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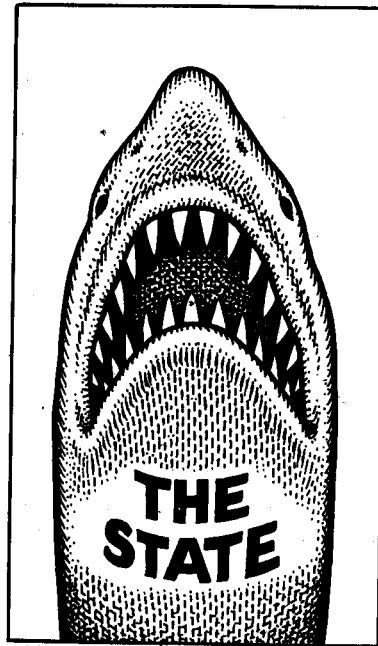
The Past:

Elsewhere in this issue you will find the latest election results for Libertarian Party Candidates throughout the state. The totals indicate that the NJLP is growing toward the goal of becoming a viable, anti-statist, political alternative in New Jersey.

With presidential candidate Roger MacBride and Senate nominee Hal Cundari leading the ticket backed up with numerous congressional candidates and local office seekers, the Libertarian Party message of freedom was brought to multiplied thousands of New Jersey voters.

It is apparent that even when a candidate runs a low-profile campaign, taking advantage of news coverage and free offers of TV and radio time, many voters are willing and ready to respond to the consistent Libertarian Party message of freedom.

Certainly the fact that the MacBride vote total represents a conscious decision on the part of 9,000 plus voters (over 73 times our party membership in N.J.) to say NO to the



The Present

The election is over...Now we can get to work! With the 1976 campaign year behind us the important job of building the NJLP must continue.

Throughout this newsletter many writers will urge you to become active in one way or another within the NJLP.

In addition to the many ways listed you should also consider that a full slate of party officers, from chairperson on down, will be selected at the February convention.

Candidates are needed for each party post. By becoming involved you can help the party grow in size and thereby speeding the trip to victory.

In any case, the appeal to become active in many areas is the job at the present! Decide what you want to do and pitch in!



THE FUTURE

Cal Beatty

1976 was really the LP's first serious political effort. Compared with 1972, the Party ran 25 times as many candidates (almost 600 versus less than 25); was on the ballot in 15 times as many states (31 versus 2); raised 10 times as much money (roughly \$500,000 versus less than \$50,000); and received almost 60 times as many votes for the presidency (almost 175,000 versus less than 5,000 including write-ins).

Now look at New Jersey. In 1972 we didn't have an NJLP to get Hospers and Nathan on the ballot. But we did succeed in running our first state-wide candidate in 1973 with John Goodson, receiving 3,000 votes and raising \$1,000 in

the process. Goodson was also one of less than five candidates for the NJLP. Turn to 1976. Compared with 1973, we ran 5 times as many candidates (20 versus 4); raised maybe 5 times as much money (\$5,000 including NJCFM for \$2,200 plus Cundari and the local candidates versus \$1,000) and received 6 times as many votes for a state-wide candidate (Cundari with 19,910 versus Goodson's 3,000), not to mention the sum of the votes for all 28 candidates including MacBride with 9,999. Most encouraging, it seems, was the apparently higher vote for for the local candidates such as the Freeholders.

Had the race between Carter and Ford not been so close, MacBride undoubtedly would have done better than 9,999 votes he received. Even so, MacBride beat a better known candidate, Maddox with 7,725 votes, and Cundari took roughly three-quarters of the vote for all third party candidates for the U.S. Senate. continued on pg 2

Nationwide, it appears that MacBride got close to 175,000 votes, in which case we would have beaten Maddox with 168,000. MacBride received 55,000 in California (beating Maddox with 50,000), took 6% of the vote in Alaska and 5% in Hawaii, and got permanent ballot status in Arizona.

So in the context of 1976 versus 1972, the Libertarian Party has come quite a distance. Bob Meier put it well when he remarked to the press recently that 1976 was the year in which the LP moved to the head of the third party pack (excluding McCarthy since he ran without any formal party organization and positions). The fact that the Party now is organized in all 50 states also is an important milestone.

What can we do to take our case forward? Several suggestions come to mind.

County Organizations. We must take the initiative to expand our reach and (active) membership. This can be facilitated greatly by establishing a...

Speakers Group. Speaking is a must activity. Speaking actively communicates our existence, builds NJLP awareness, builds the mailing list, attracts new members, builds county organizations, provides leads for fund raising, gives positions/issues feedback, and solidifies one's grasp and knowledge of the Libertarian message. In short, it is a great self-help program. Dale Sutthoff has offered to prepare an NJLP flyer with the names of those members willing to participate in this effort. Please send him a photo and bio if interested at Buffalo Hollow Road, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826 (phone 201-638-6556). There are many local service clubs (Rotary, Lions, Chamber of Commerce, etc) whose program chairmen regularly scratch their heads in search of luncheon speakers. You don't have to have thespian abilities, just preparedness and knowledge; after initial stage fright, the rest comes easily.

NJLP Flyer. We need to prepare our own "New Dawn" piece of literature for identity and advertizing. The final Cundari and Bergen Freeholder campaign flyers were excellent, not to exclude those of the other candidates. Dan Piro gets the credit for having located designer Ray Young in this effort. We need to get the State Committee's effort focused on this immediate need.

