks to Bill for the above writeup.)

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