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## 18TH C. D. CANDIDATES DEBATE

On Thursday, November 2, four of the five Congressional candidates in the 18th CD took part in a debate held at the NYU Catholic Center. In addition to FLP standard bearer Gary Greenberg, the other candidates present were incumbent Ed Koch (Democrat-Liberal), Rebecca Finch (Socialist Workers), and Bernard Goodman (Tenants' Party). Republican-Conservative candidate Jane Pickens Langley was unable to attend.

Each of the four speakers was given six minutes to make opening remarks which were followed by a question-and-answer period lasting about one hour. Finally, each candidate was allowed four minutes for rebuttal.

An audience of about 150 listened as Mr. Goodman opened the debate with some remarks about the problems facing tenants in New York City and followed with an attack on Mr. Koch for keeping the Tenants' Party off the ballot. Ms. Finch then spoke, addressing herself to the Indochina War, abortion reform, and racism. In keeping with the spirit of the evening she also leveled an attack on the incumbent Congressman for his role in keeping the two minority parties off the ballot. Our hero, Gary, was the next speaker, and he concentrated his speech on presenting arguments for the full decriminalization of heroin. Of course, he did not fail to level a barrage of criticism at you-know-who for you-know-what.

Finally, the guest of honor rose to speak and answer some of the challenges put to him. The Prince of the silk-stocking district defended himself with Machiavellian expertise against the accusations of his opponents. (Blessed are the glib, for they shall inherit the state.)

During the question-and-answer period several members of the audience asked Mr. Koch:

1. why he didn't support the National Abortion Rights Act of 1972 in Congress;

2. why he wouldn't lend his name to the National Peace Action Coalition;

3. why he challenged the petitions of the FLP and TP.

His answers were that;

1. if the question of abortion came to the floor of the House, the only bill passed through Congress would be an *anti-abortion bill*;

2. he would not lend his name to any organization whose leadership expressed goals or positions that he firmly disagreed with. (Apparently some NPAC leaders may have taken an anti-Israel stand, privately, and Mr. Koch is pro-Israel.) He did not explain how he could lend his name to the Democratic Party, some of whose leaders have expressed goals or positions that he firmly disagrees with;

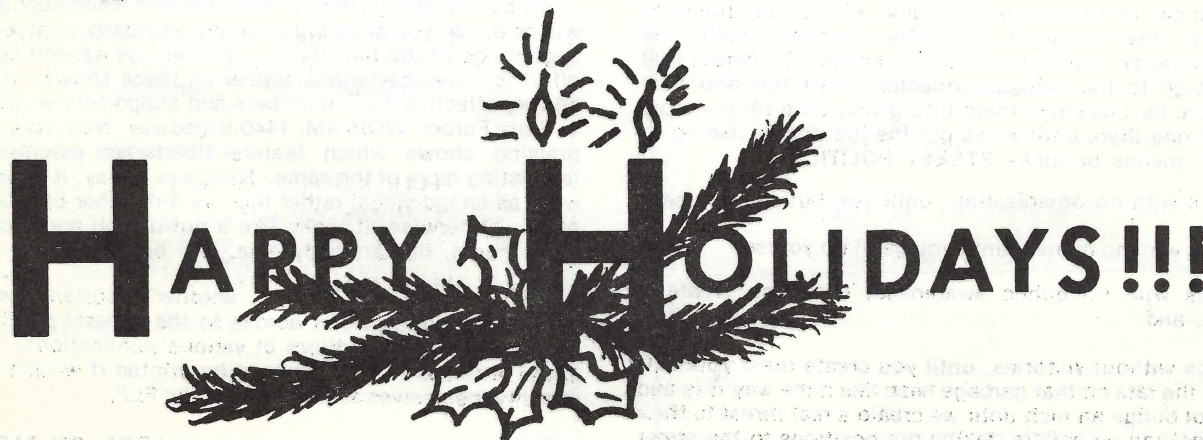
3. if the FLP and TP did not get on the ballot, it was because they did not have enough valid signatures on their petitions (that's what the man said).