Press and News Releases. We need to maintain a steady patter of news items to keep signaling to the press that we are alive and kicking, that we are not a bunch of political gypsies making an appearance every four years. 15 New Jersey Citizens for MacBride releases were just a start. With the NJ gubernatorial campaign already news, for example, we need

to respond right now with a release indicating our intentions (50-80 candidates for Assembly, Governor nominee under consideration, convention in February, etc.). Fred Hillmann of the Star-Ledger has had a column on the 1977 gubernatorial every Sunday for the past three weeks; Imperiale has gotten

several mentions in other articles in this paper. Going after the press will also find us more "friendly," such as at the Asbury Park Press. The work required for this effort is simple organization: people to stamp and address envelopes, others including State Committee member approval to write and produce the releases. It may be appropriate to acquire some addressograph equipment; Ken Kaplan has a lead on this. I would be happy to contribute the balance of my Xeroxable pressure-sensitive labels with the names and addresses of the 34 daily papers on them as a starter.

In Closing, we have to recognize humbly that the LP and the NJLP are still upstart ventures in the arena of politics. As Roger said on numerous occasions, 1976 is our "foundation year." I think we all expected a little more in the way of votes and, particularly, press coverage nationwide and state-wide.

With the Republican Party in apparent disarray, we do have an excellent opportunity to make our move over the next four years. Each year offers us an opportunity: 1977 with the Gubernatorial and Assembly races, 1978 with Congressional races and Case for the U.S. Senate, 1979 for more Assembly and State Senate races, and finally, 1980, for another go at the top office.

We must remember that the voter participation this year again showed a decrease over 1972; in fact, a steady decrease over the past four presidential elections according to a recent assessment made by a professional study group. Carter only won by 27% of the popular (eligible) vote. This year's presidential race in effect was a large non-vote of confidence in the two major candidates. I believe that the voters are still looking for a choice, if they know about it, and we could well be that choice, bringing out of the closet the many disgusted and disillusioned people out of the 90 million eligible voters who stayed away from the polls.

My hunch is that the leading third party will be invited to the debates in 1980, and I also believe that the presidential debates will become something of an institution in the presidential political process. In order to qualify as the leading third party, I believe that we will not only have to be on the ballot in more than 45 states if not all 50 but that we will also have to present a very good record of political activity since 1976, in the Garden State and elsewhere throughout the country, in order to be extended an invitation by the League of Women Voters (if they are still then sponsoring the event). But if we do make the 1980 debates, the Libertarian Party for the first time will have been placed in Broadway lights. It will mean certain and permanent visibility and stature for us. This is a hope, to be sure, but very possibly a real one that we should strive and work for.

A political party by nature is an action-orientated group, and not a philosophical club. In looking through my files the other day, I

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found a statement from another action-orientated group, the McDonald's Corporation, made by its founder, Ray Kroc, 15 years ago when the now \$2 billion company was just in its infancy. It has a great deal of relevance to our own effort.

1977 CAMPAIGN

The NJLP Screening Committee is now seeking candidates for the 1977 races, especially for Governor and the Assembly.

PRESS ON

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence.
Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent.
Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.
Education alone will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.
Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.

New members of the committee are also sought to bring the total up to nine. Members who have run for office only need submit a letter of intentions with regard to the campaign in order to be considered; others will be asked to complete a questionnaire and attend an interview. Please contact Jane Rehmke, committee chair at 201-766-4997 or 766-5735 or at the Party PO Box if you are interested in running or in helping to select candidates that will be nominated at the February 26th convention.

Comment

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank Bob Ryley for raising some of the issues I have been discussing ("Sell Freedom," by Bob Ryley, New Jersey Libertarian) and take this opportunity to reply to them.

The concept of currency depreciation is less familiar than the concept of inflation, but it is the correct concept. The concept of inflation contains within itself the premise that the rise in prices is something which is happening to goods (goods going up) rather than something which is happening to money. If you put the wrong premise in the concept you use, you are not going to succeed in getting people to believe the right premise. As for the concept of depreciation confusing people, I was apprehensive about this when I started using it, but a great deal of experience has conclusively demonstrated that it is very widely understood. In talking to several dozen people personally and many thousands on call-in talk shows I have never once found a person (even people with zero understanding of economics) who did not understand depreciation of the currency. Mr. Ryley should have gone out and talked to people before he concluded that depreciation would confuse them.

The liberty-benevolence split is more subtle. The point is that 99.9% of the non-libertarians you will be talking to believe deep down that liberty and benevolence are fundamentally opposed. Thus any measure you propose to advance liberty they read as harming benevolence. How many times has it happened to you that in making an argument for a specific freedom, you are met with the non-sequitor, "but what will happen to the poor." You know darn well that the poor will be helped by your proposal, but your opponent cannot be convinced; he assumes that because it is pro-liberty it must therefore hurt the poor (or somehow be anti-benevolence). He then weighs the two values in his mind. (e.g., It would be good if people had freedom of contract to work for whatever wage they wanted; but if we abolish the minimum wage, wages will be forced down to starvation levels.) And most often he comes down in some compromise position.

The approach to sell freedom, emphasizing only freedom, runs into this block. Your pro-freedom arguments are interpreted as anti-benevolence and checkmated. But this problem can be overcome, and the secret to overcome it is to rely on the fact that liberty and benevolence are not in reality opposed. Thus any libertarian conclusion can also be arrived at by a purely benevolence argument. (This, by the way, is why the Socialist Workers Party and many left-anarchists, although they are completely wrong on property, are in significant agreement with us on many issues.)

My proposal, therefore, is to keep our libertarian conclusions but to devise new arguments, pro-benevolence arguments, for them. The old arguments don't work for the reason above.

For example, conservatives have argued for the gold standard saying, 'when we deviate from this virtue, the results are pleasant in the short run, but it leads to disaster in the long run,' or 'it is a matter of honor,' or 'the international bankers will not like us unless we show discipline.' But in the 19th century Jefferson argued for hard money in quite different terms saying, 'the banks are cheating the people by issuing paper money,' 'the working man is being exploited by the banks and the big corporations.' See the difference?

