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ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES

DAN PIRO - CANDIDATE FOR ASSEMBLY

Dan Piro is a candidate for assembly in the 37th assembly district. This district is located in Bergen County and consists of Fort Lee, Englewood, Englewood Cliffs, Teaneck, Tenafly, Bergenfield, Leonia, Edgewater, and Cliffside Park. Dan's objective in running for office is to win -- within the framework of his libertarian value system.

Dan is formulating a plan which will identify the actions he and his advisors believe necessary to successfully market Dan's candidacy. He is taking a leave of absence of two to four weeks in the fall from his job to campaign fulltime. In addition, he plans to spend \$400 to \$600 of personal funds towards the campaign. Dan is seeking \$3000 in campaign funds. He anticipates that the first \$1000 will be applied to printing expenses (\$800), telephone, travel, and misc (\$200), and at least 80% of the excess will go toward newspaper advertising. Of even greater importance than money, campaign helpers are needed. Over 20,000 apartments must be reached with campaign literature, and another 10,000 to 20,000 pieces of literature must be distributed in the streets. This canvassing effort will require about 500 hours of people time. In addition, help will be needed in telephone campaigning during the last two weeks of the campaign. Readers in Dan's district are asked to assist in the campaign by making their phones available for toll free local calls.

Dan is 27 years old, married to an attorney, and is a professional management consultant specializing in financial planning. He is currently an officer of the Chase Manhattan Bank. Contributions to his campaign may be made to DAN PIRO FOR ASSEMBLY, 2151 Center Avenue, Fort Lee, N.J. 07024. His home phone numbers are (201) 461-2886 or 7.

(Ed. Thanks to the Piro campaign for the above write-up)

WISHART FOR LIBERTARIAN ASSEMBLY

Why run? 1. To get the Libertarian Party known as a political party and as an alternative to the Republicans and Democrats in order to prepare for some LP victories in the next few years.

2. To educate the voters and politicians to the libertarian philosophy so that if we don't win, at least like the Socialists our policies might prevail.

I believe that for both reasons every LP member should consider running for some office every year. A press release from Ron Wishart, LP candidate for Assembly, carries a lot more weight and interest than does a letter to the editor from Ron Wishart, libertarian letter writer. I am not pushing my own name because hopefully, as a result of this campaign, next election we will have several Libertarians in western Monmouth County who will want to run and I can work for them.

Ayn Rand's works provided my introduction to libertarianism while I passed thru various conservative groups in search of one that included her ideas and acted on them as well. My idea of utopia is a voluntarily funded government limited to merely protecting us from force and fraud, but I can't see arguing with anarchist libertarians until we begin to get close to utopia. I do believe some sort of voluntarily funded legislature, court system, and police force are necessary to define such questions as how much pollution can I emit before I have violated someone's property rights. Libertarians still debate such questions and we must expect that even in utopia libertarians will be in the minority. I see a need for a voluntarily manned and funded defense force because I believe the communists when they say they will destroy what's left of capitalism.

Tom Palven is my campaign manager and once the question of financing is settled (or when contributions begin to arrive) I will appoint a treasurer to do battle with the state election laws. My opponents in the 11th district are incumbent Democrats Salkind and Kozloski and Republican challengers Marie Muehler and former Essex County Assemblyman Jerry Burke. I am the only independent.

A few of the themes we intend to promote are:

1. The debate over school financing via income tax vs. property tax is misdirected. The real issue is "Who should pay for education, the parents or whoever the parents can force to pay?"

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CONARD FOR LIBERTARIAN ASSEMBLY

CONARD CALLS FOR END TO LIBERTY SHORTAGE

"The State nowadays will guarantee you anything," says Conard, "except Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness."

John J. Conard, NJLP Assemblyman candidate for the Ninth District, has kicked off his Ocean County area campaign with a May 20 DAILY OBSERVER press release calling for a sharp reduction of all State interference in N.J.'s social and economic problems. "The State," Conard says "seems to have a 'solution' to every 'crisis' except the Liberty Shortage."

In announcing his candidacy, Conard, who joined the NJLP and the National LP in November '74, struck at the immoral premise of taxation, calling it a means of controlling people by limiting their range of choices and freedom of action. He identified it as legalized theft.

Conard's May 20 release attracted attention from the OCEAN COUNTY REPORTER which ran a front page article by Kurt Loder. The product of a 2½ hour press interview with Conard, the article accurately stated the Libertarian viewpoint, gave a run down of the LP platform and concluded with several trenchant quotations.

Conard has appointed Lucille Bender, an NJLP member from Deal, as campaign manager. Bender, who has been a Libertarian "all her life" has had many battles with the N.J. State Education Bureaucracy. Overcoming much of the red tape, she now operates, in spite of frequent State harassment, a successful nursery school business wherein Libertarian principles are a matter of daily practice with the children.

Conard attended Trenton State College for English teaching, but abandoned this profession after his initial experiences in public school practicum. Now an independent insurance adjuster, he finds this industry no less strapped by government interference.

Having built his own home in Toms River, N.J., he experienced first-hand the indignation of local building regulatory czars and too often heard the typical statist platitude that "we're only doing it for your own good." To Conard, this is the epitome of the statist/collectivist theme of Man as a helpless ignoramus who can do nothing for himself unless he achieves the status of a government bureaucracy--thereby receiving a miraculous omniscience or, failing in this, an omnipotence of last resort.

(Campaign contributions should be addressed to "Conard for Libertarian Assembly Campaign Fund", P.O. Box 1269, Toms River, N.J. 08753. Please do not send contributions before July 15th as this may create a violation of Title 19:44A-11 of Chapter 83, NJ Laws 1973)

(Ed. Thanks to the Conard campaign for the above write-up.)

KAPLAN FOR ASSEMBLY

Following is a statement from Kenneth R. Kaplan, candidate for Assembly in the 26th District:

I am a lawyer, businessman, and comedy writer. As a lawyer, I am dissatisfied with the way the courts adjudicate First Amendment cases. As a businessman, I consider government economic policy in large measure responsible for inflation and recession. And as a comedy writer, I don't find what happens in Trenton to be very funny.

I am running for State Assembly in order to turn on as many people as possible to the Libertarian alternative to the major parties' version of government and taxation. I expect to wage a vigorous campaign which will include speaking to civic and fraternal groups, door-to-door canvassing and leafleting by myself and volunteers, media advertising, voter registration, and Election Day work to bring out the Libertarian vote. I hope to attract a sufficient number of votes so that in the future both the media and the voters will regard us as a major party.