Gary made several statements which should have caused eyebrows to raise. The most important was to point out that the FLP is a laissez faire party. He then went on to point out that those present should understand the difference between

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### REMINDER

AS PROVIDED IN THE FLP BYLAWS, MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUES FOR 1973 ARE PAYABLE AS OF JANUARY 1, 1973 AND SHOULD BE PAID NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 1973. "ANY MEMBER WHO HAS NOT RENEWED MEMBERSHIP BY PAYMENT OF DUES ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 15TH SHALL LOSE ALL FORMER MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS."





## FROM THE CHAIR

There is a lovely little allegory that begins Joyce Maciver's *THE FROG POND*:

*"Once there was a little man—and he led a little life—and one day he began to pack a little bag. And They said, 'Where are you off to? Where are you going?' And he said, 'I'm packing my bag and I'm going to Connemara.' And They said, 'You mean, you're going to Connemara, God Willing.' And he said, 'I mean I'm going to Connemara.' So God changed him into a frog and put him in a frog pond and kept him there for seven years. And then God changed him back again—what did the little man do? He began at once to pack his little bag. And They said, 'Where are you off to? Where are you going?' And he said, 'I'm going to Connemara.' And They said, 'You mean, you're going to Connemara, God Willing.' And he said, 'I mean I'm going to Connemara, or back to the frog pond.'"*—F. Cabellero's *Old Spanish Fairy Tales* [As adapted by Phillip Barry in *"Here Comes The Clowns."*]

Well, I wish all of the FLP knew about that "little man." We need more like him. Remember I told you we had an astounding number (about 70) involved in the petition campaign and subsequent struggle with the Board of Elections? We were all so charged up during that period—we could really sense the beginning of a tough and dedicated organization.

Well, I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that these 70 people *are* a tough and dedicated organization. They continue to be the heart of the FLP. The bad news is that it wasn't contagious. In fact, it seems to me that many or most of our other 120 members haven't even asked any of the 70 what it was like or whether it was worth it. I wish they would because those who were there really know how close we came and that, but for a couple of dumb amateur's mistakes, we would have made it and that we'll make it next time.

The 70 also know how important it is to make it next time and all of the other times that will follow. I know I can say that I had an adequate *theoretical* grasp of what we were fighting but I didn't really and deeply grasp the complete vileness of it until the war began. After all, if you've never experienced decaying garbage, a description of a city dump must leave you with a somewhat sterile image. You have to *smell* it and see the rats scurrying around it and wipe its *slime* off your shoes before you can grasp it—grok it—fully.

This political structure we're trying to affect is not just a stink that can be treated cosmetically. It's not just the odor (which is bad enough), it's the garbage itself—the aggressive force that is aimed at our heads. To defeat that we must go to the garbage collectors' own turf and beat them there (or blackmail them into giving us a little victory here and one there until we've got the job done). Going to their turf means politics—**STREET POLITICS!**

Politics with no organization, until you build it yourself.

Politics with no money, until you get it up yourself.

Politics with no public awareness, until you create it yourself, and

Politics without victories, until you create them yourself, because the rats on that garbage heap like it the way it is and they'll not budge an inch until we create a real threat to their jobs by getting on ballots, taking our positions to the street

and creating ever-growing vote totals.

I don't think politicians need ever fear intellectuals (in the span of their own political life), because for every Rothbard or Rand there is a Galbraith for an antidote. The Rothbards and Rands cannot do the job for us. They can only give us the intellectual tools and count on our recognizing the division of labor that separates the creators of the tools from the users of them.

Someway we have to convince the other 120 members (and those that follow) that the price of freedom is not \$4 or \$6 or \$12 a year. Convince them that each of us is like that "little man" and "They" can't stop us from reaching our own Connemara without finding one goddam large frog pond. And since "They" are not God, they'd damn well better have plenty of armed guards around that pond if it comes to that, which it won't because there are more of us "little men" than there are of "Them" and we *can* get to Connemara if we earn it.

I guess the free market is going to work here as it always does. If liberty is a value for which we'll trade other values, then we'll succeed. If it isn't, we'll get what we deserve. that is, except for the 70 and they deserve one hell of a lot more. Yours in liberty,  
Jerry Klasman

## MISCELLANY

Gary Greenberg appeared on Barry Farber's late night talk show on WOR-AM (which reaches 35 states) on Monday, November 13th as a representative for the rights of street peddlers in NYC. Also on the show was our old "friend," Ed Koch, the street peddlers' number one enemy, and two street peddlers. Although Mr. Koch and the two peddlers monopolized the conversation, Mr. Greenberg got in several good licks for freedom and the address of the FLP (twice). The program lasted only 35 minutes, but Mr. Farber promised to have everyone back to hash out the issue more fully in the near future.