FACTS & FIGURES

Statistical buffs will enjoy the chart below. It is nice to know that as of 1975 we each owe 2,497.23 of the national debt.

U. S. BUDGET RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES				
U. S. Treasury Dept.				
Administrative Budget, 1949-1959*				
(In millions of dollars)				
Fiscal Year	Net Receipts	Net Expenditures	Net Sur. (+)	Net Def. (-)
1949	37,663	39,474	-1,811	
1950	36,422	39,544	-3,122	
1951	47,480	43,970	+3,510	
1952	61,287	65,303	-4,017	
1953	64,671	74,120	-9,449	
1954	64,420	67,537	-3,117	
1955	60,209	64,389	-4,180	
1956	67,850	66,224	+1,626	
1957	70,562	68,966	+1,596	
1958	68,550	71,369	-2,819	
1959	67,915	80,342	-12,427	
Unified Budget, 1960-1973**				
1960	92,492	90,341	+2,151	
1961	94,389	96,597	-2,208	
1962	99,676	104,462	-4,786	
1963	106,560	111,456	-4,896	
1964	112,662	118,039	-5,377	
1965	116,833	117,181	-347	
1966	130,856	130,820	+36	
1967	149,552	153,201	-3,649	
1968	153,671	172,802	-19,131	
1969	187,792	183,080	+4,712	
1970	193,743	194,460	-716	
1971	188,392	210,318	-21,927	
1972	208,649	231,876	-23,227	
1973	232,225	246,526	-14,301	
1974	264,932	268,392	-3,460	
1975	280,996	324,601	-43,604	
1976 (est.)	298,993	358,915	-60,922	

*Administrative budget includes the receipts and expenditures for government operations, exclusive of trust funds such as Social Security.
**The unified budget includes all income and outgo for all purposes.

PUBLIC DEBT OF THE U. S., 1952-1973			
U. S. Treasury Dept.			
Fiscal Year	Gross Debt	Per Capita	
1954	271,259,599,103	1,670.14	
1955	274,374,222,808	1,660.16	
1956	272,750,813,649	1,621.82	
1957	270,527,171,896	1,580.20	
1958	276,343,217,746	1,587.67	
1959	284,705,907,078	1,607.57	
1960	286,330,760,848	1,585.60	
1961	288,970,938,610	1,574.81	
1962	298,645,041,646	1,600.38	
1963	306,466,243,371	1,619.32	
1964	312,525,891,182	1,627.13	
1965	317,864,225,033	1,633.34	
1966	320,368,635,070	1,627.55	
1967	330,637,102,957	1,670.86	
1968	351,078,421,996	1,746.93	
1969	353,720,253,841	1,743.55	
1970	370,918,706,949	1,813.75	
1971	398,129,744,455	1,925.35	
1972	427,260,460,940	2,048.66	
1973	459,088,558,210	2,250.90	
1974	476,005,680,799	2,241.60	
1975	534,207,000,000	2,497.23	

If you take Murray Rothbard's approach on economics, I can see why people react to it as "a dull-boring topic usually discussed by conservatives." Murray keeps all the right wing pro-liberty (but anti-benevolence) arguments for his economic positions, defending "the great social merit of high profits" ("Energy Fascism," Libertarian Forum, Jan. 1974). This approach may have a leftist veneer, but in its essence it is conservative.

My approach is leftist in a more fundamental sense. It takes benevolence as a value and it argues from there. Only when you have done this can you say that you are no longer a conservative. To add civil liberties and social liberties to an economic freedom position does not win leftists over to economic freedom. They may be more friendly to the Libertarian Party than to Lester Maddox's party, but they have not moved one bit closer to economic freedom.

I am afraid that Bob is doing what so many people do, developing a theory of social action on a gut feeling of what appeals to him. This is what Rand did when she said that morality was the key to politics. To discover what arguments will convince people you have to go out and talk to people and find out what they are really thinking, what really moves them. If Bob will do this, I think he will find that what I am saying is true and that my approach does work.



Letters ✓

Howard S. Katz

I object to the false gloss-over of events that occurred at the Sept. 13th Anti-tax demonstration in Trenton, and to the false praising of its "leader", Ralph Fucetola!! I was there.

I regard his actions as self-aggrandizing. Paragraph 3: Hal Cundari was not introduced as a Libertarian, only as a FNJT member. He did not mention us Libertarians.

Para. 4: Flyers & posters were ripped off the wall by FNJT members. (put up by LP members upon arrival).

Mr. Fucetola invited & promised that all LP candidates who came would be given public recognition from the platform, as an aid to their campaigns. This was REFUSED when we, I, arrived.

Para. 5: I was refused recognition in the name of avoiding partisan involvement. BULL! Imperiale damn near campaigned for the Governorship while there, as did various other Republicans & Democrat Representatives. WE LIBERTARIANS WERE NOT EVEN MENTIONED for our efforts in supporting the FNJT -- not to mention all the other groups there! (I had been considering joining the FNJT, but NO MORE.)

Para. 6: "Massive" TV & press coverage? Indeed...rather, 30 seconds on Chan. 3, & 1 minute on Chan. 2, & mediocre press statements...not once mentioning our LP. Mr. Fucetola's grand-standing is what I call his "brilliant speech".

As Vice-Chairman of NJLP, should the occasion ever arise, I will vote "NO" to any further "cooperation" with the FNJT. Whether or not I remain as an officer, neither will I assent to same.

I do not consider his actions as "remaining loyal to principle" as is our party ideal. In other words...I DO NOT LIKE BEING USED!! I trust articles in the Newsletter will be more truthful from now on.

Samuel Evins Brown
Vice-Chmn., NJLP
Chmn., LOC

Dear Readers,

The letters published in this issue submitted by Sam Brown and Kathy Green have been edited from their original form.