My district includes all of Orange, East Orange, and West Orange, and part of Newark. I can use a great deal of help and money. Offers of the former, and any amount of the latter, may be sent to:

Kaplan for Assembly
150 Cleveland Street, Apt A-2
Orange, N.J. 07050

I can be reached by phone days: (201) 675-7752
nights: (201) 672-6692

Reported by Jane T. Rehmke,
Region 7 Executive Committee Member

Who would want to spend Memorial Day weekend in a hotel in Chicago? Well, the members of the LP Executive Committee and interested observers, including NJLP member Bob Steiner, did just that, spending two solid days at the LaSalle Hotel in the heart of Chicago discussing and voting on important details concerning the functioning of the party. As is usual at gatherings of libertarians, the debates were long as we sought to air all views and work within the principles.

The meeting officially opened at 10 a.m. Saturday (Most of us had arrived Friday night and started caucusing at the bar.) with the usual reports of the officers and members. I reported that NJ is one of the spots to concentrate on in '75 with our 5 Assembly races.

The committee accepted the affiliation petitions of three states: Iowa, Nebraska, and Alabama. Other states may be affiliated before the national convention and will be permitted their two basic delegates.

Bob Meier reported on the extremely successful "1975 Conference on International Liquidity and Monetary Reform" held in New Orleans. With nearly a thousand attendees, the party netted about \$20,000. Everyone at the banquet was exposed to the LP through a literature packet and a speech by Roger Mac Bride.

Ed Crane commented on the suit in opposition to the Federal Elections Campaign Act Amendments of 1974 in which the LP is a co-plaintiff. He filed an affidavit and had to undergo several hours of detailed questioning. As far as I know the case is still pending.

It was announced that Bob Meier will assume the position of National Director. He has moved to California and will be traveling around the country assisting state organizations, with special emphasis on the 1976 Presidential Campaign.

The longest debate concerned the problem of allocation of delegates to the New York convention. There is some evidence that at least one state "questimated" their membership figures on the high side, and that that may have deprived other states of delegates. Late Saturday, Phil Manger (Ed. Note: Our other Region 7 Representative) presented the case against the Virginia party, which resulted in a challenge being issued by several state parties on Sunday. The Execom voted to turn the matter over to the Credentials Committee.

Saturday night, the Illinois party hosted a banquet (the usual "rubber turkey") with remarks by Ed Crane, Andrea Millen, Karl Bray, Dave Nolan and Fran Youngstein. After that, a large group of us went "out on the town" to the elegant "Pump Room" at the Ambassador East Hotel.

On Sunday morning the first order of business was electing new members to fill vacancies on the Execom. (Scott Royce had resigned in November, Karl Bray resigned due to his legal difficulties with the IRS and the possibility of a jail sentence to keep him inactive for a while, and Bill Westmiller resigned as secretary to take on the responsibilities of California chairperson.) First, Greg Clark of Michigan was elected secretary, and then Kay Harroff of Ohio and Jim Blanchard of Louisiana were elected to fill the at-large seats. The new members bring a great deal of talent and experience to the Execom.

The other important business on Sunday was the election of committees for the Presidential Convention next September. Here are the members and their home states:

Platform Committee:

Ed Clark, California (Chairperson)	Bobbi Jahn, Kentucky
Joe Cobb, Illinois	Rich Kenny, Massachusetts
Murray Rothbard, New York	Charles Breeden, Virginia
Jerry Millett, Louisiana	Ralph Raico, New York
JoAnne Chernow, Pennsylvania	Bill Evers, California

Constitution, By-Laws and Rules Committee:

Bill Howell, Texas (Chairperson)	Sylvia Saunders, Washington
Bill Westmiller, California	Jan Croxton, Indiana
Fran Youngstein, New York	Lee Schubert, New York
Bill White, California	Phil Manger, Maryland
Kurt Germann, New York	Sparky Hall, Louisiana

Credentials Committee:

Greg Clark, Michigan (Chairperson)	Bill Susel, California
Marty Jahn, Kentucky	Dave Nolan, Colorado
	Porter Davis, Oklahoma

After the meeting finally adjourned on Sunday, a bunch of us ate at an Italian restaurant and then, one of the most memorable activities, we went to the "Ninety-fifth Floor" at the top of the John Hancock building for a spectacular view of the city and a few drinks. The elevator moves so fast your ears actually pop!

I have tried to pick out the highlights of the meeting. When the official minutes arrive I will give the newsletter any additions that I may have left out here. Anyone wishing a copy of the minutes can let me know and I'll get one out to them.

The National LP annual convention will be held from August 28 to September 1 at the Statler Hilton Hotel in mid-Manhattan. Activities which will begin on Mon. August 25 have been "designed to stimulate interest in the event among non-delegates and even non-LP members." Estimates are that 600 delegates and alternates will be in attendance.

"Highlight of the Convention will be Saturday morning when the LP's 1976 Presidential ticket will be selected. To date, Roger MacBride of Virginia, Guy Riggs of New York and Kay Harroff of Ohio are the announced candidates for the Presidential nod and Jim Trotter of California has announced for the Vice Presidential spot. A special Sunday night banquet featuring entertainment from the talented New York Free Libertarian Party contingent will honor the Presidential team."

Committee activities will start on Tuesday, August 25. "... Particular interest has been developing over the 'star-studded' Platform Committee and its deliberations will be in a room large enough to accommodate 200 people...."

"Throughout the Convention speeches will be given by leading libertarian activists... David Friedman... Murray Rothbard... D.T. Armentano, John Hospers and news commentator Jeffrey St. John."

"The official opening of the Convention will be Thursday morning with the report of the Credentials Committee...."

"On Friday morning, the Convention is scheduled to begin debate on the new Libertarian Party platform on which the 1976 Presidential ticket will run.... Since some of the foremost libertarian thinkers in the country are on the committee, many are anticipating an outstanding LP platform to come out of the Convention."

(Ed. The above quotations are from the LP NEWS, May-June) If any NJLP member plans to attend even part of the Convention and would like to serve as an alternate delegate, please write to NJLP, PO Box 247, Bernardsville, NJ 07924. In case a delegate cannot be present for a vote, an alternate can vote instead; so please sign up as an alternate and we will be sure to have a full delegation on the floor for each and every vote.

Pre-Registration: Take advantage of an overall 5% discount, pre-register by sending \$7.50 to Linda Osbourne Blood - The Presidential Convention - 30 E. 9th St, #5 EE, NY, NY 10003.

KAY HARROFF FOR PRESIDENT

"Kay Harroff, 1974 candidate for U.S. Senator from Ohio, has announced her candidacy for the LP nomination for President. ..."

