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ELECTION WRAPUP

Greenberg 18,990; 22,000 Pull FLP Lever

Rochester FLP Closes In On Liberal Party

Schenectady Top FLP County

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The official vote results confirm the election analysis in last month's Free Libertarian. The final vote for governor was 18990, comptroller 18834, and for attorney general 17381. These are the highest totals ever received by an FLP candidate.

One of the most interesting results is that the upstate FLP in several areas is closing in on the Liberal Party, and for the first time we have outpolled the Liberals on a county level. It happened in Ontario co., near Rochester, in the Genesee Region. (See chart on p. 2 for the 8-county Genesee Region.) The vote was 301 to 296. The FLP vote exceeded 1% of the county vote. In fact, the FLP averaged 1% of the vote for the entire 8-county region. Although the statewide Liberal to FLP vote ratio was 6.5 to 1, in the Genesee region it was 1.25 to 1. In the Capital district it was 1.8 to 1. And in Cortland county only 16 votes separated the Liberal party and the FLP. These 3 areas were the ones where we got our best visibility.

Another interesting observation was that we exceeded 1% of the vote in 4 counties, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario and Schenectady. Also, we exceeded 1% of the vote in the 64th Assembly district in Greenwich Village. Those county votes were our first county totals outside of Manhattan to go over 1%.

The FLP is developing a "fertile crescent" in NYC. In six A.D.'s we exceeded both 100 votes and .5% for each member of the slate. The arc begins on Manhattan's upper west side, includes the southern tip of Manhattan and a part of Staten Island, then continues thru Brooklyn Heights, and ends in Flatbush. (See p.2.) Statewide, the entire slate finished ahead of the Labor, Socialist workers and Communist parties.

Schenectady gave the whole slate its highest county percentage. Monroe was second for Attorney General and Comptroller and third for Governor, and Ontario was second for governor.

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SELECTED VOTE RETURNS

COUNTY	GOVERNOR		COMPTROLLER		ATTORNEY GEN	
	VOTE	%	VOTE	%	VOTE	%
GENESSEE REGION						
Monroe(Rochester)	2336	1.06	1613	.78	1331	.65
Ontario	301	1.12	168	.66	111	.45
Wayne	215	.89	147	.65	96	.43
Livingston	184	1.02	109	.64	106	.63
Orleans	75	.60	84	.72	42	.37
Genessee	65	.33	67	.36	54	.30
Wyoming	44	.36	42	.36	39	.35
Yates	42	.61	34	.53	26	.42
CAPITOL DISTRICT REGION						
Albany	1028	.85	637	.54	579	.49
Schenectady	789	1.34	504	.91	444	.81
Saratoga	396	.78	304	.64	291	.62
Rensselaer	343	.58	214	.38	199	.35
Schoharie	80	.75	53	.52	26	.42
NEW YORK CITY						
New York	1661	.55	1776	.63	1393	.51
Queens	1650	.37	1458	.35	1519	.39
Kings	1602	.39	1511	.40	1590	.44
Bronx	802	.37	777	.39	820	.41
Richmond	244	.31	253	.34	300	.43
CENTRAL NEW YORK						
Onondaga(Syracuse)	421	.28	494	.34	486	.34
Broome(Binghamton)	205	.29	243	.37	203	.31
Chemung(Elmira)	141	.49	101	.37	83	.31
Tompkins(Cornell)	129	.60	136	.70	110	.57
Cortland	122	.80	89	.62	69	.49
Tioga	60	.42	58	.44	52	.39
Cayuga	58	.21	134	.54	88	.36
SUBURBS						
Nassau	1331	.21	1231	.26	1202	.26
Suffolk	695	.19	1073	.32	995	.30
Westchester	834	.29	870	.32	898	.33
Rockland	192	.25	207	.29	180	.25
MID-HUDSON REGION						
Dutchess	313	.45	340	.52	325	.50
Ulster	157	.30	248	.51	208	.43
Columbia	122	.46	69	.34	62	.31
Greene	80	.49	56	.35	56	.37
WESTERN NEW YORK						
Erie(Buffalo)	698	.22	924	.30	1040	.37
Niagara	101	.15	123	.19	152	.25
NYC ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS						
84 W.Village	330	1.02	321	1.05	249	.82
67 WestSide-LinCent	195	.67	231	.84	174	.65
69 Upper West Side	165	.62	218	.87	143	.57
52 Bklyn Heights	132	.69	148	.85	105	.63
62 Low Man-Richmond	114	.57	115	.62	107	.61
44 Flatbush	104	.50	105	.54	105	.55
TOTALS						
New York State	18990	.40	18834	.42	17381	.37
New York City	5959	.41	5775	.43	5622	.44
Suburbs	3052	.26	3381	.30	3275	.29
Upstate	9979	.46	9678	.48	8484	.43

