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For what it [democracy] needs beyond everything is a party of liberty. It produces, true enough, occasional libertarians, just as despotism produced occasional regicides, but it treats them in the same drumhead way. It will never have a party of them until it invents and installs a genuine aristocracy, to breed them and secure them.

—H.L. Mencken

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## BALLOT STATUS IN KENTUCKY!

Actually, the above is a bit of wishful and hopeful anticipation. The fact is, 1,000 signatures are required for ballot status, and the LPK has collected 1,143. They have until the end of this month to collect any additional buffer that they think is necessary. But, I'm told that Kentucky has no centralized voter registration list, which makes it difficult to check the petitions against the voter registration lists. Other political parties have a period of time ---I think a week---to challenge the signatures, but a fee of \$12,500 is required to do so.

Jo Chernow, Tim Lewis, and your editor spent the weekend in Villa Hills, Kentucky, the houseguests of Bobbi and Marty Jahn (KY. State Chair and National Execom member respectively). Saturday, March 6, was a day of fairly intensive signature gathering. At first I was a bit apprehensive---third party is kook party---right? Wrong! The response was quite satisfying to behold. For example, I ran into only 5 people who still think Mr. Nixon got a bum deal. About one out of 4 or 5 signed, which is remarkable when one considers that any given person is probably just as likely to be from Ohio or Indiana as from Kentucky. The end of the day saw about 600 signatures. And it was fun!

I would especially like to thank Bobbi and Marty for an extravagant display of hospitality. ---Bill Lewis

### HOSPERS WRITES NEW BOOK

Dr. John Hospers, renowned Libertarian spokesman, is in the final stages of writing a new book tentatively titled An Intelligent Layman's Guide to Libertarianism.

The book, intended for publication in early 1976, is in four parts: Problem, Principles, Program and Strategy. Dr. Hospers says the work is being done at the invitation of libertarian publisher Robert Kephart, who will print the paperback edition under the auspices of Libertarian Review Press.

The L.P.'s 1972 candidate for President says the 200-300 page guide will deal extensively with the conflict over proper judicial systems, discussing various alternatives for police, court and prison functions. Also unique to the Guide is a consideration of Libertarian tactics: "How to get from here to there"; the problems and conflicts libertarians must confront in the transition to a free society.

from CALIBER  
(California LP Newsletter)

Let him that would save the world first move himself.

—SOCRATES

## BALLOT STATUS IN PENNA?

We know that the Pennsylvania Ballot Status decision has gone back and forth so many times that it has taken on certain characteristics of a yo-yo, but we hope you'll believe us when we tell you that the decision for/against a petition drive at any given time has usually merely reflected the interplay of plaintiffs, defendants, and the courts. Certain recent considerations may once again weigh the odds in favor of a MacBride-Bergland petition drive in Pennsylvania. The courts have given the Labor Party and the Consumer Party until Aug. to collect the signatures necessary for ballot status. Since the decision was handed down in a class action suit, the decision should be applicable to other members of said class (e.g., the Libertarian Party), but the State Attorney General's Office is loath to see it that way. If this matter can be cleared up in reasonably short time, it may be feasible to consider another stab at ballot status. Pennsylvania is just too big a State to write off if there is any possibility that a petition drive might be successful. (See p.2, "From the Chair")

## LIBERTAS 76!

Libertas 76, tentatively to be held in the Pittsburgh suburb of Greentree, will get under way on the evening of Friday, May 7 and getting down to business the following morning. The agenda will look something like this:

- 1) Nominations for New State Officers. The name of any person you may wish to place in nomination (for a specific state office) should be submitted to Dan Thompson. (See addresses elsewhere in this issue.)
- 2) All suggestions for changes in the state constitution, by-laws, or convention rules will be considered by the constitution, by-laws, or rules committees respectively.
- 3) All suggestions relating to the platform committee (i.e., suggested changes in the State Platform,) will be considered by said committee, chaired by Olga Chauncey.
- 4) Send any other suggestions you may have concerning any aspect of the Convention to Fred Hoffstadt.

If the business session can be consummated in the adroit manner of Libertas 75, it will, of course, leave more time for other activities (e.g., festivities).

Also on the agenda: Fran Youngstein & Don Ernsberger on campaigning & public relations; Ralph Raico, keynote speaker; two movies (i.e., S.I.L.'s "We Won't Be Fooled Again" & Campus Studies Institute's "The Incredible Bread Machine").

