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LIBERTARIAN PARTY NATIONAL CONVENTION

CONVENTION DATES 28 AUGUST TO 1 SEPTEMBER
PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES BEGIN ON MONDAY, 25 AUGUST

STATLER HILTON

The 1975 LP convention at the Statler Hilton, 7th Ave. & 33rd St., NYC, will be the busiest LP convention yet and the most important libertarian gathering ever held! On the agenda for this historic event:

- Nomination of Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates for the 1976 elections (Sat., Aug. 30)
- Election of a full slate of National LP Officers (Sun., Aug. 31)
- LP Platform Review and Revisions (Thurs & Fri., Aug 28-29)
This will be the platform on which our Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates will run in 1976!

The official convention will begin on Thurs. morning, August 28 with a keynote address by Dr. John Hospers, 1972 LP Presidential candidate.

Meetings of the Platform, Constitution, By-Laws & Rules, and the Credentials Committees will begin on Tues. morning, Aug. 26. Action Workshops, panel discussions, seminars, etc. will be held throughout the week.

Wed. night events include a BUS TOUR of Manhattan and a BOAT TRIP down the Hudson River and out to the Statue of Liberty.

A MUSICAL THEATRICAL EXTRAVAGANZA Benefit will be presented on Sat. night and will feature new libertarian songs and original music.

Dr. Murray Rothbard will be the Speaker at the BANQUET celebration in the penthouse ballroom on Sunday night.

Come to the Big Apple and enjoy a delightfully busy, fun-packed week with other libertarians from all over the country. The above logo is from the Presidential Convention Newsletter, and its motto is "WE'RE GOING TO SHAKE THIS TOWN TO IT'S CORE!"

BE A PART OF HISTORY! Attend the convention which will choose the 1976 Libertarian Party Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates! Who will it be in 1976? Kay Harroff? Roger MacBride? Guy Riggs? ?????

KAY HARROFF

Chairperson of the Ohio LP and National Executive Committee member, Kay Harroff is currently a businesswoman from Cleveland. She was the founding Chairperson of the Ohio LP and in 1974 she ran for US Senate in an active libertarian campaign which yielded nearly 80,000 votes.

Harroff stated after her campaign: "...Rarely, if ever, did I mention a position without explaining the principle(s) involved ...I refused ever to admit that any evasion or compromise of principle was acceptable, morally..."

"No one should run as an LP candidate who is unable or unwilling to stand unequivocally and effectively on the hard-line LP principles/platform... The PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY ARE SATED WITH PRAGMATISM, COMPROMISE, EQUIVOCATION, CONTRADICTIONS AND EVASIONS...."

"The philosophy is ready --- as it never has been before."

"The people --- perhaps everywhere --- are ready as never before --- for new, positive, strong, SANE direction and leadership."

"It would be a pity if the LP --- the only alternative --- failed both...."

(Excerpts from an article in the Dec-Jan issue of Libertarian NJ)

NJLP delegates to the National Convention were elected un-animously at the Annual State Convention in February:

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| Bill Schetlick, Chairperson | Tom Palven |
| Phil DeBlock | Joe Salerno |
| Ralph Fucetola | Dick Solyom |
| Kathy McAdam | Bob Steiner |

At the NJLP General Meeting on July 31, the alternate delegates were ranked as follows:

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| 1. Ron Wishart | 7. Grace Shamy |
| 2. Jack Conard | 8. Judy Schubert |
| 3. David Klein | 9. Bill George |
| 4. Alan Reynolds | 10. Lois Grzenda |
| 5. Dan Piro | 11. Ken Kaplan |
| 6. Calvin Beatty | |

Also attending the Presidential Convention as a delegate will be NJLP Treasurer, Jane Rehmke, who is a delegate by virtue of being one of the Region 7 Representatives to the National Executive Committee.

ROGER MAC BRIDE

The Virginia elector who left the Republican Party to cast his electoral college ballot for the 1972 Libertarian Party nominee John Hospers, Roger MacBride has promised a vigorous campaign if nominated.

Announcing his candidacy, "MacBride emphasized the ripeness of the situation for libertarian political action as well as the urgency of such action in the present crisis...."

"In 1976, LPers should concentrate on convincing the American people that the party has reasonable answers to current problems,... We shall never compromise one iota of our principles,..."

"We stand on the threshold of the most glorious political opportunity ever offered to a generation of Americans. Our cause is just, and the prospect for its victorious realization ...is within our grasp..."

(Excerpts from the March-April LP NEWS)

GUY RIGGS

Candidate for the NY Assembly in the Poughkeepsie area in 1972 and 74, Guy Riggs stated in his Riggs for President Proposal Package of June 27 that his ultimate goal is "A society wherein all members respect each other... An America where we all look at each other with a 'proud eye'."

Riggs wrote: "... I've got to convince (people) that my goal can only be met in a society of justice; namely, a society in which there are no undeserved penalties, and far more important for the achievement of respect, no undeserved rewards."

"... I want to convince people of the worthiness of my goal, point out the dilemma our current government has put us in, invite them to help me draw up the dismantling and reconstruction plans, and then get the hell out of their way while they gleefully do a job 200 years overdue."

Because he thinks we should have politics the libertarian way, he has offered his services to the LP for a fee and has proposed a contract to cover his living expenses, insurance, etc. "... I would be the man you hired to be your Salesman of Liberty. This means I would be trying to convince the people to be leaders of themselves and that, if elected, I would be first among equals."

"One portion of the electorate I'd aim at .. would be those who want to be proud of themselves and others but can't quite shake the uneasiness they've been taught to have about that noble emotion. That uneasiness is shown by the multitudes of people who'll say, "I'm proud to be an American!" because that puts Pride on a collective and seemingly more acceptable basis. I'd push them over the edge and have them say, "I'm proud to be ME and that's what being an American is all about!"

ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES

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DAN PIRO

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The campaign team now includes Dick Solyom of Fort Lee, Rich Whitehill of New York City and hard money economist Howard Katz also of New York City. Hal Cundari, the one man protector of liberty in Bergenfield, has promised to provide active support in his town. Charlie Irwin of Montvale will soon join the effort.

There are nine municipalities and 112 election districts in the 37th A.D. Ideally, we will have one campaign worker in each district. As a minimum, we are looking for one campaign worker for every seven election districts. We have to find these people by early September.

LP MEMBERS EVERYWHERE: PLEASE HELP US FIND CAMPAIGN WORKERS IN TEANECK, ENGLEWOOD, LEONIA, TENAFLY, CLIFFSIDE PARK, FORT LEE, EDGEWATER AND NEARBY TOWNS SUCH AS PALISADES PARK, RIDGEFIELD AND ALPINE.

THE OBJECTIVE: In declaring, I decided to make victory the goal of the campaign. I then contacted people who had been involved in winning and losing campaigns. Here is a summary of why they said it could not be done:

1. You are not a Democrat or Republican. The major parties will automatically get 80% of the votes. (i.e. 4 out of 5 people mindlessly root for one side or the other - as if they were watching a football game.)
2. You do not have an organization. Local elections are won because loyal party workers are experienced in raising funds and getting out the votes. The Republicans and Democrats have committeemen and committeewomen in each election district to perform these functions year-in and year-out. An experienced worker can raise \$10,000.
3. You do not have the contacts to get the media coverage. Without the newspapers you are dead.
4. Nobody knows you. If they are not going to vote Republican or Democrat, they have to recognize you as a personality.
5. You are not going to get the money you need to advertize. You need at least \$30,000 to run a campaign with sufficient advertizing to overcome your minor party status.

These experts proceeded to advise me to:

- A. Shoot for a 10% vote in order to attract a major party nomination the next time.
- B. Forget about the Assembly and start locally in Fort Lee. How about running as a Republican councilman? But don't let anyone hear these crazy ideas of yours.

THE REVISED OBJECTIVE: I want to find out what it takes to win as a Libertarian. By the end of the campaign, I hope to have some insights into the following:

- a. Which of our ideas seem most valuable to the public.
- b. How to present these ideas.
- c. The amount of time and money needed to win.
- d. How to organize a campaign.
- e. Which campaign activities are most effective.
- f. How to use the media.

I believe this information will be valuable to us in planning our political activities for 1976 and 1977.

THE BASIC STRATEGY: During October, I will take a leave of absence from work of 2 to 4 weeks. Adding this to weekends and evenings in the nine weeks preceding the election, I plan to spend 250 hours meeting the public. I plan to spend this time in high traffic areas to gain maximum exposure. I estimate that each hour is worth between 10 and 30 votes. If I am correct, this effort should gain about 4,000 votes (55,000 will be cast).

In order to gain additional votes, I will need campaign workers and advertizing funds to reach those voters I cannot personally contact. The more I get of the latter, the more votes I will receive.

Since I am trying to reach a great many people, I plan to emphasize two ideas. The first is simply that there has been too much interference in our lives by the politicians, and it is time to let them know that we, the people, are fed up. The second issue is more specific. I want to tell people that they are losing control of their children's education as a result of the "thorough and efficient" law. I want to make parents indignant over the fact that the State is establishing a system that will career path children in ways not too much differently than those of the Russian system.

I do not believe I can teach libertarian philosophy to the thousands of people I will meet in the short span of nine weeks. During the course of the campaign, I will occasionally experiment with "test marketing" other libertarian ideas (such as taxation is theft, no franchises or monopolies, etc.)

FUNDS: The first contribution has arrived and many more are needed. I urge you to make an investment in your future liberty by contributing to this campaign and those of the other LP candidates.

KEN KAPLAN

I am 27, single, and currently operate a men's clothing store in Orange, NJ. I was a politics major at Brandeis University and graduated cum laude in 1969. I received my Juris Doctor degree from N.Y.U. Law School in 1972 and was admitted to the NJ Bar the same year. My stint as a retailer is the result of my father's death in 1971 and my subsequent involvement in the family business. We are in the process of selling the business, and my future plans include comedy writing and legal work (in that order). I have already sold a comedy scene to producer-director Alan Abel which is featured in his new movie, The Faking of the President 1974.

Politically, as a Libertarian, I feel I have finally found a comfortable home. The other parties and factions with whom I dwelled in the past offered me some comfortable rooms, but they were always redecorating, so I could never be sure of my own room, let alone the rooms down the hall which I didn't necessarily like to start with. In junior high I admired Kennedy. The social benefits sounded good and at 13 I wasn't thinking about costs. Besides, remember the opposition? Conscience of a Conservative made sense to me in 1964 and Barry Goldwater seemed forthright. But his stands against personal freedom on the issues of pornography, abortion, etc. disillusioned me. Also, I never cared for the hate mongers and bigots who were some of my fellow travelers on the Right. Off to college, and opposition to the Vietnam War became my overriding political concern. This put me in the camp of the liberal Democrats, supporting McCarthy and McGovern.

But there was another thread in my political life. I had always admired the rugged individualist who would fight for a principle and was inspired by Ayn Rand's The Fountainhead, which I read when I was 17. Later, I read Robert A. Heinlein's The Moon is A Harsh Mistress and picked up on TANSTAFL. I read an article about what Karl Hess has done since the Goldwater campaign and found it to be very interesting. During all this time though, I'd never really come into personal contact with people who believed in capitalism but were also very strong on personal freedom. On election night 1973 I happened to be in Manhattan and was looking for something interesting to do. I had been impressed with Fran Youngstein's TV spots and wanted to meet some Libertarians. I called the New York headquarters and was directed (by a recording I think) to the Crooked Fence for the election night party. (Who says party politics is dead.) Shortly afterwards I joined the New Jersey Libertarian Party.

Since becoming a candidate I have immersed myself in the writings of Rothbard, von Mises, Tuccille, Nozick, et al. in order to perfect my own political theory as well as convey it to others and defend it. At the present time I would classify myself as a minarchist, favoring a minimal government financed by non-coercive means.