In the former case two sentences were deleted because they were, in my opinion, too excessive in their comments about Mr. Fucetola.

When I received Mr. Brown's original letter I informed both he and Mr. Fucetola that it was my judgement that this apparent difference could best be solved by both individuals talking the situation out between themselves. I did not then and do not now want the NJ LIBERTARIAN to become a forum for personality disputes.

With instructions to the contrary not forthcoming the letter is printed herewith at left. Mr. Fucetola indicated his desire to communicate directly with Mr. Brown and not to respond in the newsletter. He did however indicate that Ms. Green would offer comments about the rally.

Her comments are printed in this issue. They also are edited. I have printed those comments relevant to the NJLP. Since Mr. Fucetola decided to approach this outside the newsletter I omitted those comments regarding his commitment to the cause of freedom. In addition I did not have the space or the desire to type almost three additional pages.

It would be wise if everyone gave each person the benefit of trust. Certainly we can disagree over tactics and the such but we can do it without questioning each others' motives.

Future comments regarding personality disputes will find no home in these pages. The NJLP is too vital to risk destruction through needless personality conflicts.

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Dear People:

As to complaints made against the organizers of the Sept. 18th Anti-Income Tax Rally in Trenton, please be advised:

United Taxpayers is a coalition of independent taxpayer organizations who planned the rally on Sept. 18th, specifically to be as "non-political" as possible. No political parties were permitted to speak or participate in the rally program, although they were free to attend; the NJLP did so, setting up tables and distributing literature.

The ruling was made and voted on by the Rally Committee two months prior to the rally. At that meeting, representatives of the Tax Revolt Assn. (who were also members of the American Party) claimed that they had already, without committee approval, invited various A.P. candidates to speak, including their presidential candidate, Lester Maddox.

After a vote by the Committee (41 people from 41 tax assns.), these people were told they had to could not invite their candidates, and greatly embarrassed, they had to rescind their invitations.

A week later, a member of this group announced that his group was "pulling out" if Hal Cundari LP Senate candidate was permitted to speak. Since a U.S. Senatorial candidate has little or no say in state matters, and since the Rally Committee had decided that candidates for public office and representatives of political parties could not speak, this man was justified. Fortunately, Hal had a large background of taxpayer related activities, as a Director and Officer of the FNJT and as a leader and organizer of a very active Bergenfield organization. After a vote, it was determined that Hal could speak so long as no candidacy or party affiliations were mentioned. Hal Cundari was the only political candidate to speak at the rally, and, I might add, he was quite free to/and in his use of the word "libertarian."

The LP is a political party. We treated the LP as such: no worse, and in fact better than other parties, only because of Mr. Fucetola's leanings.

For Freedom

Kathy A. Green
United Taxpayers of
New Jersey.

In conclusion, I would simply add that I believe that articles printed in these pages are truthful. I will gladly retract any errors. It is possible that we could make an error - an honest mistake. I know of no instance where an untruth was printed.

Bob Ryley
Editor

FROM THE CHAIR

by
Ken Kaplan

It is with great optimism that I view the results of the recent election. We are now THE third party in New Jersey. Our chances are excellent of solidifying our claim to that position, affecting governmental policy, and actually electing one or more of our candidates in the next election.

To insure continued success, however, we must keep several points in mind. First, as election starts becoming a possibility we must not compromise libertarian principles. Presenting our ideas in their most favorable light is good politics, but distorting them or watering them down would constitute bad faith, and must not be done by any of our candidates or spokesmen.

Secondly, we must not allow personality conflicts, differences on strategy, or differing priorities divide us. We are all libertarians, and should respect each other's individualism. Nonetheless, we are too small an organization to afford the factionalism that has been fatal to groups much larger than our own. Let us reasonably disagree, but continue to work together toward our common goals.

Third, as has probably become apparent to many of you, especially those who have run for office, grass roots organizations are essential for effective campaigns. We must expand our membership greatly so that we will have the campaign workers and election day volunteers to publicize our candidates, gather our vote totals, and report out those totals to the broadcasters and newspapers in the manner of a major party. New members who pay their dues by December 31 will also help determine the number of voting delegates we will be able to send to the next national convention of the Libertarian Party. Please encourage any potential members to join immediately.

And fourth, please consider running for the Governorship, State Assembly or Senate, county or local office this coming year. Running for office on principles which you really believe in is exciting, exhilarating, and not nearly as scary as you might think. You will usually find your opposition far from intimidating. Democrats and Republicans are just ordinary people of ordinary skills. Believe me, you will be able to hold your own against them in any public forum. Remember, Libertarian positions are consistent and rational. Your opponents will have to try to justify a hodge podge of inconsistency, while you can appeal to reason and common sense. If I've piqued your interest, contact the screening committee of the NJLP, P.O. Box 247, Bernardsville, N.J. 07924, or call me days at 201-678-4988.

AN ELITIST IN SEARCH OF A DIRECTION TOWARDS LIBERTY

DALE A. SUTTHOFF

Most of us utter a disclaimer; libertarians may be in search of a direction toward liberty, but elitists we are not. Typically, we easily recognize and can describe libertarian policy with regard to any area of present government activity. We know or can easily reference free enterprise solutions to virtually all of the impossible dilemmas of Washington or other bureaucrats.

The primary area of controversy among libertarians then becomes how to implement these solutions, in other words, a search for a direction or path towards the ultimate liberty. Libertarians are usually leaders in this search. It isn't often (not often enough) that our political leaders see fit to reverse the erosion of our liberties. When they do propose a "new liberty" we may find ourselves unprepared. The implication of a truly new or expansion of liberty is well recognized by our present political leaders: reduced dependence on government, less confidence in bureaucrats, a "wedge" that could result in further freedoms being granted or insisted upon.