We cannot always advise our members when such a show will be on, so you should try to listen regularly to at least the beginnings of the talk shows. We will be expending every effort to have libertarians appear on these shows. It would be very effective if our members and supporters would write to Barry Farber, WOR-AM, 1440 Broadway, New York, N. Y., praising shows which feature libertarian panalists and requesting more of the same. Needless to say, it is better to write as an individual rather than as a member of a political party. Otherwise, it looks like a put-up job and most talk show hosts, like anybody else, will be resentful.

While we're on the subject, another important means of getting libertarian views across to the general public is to write letters to the editors of various publications. Again, these letters are more likely to be printed if writers do not identify themselves as members of the FLP.



# SKIING IN UTOPIA

by Jerome Tuccille

Anarchy versus limited government. Round and round the argument goes, advocates on both sides grim-eyed and tight-lipped in their determination to demolish the opposition with their own impeccable logic.

The fact that this cleavage exists in libertarian circles should come as no surprise to anyone. Every political movement in history has split into left and right wing factions, and then into a dizzying array of fractures and splinter groups as they grew in size. Libertarians have merely proved they are just as vulnerable as everyone else in this regard. The simple fact is: it is one thing for everyone to agree on philosophical theory, and quite another to translate the theory into hard political facts. Principles are absolute and universal, while the world we live in is subject to the analysis of myriad individuals who perceive reality in their own way, and may disagree as to exactly what is going on.

The genesis of the Cold War is a case in point. One's views on this subject, it seems to me, are more important than—and perhaps at the root of—the limited collective versus anarchy dichotomy. The libertarian, who sees the Soviet Union and/or Communist China as the root cause of the Cold War atmosphere that has chilled the world since World War II, will take the Right Wing position favoring a limited nation-state as the best defense against the communist menace. Anarchists, on the other hand, tend to see the United States as the prime instrument of evil in the international arena. Others attribute a strong measure of blame to both broad camps and, thus, fall into what one libertarian wit has described as the Sober Center of the libertarian movement.

(Space prevents me from making a pitch for one position or another in this column. My purpose here is to shed some light on this schism in libertarian circles. In doing so, I realize that the division is more complex than this, but I still maintain that the traditional versus the revisionist view of the Cold War is the most important element in the limited state versus anarchist dialogue.)

Happily, there are certain acts warming up in the wings which may eventually render this debate obsolete. Over the last few years there has been a movement in economic circles toward "international" or "multinational" corporations, which seems a good thing to me. However, "multinationalism" is only a small step in the right direction. The logical extension of this trend is into "anationalism,"\* a phenomenon we shall certainly be hearing more about in the years to come.

Briefly, several major corporations are now contemplating moving their facilities out to sea beyond the legislative reaches of all national governments. This is certainly one aspect, and an important one, of the libertarian dream come true. First anational companies; then, inevitably, communities, power plants, airports, schools, shops, research centers, eventually completely self-contained societies trading and communicating with other autonomous anational societies. A network of free, apolitical, private societies rising up as an alternative to increasingly debt-ridden, decaying nation-states.

\* For a more detailed presentation of this, see my new book, *Here Comes Immortality*, to be published in January, 1973.

A futuristic pipedream? Perhaps. But the potential is there, the kernel of an idea is aborning. Already, on land, we have fully equipped developments rising up across the country, all of them providing services for their inhabitants formerly provided by government. Private communities are now supplying their own police, water, schools, parks, fire prevention—soon, their own power plants, sanitation facilities, and, why not?, their own panels of arbitration or judicial institutions. You buy a house or condominium, or rent an apartment, and move into a totally equipped society. Who needs government anymore? Technology can and will free us finally of the past.

What this means to libertarians is that reality will eventually turn our political squabbles into anachronisms. Free at last in our private utopias, we can ski down the artificial slopes debating the law of identity. Or *you* can at least. I intend to move into a brownstone on Riverside Drive which should be going for a song by then.