I intend to wage a vigorous campaign. I have already appeared on New Jersey public television, testifying against new taxes at special State Assembly hearings on that subject. I have purchased the list of registered voters for my district and need volunteers to help me canvass as many of them as possible. I will be issuing press releases attacking the record of the Democratic incumbents on taxation and personal liberty, and will also issue libertarian position papers. I will be emphasizing libertarian alternatives to the status quo rather than just attacking it...Right now I need money and volunteers badly....

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Following is a statement given by Kenneth R. Kaplan at the Assembly hearings on the state budget and taxation at Montclair State College on July 9:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

My name is Kenneth Kaplan. I'm an attorney, though not actually practicing law. I operate a men's clothing store in Orange. I am also the Libertarian Party candidate for Assembly in the 26th District.

The matter of taxation is of particular interest and concern to me. As a storekeeper, I see how the recession affects many other people besides myself. A few years ago, during the average month, one week was as good as another in terms of business volume. Today, the first week is usually the best, and the last week the worst, as people attempt to hang on while awaiting their next public assistance check on the first of the month.

And what of those still employed? They're still buying new clothes, but carefully. Instead of buying two new suits, they're buying one, or perhaps just a new shirt and tie to dress up the old suit.

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RON WISHART FOR ASSEMBLY

Ron Wishart has kicked off his campaign for the Assembly with an interview with a local paper which resulted in the following article (TODAY, July 23, Freehold NJ area):

LIBERTARIAN HOPEFUL: WISHART FINDS THEFT PREFERABLE TO TAXATION

"The difference between taxation and theft is that when a thief takes your money, he doesn't come back to run your life and business."

So reads a campaign slogan of Ronald K. Wishart of Manalapan, Libertarian Party candidate for Assembly in the 11th district, who also believes that "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch," and asks, "Do you feel safer now that the police have closed down 'Deep Throat?'"

Catchy though they may be, the slogans point to the basic tenets of the Libertarian Party. "We believe the government should use as little force as possible," Wishart explained. "Whether it be in collecting taxes, censoring movies or subsidizing schools, the government is the biggest user of force. The Libertarian Party believes the government should intervene as seldom as possible and that each individual should be able to do as much as possible for himself."

Ex-Republican

A former associate vice chairman of the state Young Republicans, Wishart said he turned to the Libertarian Party mostly because of Watergate. "During that whole scandal it became apparent that the Republicans as well as the Democrats have no real philosophy except to get elected," he commented. "We're the party of principle. Unlike the liberals and conservatives, we're consistent."

Wishart said he decided to run for the Assembly mostly because of the controversy over a possible state income tax. "It's not that an income tax is any worse than a sales tax or a property tax," the Libertarian hopeful explained, "but the whole debate is misguided. The legislature is not debating if there should be a tax, but rather who they should take the money from, who will offer the least resistance. The real point is 'Do the people want the services the tax would pay for?'"

Unique Funding Scheme

Under the Libertarian philosophy, each individual would pay for the services he wanted. For example, education would be funded by voluntary contributions from people with school-age children, and people without children or senior citizens whose children have grown up would not be burdened with a tax to pay for something they do not use.

"The reason for the current fiscal crisis in this state," Wishart said, "is government spending. Government at all levels has gotten out of hand. It's no longer a minor irritant - it's grown into a severe problem."

"If I were elected, I'd propose to solve the financial problems by cutting budgets, starting with a 10 percent across-the-board cut for all agencies. Then, I'd start eliminating departments, like the Department of Community Affairs and the state-subsidized community colleges. The answer to balancing the budget is don't spend any more."

Voting Records

Wishart assesses his incumbent opponents, Democrats Morton Salkind and Walter Kozloski, in terms of their voting records on tax measures. "Kozloski came in second of all assemblymen in a poll conducted by the New Jersey Federation of Taxpayers with a score of 60 percent," he said. "But that still means he was wrong 40 percent of the time. And Salkind scored much lower."

"Both men mean well, both are fine honest gentlemen," he continued. "But sometimes, you're better off if you have a bunch of dishonest men, than honest do-gooders. There's a limit to how much you can steal, but there's no limit on how much you can give people's money away."

As for his Republican competitors, Mrs. Marie Muhler and Jerome U. Burke, Wishart feels the only difference is that "they're competing with the Democrats to see who can give away the most money."

Philosophy Consistent

While Wishart admits he's "probably not going to win," he said that most people react to his candidacy with interest. "Most people have never been exposed to a philosophy that operates by principle and is consistent," he explained. "The Democrats and Republicans take a poll and see what the issues are each election. With us, the issues stay the same from year to year. People are realizing they can't trust what the Democrats and Republicans are saying. Pretty soon, we'll have a pretty good chance."

The Libertarian Party was formed in 1971 and ran a presidential slate consisting of John Hospers for President and Mrs. Toni Nathan for Vice-President, in 1972. They received one electoral vote, and came in third that year. The party numbers about 100 members in New Jersey and 6,000 nationwide, Wishart said.

A resident of Manalapan for five years, Wishart lives at 5 Locust Grove Lane with his wife and one child. He works in New York City as production supervisor for a daily newspaper.

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Press Release Friday, August 1, 1975

LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATE OPPOSES STATE SPENDING & TAX PACKAGE

Ron Wishart, Libertarian Party candidate for Assembly in District 11, proposed Thursday night what he calls "an immediate, simple solution to the state taxing problem. It's the same solution that every individual and business has to use," he said. "That solution is to spend less. As taxes go up, every taxpaying individual or business will have less to spend on what they think is important. Since they can't go out and just take the money by force, the way the government does, they spend less. Why can't the government try that for once?" Wishart asked.