Recognizing that we are well along the Road to Serfdom (by F. Hayek, 1944), we must therefore view every move of government with suspicion. What is usually given with one hand is taken away with the other. An exchange based on the sacrifice of one liberty for the grant of another is a typical subject of discussion by our legislators. Usually these discussions center on the grant of a liberty in exchange for tax or other revenues. Sometimes a monopoly is granted, and the new liberty (let's say the purchase of liquor) is dispensed by those granted this privilege. Occasionally the choice is really clear-cut, who shall bear the greater tax burden or currency depreciation in lieu of taxes.

These choices are often, and unfortunately, participated in publicly by libertarians. This is simply to say that a view on a transaction involving both the gain and loss of a liberty must be from the position of an elitist. To make such a recommendation publicly is to charge the party as advocating government control of who is to lose a freedom. To establish such a precedent would seem to be indefensible, and obviously so to any party "injured" by the new government action. Thus, the consequences of the elitist position are two fold:

1) an error in logic, and 2) loss of any potential voter support from the victims. Clearly the best public position to take under such circumstances is the purely libertarian one, i.e., that the liberty in question was not the right of government to withhold to begin with and may not be traded.

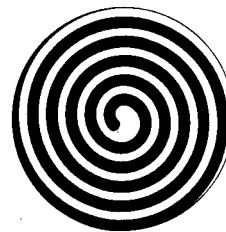
Two examples come to mind. The first, the voucher plan for support of private education. This is not a particularly libertarian program, but a widely accepted part of a transition program to private schools. Here we find no identifiable loss of liberty, but rather an increase in freedom for all concerned as the program is implemented. It thus deserves our support.

Also proposed, by some congressman (believe it or not) is legislation to eliminate from income subject to federal income tax gaming winnings at state controlled lotteries, horse races etc. It seems that tax exempt private enterprise competition (Mafia, etc.) is too difficult. Clearly this is an attempt to strengthen monopoly power, increase state revenues from gambling and place further pressure on your local bookie. Taxation is theft, but the trade-off here can hardly allow support of this proposal.

Stated simply then, it is not to our best interest, but is elitist to judge what liberty may be withheld best or who may be more appropriately exploited. The answer is to advocate the libertarian solution only or a transition step that in no way reduces liberty.

Given this logic there is no reason to support the proposed amendment to allow casino gambling in Atlantic City. Clearly, this is a revenue raising measure. Gamblers, although free to indulge, would be the exploited class. The bureaucracy would clearly benefit. An elitist position is required to judge whether this exploitation is a suitable freedom withheld in exchange for the right to gamble. The measure is akin to a hypothetical proposal for the state to control and wholesale marijuana at a price twenty times cost, the proceeds to go to support the state welfare system. From the standpoint of mark-up (over genuine free market producer cost) to the user the difference may not be great.

Comments are welcome.



PROPOSED SPEAKERS BUREAU
Dale Sutthoff

In conjunction with our friends in Pennsylvania we are attempting to publish a brochure describing libertarian speakers including relevant background information and a indication of subject preference. To date, the following have volunteered:

Steve Enterline - Matawan
Hal Cundari - Bergenfield
Walt Swirsky - Englishtown
Ken Kaplan - Orange
Frank Primich - West New York
Howard Katz - New York City
Ronald Wishart - Englishtown

In order to prepare this brochure, interested persons must submit a photo (small black-and-white close-up preferred), a brief background resume, and indication of your speaking preference.

This brochure will be a major promotion of our activities in the next two years, and possibly even beyond that. Don't be left out! This is a major opportunity to develop your public speaking ability, gain exposure to the electorate and educate the public on the merits of the libertarian position.

Let's "get the ball rolling!" We must put our very best behind this program! Don't be shy, and please don't hesitate! Write or phone at your earliest convenience.

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LEND YOUR NAME TO LIBERTY

(by Dan Piro)

The purpose of this article is to encourage you to "lend your name to liberty". Specifically, this means placing your name on the ballot as a libertarian candidate for office in 1977.

Although the 1976 elections are barely over, the planning for 1977 has already begun. Our convention will be held in late February. Our candidates for all 121 state-level offices must be chosen by that time. Our petitions for these and county and local offices must be filed by the third week of April. In view of the fact that we have fewer than 200 party members, this task is formidable and requires us to start our efforts immediately.

The first question which must be asked is why bother to do any of this? The answer is simple. The political system is an important factor in our enjoyment of spiritual and economic values. Our fantasies notwithstanding, this is the reality with which we must deal. This nation was founded with liberty and justice as its highest values. The vast majority of Americans embrace these values. A small minority have undermined them. Specifically, in the state of New Jersey, these values are being destroyed so greatly by one vicious organization that we can ignore all other violators. This organization is the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA). At last look, over half the combined state and local taxes are spent on "education". The resulting impairment of your life values is obvious. The income tax reduces your material values, while the compulsory nature of education conflicts with your spiritual values.

You have announced, explicitly, that you are a libertarian. If you do not advance the ideals of liberty, who will? The Democrats? The Republicans? The NJEA? You cannot wish away the current political evils. If you chose to live in this state, you are forced to contend with its laws. If you wish to change them, you must fight in the political arena. If you accept this argument, please read on.

There are a number of factors which will influence our effectiveness in advancing our ideas. One factor is media acceptance of us as a serious political force. An important consideration for the media is the number of candidates we field. (There are several other factors which are beyond the scope of

this article.) The number of candidates we field depends upon you. If you believe in liberty, then lend your name to its cause.

If you have apprehensions because you do not know what is expected of you as a candidate, let me give you a general idea of the type of commitment you make when you run for office.

If you so decide, your candidacy need be nothing more than the placing of your name on the ballot. By virtue of being a candidate, you will receive a number of questionnaires from organizations such as the League of Women Voters, the N.J. Civil Liberties Union, the NJEA, and a variety of single issue groups. You may respond as you see fit. (For example, why bother to make the NJEA aware of your views. Since they are the opposition, it is better tactics to keep them in the dark.)

