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FLP SETS CONVENTION

The first State Convention of the Free Libertarian Party has been set for March 30, 31, April 1, at the Williams Club, 24 East 39th Street, NYC. Agenda and schedule will be forthcoming. The business of the convention will be to adopt a state platform, amend state by-laws, elect party officers and nominate candidates for the 1973 election season.

First drafts of the majority and minority reports from the Platform Committee are available to any member who sends a self-addressed stamped 9 X 12 envelope (16 cents postage) to the FLP office.

The Platform Committee will hold open hearings February 4th at the Williams Club. Members who have submitted alternate planks or full alternate platforms will be heard at that time. Final drafts from the Platform Committee will be available by February 28th to any member sending a self-addressed stamped envelope.

A general meeting of the FLP will be held February 11th at the Williams Club. An introduction to the FLP will begin at 1:30 p.m. for new and prospective members. General business meeting will begin PROMPTLY at 2:00 to discuss the upcoming convention. A guest speaker has been invited to discuss the threat to New York's liberal abortion law.

Immediately after the meeting an office-warming party will be held at the FLP's new offices - 15 West 38th Street, Room 201. Guests are urged to bring an office-warming gift (a shelf or even a bracket, a ruler, pencil sharpener, paper clips, ash tray, etc.)

On February 14th the FLP will sponsor a "We Love Liberty" Valentine's Day party, admission 99 cents, at a place to be announced. These parties have been very successful in the past as fund raising and social events.

NOTICE: Article IV, Section A of the FLP Bylaws states: "Each FLP member in good standing 30 days prior to any FLP Convention shall be entitled to one vote at said Convention provided such member has registered at least 14 days prior to such Convention. No voting by proxy shall be permitted."

A list of contenders for party office will be mailed to members early in March so that everyone will have ample opportunity to consider his/her choices for party leadership.

All members and friends of the FLP are urged to become actively involved in the events of the next 2 months leading up to the convention. It is *you* who will determine the goals and direction of the FLP in the coming year.

FLP ELECTIONS

The following FLP offices will be filled at the March Convention:

Chairperson
2 Vice-Chairpersons
Secretary
Treasurer
3 Members-at-Large

All nominations will be from the floor of the Convention. However, this does not mean that you should wait until the Convention to begin campaigning. Start now!

NEW YORK ELECTIONS

1973 Elections to be held in New York City will be as follows:

Mayor - City Council President - Comptroller - 5 Borough Presidents - 5 District Attorneys - 10 Councilmen-at-Large (2 from each borough) - and one City Councilman from each of the following districts: 6 from Manhattan, 5 from the Bronx, 9 from Brooklyn, 6 from Queens, and 1 from Richmond (Staten Island).

Anyone interested in running as the FLP candidate for any of these offices should contact Chuck DeRosa, Acting Secretary, FLP office, 15 West 38th St, NYC, or call him at (212) OR 9-3550 (business hours) or (212) 242-8807 (evenings).

Notice of upstate elections will be forthcoming.

IF YOU INTEND TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL CONVENTION MARCH 30, 31, AND APRIL 1, OR IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT, PLEASE NOTIFY C. DeROSA, ACTING SECRETARY, FREE LIBERTARIAN PARTY, 15 W. 38TH ST., RM 201, NYC 10018.

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 15TH TO BE ACCEPTED.

ANY MEMBER NOT REGISTERED WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE AT CONVENTION SO DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER.

FROM THE VICE-CHAIR*

An Open Letter to the Membership:

This is, if you will, a personal testimonial: the ostensible purpose is to share with you some of my experiences this year; the nefarious purpose is to get you so fired up you'll want to work with us in the coming year. There has been much written in these pages lately about what is the most important libertarian issue (like the old joke, get any two libertarians together and there will be three most important issues). But let's face it, the most important libertarian issue is liberty — and how to go about getting it.

There are those who want us only to educate — yet what is politics but education in print and in the street.

There are those who say, "I agree with you but we'll never achieve our ideal; I'd be wasting my life and resources to join you" — yet what is that but statism by default.

Then there are others who have donated money — may life bless them — without which we can't go forward; others who say, "I'm available" — and mean it — and who provide the manpower without which we can't go forward; others who initiate projects and come up with ideas without which we can't go forward; others who have dedicated this past year to the FLP.