"After all, the reason the budget got so bloated was that in his first year in office Governor Byrne spent the previous administration's \$300 million surplus. Now he says he needs that \$300 million plus more every year. It's not as if the state government has been held back to some 5% increase each year -- about what the average taxpayer has been getting," Wishart remarked. "The state budget has gone up from \$639 million in 1966 to \$2,756 million in the 1975 budget. I wish my pay had more than quadrupled in ten years," he commented.

The assembly candidate was speaking to members of the New Jersey Libertarian Party at the New Brunswick Howard Johnson's. The Libertarian Party is running five candidates for assembly this year. In 1972 the Libertarian candidate for Vice President, Toni Nathan, became the first woman to receive an electoral vote when the Libertarian presidential candidate took third place behind the Republicans and Democrats. The Libertarian Party believes that taxation is merely legalized theft and that each individual should pay for what he wants, rather than use government to force someone else to pay. Thus Libertarians believe there would be no school financing problem if parents paid to educate their own children. Charity and scholarships would be relied upon to take care of those children whose parents honestly could not afford to pay.

Wishart expressed his disgust with the state legislature, and specifically Senate Minority Leader Beadelston, over their reaction to the defeats of the proposed state income tax. "I look at the defeat of the income tax as a defeat for big government and massive spending," Wishart observed. "Unfortunately the legislators look at the whole tax issue as merely a method of shifting the cost of ever-expanding government to someone else."

"Some, like my opponent Assemblyman Salkind, favor the income tax because it takes some more from those who supposedly can 'better afford to pay.' Some, like Senator Beadelston, prefer an increased sales tax so everyone pays the same percentage. Most, as shown by the nuisance tax package, prefer taxes that they think can be hidden so the people will think they are getting something for nothing. My solution," said Wishart, "is to reduce spending every year."

CAMPAIGN FUND FOR LIBERTARIANS '75
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A central campaign fund has been established to make it easier to contribute to all our candidates. Jane Rehmke, NJLP Treasurer and Region 7 Representative to the Exec Comm, has been chosen as Chairperson/Treasurer. Kathy McAdam, Editor of the NJ LIBERTARIAN and NJLP Recording Secretary, has been designated as Secretary. Contributions to the central fund will be divided among the candidates in any manner specified by the donor. Contributions can be made to the central fund or directly to the individual candidates.

The campaign fund is currently working on fund raising letters and campaign brochures. Help is needed in all areas of the campaign work. Please contact one of the candidates or Jane at 19 Oak Place, Bernardsville, NJ 07924, (201) 766-4997 or 766-5735 or Kathy at 339 Grafton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104, (201) 482-3471.

To the best of our knowledge, New Jersey is the only state in the entire country where libertarians are running for state office this year. If we can wage effective campaigns here in Jersey in 1975, it will MAKE IT EASIER FOR ALL LIBERTARIANS IN 1976!

(Ed. As Editor of the NJ LIBERTARIAN, I mailed letters to the editors of 45 other libertarian publications around the country urging them to publish details of our campaigns in their publications. Let's hope we get some feed back from these requests)

(Ed. Note: We have received no word from Bill Schetlick about his proposed candidacy in the 28th District)

JACK CONARD

FOR LIBERTARIAN ASSEMBLY

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AMERICAN PARTY MEMBER OFFERS CAMPAIGN ASSISTANCE TO NJLP'ER

Responding to one of Jack Conard's letters-to-the-editor, an American Party member from Toms River has offered assistance in Conard's ninth district Assembly campaign. As the American Party is running no Assembly candidates this year, the AP'er believes that if the NJLP is given the publicity, most of the American Party members would vote for the Libertarians. They find that the LP position on taxation, the economy, the State and local government interference, and many other issues are very similar to the AP positions. Major disagreements occur on the civil liberty side of the spectrum. They voice strong opposition to abortion, for example, and the LP position on drugs and other victimless crimes.

At a meeting in the home of the AP'er, Conard engaged three AP'ers in a discussion of the abortion issue. While many aspects were discussed, the AP'ers took not only a firm moral stand in opposition to abortion on all of the usual grounds, but also insisted that legislation was needed to prevent people from killing human fetuses.

Conard pointed out a fine distinction in the LP position on abortion which the AP'ers had overlooked, namely that the LP position is not necessarily a sanction of abortion, but a stand on the right of the woman to freely decide the moral issue for herself.

Furthermore, said Conard, the LP position does not entail "legalization" of abortion because that simply gives the States the right to regulate it and to force doctors to perform abortions against their own moral convictions.

The Libertarian Party position, Conard pointed out, is simply to remove from the law books all references to abortion, either pro or con. This would free not only the pro-abortionists, but also the anti-abortionists, to conduct a moral crusade for their beliefs through rational and free persuasion. This would also free doctors and scientists to search for the necessary factual data and evidence needed to support a sorely-needed legal definition of what constitutes a viable human being or human entity. It is only with this data -- which will be found only if the freedom to search prevails -- that the disturbing moral questions will ever be answered.

Conard found this approach effective in softening the AP opposition to the LP abortion position. Once people realize that the libertarians have no intention of legally ramming the performance of abortion operations down peoples' throats, then many more will come to accept our political position on the issue.

NEW NJLP MEMBER HOLDS MEETING FOR CANDIDATE

New NJLP member, Sam Brown, and his wife, Angie, held the first kaffee klotch for LP Assembly candidate, Jack Conard of the Ninth Legislative district. Attending the meeting at Brown's Toms River home were four other local residents, including one other new NJLP member, Mary Simmons of Toms River.

A lively discussion of Libertarian principles and positions ensued, during which the candidate fielded questions. However, it was hardly a one-sided discussion as persons in attendance dealt vocally with the issues. Later, a skeptical challenger arose with a rebuttal on the LP notion of voluntarily supported government services, in this instance, the police force.

Citing a version of the "free ride" argument, the skeptic believed she had found a grave inconsistency and defect in the libertarian reasoning. After all, just as insurance policy holders would not want their insurers paying non-insured claims, so citizens who paid for police protection would not want non-supporters to benefit from that protection. An injustice would be done to the police patronage, reasoned the skeptic, when, for example, the police performed an emergency defence for a non-supporter who later refused to pay the bill for services rendered. There would be no legal or moral obligation to pay if the service was voluntary and was not requested.