## OPEN FORUM

This month hails the birth of a new column which is open to all of you to promote your pet libertarian project or idea. The issue can be large or small, earth-shaking or not, but it should be something you feel strongly about. This month's article is by Andrea Millen, who is also responsible for the idea of having such a column. (Articles should be submitted by the 20th of the month and should be a maximum of 700 words.)

The FLP is going to find itself in a bind as we seek to broaden our alliances and base of support. Many libertarians find community issues they feel strongly about; some want to join groups to achieve their goals; some even have hopes of bringing people into the libertarian fold by simply making them aware of the similarity of goals.

Let me give you an example of the kind of problem you might come up against, whether your interest lies in gypsy cabs, abortion reform, massage parlours, economic laissez faire, etc.

On November 13th Gary Greenberg appeared with two street peddlers on the Barry Farber Show to debate Ed Koch on the harassing of street peddlers. Gary had become known during his Congressional campaign as a champion of street peddlers, opposing Ed Koch's and the city's crack-down on them, and the peddlers had asked Gary to appear with them on the program to strengthen their position.

Prior to the show the peddlers met with Gary, Jerry Klasman, Jill St. Ambrosio and me to discuss strategy and to get to know each other. Both at the pre-show discussion and on the air, the two peddlers insisted that peddlers didn't mind being licensed and didn't mind collecting or paying sales taxes and certainly didn't mind paying income taxes on their earnings — they just minded being harassed. They understood how stores might feel they were unfair competition but if peddlers were allowed to work around banks, government buildings, outside parks, etc., there would be no question of their competing (that's for sure!). One of them had even worked out a system for helping the state collect sales taxes, which he offered to Koch in hopes the Congressman would call off the cops.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

One of the reasons for going through the recent election campaign was to get some experience to aid us in future campaigns. In that spirit I would like to make the following recommendations concerning mistakes I think the Party has made in the past which it must avoid in the future.

1. Candidates of the Party should be expected to devote a considerable amount of time in September and October to the campaign. They should not expect to hold down a full time job and campaign on the side.

This is the expectation for the candidates of the other parties. Other people will not take us seriously if we do not take ourselves seriously. The candidates get the glory. They should be expected to do more work than those who don't.

2. When it comes to the issue of priorities in fighting for people's rights, the rights which represent virtues should be given priority over the rights which represent vices.

Most people in New York do not have the slightest concept of what the Free Libertarian Party stands for. If we succeed in convincing them that we are the party of drugs, pornography, and prostitutes, then it will take decades of education to convince them that our libertarianism is not just a front to cover for vice. When rights are violated, we should oppose that act, but this does not mean that all of us are obligated to devote our time and effort to preventing such violations. Quite frankly, my heart goes out much more to the gypsy cab drivers [whose crime is that they are trying to earn their own living] or to the draft resisters [whose crime is that they are living by their consciences] than to a Ralph Ginsberg or a massage parlor. To concern ourselves with the latter before we concern ourselves with the former is to denigrate good in favor of evil. Yet some members of the Party can never seem to think of virtuous people whose rights need defending in this day and age.

3. Party members should feel that the most important aspect of their membership is their commitment to work during election campaigns.

There was not this feeling in the present campaign. Many people seem to feel that, if they pay their dues and attend meetings, this is enough. I would rather have a good worker in the campaign who did not pay his dues than the opposite. The primary function of a political party is to bridge that last gap in the process of education which takes philosophical ideas down to the level of the average man. If 100 Party members make contact with 100,000 voters [say by handing them leaflets], then we have done a proper job. Unlike the other parties we have ideas which can convince people, but there is no way that the ideas can do their thing unless people are aware of them. If the party cannot make people aware of its ideas, then it will be a failure. In the recent campaign the Socialist Workers Party gave us a lesson in political organization. Do they care more for socialism than we do for capitalism? If we are not willing to work for our ideals, then the FLP will never have a future.

4. The Party must develop a source of fat cats.

I confess I do not know exactly how to go about doing this. But political campaigns cannot be run for a few hundred dollars. If we are long on volunteers, then we do not have to have large amounts of money. But minimal amounts of do-re-mi are necessary — more than we had in the recent campaign.