I've had the thrill of knowing people who've said: "I've always given only money, this time I want to give more;" and "All I have is my time and skills and I'm happy to donate them;" and "don't thank me — I'm doing it for myself and my freedom;" and "I think maybe it's possible when I see people who are willing to do all this."

This isn't a one-person job — we need more help. To those who've complained — with reason — that their letters weren't answered promptly or their ideas acted upon quickly enough, bear with us — we're a group of volunteers who are just learning politics and who are donating what time we can spare — and more — to an ideal we believe in, as you all do.

If freedom is important, it's worth fighting for; and if it's worth fighting for, it's worth working for — which is harder because it means a day-to-day commitment.

If you think donating time to the FLP — whether committing yourself to ongoing responsibilities or licking stamps — has nothing to do with *your* freedom ... check your premises.

Liberty and Joy,
Andrea Millen

*(Does this mean we can expect a "From the Virtue Chair" next month? — Ed.)

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

A man was driving his car along a highway. On the front seat beside him was his young son. As the father drove through an intersection, a truck crashed into the father's side of the car. The father was killed and the son was seriously injured. The child was taken to the hospital and immediately prepared for surgery. The surgeon came in, looked at the child and cried, "I can't operate on this child. He's my son." How is this possible? [See next month's *FREE LIBERTARIAN* for the answer.]

NATIONAL & STATE LP NEWS

At the November 25th National Executive Committee meeting Paul Hodgson, FLP member, was appointed National Committeeman-At-Large. Paul's former position of Region 8 Representative will be filled through election by members of Region 8 (Northeast). Notice will be sent to all members soliciting nominations, accompanied by details of the election procedure.

The Ohio LP is selling libertarian posters (different drummer, those who dream, etc.) in full color for \$1 each, discounts on quantity. Write Ms. Kay G. Harroff, Chairman - Ohio Libertarian Party - 22125 Libby Rd - #102-I - Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146 - for catalogue.

A national libertarian conference will be held in Cleveland, Ohio June 8-10. Details will be announced.

The new theme of the LP is "Declare Your Independence...With the Libertarian Party." Buttons, bumper stickers, etc., are being made up and will be available soon.

There are LP organizations in most states now. If you are planning to take a trip and would like to contact the LP wherever you're going, get in touch with the FLP office for any State Chairman's name and address.

STATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

At the January 9th meeting Mike Higgin's resignation as Secretary was accepted, and Chuck DeRosa was appointed Acting Secretary, responsible for Convention. Linda Klasman's resignation as Membership Chairperson and Editor of the *Free Libertarian* was also accepted. Anyone interested in filling either of these positions should contact Howard Rich (212) 299-0686, or Andrea Millen (212) 988-7814.

At the January 22nd meeting, The Libertarian Abortion Action Group and the Bronx Libertarian Club were chartered as FLP clubs.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH

Fifty celebrants gathered at the festively-decorated Williams Club on New Year's Eve for a night of dancing, drinking, eating and (believe it or not) non-political talk. Guitarists Kevin Gallarello and Brian Goldblatt, Drummer Brendan Goldblatt, and Saxaphonist Carl Bednarz played till 3 a.m. for an enthusiastic crowd. Several people cooked and brought food for the sumptuous midnight spread. Free champagne at midnight made the door prizes seem somewhat glamorous and surely enhanced the singing of that dynamic duo, Tom Avery and Sam Konkin, who treated us to several highly original libertarian songs. Gene Guccione gave hepatitis to all the women; John Pachak's heavy hand gave hangovers to everyone.

THE MOST IMPORTANT LIBERTARIAN ISSUE

by HOWARD KATZ

Most libertarians are better economists than political analysts. They understand the economic relationships between issues better than they understand the political relationships. The thesis of this article is that, in political terms, most of the economic issues which concern libertarians are placed like a set of dominos behind one key issue, and if that one key issue falls, all of the others will also.