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

# FROM THE CHAIR

NEW JERSEY CONVENTION

The New Jersey Libertarian Party held its 1976 convention ("Love and Liberty") in Matawan, NJ on February 14, and all involved deserve a round of applause for a superb production. Speakers included Guy Riggs, Murray Rothbard, and Howard Katz. Special Added Attraction Roger MacBride spent the day in media activity, placing a red, white, and blue wreath on the grave of Philip Freneau, poet of the American Revolution and secretary to Thomas Jefferson, and receiving the endorsement of Mayor Victor Armellino of Matawan. (Where are all the Libertarian mayors in Pennsylvania?) In his dinner address to the group, Roger estimated that he has reached 20 million people so far in the campaign, with media coverage and public reaction being very favorable. The Convention ended with "Let's Make a Deal for Liberty," a fund-raising auction featuring Libertarian books, campaign buttons, and other memorabilia. The NJLP is running an almost full slate of candidates for Senatorial and Congressional seats this year.

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AND BACK IN PA....

The petition drive for ballot status for the MacBride-Bergland ticket has been off and on so many times my head is still spinning, but it looks like we may still have a chance at it. This is where the situation stands at this time (subject to change at the whim of most any bureaucrat): A Federal Court has issued an order to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, holding that the filing deadline for nomination papers (March 10) is too far in front of the election to be Constitutional, and allowing the US Labor Party (which brought the suit) to file petitions statewide until August 21. Since a class action suit was brought, and we are in the same class (legally, not philosophically), we also should have until August 21. But the Pa. Justice Department doesn't see it that way, and there will have to be some intervening legal maneuvers before the whole thing is settled. If it's settled in our favor, we will have until August 21 to collect our 30,000+ signatures, which gives us a tremendous advantage over the original filing date.

In other activity, a potential Congressional candidate has surfaced in the eastern part of the state, and although no definite decision has been made, we hope to have some Pennsylvania Political Activity even if we do not make the Presidential ballot. Since we have until August to file signatures in eastern Pa. (Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, and Schuylkill Counties) it's not too late for you to throw your hat into the ring.

—JoAnne Chernow

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If any man seeks for greatness, let him forget greatness and ask for truth, and he will find both.

—Horace Mann

# LIBERTARIAN ADVOCATE

"LIBERTARIAN ADVOCATE...is dedicated to the initiation and development of libertarian legislation programs, and the active promotion of those programs and ideals where they can make a difference: legislatures, communications media and the general public." That's how Director Alan Bock starts off his #1—January 1976 issue of the Libertarian Advocate newsletter. A former congressional staffer, Bock has become convinced that a libertarian lobby can have a place in the political scheme of things. As far as specifics are concerned, Libertarian Advocate is pushing the establishment of a flat-rate income tax, believing that outright abolition of the personal income tax cannot be accomplished all at once. When it comes to regulatory agencies, the lobby plan to attack the newer ones first (e.g., the oppressive .S.H.A.), believing that it is also possible to work with organization wishing merely to limit their power or bring them under closer congressional scrutiny. Libertarian Advocate is also strongly opposing the idea of a national identification card.

We wish Mr. Bock good luck in his ambitious undertaking, and shall keep you informed of his progress.

Further information may be obtained by writing:

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1224 National Press Building  
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## IS SPEEDING A VICTIMLESS CRIME?

Or is it a heinous affront to those well intentioned rascals at the Federal Energy Office? An anti-social thumb-of-the-nose at those paragons of virtue in the U.S. House & Senate, who have everyone's best interest in mind and at heart?

Or is it that folks would really rather **not** spend an additional 27 minutes on the road for every hour's travel time? Or is it that truckers who own their own rigs would rather not spend the extra 27min./hour non-productively, hauling the same amount of freight?

With several PennDot officials under indictment and the Pa. turnpike commissioner under investigation, why are the police hassling motorists, whose only crime may be that they think their time is too valuable to be spent lumbering along on the interstates?

All of these things you may judge for yourself, but let me pose one last question: Are victimless crimes really? In that case, what do we call the defendant?

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Justice is to give every man his own.

—ARISTOTLE

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SEEING MYSELF

by

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I Looked in the mirror, and what did I see?  
A strong, silent friend, admiring me;  
I Stood and I watched, and I studied that face,  
I saw no evasion, never a trace;  
I Observed and I pondered the beauty in me,  
and saw myself calmly, saw what was me;  
I Smiled so slightly, delighted and staid,  
with certainty and pleasure; I liked what I'd made;  
I Knew as I stood there, aware of my mind,  
that I had matured, I now was defined;  
I Laughed at the man and he laughed back at me,  
and I did in that instant love the ego in me;  
I Continued with relish to admire that man,  
seeing his image, his full self-command;  
I loved what I felt, this fine mental state,  
and I wanted it always, to always be great;  
I Watched with full focus his implacable stand,  
and felt pure emotions, not tarnished or bland;  
I Turned from the mirror, I knew I was free  
to be what I wanted, to be fully me;  
I Challenged the world as never before,  
and built better structures, better and more;  
I Worked and I studied, and wasted no time,  
and thought of the mirror, its image enshrined;  
I Grew in self-knowledge, and came fully to see  
that the source of my courage, my greatness, is me;  
I Traded with others, to our mutual reward,  
and because we were honest, we never did guard;  
I Taught what I'd learned to other like minds,  
I earned their respect, gave payment in kind;  
I Now Do Love others, and they do love me,  
but only because my first love was me;  
I Write brilliant lines, and speak of my life,  
and sharing its value, a woman, my wife;  
I Choose all my values, and I choose the good,  
with full conscious effort, I do as I should;  
I Stand on the top of the world that I've made,  
and thank the reflection who was not afraid;  
I see that my purpose in life is my choice,  
and in this grand knowledge, I immensely rejoice;  
I Trust only reason and rational man,  
and commit my whole being to my rational plan;  
I Clearly see man as he is and should be,  
in a rational universe, open and free;  
I Am as I was, the reflection is me,  
the creation is mine, the creator is me.