Angie Brown offered an effective reply, pointing out that under the present system a welfare recipient - or any one collecting "public" money - is currently receiving essentially subsidized police protection. Under the suggested libertarian plan, however, there would be no such massive subsidies and no persistent masses of "free riders" as there are now. Conard added that it is only under the present system that self-supporting producers are forced to pay for other peoples' police protection.

The meeting concluded with two other residents making offers to hold similar meetings at their homes.

CONARD ATTENDS CIVIC PROTEST MEETING

On July 11th at Toms River High School North, Conard attended a meeting of the Snug Harbor Civic Association which was called to deal with a burning local issue concerning a proposed bond ordinance to purchase a dilapidated swimming pool and recreation area for conversion to public property. A personal invitation had been extended to Conard by the association's V.P. Howard Wentling, who had read a recent Daily Observer letter by Conard.

The association members resolved to petition the Dover Township Committee -- a five-person kangaroo court, says Wentling -- under State Statute 40:49-27. By obtaining signatures representing 10% of the Dover Township total tax assessed valuation, citizens may challenge bond ordinances and force the committee to call a referendum on the bond proposal.

After citing multiple abuses of the bonding powers of the local committee, Wentling made a bid to start a local taxpayers association. Considering the vigorous protest offered by the civic association members to the wasteful expenditure of tax dollars on the pool and recreation area, the reaction to Wentling's taxpayer organization fell flat. Conard suggested that Wentling contact the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers for technical assistance and ideas.

CONARD EYES CAMPAIGN COALITION WITH "VERY INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE"

Facing five other independents as well as four "major" party candidates in the November Assembly election in the ninth district, and the expected splintering of the "independent" vote that this number of candidates will create, Conard has met with Bill Gahres of Eagleswood Township to consider a campaign coalition.

Running on the "Very Independent Party" name, Gahres describes himself as "right-of-center." The literal bare-foot candidate for Congress of a few years ago lives in West Creek, located in the southern tip of the ninth district. He has been a perennial candidate, having run for Congress, Assembly, Freeholder and other offices over the years. "I've never won an election," says Gahres, "but I poll more votes every year." Two years ago he polled about 2800 votes for Assemblyman.

Though no definite coalition has been formed, both candidates agree that an announced agreement within each others' own principles could be helpful in solidifying the independent vote. By offering a logical dual choice to these voters, the Libertarian and Very Independent candidates could mutually enhance each others' vote count.

As it now stands, the two candidates plan another meeting to discuss issues and party principles. It is hoped that this meeting will result in a decision one way or the other.

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Letter to the Editor, OCEAN COUNTY REPORTER, July 5, 1975

BUREAUCRACY VS. LIBERTY

Although politicians and bureaucrats are incorrect, they claim nowadays to be able to cure and prevent all kinds of social crises and economic shortages. Of course, we all know how much government is doing to cure the so-called "energy shortage." They are taxing and restricting importation of oil, forbidding strip mining, red-taping off-shore oil drilling, blocking development of shale oil, and scaring the living hell out of people about nuclear power.

Yet, while government is economically and politically impotent to really "cure" the so-called "energy shortage", there is one very critical shortage, currently plaguing us, that politicians do have the power to cure and prevent. But not only do politicians not cure it, they rigorously and systematically create it.

Their system consists of a Governmental Guarantee as follows: Health, Education, Welfare, Workmens Compensation, Unemployment Benefits, Transportation, Park Systems, Highway Systems, Public Utility Commissions, and Taxation are warranted against bureaucratic defects for as long as YOU can survive.

Thus, where there is plenty of government, there is guaranteed to be very little of liberty. The problem with the Liberty Shortage is, however, hardly a longer wait in a line. There is no wait in line. In fact, there is no line -- and no black market. And, strange as it may seem, the MORE you pay, the LESS you get.

The politicians and bureaucrats cannot be bribed into curing the Liberty Shortage. In fact, the more honest they become, the more of a Liberty Shortage they create. There is a limit to what politicians can steal, but apparently no limit to what they can give away.

The price of this Liberty Shortage is going up, and the price of ignoring it much longer will be nothing less than your Life, your Liberty and All of your Property.

Jack Conard, Assembly Candidate
Ninth District, Toms River, June 16

NEW NJLP COMMITTEES

The NJLP voted at its general meeting on July 31 to establish two committees to formulate libertarian policy and plans for political action. These committees are:

MONETARY POLICY - which will identify actions needed to establish a gold standard.

EDUCATIONAL POLICY - which will formulate a detailed plan for the return of education to a free-enterprise system.

We are seeking a chairperson and at least three members for the Monetary Policy Committee. George Muha has volunteered to become a member of this committee. We are seeking a Chairperson and five or more members for the Educational Policy Committee. Please don't be shy! Write to the NJLP to join. You will enjoy the experience. FIGHT NOW FOR YOUR LIBERTY.

Dan Piro, NJLP State Committee

LETTERS

July 6, 1975

Dear Kathy -

The NJ LIBERTARIAN seems to be coming along fine. May I offer a suggestion? You could use a few graphics (artwork) to break up the seemingly endless pattern of small type. I will have a sample packet sent to you.

In answer to Mary Mason's letter in the June-July issue, THE NEWS TRIBUNE did publish her letter about the jury business; I read it there.

Lucille Bender's suggestion about placing ads in local classified sections of daily papers is excellent; I came up with the same idea last year but no one acted upon it. I hope it gets farther this year.

In answer to Ralph Fucetola and Dick Solyom, there is a book which, after a great deal of research, came to the conclusion that the amount of money spent has very little to do with the quality of education: INEQUALITY by Christopher Jencks.