That key issue is the gold standard, and its importance stems from the effect of inflation on the people in our culture. Other things being equal people in our society prefer freedom and would not willingly support economic controls. However, held over from the Middle Ages there is the concept of the "fair" price and the "fair" wage. When prices are stable or changing slowly, this concept is not operative, but in an inflation it leads people to demand that "fair" prices and wages be achieved by legislation — hence price and wage controls. Inflation also leads the country into a balance of payments problem, and the twisting and turning of the nation's leaders to get out of this problem lead them to impose higher tariffs and import quotas and restrictions on people's freedom to take money out of the country. In some countries (such as Japan) balance of payments considerations have led to massive government intervention into the economy on the fascist model with the government encouraging exports with subsidies and direct controls.

These economic controls then lead to further controls. For example, strict limits on the amount of money being taken out of the country cannot be enforced as long as the U.S. has its long open border with Canada. To seriously impose economic controls on America this border would have to be closed, with police stationed along the 3000 mile frontier. As another example, when Nixon imposed his price and wage controls, he made an appeal for all citizens to spy on their neighbors. In short, most of the restrictions on people's freedom in effect today or threatening for the future occur as a normal political response to inflation.

The importance of the gold standard as an issue is that it is the only libertarian way to stop inflation. Once gold is money, the money supply can increase only as fast as gold is taken from the ground. One hundred and forty-five years on the gold standard in this country proved that that is a rate which keeps prices almost exactly stable. Even after the massive social and economic changes of the 19th century the price level was the same when the nation left the gold standard in 1933 as when it adopted the gold standard in 1788.

When libertarians campaign for economic liberty in some other area, such as opposing price and wage controls, they run into public prejudices which require a tremendous amount of education. ("Well something has to be done to fight inflation." "Why, do you know what my grocer is charging?" "That labor union wants a 40% pay increase!") However, a successful campaign to restore the gold standard will make all the other campaigns unnecessary, and in this area the public prejudice (if such it be) is on our side. Once inflation is ended by a gold standard, the *raison d'être* for the other controls disappears.

Probably the greatest era of libertarianism in America was the era surrounding the American Revolution. Yet even these great men resorted to price and wage controls during a period of inflation.

"Early in 1777, the states were asked to make the Continentals, then sunk to half face value, legal tender . . . Price controls and ceilings were also adopted, enforceable by stiff fines and imprisonment."

Pacific Coast Coin Exchange

Gold & Silver Newsletter, July, 1972

If these people, who so valued liberty, called for controls during an inflation, then what hope is there for our present generation?

Furthermore, attempts to stop inflation without a gold standard are futile. To hope that the Federal Budget can be balanced or that the money supply can be held to a small annual increase is naive, refuted by long experience in every country in the world. Political pressures are such that, if a government has the paper money power, then it will use it.

Yet such ignorance abounds on this subject that, once when I proposed to a libertarian that he support the gold standard, I received the answer: "I support private money."

What does he think the gold standard is? There has never been any legislation necessary to establish gold as money. Again and again throughout history, when people have had their choice they have selected gold. A perfect example was in this country. After the Revolutionary War inflation the country's economy was in chaos, and the Continental Congress sent Thomas Jefferson out to devise a monetary system for the country. Jefferson reported that people had stopped using the official money and were instead using the Spanish thaller (mispronounced dollar), a gold coin imported from the Spanish colonies. Jefferson proposed that the government ratify the existing situation, and this was done.

To restore the gold standard it is necessary to end two government interventions in the economy. End the prohibition on ownership of gold, and end the legal tender laws (which compel people to accept paper money as a legal tender in payments of debts). Two further measures are desirable. Force the government to restore to the people the gold stolen from them in 1933, and amend the Constitution to divest the government of the power to coin money.

If libertarians were to unite in a determined attempt to restore the gold standard, instead of scattering themselves in many areas, they would find an immediate change in the political climate. In order to mitigate criticism from this direction the Federal Reserve would begin to restrict its issues of paper money. Inflation would slow, and controls would start to come off instead of going on. Libertarians who ignore the corruption of our money system and try to fight other manifestations of statism are fighting the symptoms instead of the disease. It is this, not any inherent statism in the American people, which has been responsible for most of our defeats over the past 40 years.

THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

by NORM MUCHNICK

The right to keep and bear arms voluntarily (as opposed to being drafted and forced to bear them) is no less fundamental to freedom than any of the more well-known issues like abortion, gold, the draft.