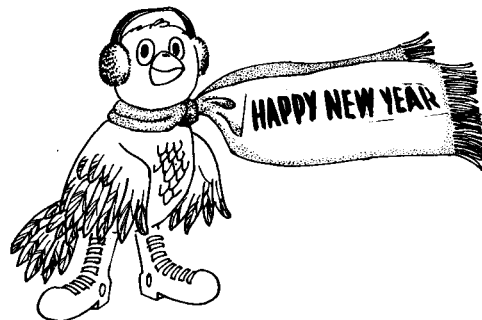
You also will be invited to attend one or two debates, to appear on N.J. Public Broadcasting, and to be interviewed by the local newspaper. Again, it is perfectly reasonable to decline any or all of these events.

On the other hand, you may find some of these activities to be fun. You may even want to issue some press releases. Do whatever you find comfortable.

For those of you who are willing to be fairly active, but desire training in the "how-to" of running a campaign, there will be several seminars prior to Labor Day. At least one full day will be devoted to public speaking, another to presenting issues, and another on dealing with the media.

It is important to take the first step - lend your name to liberty.

Please join the growing movement to restore liberty in America.



REPORT ON SAM BROWN'S CAMPAIGN FOR THE 6th
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Nostalgia

Insofar as my funds were extremely limited, I engaged in a full-fledged campaign. I accepted every offer of media exposure. I appeared on TV Channels 3 & 48 (Phila.) & 52 (Trenton). I taped on radio stations KYW-News (Phila.) & WCAM (Camden). All these stations reach my stretched-out district, especially in its western section. I handed out almost 2,000 campaign brochures to my potential constituents in the eastern section of my district, with the help of: Angie Brown, Valerie Brown, Stan Shenko, Wendy Weller, Steve Goodale, Ruth Brown, Elaine Zeleznok, Debbie Zeleznok, Lydia Zeleznok, John Gowen Jr., I wish to thank Chuck Pike for his good help as my campaign mgr., & for his good aid on TV52; & Cindy Kretchman for her encouragement; & Gloria Powers for some cash; Jack Conard for astute guidance; David Brown for petitioning help; Pat Conard for petitioning errands; Elaine Zeleznok for her typing & phoning, et al with her kids; & gee, I hope I didn't overlook anyone. Also, I answered every request from political & social organizations via their voluminous form-questions re LP positions. I also sent requested info to TV Channels 2 & 4 (NYC) & 10 (Phila.) re LP stands. I received newspaper coverage in the Burlington County Herald; Ocean County Observer; The Reporter; The Asbury Park Press; The Beacon Times; & some others. I spoke to graduating (& voting-age) seniors at Pennsauken High School (with the same reactions received by students at both Toms River Highs North & South). I debated at the Lavallette Taxpayers Association; The League of Women Voters (Cherry Hill) -- each place having both 'major' & 'minor' party candidates speaking. (Oh, thanks again for petitioning aid from Bill Schetlick & Kathy McAdam.) Also, I manned booths at several fairs & a gun club; & wrote many, many press releases, & letters to editors, gay groups, PAC groups, media celebrities, oil companies, & WSOU-FM radio (So. Orange). I tried!

Samuel Evins Brown

LIBERTARIANS GET EQUAL STATUS WITH DEMOCRATS & REPUBLICANS

Wed., Nov. 17th, Sam Brown (V-Chmn., NJLP & Chmn., LOC) debated N.J. Senator John Russo of Ocean Cty., Democrat, & Franklin Fischer, Chmn. of Republican Committee, in a press-covered public debate at Toms River High School North. The vital significance of this debate is that for the FIRST TIME in Ocean County, we Libertarians were accorded "equal" status and recognition with the two 'major' parties. Our party was introduced and accepted as co-equal & NOT as merely a 'minor' party! Secondly, more youth & teachers were reached with our viable Libertarian message. Questions were asked & statements were made. I felt the audience responded extremely well to our viable answers, i.e., much applause & laughing-agreement to my responses & rebuttals to the usual positions of my opponents. (Previously, I spoke about our LP to T.R. H.S. South, last month -- also successfully.) And, I didn't mind being "subsidized" by a ride home in the Senator's Continental, with his official NJ Senate license plates. We were able to discuss his role at the Capitol, & our respective positions & work in our own parties.

Samuel Evins Brown

The law printed below was passed by the Indiana legislature in 1947. Of course times were different then, but think of the impact such a proposal must have had upon the people of the state. One of the results of the law was that a Federal education bill enacted the same year was amended by the Senator from Indiana, to exempt Indiana from the so-called benefits of the bill.

85th General Assembly

S T A T E O F I N D I A N A

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.2

INDIANA needs no guardian and intends to have none. We Hoosiers-like the people of our sister states-were fooled for quite a spell with the magician's trick that a dollar taxed out of our pockets and sent to Washington, will be bigger when it comes back to us. We have taken a good look at said dollar. We find that it lost weight in its journey to Washington and back. The political brokerage of the bureaucrats has been deducted. We have decided that there is no such thing as "federal aid." We know that there is no wealth to tax that is not already within the boundaries of the 48 states.

SO WE PROPOSE henceforward to tax ourselves and take care of ourselves. We are fed up with subsidies, doles and paternalism. We are no one's stepchild. We have grown up. We serve notice that we will resist Washington, D. C. adopting us.