"Harroff became active in Republican politics in the early 1950's, read Atlas Shrugged in 1960, and founded the Cuyahoga County (Cleveland) Draft Goldwater Committee. After Goldwater's defeat, she left the Republican Party. She joined the LP in 1972, and was founding Chairperson of the Ohio LP. In 1974 she ran for U.S. Senator as an independent (due to harsh ballot laws she could not appear as LP) against John Glenn and ran an active campaign that yielded about 80,000 votes. Harroff was recently elected to the National Executive Committee of the LP, is once again state Chairperson of the Ohio LP, and is currently a businesswoman in Cleveland."

"Harroff says she decided to seek the nomination because, 'I was concerned that the Libertarian Party put forth candidates with a clear-cut, unique, libertarian image. I hope to put to rest, once and for all, that conservative, right-wing label the news media have tried to stick on us.' She feels that the LP can expand its appeal to groups which only the left has in the past appealed to: blacks, chicanos, gays, feminists, prisoners, and students...."

"Anyone interested in Harroff's campaign should contact her at P.O. Box 6176, Cleveland, OH 44101." (Ed. The above article appeared in the LP NEWS May-June 1975.)

GUY RIGGS FOR PRESIDENT

"Guy W. Riggs, longtime political activist and twice a libertarian candidate for the New York State Assembly, has announced his candidacy for the presidential nomination of the Libertarian Party." (LP NEWS May-June 1975)

In the announcement of his candidacy dated May 15, Riggs proposed a contract between himself and the LP if he obtains the nomination and answered the following questions:

1. "A libertarian politician is a contradiction in terms." "That's right, when a libertarian tries to play the present-day political game. So I would change the game by bringing honor and respectability to politics."

"First, I would avoid entirely the war-like terminology and attitude infesting current politics.... Selling the concept of the minimal state aggressively is all that's necessary."

"And second, I would not disparage any political competitor. ... Preparing the minds of Americans for freedom would require my full attention, and references to my political competitors would be for the comparisons necessary to that end...."

2. "I've neither held political office nor been in a major campaign."

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Kathy,

I sent the enclosed letter also to the NY newsletter. You can use it if or as you like - as a letter to the editor or give it a title of your choice, etc. Some idealists may consider me a pessimist, but I expect history will prove me a realist. The population bomb keeps ticking, the energy shortage worsens, the printing presses keep running, "Famine 1975" is now (at least in Africa).

To close on an optimistic note: it would be in one's rational self-interest to learn more about survival. Better to have the knowledge and not need it, than to need it, but not have it.

Dear Editor:

Occasionally I vent my spleen in the Bergen Record. The following appeared in the April 10 edition:

UNWILLING VICTIM

Once again the sheep docilely submit to the April 15 shearing. Big Brother has them so brainwashed they even sign away their Fifth Amendment rights. One should at least cross out the "Under penalties of perjury..." statement.

The sheep occasionally complain, but only to other sheep, so the cancerous bureaucracy grows. Parasites survive only with the consent of the victim. If you're tired of being a victim, join groups like the Libertarian Party and the National Taxpayers Union.

Letters to Editors are entertaining to those with similar views, but of questionable effectiveness (like many things we try, it seems). Responses, if any, are usually negative, from angry little old ladies and anonymous booboisie. Considering this letter's timing and the Record's 150,000 circulation, the lack of any response (I thought I might hear from a fellow victim or two; didn't expect to hear from indignant parasites) indicates an even higher percentage of sheep out there than I imagined.

Ed Huser

(Ed. It does get discouraging because we often see little feedback for all our efforts, but that is true of almost any educational endeavor. It may not be evident at first that we are getting our ideas across to anyone but the few who are already predisposed toward our views. You may not ever find it out, but you may have planted a seed of freedom in someone's mind with this one letter; someone may have gained insight or courage because of your outspoken stand for freedom. This could be true for everything that we all say or do in our work toward liberty. Someday the cumulative effect of the efforts of all people like you will be obvious. Truth is on our side!)

Dear Kathy,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to the jury commissioners. The newspapers who got copies declined to publish it, probably deliberately. They're not radical freedom-fighting journalists, and maybe they figured it would affect my trial.

Just before the gubernatorial election, I registered to vote - primarily to be eligible for jury duty and their long-awaited questionnaire.

The questionnaire they sent said at the top that failure to complete it and return it "promptly" might make it "necessary" that I appear before the jury commissioners. At the end it said any false information would make me subject to penalty for contempt of court. Not the most tactful invitation I ever got.

I've received no response from them yet. That's fine with me - I never considered myself top-grade martyr material. However, if they make a fuss, it might as well be with me. I've no assets they can attach, no way to pay a fine, and too visibly frail to survive the cage. And it'll be good practice for when ERA gets me drafted.

I hope you'll print it in the newsletter. There's some disagreement among L's (Ed. libertarians) about the jury business, but the enclosed letter is my way of dealing with it, and I'll stick by it....

Laissez-faire über alles,
Mary (Mason)

Commissioner of Juries
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Sirs:

Enclosed, blank Prospective Juror Questionnaire.

I consider the form to be an element of a coercive system which violates one's fundamental right to liberty. It is coercion bordering on the bizarre that you attempt to cause me not only to appear in court, but there to reach a decision against my will.

I assume that my refusal to answer the questionnaire is a violation of law. If I am to be forced to appear before jury commissioners, it will necessitate direct physical force on the part of the state's agents. If I am subject to punishment for contempt of court, it is not just, particularly since no punishment can equal the contempt I have for the court.

cc: The News Tribune
The Star-Ledger

Kathy,

This is a letter which I hope other Libertarian News readers will use in corresponding to their senators and representatives:

Senator Mike Gravel
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

January 2, 1975

Dear Senator Gravel:

In 1970-71, you effectively lead a battle to end the draft. There is a new battle to fight in 1975. The basic freedoms of this nation are being threatened gravely by the unethical, illegal, and irresponsible manipulation of the monetary system of the United States. During the past year, this has resulted in a serious inflation. This inflation has robbed our senior citizens of the purchasing value of their savings, it has played havoc with our international trade, and it has distorted business decisions throughout the country. The possibility of a runaway inflation, which will incapacitate our economy, now exists. A continuation of deficit spending policies by the federal government will serve to bring us closer to the horror of a worthless currency. I strongly urge you to lead the fight to save the country from the horrors of inflation and recession. To accomplish this, I have outlined the following program:

1) Gold: to enable senior citizens to protect the purchasing value of their savings, enact legislation which will allow banks to receive gold deposits in time deposit accounts paying 3% interest in gold. Allow the banks to count these gold deposits as part of their reserves.