So if you're one of many libertarians who has trouble arguing against gun controls, here's some ammunition to help you see why they are not only wrong in principle, but why they in fact can't work.

It is a goal of all dictatorships to ban all private firearms ownership. Just as you cannot turn a country into a welfare state without first making it illegal to own or trade in gold, you cannot turn a country into a police state without first making it illegal to own guns.

A free country has nothing to lose and everything to gain from an armed populace. The opposite holds true for a repressive state.

The more dictatorial a state becomes, the more reason it has to want to make sure its citizens are defenseless and disarmed. But they can't take away a gun if they don't know where it is.

How do they find that out? Easy. Gun owners tell them by registering their guns according to law. That's where it starts.

But there's one detail. Street hoodlums (as opposed to the government variety) neither bring their guns in for registration, nor request a permit, if that is what's required. They would have to submit to being fingerprinted, which might tend to identify them as felons with records, which would disqualify them from owning one.

The 1968 New York City gun control law required, for the first time, that all shotguns and rifles be registered with the newly created Firearms Control Board along with fingerprints, photographs, and notarized vouchers attesting to the registrant's good character. (Nowhere in the Constitution is "good character" or anything else a precondition for the right to own a gun.)

For a \$3 fee, you listed all such guns in your possession (legal pistol purchases were already very tightly controlled under a different set of laws), got yourself fingerprinted and photographed, and found yourself filed away along with thousands of other gun owners who obeyed the law and from whom the people of New York City have nothing to fear. Because it is simply not the registered gun owners who are committing the crimes with guns.

And, yet, when the time comes, they will be the people whose guns will be confiscated.

This is why, when a public figure talks about banning private gun ownership (though such talk is usually only done in private), what he in effect means is that he favors confiscating all *legally*-owned privately owned guns, since these are the only guns whose whereabouts can be known for sure.

A fact largely ignored by legislators at the time of the 1968 law is that in the four year period previous to the law, the number of crimes committed with rifles and shotguns, on which there had been no controls at all, had gone down 10%, while the number committed with pistols, long since very tightly controlled, had gone up 80%. (The percentage of those crimes committed by the City's few pistol permit holders was very close to 0.)

And in the 'power to tax is power to destroy' dept: it is rumored that the \$3 fee for registration will shortly be increased to \$20 per gun per year. By basing gun ownership on ability to pay, this will be discrimination against the poor, because they will be least able to afford to keep their guns, although living in high crime areas, as the poor generally do, they will be the ones who need them most.

As for registration, well, sure cars are registered. But anybody can buy a car — you don't need police permission to own one. And you get it without having to list personal history, or having to get your friends to list their personal history when you use them for references, and without having to get fingerprinted and photographed and have all kinds of personal information stored in police files.

And nobody calls you a car-nut for wanting to own one.

You simply cannot keep guns out of the hands of criminals. All you can do is make them think twice about using them. But gun laws, as they stand today, give street criminals a virtual monopoly in their use and a virtual 100% guarantee that the people they use their guns against will be unarmed.

Between the intrusive paper work of gun registration, the difficulty of qualifying for a pistol permit, and the fact that people with police records are not allowed to own any kind of gun, the situation created is a virtual arms embargo on both sides, with only the good guys honoring it, and only the good guys being penalized when the bad guys violate the laws.

Banning guns will no more stop crime than Prohibition stopped drinking. (Appropos of that, on the eve of Prohibition, there were 15,000 bars in New York. On the eve of Repeal, there were 32,000.)

If, when an armed felon is caught or killed, news coverage included whether or not he was a pistol permit holder, or a repeater or parolee, it would soon become apparent that it is not the few permit holders who are committing the crimes.

In all fairness, it should be noted that there have been cases where the banning of guns from private ownership had reduced violent crime to near zero — Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy, for instance. In these cases (though gun-haters prefer not to use them as showcases) violent crime as we know it here went out of existence.

So did a lot of other things.

Then again, in cities like Tampa and Phoenix, where the Police initiated small arms training courses for interested housewives, the mug-rape rate went down to 0 and stayed there.