*****NATIONAL LP ELECTION RESULTS*****

*****BY*****
*****GARY GREENBERG*****

Not only did Dick Randolph get elected to the state legislature in Alaska, several other LP candidates made strong showings. The race for the six at-large seats in Fairbanks featured 6 Dems, 6 Reps, 4 Libertarians, and 1 independent. Randolph outpolled 2 Dems and 5 Reps. The second strongest LP candidate outpolled 5 Reps although he finished out of the winning field. The other 2 LPers outpolled 4 Reps. The Alaska LP is wondering whether the Republican minority can turn Fairbanks into a three party town... Alaska has previously elected another LP candidate to a county office in a special run-off the month before the general election... In Nevada, LP warhorse Jim Burns outpolled the Republican candidate in a 3 way race for state legislature. Burns pulled in an impressive 14%... Nevada fielded 30 candidates for office and recieved permanent ballot status, due to the strong showing of several candidates... Nevada now joins North and South Carolina, Idaho, Hawaii, and Alabama with permanent status through 1980... Ed Clark's vote total now exceeds 373,000 votes and makes up 5.5% of the gubernatorial vote... National Chairman Dave Bergland doubled as a candidate for State Legislator from California's Orange County. His 6% of the vote (14,370) provided the margin of victory between Dem and Rep and prevented the winner from getting a majority of the votes cast... & 7,926 have now registered in California as Libertarians... Other states getting over 5% of the vote in a 3 way race include Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, and Tennessee.

*****LP PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION RACE MOVING INTO THE SPOTLIGHT: HOT RACE SEEN*****

Intense competition and hot speculation is fueling the coming race for the LP presidential nomination culminating in what should be the largest libertarian event in LP history, the 1979 nominating convention in Los Angeles on Labor Day weekend. ROGER MACBRIDE has announced that he is NOT a candidate for the nomination. Roger is somewhat a victim of his great race in 1976. His showing was such a shot in the arm for the LP that the momentum carried into our smashing '78 election returns around the country. 1980 now looms as our most exciting campaign yet, and several people are expected to want the excitement of being the standard bearer. Thus Roger would have to spend the next year in fulltime pursuit of the nomination followed by another year of fulltime campaigning. Although prepared to campaign full time, as he did in 1976, he was not willing to take two full years out of his active professional life to both seek the nod and then campaign. MacBride has indicated that he thinks the personable and effective New Hampshire LP State Chair, Bill Hunscher, would make an exceptionally good candidate. However many people are also impressed with the tremendous showing of Ed Clark, and his name is also frequently being suggested as is Dick Randolph's. Other names starting to circulate at this early stage include Dr Dominic Armentanno, Ed Crane, and Earl Ravenal. Stay tuned.

*****FLP LAUNCHING A NEW DINNER CLUB PROGRAM. FIRST SPEAKER STARTS ON JAN 30th*****
FLP Freedom Fressers will be gathering Jan 30th for a buffet dinner to be followed by a talk from Michael Emerling, one of the LP's most entertaining speakers and political strategists. If this project works out successfully it will become a regular feature. Price, location and starting time will be announced in a separate circular. Those who took advantage of early renewal of membership will receive a discount on the price.