Pass legislation which will change the official U.S. exchange rate on gold to \$200/oz. in 1975 and raising the rate to \$300/oz. by 1977 in small steps. This will serve to reduce the balance of payments problem of the U.S. Government and will act as a stabilizing force in international trade.

2) Social Security: enact legislation which will reduce this program to serve only those citizens who are more than 35 years of age and who elect to remain in the system. This program is no longer needed by the masses of the American working force, it is going bankrupt, and it serves as a regressive tax. By ending the program and the tax, it will be possible to stimulate the economy in a non-inflationary manner.

3) Economic Regulation: enact legislation which will "decontrol" the economy. This will be accomplished by establishing an Economic Decontrol Council which will have the power to suspend specific business and industrial controls, price controls, quotas, and other restrictions. This is similar to the approach taken in Germany after WWII. It lead to a spectacular economic recovery.

4) Military Spending: reduce the Defense Budget by 3%. Enact legislation to change the nature of military contracts from "cost plus" to fixed bid.

5) Budget Surplus: lead an effort to reject any budget which does not reflect a surplus of at least 2%.

This program calls for leadership which transcends political expediency. You are one of the few individuals in Congress with the courage and persistence to provide this type of leadership. I urge you to act now on the basic program outlined above.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel J. Piro

HELP ELIMINATE GOVERNMENT'S SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

The Committee to Establish the Gold Standard (85 4th Ave., #6M, NY, NY 10003) asks you to send a letter or postcard to:

Robert G. Stephens, Jr.
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

and urge him to hold hearings on HR 5711, a bill which would eliminate the government's sovereign immunity in relation to gold cases. The bill is now in the Subcommittee on Historic Preservation & Coinage of the House Banking Committee.

Stephens, the chairman of the subcommittee, in his reply to my letter stated: "If and when sufficient interest is expressed by members of Congress and the general public, hearings will be held on H.R. 5711." so your letter can make a difference. It will only take a few minutes of your time, and it may help the CEGS in its efforts to stop the US government from selling our gold.

Don't be satisfied with a back seat role in your own life. Sit in the driver's seat.

YOU TOO CAN DO SOMETHING FOR LIBERTY

Lucille Bender, one of our newest NJLP members, paid for the following classified ad in the Asbury Park Press:

Do you believe man has a right to his property, his liberty, and his own life? If so, join us in our quest for "Freedom in our Lifetime". Write Libertarians of Monmouth County, PO Box 210, Deal, NJ 07723

She has received a letter as a result of this first ad and has thought of the following ideas for future ads:

Do you want to change our present school system into something in which our children really become educated instead of being turned into non-thinking robots?...

You "CAN" fight city hall and win. Join us in our peaceful effort to "change the world." Help work for freedom in our lifetime - Join the New Jersey Libertarian Party....

Lucille says you're welcome to use any of the above ideas if you'd like to put an ad in your local newspaper. She said it costs about \$5 for a small classified ad. If you don't want to answer any responses yourself, just put the NJLP Bernardsville PO Box in the ad, and the membership committee will take care of the job.

JACK CONARD FOR ASSEMBLY

John J. Conard, who is running for Assembly in the 9th District, has already received coverage in two of the local newspapers. The following statements are excerpts from an article in the May 20, 1975 issue of the DAILY OBSERVER, Toms River:

"...The specific focus of the Conard for Libertarian Assembly Campaign will be upon the necessity to reduce the current levels of state interference and control over the private and corporate lives of all individuals and businesses in New Jersey."

"In a prepared campaign statement, Conard said he hopes to demonstrate to citizens of the 9th District that both the district and the state political and economic problems can be resolved, 'but only if enough citizens come to realize that our current problems in public education, unemployment, decay of the cities, mass transit, energy, and the state's own fiscal problems stem, in fact, from governmental interference in what should really be the private affairs of individuals.'"

"The thrust of the Libertarian effort in New Jersey is opposition to further taxation, specifically the income tax, and a one per cent a year reduction in both state revenues and expenditures."

"Although the Conard campaign will make use of this issue and party plank, Conard said he hopes to point out that the underlying premise of taxation is 'fundamentally immoral' because 'it denies the individual his inalienable right to life, liberty, and property.'"

"Taxation is a means of controlling people by limiting their range of choices and freedom of action, Conard said, all in favor of the state's 'freedom' to do as it pleases with the fruits of individual labor which it has forcibly extracted from individuals."

"This is a process of legalized theft," said Conard.

The following statements are from a front page article in the May 28 issue of the OCEAN COUNTY REPORTER (circulation that edition, 71,694):

"'I'm not going out to sell myself,' Conard notes - evincing for a moment the contempt he would seem to share with a growing number of his fellow Americans for conventional politicians. 'I want to sell a principle. That's what I have to offer. I don't have me to sell.'"

"That principle is beguiling in its simplicity: Libertarians believe that every human being has the sole right to his own life - and the products of his labor - and that the initiation of force against any individual - whether by governments, pressure groups or common criminals - can never be justified."

It continued with the following evaluation by Conard: "The public school system," he says, 'teaches people either to dominate or become subservient. And everybody in the country goes through the same educational system. I think children can learn to become independent thinkers - if they're let alone. As it is, parents are forced to pay taxes to support government schools, and children are forced to go to them. But the needs of children are not a claim on my or anyone else's life. We should institute a voucher system so that parents can send their children to whatever private schools they wish; and ultimately we should abolish public schools - against which private schools cannot afford to compete - altogether.'"

"...A rugged individualist himself (he recently finished building his own home from the ground up), Conard contends that absolute individual freedom - and the protection of individual rights (which, he adds, should be the government's only function) are the key to curing the current national malaise."

"Freedom is very demanding," he says, 'It demands that people use their minds to the fullest extent. Whenever a person reverts to coercion or force, he is admitting his refusal to think.'"

Approximately 30 NJLP members and guests enjoyed an NJLP-sponsored party on Sunday June 1 at the home of Janis and Tom Palven of Howell Township.. It turned out to be a great opportunity to talk to four of our five candidates for the state assembly and to just socialize with other libertarians.

Thanks to Tom and Janis for their hospitality and for providing the delightful entertainment of professional freelance singer Maggie Smith.

During the party we were joined by a reporter and a photographer for the ASBURY PARK PRESS who had been contacted about the get-together. The reporter stayed for a couple of hours and interviewed the four candidates and other NJLP members for about an hour. The result was a front page picture and article entitled "Libertarians See Selves As 19th Century Liberals" (the page two continuation of the article was headed "Libertarians Are Realists") in the June 2nd edition.