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TAX REBELLION REPORT

by KENNETH W. KALCHEIM

What is helping the firearms crime rate go up is not the supposed ease with which, as many politicians think, you or I can get a gun, but 1) the knowledge that anybody who commits a crime will probably get away with it, and 2) the fact that police are spending nine-tenths of their time on victimless crimes.

There should be a heavy automatic no-parole jail sentence for any crime committed with a gun. This would make criminals think twice about carrying one, even if they "didn't intend to use it." And it would leave hunters, collectors, target shooters free to own guns without any complicated privacy-violating forms to fill out.

Voluntary registration with minimal paperwork will make it extremely easy for a man or woman to own a gun. And a man or woman who might have a gun is somebody for street hoodlums to steer clear of.

If your Congressman or your Assemblyman is against private gun ownership in the face of a skyrocketing murder rate, ask him why.

And drop in on your local precinct and find out how hard it is to get a pistol permit.

And ask *them* why.

THE FIGHT IS NOT OVER

Andrea Millen

The Supreme Court's recent decision on abortions is cause for celebration for all libertarians. The 7 Justices who supported the historic decision are to be applauded - at least with one hand. While we can all rejoice that the State now cannot in any way interfere with abortions in the first three months and the pronouncement of our right to privacy, the Court's decision still leaves abortion regulation to the State in the second 3 months, and allows prohibition by the state in the last 10 weeks.

Pertinent excerpts from the majority opinion: "Some amici argue that the woman's right is absolute and that she is entitled to terminate her pregnancy at whatever time, in whatever way, and for whatever reason she alone chooses. With this we do not agree." "The Court's decision recognizing a right of privacy also acknowledges that some state regulation in areas protected by that right is appropriate." "With respect to the state's important and legitimate interest in the health of the mother..."

If a woman has the "right of personal privacy," she has it. If she has that right sometimes but not other times, then she has no right of personal privacy except by State whim.

The decision to have an abortion properly rests with the pregnant woman, her physician, husband, lover, or whomever else she chooses to consult. The decision to have an abortion must not rest with the State.

After we finish toasting Justices Blackmun, Burger, Douglas, Marshall, Brennan, Stewart and Powell, let us pick up the banner and finish the job in New York State: the repeal of all laws concerning abortion.

There are three major tax resistance organizations around the country. The first of these is War Tax Resistance, mainly concerned with the telephone federal excise tax. Their literature is very informative and shows how easy it is to fight the telephone tax. Anyone interested in obtaining literature from them can write to War Tax Resistance, 339 Lafayette St, NYC 10012.

The second is Tax Rebels of America which is headed by Karl Bray (LP State Chairman for Utah). He has much information on income tax resistance as he is going through litigation with the IRS at present. Karl has written a booklet called *Taxation and Tyranny* which can be obtained for \$1.00. It is well written and easy to understand. He has filed suit against the IRS and three of its agents for invasion of privacy in the amount of \$135,000. He has three attorneys representing him. In the war against the IRS, he has already won one battle. Federal District Judge Willis W. Ritter issued a restraining order against the IRS. The case at present is before the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver. Anyone interested in writing to Karl Bray can reach him at Box 856, Provo, Utah 84601.

The third organization is the Tax Rebellion Committee of Los Angeles which is headed by John N. Schmitz, Economist (no relation to the John Schmitz who ran for President on the American Party ticket). The Committee has a taped telephone tax message and holds tax dinners every Saturday. They too have commenced a lawsuit against the IRS. The Tax Rebellion Committee, the leading purveyors of income tax resistance information, can be reached by writing to P.O. Box 905, San Gabriel, Calif. 91778.

Anyone interested in helping me form a tax rebellion committee in New York can write to me at 349 East 65th Street, Apt. 5C, New York, N.Y. 10021 or call me at (212) 288-0327.

Remember, "No Taxation Without Representation."

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FLP RADICAL CAUCUS: WHAT'S IT AFTER?

by SAMUEL E. KONKIN, III

Not power, that's for sure.

Philosophically, we form the caucus which seeks fealty to consistent, "radical" libertarianism and opposes the compromise of principle and position for such as electoral gain.