In closing, I would just like to make the same request in the newsletter which I've made on the phone to the State Chairperson: how about scheduling some meetings so that I, as a State Executive Committee person, can attend? I work from 7:30pm to 3 a.m., Sunday thru Thursday. Friday nights, Saturday afternoons and nights and Sunday afternoons are fine with me. I really do want to participate in these meetings and fulfill my responsibilities, but in order to do so, the meeting-scheduling must change.

Bill George, NJLP State Execom Member (Ed. I'm still eagerly awaiting your packet of sample graphics and any other suggestions you may have to improve the newsletter. But, what I really need is help - not just advice. How about it? Note: The prior meeting of the NJLP, Sunday, June 1, 2 pm, was scheduled at one of the times that you say you are available)

The following letter was received by Jack Conard and he thought it would be of interest to NJLP members:

Dear John:

Thanks very much for your letter. Looks like you're running a serious campaign and I think that's great. It's a mistake for us to run candidates simply for us to say they ran. If people are to take the Libertarian Party seriously we have to act seriously.

You bring up a very interesting and difficult question with regard to the advisability, either tactically or morally, of LP candidates who are elected accepting tax money. Bill Evers, the editor of the LP NEWS, is very concerned about this issue himself and he, like you, is somewhat unsure as to the course to take. It's not an easy subject but my personal inclination is not to accept a salary but to request that those people who supported us (as determined by the number of votes one received) voluntarily send in a pro rata share of the salary the office provides for. It's clearly a tough question and I look forward to the day it will be other than an academic one.

I like the Libertarian Quotient idea although I think statements 13 and 35 leave a lot to be desired. The basic idea is a very sound idea, however. I look forward to following the progress of your campaign and seeing you in New York this summer. Thanks for the \$5.00 donation to the Liberty '76 Fund. I hope the enclosed membership applications can be effectively put to use.

Sincerely, Edward H. Crane, III National Chairman

LEGISLATORS GO HOME



YOU HAVE DONE ENOUGH DAMAGE FOR ONE YEAR !

You have proven the truth of what Judge Tucker said in 1866:

"No Man's Life, Liberty or Property are Safe while the Legislature is in Session" 1 Tucker 248 (N.Y. Surr. 1866)

R. L. Solyom R. L. Solyom

Legislative vice president FEDERATION OF NEW JERSEY TAXPAYERS



Dick Solyom, NJLP State Committee Member, speaking at the July 31 General Meeting, mentioned the "utter confusion" down in the State House in Trenton.

After numerous defeats of the proposed state income tax, the State Legislature has recently passed a graduated tax on "unearned income". This nuisance tax package includes taxes on interest, dividends, and capital gains and an increase in the corporate tax to 7%. Even "tax exempt" municipal bonds are now to be taxed (but not NJ bonds owned by NJ residents). In fact, what we now have in NJ is an income tax on everything except salaries and wages.

Dick advised all of us to look ahead and to begin to act now to stop the next actions of our state government to increase our taxes. He stated that Governor Byrne agreed to the nuisance taxes with the understanding that the legislature will consider an income tax after the November elections. With a "lame duck" legislature then in session, Byrne could then wage an easier battle to enact a state income tax. (The Governor's bribes will look better to those legislators who were not re-elected)

Dick urged all libertarians to work to knock down the Botter decision which has been used as an excuse for pushing the income tax. The FNJT has already chosen this activity as its next project.

(For more information about the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers, write PO Box 261, Summit, NJ 07901. Regular FNJT meetings are held on the fourth Friday of the month at the Franklin State Bank, 2222 South Avenue, corner of Hatfield, Scotch Plains, 8 PM.)

Kathy,

Thanks for plugging us. The Tribute to Atlas Shrugged (in the June-July issue) was great. Bob (Cassella) did a fine job and you picked out the best part.

Thanks, John (Muller) Laissez Faire Books 206 Mercer Street New York, N.Y. 10012

(Ed. Free Catalogs are available from Laissez Faire Books: The FREE MARKET ECONOMICS & INVESTMENT CATALOG of over 150 books & the LIBERTARIAN CATALOG of over 700 books on Libertarianism, Anarchism, Free Market Economics, Philosophy, Psychology, Revisionist History and other areas. Laissez Faire Books is the world's only individualist libertarian bookstore: open every day of the week, Noon - 7 PM.)

Dr. Murray N. Rothbard's MAN, ECONOMY AND STATE presents perhaps the most complete statement of economic principles ever penned. The book, which actually encompasses two volumes in one, renders the concepts of free market economics...

Bob Steiner, a CPA from Westfield, New Jersey, conducted a seminar on Libertarianism in San Antonio on Saturday, June 28. The occasion was the 1975 Annual Gathering of Mensa which was held on that weekend.

Bob saw no conflict in the fact that he was affiliated with and represented two groups in the presentation. Bob is...

EDITORIAL

Town Committee
Castigne, Maine

July 31, 1975

Dear Defenders of Liberty,

Our organization, by unanimous vote at a general meeting, agreed to congratulate you on your refusal to collect the state school tax, and wish to lend you our moral support.

For Liberty,

Thomas W. Palven
Executive Secretary
New Jersey Libertarian Party

Notice that this is a long issue again! It's a two-month issue because there's no way I could get an issue out at the beginning of September and still attend the Presidential Convention. Hope to see you there. It should be a tremendous experience for all of us! Just think of the people who'll be there: Murray Rothbard, John Hospers, Robert Nozick, Ernest Fitzgerald, D.T. Armentano, Toni Nathan, David Friedman, Karl Bray, Fran Youngstein, Roger MacBride, Jerry Tuccille, Guy Riggs, Kay Harroff, Jeffrey St. John, and so many, many other libertarians! It will be the most spectacular libertarian event yet to happen! Don't miss it!