BE IT RESOLVED by The House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, The Senate concurring: That we respectfully petition and urge Indiana's Congressmen and Senators to vote to fetch our county court house and city halls back from Pennsylvania Avenue. We want government to come home. Resolved, further, that we call upon the legislatures of our sister states and on good citizens everywhere who believe in the basic principles of Lincoln and Jefferson to join with us, and we with them to restore the American Republic and our 48 states to the foundations built by our fathers.

adopted by the House 1-13-47
adopted by the Senate 1-22-47

In 1865 the U. S. Post Office guaranteed free mail delivery to all cities with a minimum population of \$50,000.

DARTS ** DAGGERS ** DANGEROUS DIALOGUE

by William F. Reynolds

Tune in next January for the exciting story from Leonard Woodcock-Henry Ford productions entitled "JIMMY & FRITZ GO TO WASHINGTON". It is the tear-jerking story of how a humble, compassionate, smiling Georgia peanut farmer and his northwoods companion got to the White House with no strings attached. Narrated by George Meany with a cast of 100 big city mayors.

I understand that a certain house in Vail, Colorado is to be remodeled by Rand-McNally. It seems they are providing the occupants with a full wall-sized map of Eastern Europe. A booklet by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn will provide a full explanation.

Does Jimmy Carter's public works proposals have anything to do with providing his daughter with a full complement of employees for a nationwide chain of lemonade stands?

I believe in progress! Pencils and apples are an antiquated throwback to the early days of currency depreciation. We are more modern. We will have peanuts and lemonade. Maybe even wheelbarrows to carry home our paper salaries.

Election? I thought it was a tag-team wrestling match- Peanuts & Fritz vs. Bored & Dull!

I saw Roger MacBride's commercials # 3 and 4. What happened to # 1 and 2? What happened to the "national impact"? A little more organization next time. Footwork instead of media work.

How intelligent is the American electorate? Here, you decide:

New Jersey voters oppose taxation. They responded by approving government run casino gambling and a grab-bag of cleverly worded spending schemes.

Colorado voters are fed up with the growing rate of taxation. Result? They voted NO to a referendum which would have turned the state governments purse strings over to the citizens for approval of every tax increase and proposed government expenditure.

Missouri voters want a cheaper source of energy. So, they voted to abolish nuclear power plants in their state.

Boston citizens violently oppose forced school busing. Solution? Re-elect all the political proponents of forced busing.

The Libertarian Freeholder ticket of Koch-Irwin-Reynolds garnered a surprising vote total in Bergen County:

Koch-----6,687

Irwin-----5,090

Reynolds---5,933

You can look at a vote total in many ways, but in a least two of the freeholder races THE LIBERTARIAN VOTE WAS MORE THAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TIRED OLD PARTIES.

Part of the success, about 1 1/2% of the vote, was due to the excellent campaign literature devised by Ray Young. With virtually no media coverage, and only 10,000 pieces of literature, that vote total can be called staggering.

Henry Koch has more energy than a thermonuclear power cell. Libertarians owe Henry a pair of shoes to replace the shoes he must have worn out during the campaign.

Reference Bob Ryley 's October article entitled "Sell Freedom"-EXCELLENT! Currency depreciation and liberty/benevolence are very accurate terms. Unfortunately, very few people, including a CPA and an economist I encountered during my campaign, understand or want to understand those terms. Philosophy is fine when dealing with an intellectual audience but its impact is lacking when dealing with a housewife, construction worker, or average businessman, concerned with putting food back on the kitchen table. During the campaign, I used, what I also intend to use next year, an issue I refer to as the "Kitchen Table Issue". The N.J. State Income Tax is THE issue which people are concerned about and want to hear addressed in a responsible manner. We have an issue we might not get for many years to come, PLEASE, USE THIS ISSUE TO ITS FULLEST EXTENT. I tried it in many communities, and that is where I pulled my highest vote total. AND BEGIN RIGHT NOW!

I intend making this a regular feature in the newsletter. If you have suggestions for improvement, please make them.

On closing, my family and I wish a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holiday to the multitudinous membership(?) of New Jersey's fastest growing free enterprise, The Libertarians!

EDITORIAL

As we reflect on the vote totals and progress made in this election year it would be nice to cite those many individuals whose contribution the the NJLP made the good work possible.

To create a shopping list of those whose extraordinary work helped the cause would be dangerous because someone would be overlooked.

However I would like to mention and offer a very sincere thank you to former NJLP Chair Bill Schetlick.

It is now just about a year since Bill was running around this state dedicated to the task and dream of having as many candidates as possible fun for as many offices as possible under the NJLP banner.

When you look at the voting results remember who got the candidates; built within us the confidence to 'go' public and in many cases petitioned days on end.

We can all say Thank You! to Bill for work-to turn his dream into our reality.

While we're giving out Thanks let's give one not only to Roger MacBride for his great dedication to freedom throughout the campaign, let us also offer thanks to Dave Bergland. We here in New Jersey did not get a chance to see Dave during the campaign. However his contribution to the "team" insured an effective and successful effort to present the libertarian program.

STATEWIDE RESULTS

COUNTY	MACBRIDE	CUNDARI
Atlantic	195	260
Bergen	1,665	3,748
Burling'on	264	292
Camden	533	821
Cape May	128	76
Cumberland	56	82
Essex	415	3,436
Gloucester	154	249
Hudson	230	1,115
Hunterdon	101	139
Mercer	350	639
Middlesex	1,173	1,650
Monmouth	730	1,428
Morris	448	1,076
Ocean	700	1,047
Passaic	286	439
Salem	40	58
Somerset	706	958
Sussex	100	213
Union	1,655	2,086
Warren	60	98
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	9,999	19,910
	.4%	.8%

Congressional Totals

Dist. 1 Vern Smith	800
Dist. 3 Walt Swirsky	1,630
Dist. 5 Jane Rehmke	1,500
Dist. 9 Frank Primich	1,708
Dist.10 Kathy McAdam	862
Dist.11 Warren Kupchick	1,666
Dist.14 Bob Ryley	723

Complete totals for unlisted congressional candidates were unavailable at press time,

All candidates-congressional & local should submit their final totals to be included in the next newsletter



Let's get rid of
**RING
AROUND
THE
COLLAR!**

SIDELIGHTS

Over 15 NJLP members joined Dr. Murray Rothbard for a pleasant

Over 15 NJLP members enjoyed a relaxing dinner in New York City with Dr. Murray Rothbard Tuesday October 30th.