Our position on any given issue follows immediately from this: no matter how little you wish the legitimized monopoly of coercion to act, we wish less. Examples are less State "defense" (warfare), taxation, "police" (extortion), foreign alliances, currency manipulations such as inflation, and involuntary servitude (e.g., conscription and welfare).

Since, by our nature, we are concerned with the adherence to libertarianism of those representing libertarians, we are constantly campaigning for reforms in the Party structure to prevent centralization of authority, exercise of arbitrary power in a bureaucratically-protected fiefdom, and access to funds unrestricted as to specific use. Thus we will support moves to give increased control of nominations, electoral campaigns, platforms and stands on issues to local constituency organizations rather than state organizations, and state parties rather than the national party. We will oppose the party's soliciting or accepting moneys which are not earmarked for a specific purchase. Above all, we will oppose empire-builders in the party structure, the creation and maintenance of a Partyarchy.

One position of special importance to all lovers of liberty is the prevention of expulsions, suspensions, non-recognitions and any other euphemisms for purges. We wish the widest possible definition of membership; simultaneously, we demand the narrowest, most rigorous definition of libertarianism.

If you think the Party on Platform and mechanism has none of the above problems, check out the radical caucus' coming convention campaign literature. If you already think that the Party Platforms and mechanisms can be better - freer - then check out the Radical Caucus at its next meeting. (See Club News)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The electoral vote for Hospers and Nathan points up an interesting sidelight in the electoral process. Every four years lots of people complain about the high cost of conducting a national campaign. Republican and Democratic fund-raisers are run ragged getting up the \$50 million that each party spends electing a President.

The Libertarian Party must not fall into this difficulty. Let us concentrate, instead, on getting 270 Presidential Electors [a majority of the Electoral College] to vote for our candidates. At \$100,000 apiece that would only cost \$2.7 million.

Martin Nixon

Dear Editor:

I would like to make some observations concerning the party newsletter.

On close examination I must acknowledge a number of good points. Much of the writing is colorful and witty, and there is a fairly broad spectrum of thought, by a variety of contributors. [While I considered a few articles weak, I suppose any criticism of these should be addressed to the authors.] I think good use is made of the calendar and classified sections and hope you continue your good coverage of club activities. The layout of the paper has improved greatly in the last three issues, and I know the difficulties of putting such things together on a tight schedule.

I do feel, however, that coverage of events is occasionally weak. For instance, the November issue notes that Walter Block attended an open forum held by his opponent, Andrew Stein, on the subject of "Personal Safety." It is explained that there was not time to prepare a description of the encounter. I think it might have been interesting to feature coverage of such an event in the following issue [assuming an actual encounter took place].

Why not present greater coverage of general party meetings? I doubt if any active participants would be lost from the meetings, but those who could not attend would be kept better informed.

I think we would all benefit from learning what the national party and other state organizations are doing, just as they would from hearing of our experiences — good and bad. Could some method of interstate communication be worked out?

I hope these thoughts may prove helpful.

Sincerely,

Arthur O'Sullivan

[A good suggestion Art. A National LP news column begins this month — Ed.]

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CLUB NEWS

If you wish to organize an FLP club, contact Howard Rich at 111 Constitution Drive, Orangeburg, N.Y. or (212) 299-0686. An organizing kit will be provided which consists of model bylaws, instructions for organizing, literature and PR handbooks, party literature, names, addresses and telephone numbers of members and prospects in your area, speaker(s) for organizing meetings, charter application, etc. The FLP Membership Committee will provide as much help as needed to get you started. It will even suggest projects for those clubs requesting ideas.

If you wish to join a club, the choice of existing clubs follows. If none suits you, you'll have to sit around and wait for someone else to form one in your area or **YOU'LL HAVE TO DO IT YOURSELF!**

THE AGORA LIBERTARIAN CLUB (TALC) (Manhattan) (Chartered) TALC has started work on a major project—the NYC housing crisis. The club expects to develop, as its first result, a campaign position in time for next year's city elections. The full study and report is expected to require two or more years for completion. All FLP members and others with experience and expertise in history, construction, zoning or other housing law, building codes, architecture, labor relations or any other discipline bearing on the problem are urged to contact Jerry Klasman at (212) 687-1070 (days) or (212) 686-3986 (evenings).