The following statements are excerpts from the newspaper article:

"Think of a society without taxes, welfare programs, Social Security, labor unions, price controls, and free education."

"You are thinking about the goals of the Libertarian party."

"...Our chances of getting elected aren't terribly great', admitted Kenneth R. Kaplan of Orange, a candidate in the 26th District."

"'But we'll keep trying,' added John J. Conrad (Ed. it's Conrad), Toms River. 'We'll get more votes than the other minority parties.'"

"...As they explained it yesterday, party members believe in a laissez-faire economic system - a free market without any government interference."

"'Call it 19th century liberalism,' said Schetlick."

"At the same time, the party would have no laws regulating the behavior of the citizenry. Government functions would be almost nonexistent."

"The primary responsibility of government would be to serve as an arbitrator for disputes among citizens. It also would be empowered to raise armies and maintain defense."

"Calling the welfare and Social Security programs 'give-aways,' the candidates said government, through an implied 'threat of force,' is meddling in the business and personal lives of the citizens."

"'Economic disincentive,' they called it...."

"Social programs destroy the desire to work and succeed..."

"If somebody else can do it for us, then we can do it ourselves," said Daniel J. Piro, Fort Lee, an Assembly candidate in the 37th District...."

"On wages and working conditions, Schetlick said they would be determined by the standards of an open market."

"In New Jersey, the party is waging political war against the income tax proposed by Gov. Brendan T. Byrne."

"As Piro put it: 'Twelve years ago, the state budget was one-half billion dollars. Now, the proposed budget is \$2.8 billion. That's a factor of almost six. That's what we call the 'fed up factor.'"

"The candidates agreed voters will be receptive this year to candidates outside the major parties, although they said their goal is as much to educate the public about Libertarian ideas as to win political victories...."

In answer to the article in the Asbury Park Press, Tom Palven, NJLP Executive Secretary, sent the following letter to the reporter, Mr. Glen Serafin:

Your coverage of the Libertarian Party picnic was unexpectedly excellent. The exposure it gave the movement should at least convince some that the word 'libertarian' can be used in the presence of women. It accurately reflected the views of the persons you interviewed. For your information, however, some libertarians have a slightly differing view of unions.

Some feel that unions have had a function in correcting certain abuses in the past and may continue to do so. What we are opposed to is government interference in the relations of unions and management eg. laws supporting closed shops and preventing 'discrimination' against union organizers. We believe that a person providing employment has the right to hire or fire any person he pleases unless bound by contract.

In a dispute between labor and management may the "right" side win or a compromise be reached, but in any case the bureaucracy should stay out. We are as much opposed to cozy relationships between big businesses and government, their access to public funds in the form of subsidies, and such hidden subsidies which burden the consumer as tariffs, as we are opposed to big unions.

We blame neither unions (higher pay) or business (higher prices) for inflation because with a closed money supply if the cost of one thing goes up the cost of something else must necessarily go down and there would be no inflation. Inflation is caused by rate of spending and particularly the increase in the money supply by government (The Federal Reserve). Every dictionary defines inflation as such no matter who our officials and their economic mouthpieces choose to blame.

(Ed. Note: Murray Rothbard defines inflation as any increase in the economy's supply of money not consisting of an increase in the stock of the money-metal. - See What Has Government Done to Our Money?, p. 23.)

2. The current hysteria over apartment zoning, court zoning decisions, and home rule would have never occurred if it weren't necessary to zone children out of town in order to keep taxes down.

3. The trouble with my four opponents is that they are all honest do-gooders. There is a limit to how much dishonest politicians would steal but there is no limit to how much of other people's money that do-gooders will give away to buy votes.

4. The only difference between a government and a thief is that when a thief takes your money he doesn't come back to run your life and business.

Campaign contributions can be sent to:

Wishart for Libertarian Assembly
5 Locust Grove Lane
Englishtown, NJ 07726

(Ed. Above article compliments of Ron Wishart)

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

A campaign committee for our Assembly candidates has been formed with Jane Rehmke (our NJLP Treasurer) as Chairperson/Treasurer. Checks can be mailed directly to the individual candidates or to the central fund with your request for how you want the amount divided among the candidates.

CAMPAIGN FUND FOR LIBERTARIANS '75
PO BOX 247, Bernardsville, NJ 07924

FEDERATION OF NEW JERSEY TAXPAYERS

The following letter written by Ralph Fucetola III, NJLP State Committee member, appeared in the June 4th issue of THE RECORD:

TAXPAYERS FEDERATION: TIME TO LAY BOTTER MYTH TO REST

Now that the state Supreme Court has attempted to enforce the Botter decision by reallocating educational funds (an act that many - including members of the court - consider a usurpation of power), it is time to lay to rest the myth of the Botter decision.

The decision was based on the "finding of fact" that the quality of education is directly and primarily related to per capita spending. This finding is simply erroneous. I can understand how Judge Botter made his finding - even Judge Weintraub admitted that the only evidence ever produced before Judge Botter compelled that finding.

At the nonjury trial of the case in 1971, ten "experts" testified for the plaintiff that there was a significant correlation between per pupil spending and the quality of education. Two "experts" testified for the "defense" - and agreed. There was no real defense. A fair review of the trial transcript leaves no other conclusion.

I say that there was no defense because there is considerable evidence that there is no significant connection between higher and higher school spending and the quality of education. In fact, as a recent Rand Corporation study shows, nearly 80 percent of all increased school funds go to higher salaries!

But the court has never seen this evidence, and the public has never been told that Robinson vs. Cahill et al. was a sham. It is time the New Jersey Legislature acted to nullify the Botter myth. We urge the adoption of either S.C.R.-3 or A.C.R.-169. Either bill would let the people decide by referendum whether they want locally funded, locally controlled schools or another expensive state bureau to provide ever higher salaries for teachers and "experts".

RALPH FUCETOLA III
Attorney-at-law
Vice-President, FNJT

The Federation is now asking you to help lay the Botter myth to rest. Dick Solyom, NJLP State Committee member and Legislative Vice President of the FNJT says:

"We need evidence - evidence that there is no correlation between per-pupil expenditure and quality of education."

"We seek articles; speeches; research papers; reports; studies; publications - anything that can be used as evidence to refute the assumption that the more money spent, the better the education."

"It just isn't so, but no evidence of this nature was presented at the 1971 trial of Robinson vs. Cahill, consequently we believe the Botter decision is a great miscarriage of justice."