NEWSLETTER BOOSTERS:

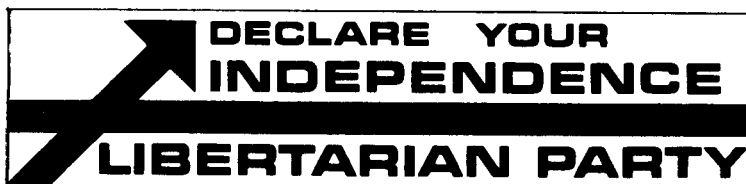
TOM PALVEN RUTH MCADAM KATHY MCADAM

Why don't you become a booster and help to circulate our newsletter to prospective libertarians? Booster money goes toward the cost of printing extra copies of the newsletter and toward the postage cost of mailing out complimentary copies to prospective members.

Thanks to the four Assembly candidates and to all the other writers for this issue. If you have an article or letter, please send it to us. This is your newsletter!

Some of our members are really actively writing letters to the editors of their local newspapers. That's just great! We've already received other letters which we hope to print in the next issue. Keep up the good work of getting publicity for libertarian ideals!

Thanks also to Grace Shamy, Charlie Hofker, Judy Schubert, Tom Palven, and Dick Solyom for the news clippings for the newsletter and for our NJLP Scrapbook. Don't forget to check your local papers for news about libertarianism because we are starting to get a lot of coverage. Be especially aware during the Presidential Convention because there will be lots of press releases at that time.



LETTERS (cont.)

July 13

Dear Editor:

Mr. John Geiser, "Outdoors" sportswriter for the Asbury Park Press, warns us that efforts are being renewed to license salt water sports fishermen in NJ. He stated in a recent column that the National Marine Fisheries Service has come out with a plan which states "A nation-wide licensing system has become necessary for resource protection, for management, and for improved fishing opportunities." The word "necessary" is the clincher here because it is reminiscent of William Pitt's words to the House of Commons when he said, "Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants and the creed of slaves."

The word "necessary" has been bandied about so much with regards to registration and possible confiscation of firearms in violation of our 2nd Amendment rights of sportsmen and others to make the framers of the Constitution spin in their graves.

Mr. Geiser states that in typical fashion federal bureaucrats will first blackmail our state legislators to adopt a licensing system before imposing one themselves.

The issue on which I take exception with Mr. Geiser and most sportsmen's groups is the imposition of a 200 mile limit on territorial waters. While Russian trawlers may be hurting our fisheries (although my Dad and I and everyone had the best fluke fishing in years last week) I question that the new limit is necessary and that the problem couldn't be worked out in other ways. To infringe on our long established tradition of freedom of the seas and possibly impose a licensing and surveillance system on a person fishing in deep water doesn't sound good to me. Libertarians are split on this issue, but I think it is important enough to voice one's opinions and get a platform plank developed at the convention.

Two other important planks should include:

1. The Panama Canal Zone. I favor the contract in force which gives Americans control over the canal Americans built.
2. Population Growth. I think that it is time for libertarians to at least recognize that over-population can be damaging to the quality of life. There is a finite limit to beaches and clear, lonely brooks.

In our abhorrence for governmental population controls we are in danger of throwing the baby out with the bath water (a shoddy method). In fact, libertarians support measures which would tend to limit population growth. If everyone had to pay for their children's food, clothing, and education and couldn't force other taxpayers to do so, the incentive to limit one's family would be much greater.

For Liberty,
Tom Palven

LIBERTY AMENDMENT

THE SYMBOL



Beginning in September, a year-long series of radio documentaries will go on the air, explaining the relevance of the LIBERTY AMENDMENT to the Bi-Centennial celebration. A nationwide Speaker's Bureau is also being planned. Contributions are needed to help pay for this effort.

The Liberty Amendment, which was included in the LP Platform at the 1974 Convention in Dallas as an interim measure, would abolish the

federal income tax three years after the amendment's ratification. LIBERTY AMENDMENT COMMITTEE OF THE U.S.A. 6413 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90028

FREEDOM TODAY

A new libertarian monthly magazine, FREEDOM TODAY, has begun publication with an outstanding July issue including articles on Self-Liberation, Independent Political Parties, Preserving and Storing Foods, and Body Liberation.

Sections of the magazine deal with FREEDOM DIRECTIONS (news, thoughts, trends), FREEDOM CONSPIRACY (political action and group efforts), INCENTIVES (ideas for making and saving money), FREE SPIRITS (lifestyles, experiences, achievements), LOOPHOLES (avoiding regulation, interference, hassle), IMPLEMENTS (access to freedom books, products, services), BUTTERFLIES (delights and pleasures for mind and body), and POTENTIALS (workshops, education, growth opportunities).

Freedom Today is published by Rene Baxter, a free market economist and registered investment advisor who edits THE RENE BAXTER LETTER, (an internationally read economic newsletter), two other commodity and precious metals newsletters, and ARIZONA LIBERTY, the monthly newsletter of the Arizona LP.

Subscriptions cost \$15 per year and you're entitled to one free classified ad to put you in touch with others in the freedom movement — 25 words or less typed on a 3x5 card. Freedom Today, 4045 E.Palm Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85008.

For my subscription, the following ad was included in the July issue:

The following item is from the June 1975 issue of the Reader's Digest:

Ronald Reagan, former governor of California, tells how we could match Russia's record after its more than half century of socialism:

"We'd have to cut our paychecks back by more than 80 per-

1976 is too late to begin raising money for the 1976 Presidential campaign.

It's going to take about \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 to conduct an effective campaign in 1976. And our chances of raising that kind of money are directly proportional to the amount we start out with in September of 1975.

A realistic estimate is that we'll need a minimum of \$50,000 by Labor Day if we're going to raise the rest in the following fourteen months.

That's why the national Libertarian Party has established the Liberty '76 Fund... to serve as an accumulation point for that \$50,000. All money contributed to the Liberty '76 Fund - above the expenses incurred in raising that money - will be put into a special account, and turned over to our national candidates' campaign fund in September. It will not be spent on anything else.

If every state and national LP member will contribute just \$10, we'll have \$50,000. But since some folks are simply unable to help, we're asking you to contribute \$25... either all at once, or \$5 per month, April through August of 1975.