ALBERT JAY NOCK FLP CLUB (AJN) (Queens) (Unchartered). This will be an oral reading club of libertarian literature. Contact Robert Cohen at (212) 762-3203.

BRONX LIBERTARIAN CLUB (BLC) (Bronx) (Chartered). The second meeting of the Bronx club was held Jan. 14. At that meeting the bylaws were discussed and accepted by the membership. They will be presented to the state committee Jan. 22.

The next meeting of the Bronx Club will be Feb. 25th at 7:00 PM at the house of member William Roth, 754 Brady Ave. Apt. 405, Bronx, N.Y. All interested persons are invited to attend. Each member will report on the project he has been working on. Projects include: the administration of amphetamines to overactive school children and obtaining information about the workings of the government. For information contact Steve Flier (212) 892-2944 or Thomas Avery (212) 584-5493.

BROOKLYN LIBERTARIAN PARTY CAUCUS (BLPC) (Brooklyn) (Chartered). The BLPC meets the second Wednesday of each month at a different address. The next meeting will be held Feb. 21, 7:30 PM at the home of Gloria Johnson, 256 Garfield Place, 768-5892. Election of new officers will begin promptly at 8:00 PM. There will be a report of research conducted on likely candidacies in the forthcoming election.

DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES FOR NEW YORK LIBERTARIAN CLUB (DAFNY) (Queen72,Chartered) Contact Mike Higgins at (914) YO 8-1485 or write to him at 17 Summit Street, Yonkers, N. Y. 10701.

FREE LIBERTARIANS OF WESTCHESTER (FLOW) (Westchester County) (Unchartered) Contact Roger Eisenberg at (914) 949-9596 or write to him at 484 East Main Street, White Plains, New York 10604.

FLP RADICAL CAUCUS (FLPRC) (Unchartered) The FLPRC will meet February 6th, 8 PM at Lee Shubert's office, 280 Park Ave (49th St. Entrance), 14th floor West Building to develop a slate of officers and candidates. Contact Sam Konkin at 635 East 11th Street or J. Neil Shulman at (212) 595-9143.

GREENWICH VILLAGE LIBERTARIAN CLUB (GVLC) (Manhattan) (Chartered) GVLC is preparing materials for use by the Platform Committee. The platform materials will be used as a check list for evaluating the platform and/or as building blocks for any future planks the club may wish to submit. For further information, contact George Jacobs at (212) 989-7351.

KID LIB CLUB (Manhattan) (Unchartered) The prime purpose of this club is to discuss and promote the Kid Lib movement. Contact Andrea Millen at (212) 988-7814.

LIBERTARIAN ABORTION ACTION GROUP (LAAG) (Manhattan) (Chartered) This club is devoted exclusively to the abortion issue and is open to men as well as women. LAAG's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 12, 7:30 PM at the FLP office — 15 W 38th St. For further information contact Fran at (212) 223-4136 (9 to 5) or (212) 249-0172 (evenings).

THE MID-HUDSON LIBERTARIAN CLUB (MHLC) (Poughkeepsie) (Chartered) Contact Guy Riggs at (914) 462-0613.

NASSAU LIBERTARIAN CLUB (NLC) (Nassau County) (Unchartered)

NLC is concentrating on the issue "Legalization of Drugs to Aid in the Control of Crime." The club plans a January Colloquium with various community groups being invited to participate. NLC is also planning an "Income Tax Avoidance Program" to start early in 1973. For further information write P.O. Box 32, West Hempstead, N.Y. or call Mary Jo Wanzer at (516) 481-6010.

STATEN ISLAND LIBERTARIAN CLUB (SILC) (Staten Island) (Unchartered) For information, contact Timothy Killoran at (212) 761-5596.

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Feb. 24, 1973
from 12:00 to 1:00 PM

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This will be the date of the first state Jefferson-Jackson day dinner (which will be held by the Conn. Party) and will be the occasion for a nationwide protest pointing out that the modern Democratic Party has totally departed from the principles of Jefferson and Jackson. Join us all. The more people present the bigger rebuff it is to the Democrats and the more publicity will be given to the contradiction between their actions and the actions of the founders they honor. Out-of-towners are urged to hold their own demonstration in their own community. Call Howard Katz at (212) 254-4791 for information.

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