"Help us rectify this situation. If you have, or know of, or can find any material, as outlined above please send to:

Ralph Fucetola III
23 River Rd, North Arlington
NJ 07032

"Dates are important; material published after November 1971 is of greatest value but material prior to that date may be used also."

(Ed. For further information about the FNJT 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 Ave., corner of Hatfield, Scotch Plains, 8 PM.)

"All I have here are hunches; not all mine, by any means; that Americans are getting so tired of politics-as-usual that a lack of political experience would not be detrimental at all. Furthermore, accompanied by sensibly presented libertarian alternatives, it could be a real vote-getter ..."

3. "I am a salaried man with family obligations and no bank-roll."

"Now we're getting to what I regard as the real moment-of-truth for the Libertarian Party...."

"I realize full well the financial problems the Party faces, but the above paraphrase ('Guy, unless you can buy your way into this race, you won't be chosen to run, no matter what your ability') sounds so alarmingly close to politics-as-usual that I shudder. Here, then, is the moment-of-truth:"

"Are we going to settle for politics-as-usual, or will we have politics the libertarian way?"

"Because, I think we should have politics the libertarian way, I do hereby offer, for a fee, my services to the Libertarian Party Corporation."

"I said in my last campaign, 'Get politics out of the market and you'll get the market out of politics.' I now say, 'We will never have a free market until the honorable practices of that market are brought into politics.'..."

"I now propose some terms for our contract:

1. The maintenance portion of my fee - \$34,842.00. Should I receive the nomination, I would be granted a personal leave of absence from IBM to begin September 13, 1975 and to terminate November 7, 1976. This fee would simply replace my lost income during this sixty-week period and would enable me to meet my family obligations.
2. A sixty-week term policy on my life for \$250,000.00...
3. A sixty-week term disability policy.
4. Full reimbursement of campaign expenses....
5. The incentive portion of my fee .. a maximum of \$2,500.00. This shall be calculated at one cent per vote to be paid in full when my vote total reaches one quarter of a million. I stipulate this fee to highlight the most honorable and fundamental practice of the free market: that a monetary reward be determined by the performance rendered. I set the modest limit of \$2,500.00 for two reasons: First, I want to indicate that my reward (my 'plus' in this cost-plus contract) would be mostly psychic; this would be the most exciting adventure of my life! Americans distrust a person, most especially one in politics, who does something for little or nothing. They ask, 'What's he really in this for?'. I predict my answer would get their positive attention like it's never been got before. And second, I want to eliminate the risk of bankrupting the Libertarian Party Corporation."

"By now, I have said enough to show that I will present a definite alternative at the convention. I believe I will be the best of the very good ones offered because, by the most consistent practice of the principles we all preach, my promotion of Libertarianism would be the most effective...."

"...If I become your candidate, there will be many times you'll be asked, 'Who is Guy Riggs?', and you'll be able to give an answer which will finally put America on its proper political base:

" 'He's the Man we've hired to be our Salesman of Liberty.'"

JIM TROTTER FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Jim Trotter, a libertarian activist from Santa Barbara, California, has announced his candidacy for the LP nomination for Vice President. So far, he is the only announced candidate for the nomination.

"Trotter has been involved with community organizing and politics on the left side of the spectrum for several years. He was a member of a libertarian faction within Students for a Democratic Society in the late 1960's, and was involved in the Southern California anti-war movement. 'I became an economic libertarian in 1970 when I discovered the A is A Directory through an ad in the Whole Earth Catalog,' Trotter says."

"...He was a precinct worker for the school board campaigns of libertarians Lynn Kinsky and Ruth Sutton earlier this year. He is an ex-marine and a member of the National Rifle Association."

"Trotter says he is running to help the LP appeal to liberals and leftists. For example, he says, 'There are a lot of former New Leftists who feel alienated from the socialist dogmatists; who are just looking for something like libertarianism to come along. It just has to be presented in the right way.'...he wants to do most of his speaking to local groups...He says that the key to organizing any political movement is at the local, grass-roots level...."

"Anyone who is interested in Trotter's campaign can write to him c/o Santa Barbara Libertarian Party, P.O. Box 6274, Santa Barbara, CA 93111."

(Ed. The above article appeared in the LP NEWS May-June 1975.)

Letter to the Editor, THE SUNDAY STAR-LEDGER, May 18, 1975

TRENTON ASKED TO HEED TAX DISTASTE

People are smarter than politicians. Your editorial, "Nothing's changed," overlooks this fact of life. The people of New Jersey are smart enough to know what's bad for 'em, but politicians never learn and keep trying to impose an income tax. Your editorial insinuates that continued efforts to give New Jersey an income tax stem from politicians' honest (?) desires for tax reform. The people are smart enough to know the real reason is not tax reform but because politicians always want more money and an income tax would give politicians almost unlimited access to their pocketbooks. Your editorial castigates legislators for doing that for which they were elected, namely, representing their constituents and doing their bidding. The people have told their legislators repeatedly - NO INCOME TAX - and, as your editorial points out, every Legislature has turned back every governor's attempt to impose one.

People are smarter than politicians. They have spoken out loud and clear - No Income Tax. Now it is time politicians get the message and balance the budget in the only way possible - cut spending.

R.L. Solyom, Fort Lee

Letter to the Editor, MESSENGER-PRESS, Allentown, NJ, April 24

I am in agreement ... that we should open free trade with Cuba, but there is one positive thing about our relationship with Cuba now. As an "enemy" Cuba is one of the few countries that we do not send money to, and with enemies like this, who needs friends?

Very truly yours,
Tom Palven, Howell, NJ

Letter to the Editor, AQUARIUS, March 26, 1975

LOW MARX FOR STATUS QUO

It is a pity that people are unaware that there are alternatives to Marxism and status quism. Throughout history we have had kings, popes, leaders, dictators, politicians, and bureaucrats telling people what to produce, eat, read, sleep, live and die for. Revolutions put one do-gooder power group in exchange for a former corrupt power group until they get drunk with power, and the latter becomes the former.

Humans should be treated as separate, unique individuals, as they are and are meant to be. Individuals must have the liberty to choose for themselves what book, school, drug, god, food, sex, etc. they so wish. What we need is a society so decentralized that there is no machinery to recreate another SUPER STATE. Some current works that advocate a voluntary society are "For a New Liberty," by Murray Rothbard, "Atlas Shrugged," by Ayn Rand, and "Libertarianism," by John Hospers.

Fred Stein
Maplewood, N.J.