*****HI*****

Fred Cookinham

The response to our membership application in last month's Free Libertarian has been good, and we urge those who haven't done so to send in an application, another one of which is here enclosed. This is the only way you can have a say in who gets to represent you and your beliefs to the world on Meet The Press as our presidential candidate. It is also the easiest and most painless way to keep your hand in on the state party level, if you're the type who doesn't like to come down on Wednesday nites and lick stamps.

FLPer Bill Kalt's

FLPers Bill Kalt and Bob Marks have started a firm called "Paradise Investments". This is an offshoot of the Alternatives to Government Project, and involves raising investment money for non-governmental security systems. They report success in "selling an idea" along these lines, and interested parties can find out more about it all by writing Bill Kalt, po box 299, Dobbs Ferry, NY, 10522.

Chris Hocker, LP National Director, sez:

Please note that the first in a series of "Political Action Workshops" sponsored by National Headquarters will be held in Philadelphia on the weekend of March 10-11. The format will be patterned after the workshops held at the recent National Convention, and will cover Management, Brochures, Media Relations, Advertising, Fundraising, Direct Mail, and Petitioning. The LP of Pennsylvania will be sponsoring a banquet on Saturday night, March 10. Aside from the banquet, the program is for workshops only. We're trying to attract and educate potential libertarian activists in preparation for 1980.

I'm scheduling the workshops so that anyone from your state could drive to Philadelphia on Saturday morning, attend everything, and drive back Sunday afternoon. The cost is reasonable: \$10.00 for the Workshops; \$16.00 for the Banquet; \$24.00 for a Combination. I'll be mailing a flyer to everyone on my list in your state, and I'll supply you with details in advance as they are available.

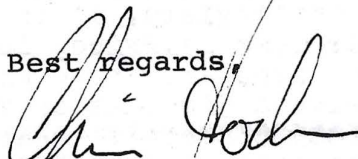
Chris also sent us this letter. Enjoy this praise FLPers; you earned it!

To the editor:

Congratulations on your new format and, more importantly, the results of the Greenberg campaign. Those who suggested that the FLP was dead should clearly see that it is very much alive.

Please keep up the momentum. I'd already handed out the "Comeback of the Year" Award to Oregon, but it looks as if I should take it back and give it to New York.

Best regards,



Chris Hocker
National Director

In 1976, our highest county percentage was .36%. This year, our statewide average was higher than that: .4%. If we had had the same voter turnout this year as in 1976, our total would, all else being equal, have gone over 25000.

Taking the highest FLP vote in each non-NYC county, and each NYC Assembly district, we received over 22,000 votes in the 1978 elections. The 22,000 figure may be more significant than the separate figures for each candidate, since at the stage we're at now, our main job is getting people to change their voting habits, overcome "fringe party phobia", and pull our lever. Before November last, only about 12,000 New Yorkers had done so; now 22,000 have. That's how you start.

The difference being active and organized makes can't be overstressed: in 1974, Albany co. gave the FLP 80 votes, and Monroe gave us 174. There was no FLP activity going on in those two counties at that time. This time, with a handful of people going out and campaigning, Albany co. gave us 1028 and Monroe gave us 2300!

GENESEE CHAPTER SETS A NEW STANDARD IN FLP ACTIVISM

The Genesee Region Chapter (greater Rochester and surrounding counties) has established a new benchmark in FLP political effectiveness in New York State. Starting by gathering 4000 petition signatures (vs. 900, in '76), the upstate activists were clearly on their way to demonstrating what can be done with literally only a dozen activists, organized and dedicated to the advance of libertarianism. In Gary Greenberg's campaign swings through Rochester, he got upwards of 10 articles in 6 local papers, 6 TV interviews, more than 20 TV news reports, 3.5 hours of radio talk show interviews and an uncounted number of mentions on radio news. Gary's running mate, local libertarian activist Jim Franz, was the subject of 4 T V interviews, 2 hours of talk shows, and an editorial board appearance.