Written on November 4, 1975, in the Salt Lake City/County Jail

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POETS ARISE!

I'm compiling an anthology of heroic prose & poetry to be published under the title, "Poetry for Heroes & Heroines"! It will be dedicated to the Randian sense of life & will be illustrated. Contributors will be offered a contract for royalty payments. Send your works to: Karl J. Bray, c/o J.K.B.C.

P.O. Box 2423

Orange, California 92669

Deadline for submission is July 4, 1976! (Libertarian Journals & newsletters are encouraged to reprint this notice.)

# NOTES & ASIDES

- Charles J. Rakowski, until just recently LPP Treasurer, joins the ranks of those who have left the state in search of greener pastures. The Editor extends his sincere thanks to Charlie for his enthusiastic help in preparation, addressing, and mailing of the Penn. His last-minute search for a printer is also remembered with much gratitude. Like Stew Engel, Roy Euvrard, Dan Arico, Betty Stram, Mildred Freeward, Paul Bilzi, et al., Charlie was an active member; like the others, his absence will be sorely felt.
- Pittsburgh Mayor Pete Flaherty has always been one of the better sort of non-libertarian politicians, with his program of fiscal soundness, etc., but his latest action promises to be a fiasco and rubs us the wrong way. In brief, Hizzoner has declared war on the Massage Parlors of Liberty Avenue, because they foster physical contact between members of the opposite sex. Too bad Queen Victoria isn't still around—she could give the keynote address at the victory celebration!
- Allegheny County Common Pleas Court Judge Maurice Louik reports that "illegal and unconstitutional means of law enforcement" (Whatever that means!) account for 50% of the cases brought before him. He complained of the time, money, and manhours wasted in this manner. Primarily to blame were officers involved in warrantless searches, improperly executed warrants, and warrantless arrests without proper cause.
- The Society for Individual Liberty wants to know if any LPP members are planning to participate in National Tax Protest Day activities on April 10. If so, contact them at: P.O. Box 1147, Warminster, PA. 18974. (They also offer subsidies for literature you might have printed.)
- The third National Convention of the LP of Canada will be held Friday, May 21st to Monday the 24th, 1976, at the Holiday Inn in downtown Toronto. Highlights include seminars, workshops, party business, a banquet for "Woody" Jenkins of Louisiana, a dance with live music, and a Sunday luncheon. For more information, contact: LP of Canada, 4866 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5N2.
- Anyone in the Philadelphia area interested in helping with the campaign of Vernon Smith, NJLP candidate for Congress, please contact him at: 21J Northgate Apartments, Camden, NJ 08102.
- The Washington Post carried a lengthy, enthusiastic article on the LP campaign and MacBride in its prestigious Potomac magazine of January 25, and a feature article in People magazine is still pending.
- Have you noticed that our ex-"Sovereign", Richard Nixon, defined himself as a tyrant just recently? I couldn't believe it myself—had to check the newspaper quotes against the dictionary.

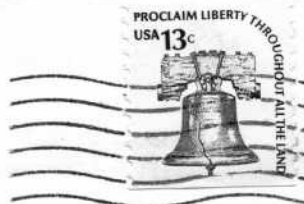
"The Libertarian Party and only the Libertarian Party among today's political organizations can lay claim to the heritage of the American revolution. (President Ford's audacious attempt to associate the spirit of Thomas Paine with his own bizarre blend of freedom and fascism is contemptible."—Roger MacBride's reaction to Ford's State of the Union address, from a press release of January 22.

"There is a gigantic effort ahead of us to explain to all Americans the very simple but very real and practical solutions to these problems. But with skill and luck, you and I can turn this country around."

"We are a serious and permanent part of the American political scene."

Remarks by Roger MacBride at the banquet following the Midwest Libertarian Conference in Chicago, Dec. 6, 1975.

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