Letter to the Editor, ASBURY PARK PRESS, May 1, 1975

DEFEAT THE SPENDERS

In 1962-63 the state budget submitted to Gov. Hughes was \$510 million. In 1968-69 Gov. Hughes recommended a budget of \$1.064 billion. In 1969 Gov. Cahill increased the sales tax from 3 cents to 5 cents which would cure everything. Then the lottery would cure all. Now Gov. Byrne has proposed a budget of over \$2 billion. This means that it took 186 years for our state budget to reach half a billion dollars and less than 10 years to increase four times in size. Do we see four times greater services, or just four times greater harassment of individuals and small businesses? Have property taxes gone down? Has the economy improved?

Feeding dollars to spendthrift politicians is like trying to satisfy tooth decay bacteria by feeding them sugar. Support Jack Conard and Ron Wishart for Assembly on the Libertarian line. They don't want your life, liberty or property.

TOM PALVEN, Howell Township

Ed. Note: The following note was received from Tom: "The "quadrupling" mentioned in the letter is not entirely accurate (although Byrne proposes 2.8 not 2.0 billion) due to my careless math in taking the info from the Federation of NJ Taxpayers leaflet. It was unintentional...."

What does it mean to be a libertarian? It means that you believe that individuals have a right to their own lives. Don't forget that you are an individual and that you have a right to your own life.

Letter to the Editor, ASBURY PARK PRESS, April 24, 1975

SOCIALISM DEPLORED

The goods and services produced in this country declined at an all-time record rate for the last three months, due largely, I believe, to our bureaucratic, socialistic government policies. This means that there is less food, clothing, etc. to go around and that everyone will suffer, particularly the less well-to-do.

What incentive is there for a company or an individual to produce goods and services when the reward is high taxes to subsidize and otherwise support bungling, top-heavy, failing companies? At this rate we will soon be down at the level of all the other topheavy bureaucracies that we send so much aid to.

If you are sick and tired of our slide down the promise-strewn path of socialism, so alien to the spirit which made this country great, contact the N.J. Libertarian Party, c/o Jack Conard, Toms River and help legalize competence.

TOM PALVEN, Howell Township

Letter to the Editor, THE DAILY ADVANCE, Dover, June 17, 1975

HIGH TAXES

I was encouraged by your June 11 editorial "Half for Taxes" and your apparent concern for the extent to which our government robs us. I would like to offer an answer to the question, "How high can taxes go?"

One hundred per cent. If this seems unreasonable, remember that fifty per cent would have been intolerable a short while back. One might think the people would rebel as they did 200 years ago. I think not.

It is said that if you drop a frog into a pot of boiling water, the frog will jump out. But if you put the frog into cold water and raise the temperature gradually, the frog will boil to death. (I haven't tried this, but it sounds plausible.)

Of course, there is the chance that the government will blunder and turn up the heat too fast, but this seems remote when everyone wants government spending, whether it be for defense, welfare, housing, jobs, or to use a more local example, Picatinny Arsenal. Trouble is, this is a democracy, and Anytown, U.S.A., has as much say in government spending as we do. Netcong wants its sales tax returns. (Do not blame Mayor Arbolino; blame the citizens of Netcong.) Morris County wants its library grant? Why? (How often do you use the library?) Because Morris County knows the state will share the cost. As long as the voters are allowed to grab someone else's money, you are a fool to believe they will not grab tooth and nail. Conservatives want to spend money on the police state (FBI, CIA, Defense, etc.) Liberals want to spend it on welfare and regulatory agencies. And all have the desires of their local constituents to represent - if they want to be reelected.

The only way government can increase spending is to increase taxes or the money supply (a subtler but deadlier form of taxation). This is why the federal tax rebate, coupled with a twelve digit budget deficit, is an outrageous fraud. Of course, there is one alternative. We can take the money from other nations by force. President Nixon did just that in 1971 when he devalued the dollar, thereby defaulting on a sizable portion of our debt to other countries holding our dollars. (How many of us bothered to understand the devaluation? How many of us cheered?) President Ford, in a television interview with John Chancellor, stated that if things got bad enough, he would take Arabian oil by force. And he admitted that it would be wrong! Don't think that he won't have the support of the American people if things get bad enough.

How high can taxes go? Unlike the frog in the water we are ordering the cook to turn up the heat.

STEPHAN A. DAVIDSON, Flanders

Letter to the Editor, NEWS-RECORD, April 10, 1975

TOO BUSY AT HOME

President Ford calls for us to sacrifice our pursuit of peace to the interests of protecting our one-sided treaties. Americans want to take care of their own problems and (are) not looking for more, especially those of distant lands. Only President Ford can increase our problems by sending foreign aid and our military forces; thus creating more orphans, widows, and unbalanced budgets.

America became a great country due to free enterprise and isolationism in our early history. Americans were too busy building this country to meddle in other governments. We don't have any God given or any other right to be the world's policeman or bandit.

If President Ford and the politicians want to fight some foreign tyrant, let them sacrifice themselves and not us Americans. I am too busy fighting totalitarian forces in this country to worry about other ones across the seas.

Fred Stein

NO STATE INCOME TAX !

The NJ Legislature has again defeated the proposed state income tax! Thanks in no small part go to organizations like the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers which has been waging a principled and unyielding battle against any new or increased taxes in New Jersey. Especially noteworthy are the dedication and hard-work of libertarian activists such as Ralph Fucetola, Kathy Greene, and Dick Solyom. Thanks also should be given to all the NJLP members who participated in the TAXPAYERS PLEDGE petition drive, the demonstrations, letter writing, and all those who contacted their state senators and assemblymen during the entire battle against the state income tax. Every one of these activities helped to defeat the tax. Let's all keep up the good work! Keep after those who want to steal our money!

Federation members and libertarians have been active in a new loosely formed coalition, OPERATION PAUL REVERE, which is demanding decreases in state spending and no new state taxes. Operation Paul Revere has held demonstrations in recent weeks at the State House in Trenton, and at the homes of state senators and assemblymen throughout the state.

According to the June 1975 TAX SENTINEL, The Federation's monthly publication, "...Trenton must live within its income. There is no other way. We are already paying 6% more in all taxes above the National average. More taxes at this time when our unemployment is way out of hand?? Economy - Yes! Taxes - No!"

"...Accountability is one of the chief problems. Money is spent as though it came from a bottomless well..."

"At present, annual earnings of state and local employees exceed the earnings in the private sector by 6%..."

If you want information about future activities of Operation Paul Revere, call (201) 442-8008. YOUR PRESENCE AND YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

For current information about activities in Trenton, call the following toll free number: 800-792-8630 (Legislative Information Service Number).