For many of those who attended it was the first time they ever had a chance to meet and chat with the popular libertarian scholar. The often humorous conversations ran from atomic warfare to parking tickets. It is safe to say a good time was had by all.

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statist policies of both Ford & Carter. We can take much satisfaction when looking at the 19,000+ vote blackeye delivered by Hal Cundari at the big-government Senate Candidates.

1976 has been a banner year for libertarians. For many of the older advocates of freedom it must have seemed like a dream. Who would have thought five or ten years ago that in 1976 a Libertarian Party would evolve and run over 600 candidates throughout the nation and air network TV spots in the process.

We all can be proud of the accomplishments made in the cause of freedom in 1976.....

NEWSLETTER

Many Thanks to Dan Piro and Bill George for press clippings.

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LIBERTARIANS OF OCEAN COUNTY meet at 18 Union Street, Toms River, on the 1st Thursday of each month, at 7:30pm Sharp! Coffee and Pastries Served.

Chairman. Sam Brown
Vice-Chair - Chuck Pike
Secretary - Elaine Zeleznok
Call 341--0835 First!

NJLP Congressional Candidate (9th CD) Frank Primich delivered the following editorial reply over WINS radio November 8th.

WINS, adn the assorted news media deserve much of the credit or much of the blame, for the election of Jimmy Carter.

Your "Anti-Apathy" Editorial blamed the poor quality of our Government on the choiceless non-voter, for offering passive resistance.

Aviable alternative, like the Libertarian Party was effectively "blacked out". When mentioned, we were characterized as bright, but insane. Most of us admit to being crazy fighting the System, but that's where the craziness ends. The "Free" Press and News media were instead, preaching "civic" responsibility".

The would be "stay at homes" trudged dutifully to the polls to cast their votes but for whom? The uninformed could only equate their dissatisfaction with government with the incumbent President. They voted, with little concept of the consequences, for a change.

When said change proves to be for the worse, will it bother your Editorial conscience?

The country might have been so much better, or less worse off, if the apathetic non-voters had stayed in bed.

Just A Reminder

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Anyone with ideas about desired Speakers for the February Convention should contact Dan Piro at (201) 461-2887

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Walt Swirsky is alive and free. His battle against a statist ordanance controlling how you maintain your lumsand garden came to an end when Walt decided to pay the fine.

Much publicity was gained from Walt's strong defense of individual freedom in this case against the municipal code.

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Ed Huser has pointed out that we should take advantage of events that bring large numbers of people together in one place.

He estimates we could have given out multiplied thousands of party pamphlets at events such as Operation Sail this past summer.

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Two sandwich-panel MacBride posters lifted above the crowd caught Tweedle Jerry staring at them as he sat atop the White House limousine rounding the corner at Morris Avenue in Union to enter the Town & Campus Inn for a news conference on Wednesday, October 13th. "Don't waste your vote, Jerry!", a shout rang out from the crowd, and one the Secret Service men running beside the car turned his head nervously and then grinned back.

With a poster each, New Dawn hand-cards and LP background statements, Dale Sutthoff and the writer provided more visual opposition than the Carter forces, who had nary a poster, in a crowd of over 1,000. Moving among a largely favorable Ford throng, we distributed our literature, shook hands and welcomed interested people to take seriously a Party which really stood for reducing government and taxes.

A touching incident occurred on leaving the demonstration when a man wearing a Ford-Dole button as big as a pineapple saw the MacBride poster and then immediately reached into his pocket to give us a \$2 contribution.

Cal Beatty

An NJLP State Committee Meeting was held on November 14th at the Shanty Inn, Matawan. Treasurer Jane Rehmke reported that the NJLP has \$1,355.97 in it's account. The State Committee voted to send Mayor Armelino of Matawan a letter thanking him for his interest in the party and asking him to join. An NJLP Fund Raising Committee was established. Walt Swirsky volunteered to chair the committee and Bill Gerge and Don Meinshausen volunteered to serve on it.

The State Committee voted to allocate \$80 to pay the deposit on the party phone and \$100 per quarter for the basic charge plus toll calls. \$700. was allocated for the NJLP Convention in February.

STATE COMMITTEE !! MEETING

December 14th, 1976 at the home of Lois Grzenda, 50 Nomahegan Court, Cranford, N. J.

GENERAL MEETING

January 14th, 1977 to be held at the (Surprise) MAGNOLIA INN, Rt. 79 in Matawan N. J. 8.00pm

by
Bob Kyle

Each month the job of getting the NJ LIBERTARIAN together becomes a little more interesting.

As you look through this issue notice the varied articles by many different faces. It's great to see so many people sending in items.

Needless to say as we grow in size the amount of news grows, as does the task of getting this letter out on time each month.

As a reminder, all of you can help greatly by sending in your articles typed in 4 1/2" columns.

Try to have them reach me by the 25th of each month.

And for the commercial, we still seek your financial support through advertisements or becoming a booster of the newsletter each month.

NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

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

NJLP By-Laws

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

Types of Membership

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

Newsletter Subscription \$ 5.00

LIBERTARIAN PARTY Statement of Principles

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

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

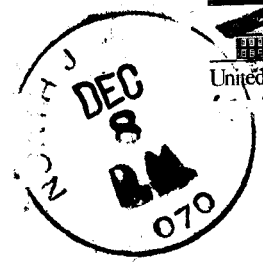
Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives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

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

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



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