The credit for co-ordination of most of this goes to Jenny Roback, our Media Co-ordinator. Brian Erickson arranged the airing of 53 radio spots, reaching an audience of over a million. Distribution of almost 17,000 flyers was overseen by Wayne Mikkelson. The other nine, or so, know who they are, and realize how important their reliable execution of campaign tasks was. As chair, I am proud to share their values, a pleasure beyond that of friendship.

The payoff, of course, was Nov. 7th, when Monroe and three contiguous counties brought home the bacon. Wayne County tallied 0.88%, Livingston 1.05%, Monroe 1.05% and ~~Ontario~~ *received 1.12%* for the Greenberg/Franz slate (previous FLP county max was 0.51%). In Monroe County, we trebled the quantity, and quadrupled the percentage of the MacBride vote! We got 600 MORE votes than a mercifully unnamed populous county, where there are registered five FLP members for each of ours!

For those of you who are more impressed by action than by words, the secret is simply this: build and maintain the organization BETWEEN elections so that when it's campaign time, the machinery is ready to go.

David D. Hoesly
Chair, GRFLP

TRANSPORTATION IN NEW YORK CITY

For several years the city, state and federal governments have been tossing around a political football known as the "Westway," a proposed 4.2 mile superhighway intended to replace part of the old West Side Highway in Manhattan.

Governor Hugh Carey supports the project. Mayor Ed Koch promised, before his election, that "Westway will never be built," but became a public supporter of this massive boondoggle after only a few months in office.

The latest Westway news came on the last day of 1978. According to an article in the New York Sunday News (December 31), the New York State Department of Transportation has revised its two-year-old estimate of the cost of the new highway. The price tag has gone up from \$1.16 to \$1.4 billion--90% of which is to come from the federal treasury. One state official has already called the new figures outdated. It seems they're based on 1976 construction costs.

The Westway project has not received final government approval and many local residents are continuing their fight against it. Some have begun wearing a new button that says simply: "Westway will never be built."

THE SUBWAY

In October of this year, the New York City subway system will be 75 years old. Construction on the world's largest underground railroad began in March of 1900 and the first line was completed in the fall of 1904.

A recent series of articles in the New York News (Daily and Sunday) contained some interesting facts on the past and speculation on the future of the subway.

For instance, there is the latest chapter in the story of the infamous Second Avenue subway line. First approved in 1952 and designed during the 1960s, this legendary

underground eater of the public funds is about to be sealed up like a tomb. Work on the tunnel has been postponed indefinitely. "We're going to cover the excavation, then repave the street," said a spokesman for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. So far \$63 million has been sunk into the project.

Another subway tunnel, the \$2.3 billion 63rd St. Queens subway, is still under construction but work is proceeding a bit slowly. The section of the tunnel that goes under the East River has been in place for six years, but it stops dead on the Manhattan side of the river. The still unused tracks are rusted from moisture.

Ah, but cheer up subway riders, the West Side "IRT" trains are now air-conditioned. Special equipment was retrofitted on the oldest subway cars in New York and straphangers in the Big Apple began riding in cool comfort in October. Now that the mercury has dipped below freezing we can rest assured that the August subway swelter is a thing of the past. Unless, of course, the air-conditioning breaks down before the summer.

MORE ANON

I'll have more on the subways in next month's newsletter. Until then, contemplate the beauty of eternal and unchanging laws. In 1904 the subway ran from City Hall to Grand Central Station in eight minutes flat. Since then American technology has given us hot rods, jumbo jets, Apollo spacecraft and Millenium Falcons. And today, after 75 years of progress and innovation, the subway runs from City Hall to Grand Central Station in eight minutes flat.

This coupon and 25¢ 20¢ 25¢ 30¢ 35¢ 40¢ 45¢ 50¢ will get you a ride on the subway. Remeber, it's YOUR subway!