KEEP AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN TRENTON! TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS! WE MUST CONTINUE WORKING FOR LIBERTY!

FUCETOLA, SCHETLICK, DEBLOCK, & STEIN, LIMITED
Private Mediators & Arbitors

Ralph Fucetola III, an attorney who has practiced in the field of arbitration, and three other libertarians, announced the formation of Fucetola, Schetlick, DeBlock, and Stein, Limited, private mediators and arbitors.

The firm will provide mediation and arbitration based on the libertarian Law of Equal Liberty. The members consider the firm an alternative institution providing private dispute settlement.

The other members of the firm are: William E. Schetlick, chairperson of the NJLP; Philip D. DeBlock, libertarian activist, and Fred Stein, magazine publisher and entrepreneur.

For further information write FSOS, 23 River Road, North Arlington, New Jersey, 07032.

(Ed. Note: Fucetola, DeBlock, Schetlick, and Stein are all members of the NJLP.)

PARTY FUND RAISER -- ECONOMIC SEMINAR

Tentative plans are being formed for an economic seminar in mid-September. Daniel Piro and Jacob Sacolick, both officers of the Chase Manhattan Bank, will discuss practical ways to avoid personal economic disaster. The seminar will run all day, with a Personal Financial Planning workshop in the afternoon. The charge for the seminar will be in the range of \$15 to \$25 and net proceeds will go to the party. Please write now if you are interested.

(New Jersey Libertarian Party, PO Box 247, Bernardsville, NJ 07924)

Thanks to Ken Kaplan for the following clipping from NEWSWEEK, June 9, 1975:

PETER AND PAUL

Taxpayers have long suspected it, but it took a set of economists at Ford Motor Co. to come up with proof: there are more people being supported by tax dollars than there are workers in the private sector to support them. Adding up government employees, the military on active duty, the disabled and unemployed, the retired and those on welfare, the Ford economists found a total of 80,655,000 tax dependents vs. 71,650,000 nongovernment workers.

EDITORIAL

The NJLP now has 90 members and 27 newsletter subscribers. If you remember, at the beginning of our February Annual Convention, we had 69 members; we've been growing each month since then. We're hoping that the publicity being generated by our Assembly candidates this year will add even more momentum to this growth so that we can begin to organize on the local and county level around the state.

In 1975, New Jersey is one of the few states in the entire country where libertarian candidates are running for office. We can win national media attention if we wage strong campaigns. But, to do this we need help! We need your contributions, your time, your expertise, your efforts. Don't you want to work with us so that we can increase our chances for freedom in our own time! Come to the July 31st meeting and discover what you can do to help! Let's all work together FOR LIBERTY.

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

	Types of Membership	
Student	\$4.00	Regular \$7.50
Sustaining	25.00	Lifetime 100.00
	Lifetime Sustaining	\$250.00

Newsletter subscription \$3.00

The following letter was written to Jack Conard on April 30 by a person who has since joined the NJLP and become Jack's campaign manager. We thought you would like to see what just a small amount of publicity and follow-up literature can accomplish in terms of reaching people with similar views.

Dear Mr. Conard,

Thank you so much for your letter and the literature which I received this morning.

I read everything over and over again like a person dying of thirst in the middle of a desert.

There wasn't anything I read that I didn't agree with or haven't thought or said aloud to myself. I have been becoming depressed lately thinking there was no hope.

I am very much interested in the party, becoming an active member and perhaps even running for office myself. I will do anything I can to help bring this kind of philosophy to the attention of as many people as I can.

I would be interested initially in my own local surroundings before venturing (if ever) into the National picture. Please send me a New Jersey Membership application and also let me know how I can vote for you. I only voted once in my life in any election. I'm the kind of person who knocks on doors and talks to people to bring about any changes in the injustices all around us. Mostly I have become well known and a little influential in our area through complaints against our local school system. I have been trying for the last few months to remove my children from "public school" to have them privately tutored at home. When I began I had no idea that I didn't have this right. I quickly learned that not only did I not have this right but if I pursued I might eventually lose custody of my "own" children.

Please keep in touch with me. I will come to any and all meetings, read any recommended literature, help in any way I can to help you get elected...etc. Whatever needs to be done I will do my best.

Thank you again. The knowledge of the birth and existence of the Libertarian Party has given me back my "joy" of living.

Most sincerely,
Lucille Bender

Instead of worrying about funding the budget, the legislators should be worried about budgeting the funds. (Dan Piro)

TEST YOUR LQ

A new brochure, TEST YOUR LQ (Libertarian Quotient) is available from the NJLP. Why not buy a few copies to distribute to people with the hope that it may whet their appetites and make them more curious about libertarianism. Prepared by Jack Conard, the brochure contains 36 statements designed to help people evaluate their propensity for Libertarianism. Send \$1.00 for 10 copies (including postage) to NJLP, PO Box 247, Bernardsville, NJ 07924.

MEETING

JULY 31

The next general meeting will be held on Thursday, July 31. Gather time: 7:15 PM. Meeting will start promptly at 7:45 PM.

HOWARD JOHNSON'S
Rt. 1 & Rt. 18
New Brunswick
(near Exit 9, NJ
Turnpike)

HIGHLIGHTS: Short talks by our Assembly candidates about their campaign plans.
Discussion of the 1975 Presidential Convention in NYC.

General socializing with your Libertarian friends! Bring guests! The meeting won't be that long!

TRIBUTE TO ATLAS SHRUGGED

"...Read or re-read ATLAS SHRUGGED.... You might just find that the ideas expressed leap from the pages past your eyes, and spread through your body to the light of your mind. Discover that it is a novel of triumph. That the words flow upward, and speak of rising and, in fact, are the rising itself, i.e., the essence and the form of upward motion that embodies every human act and thought that has ascent as its motive. Imagine it as a sunburst of joy, breaking out of hiding and spreading open to you. Picture its freedom of release and the tension of its purpose. It will sweep space clean and leave nothing but the joy of unobstructed effort. Discover that there never had to be any ugliness or pain ... If you do so, you will see it to be a novel of an immense deliverance -- 'A thing of beauty untouched by the outside world' -- a novel to be loved for its ideas, its power, its joy, and its beauty."

ATLAS SHRUGGED by Ayn Rand reviewed by Robert Cassella in the Laissez Faire Review, Nov-Dec 1974, available from Laissez Faire Books, 206 Mercer Street, NY, NY 10012, \$12.95, \$2.25

BE A LIBERTY PIG !

The above slogan is a result of the late night hour at a recent Libertarians '75 candidates campaign meeting. See the fun you're missing!

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, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.



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