Do it today! Make your checks payable to Liberty '76 Fund, and mail them to LP national headquarters, 550 Kearny Street, San Francisco, CA 94108.

NATIONAL TAX PROTEST DAY

According to the July issue of INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY, the monthly newsletter of the Society for Individual Liberty, 48 individual anti-tax demonstrations occurred throughout the US. This third annual National Tax Protest Day was covered by 37 newspapers, 27 television stations, and 36 radio stations.

Included in the article was a reprint of the April 13th article from the Morristown SUNDAY DAILY RECORD telling about our NJLP-FNJUT effort.

Note: SIL will hold a cocktail party (free for SIL members) on Sat. night, Aug. 30th at the Presidential Convention.

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY
Society for Individual Liberty
P.O. Box 1147
Warminster, Penna. 18974
TO BUILD A FREE SOCIETY



"Free at last"

Ken Kaplan reports that Orange Public Library has entries in their card catalog for "Libertarianism" and "Objectivism". Ken borrowed their copies of Rothbard's FOR A NEW LIBERTY and Nozick's ANARCHY, STATE, AND UTOPIA. (Ed. Why not donate a libertarian book to your local library! Our Chairperson, Bill Schetlick, has already donated CAPITALISM: THE UNKNOWN IDEAL by Ayn Rand to Newark Public Library and REASON magazine to Kean College. It's a great way to spread the ideas!)

WHERE ARE THE DEFENDERS?

"... the Arab embargo intensified the energy crisis but did not create it. What did, was a list of government policies and controls... the Federal Power Commission's 20-year price freeze on natural gas, which prevented the development of new fields; the import controls on crude oil, which cut back the building of domestic refineries; the stringent environmental laws on the burning and mining of coal,...; the six-year freeze on the Alaska pipeline,...; the emission controls imposed on the auto industry, which increased gas consumption..."

"Yet, most of the blame for the energy crisis was laid at industry's door..."

"Industry, the great victim of the energy crisis, was treated as the criminal - and government regulation, which was such a large part of the cause, was advocated as the cure..."

"... How does the disease come to be regarded as the cure?..."

"The best answer comes from Ayn Rand, who is the most eloquent and consistent defender of free enterprise - and whose novel, ATLAS SHRUGGED, published fourteen years ago, contains a chillingly prescient portrait of today's energy situation and names its deepest causes. She observes (in 'The Energy Crisis,' THE AYN RAND LETTER, November, 1973): 'For years businessmen have shunned ideological battles, believing it is safer and easier to deal with politicians than with political principles; i.e., easier to pay off the protection rackets of sundry government officials than to defend capitalism. They are now facing the consequences.' ..."

"The battle has to be fought on principle."

"And the principle is free enterprise."

"...The facts are on the side of free enterprise... What is not on the side of free enterprise, is time. If we do not start fighting for it now, there soon will be very little left."

"And perhaps, no means of fighting..."

"Before it is too late, where are the defenders?"

(Ed. The above quotes were taken from an article in the April 10, 1975 issue of PUBLIC UTILITIES FORTNIGHTLY written by Randers H. Heimer, Creamer Colarossi Basford, Inc., NY, NY. How about that! Thanks to one of my friends in the office for the above article.)

Libertarian Party
550 Kearny Street, Dept. A
San Francisco, CA 94108

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Enclosed is a one-time contribution to the Liberty '76 Fund, as indicated.

I hereby pledge to contribute the following amount to the Liberty '76 Fund each month, from now through August, 1975. Enclosed is my first month's contribution.

\$500 \$250 \$100

\$50 \$25 \$10

\$5 \$_____

Liberty '76 Fund.

"Libertarianism is an idea whose time has come, but ideas need action in order to be implanted. The Libertarian Party needs activists -- we need you."

Edward H. Crane, III
National Chairman, LP

MORE PUBLICITY

Letter to the Editor, THE RECORD, Monday, July 14

SOCIALISM'S 'MAGIC' DESCRIBED AS A SNARE AND A DELUSION

This is in answer to the "socialist", Mr. Robert T. Ingoglia, who calls himself a history student (letter, July 8). Mr. Ingoglia seems to obtain his nearsighted understanding of capitalism straight from Chairman Mao's "Little Red Book."

Historically, it is the socialist and communist countries that have had the shortages of goods and services. It is not capitalism that has a small group of government officials and a multitude of bureaucrats making all decisions (unreflective of the people's desires), but overt socialism. Only when the United States government adopts socialistic methods (such as price controls and overregulation of industry) do shortages occur. One of the major reasons for the current oil crisis is the government-imposed price control of oil at the wellhead, which requires us to rely on imported (price deregulated) oil. Bankrupt England is almost dead from an overdose of socialism.

The foremost problem in the United States today is that there is not enough individualism, free enterprise, private property, and profit motivation (as originated in the American Revolution) and that there is too much bureaucratic bungling (as exists in all socialist countries). The only people who seem to understand fully this country's economic and moral problems and their solutions are to be found in the Libertarian party.

THEODORE JACOBS, Fair Lawn

NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY
P.O. Box 247
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PLATFORM OF THE NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

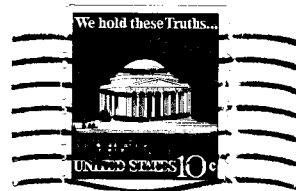
We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

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, though not compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.



FIRST CLASS MAIL

THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND

"A few years ago we were thinking in terms of freedom for our children, perhaps. Now, we're thinking in terms of freedom in our lifetimes. Do we dare yet to think of freedom by 1984? We cannot let ourselves be content with anything less than total liberty."

"It's either the concept of freedom as envisioned by the first American revolutionaries or it's the total state control as predicted by George Orwell — THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND."

LIBERTARIAN PARTY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
550 Kearny Street, San Francisco, CA 94108

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 P.O. Box 247, Bernardsville, NJ 07924.

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| Student | \$ 4.00 | Regular | \$ 7.50 |
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