5. I recommend that the Party adopt a liberal speakers policy. Invite other groups to speak at Party meetings.

There is nothing that most political groups like better than a chance to spread their ideas. If we invite them to speak to us, we go a long way toward making a friend. They are more likely to open up to our ideas if we take an initiative in inviting them.

Most conservative groups [Objectivism, FEE, the Birch Society] believe that the way to deal with other people is to condemn and denounce them. We must guard against this attitude in the party. On this score the liberals have the right idea; they try to include others, not exclude them. If we adopt a liberal speakers policy, we may get some interesting presentations at our meetings [and boost attendance] and, more important, we may make some friends.

Howard S. Katz  
Member, FLP, Inc.

## WHY THE CLUB STRUCTURE

For the several members who have raised questions concerning the applicability and function of FLP clubs relative to the party's immediate and (especially) long-range goals, the following explanation will, it is hoped, place the club concept in its proper perspective.

Last April, the organizing committee, headed by Ed Clark, attempted to deal with the problem of keeping the FLP a grass-roots, bottom-to-top organization as opposed to a bureaucratic, top-down one. Recognizing the built-in dangers of regimentation and party line-ism involved in building the party as most corporate ventures are built, the committee conceived of the FLP as an association of libertarian clubs, each involved in doing that portion of the total task most to its liking.

Several benefits were expected from this approach. First, during the period of low statewide membership, such decentralization would facilitate a) upstate members to focus on their own local political problems and goals without depending on an essentially New York City based leadership to correctly define and evaluate such problems and goals; b) the creation of focal points for recruiting efforts; and c) a "free market" choice of issues and efforts.

Concerning this latter point, it must be recognized that the FLP, in order to become an effective political force in New York, has infinitely more work ahead of it than can possibly be done in the next six to twelve months. The solution to this problem, it seems, is to mobilize all of the members for the task and, libertarians being as individualistic as they generally are, it is unlikely that they could be mobilized to work on projects that, individually, they did not feel strongly about. Since all of the work is important and need not be



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accomplished in any specific sequence, it was felt that encouraging members to group according to interests would produce the greatest results. Thus, most of the clubs chartered so far are indeed working on specific projects selected by their members and we can look forward to important additions to the FLP's bag of issues, answers and action programs.

However, the most common question (or doubt) concerning the club approach appears to be a misunderstanding of the independence inherent in the scheme. Several members have observed that important issues (and aren't they all important?) need the force of the entire party behind them and that, for example, five or ten members working on abortion or the grade school amphetamine program fails to bring sufficient weight or sufficient identification of the party to these efforts.

The misunderstanding is easily dispelled. The function of the club is to select, define and analyze the problem, then, by itself or **with the help of the party and its various committees and pools of expertise**, develop solutions, action programs and political campaign material. Then, when a plan of attack is decided upon, the club, through its representative on the State Committee, can call on the party for the manpower required to execute the plan, publish the position papers and brochures, man the sidewalk tables, circulate the petitions, attend and speak at hearings, develop and distribute press releases, *ad infinitum*.

No club should feel that it is cut off from the party or is denied the resources of the party for carrying out projects. If it helps to think of the clubs as "committees," do so, but with the understanding (happy, we hope) that it is a committee that has constituted itself, not one dictated by the party leadership.

Party committees have been formed (see "Committee News"). Eleven of them to be exact and their function is to do the work of the party as a corporate entity and to be the Operations, Publicity, Publication, Speakers Bureau, Membership, etc. arms of the clubs.

All too soon (we wistfully hope), the FLP will lose the power to organize itself as it sees fit. When we achieve official party-dom, we must conform to the New York Election Code and organize by election and assembly districts. It is our hope that, by the time this happens, there will be a strong grass-roots tradition of independent clubs and that this tradition will effectively counteract the regimentation inherent in such bureaucratic requirements.

**IN THE MEANTIME, JOIN A CLUB OR FORM ONE YOURSELF.** Use the clubs as your means of making your presence in the FLP felt. You joined because you felt that what we are proposing to do is important. But you must make real to yourself what those plans require and they require your participation, your sweat and, especially, your particular genius.

Congratulations to Ann and Michael Donohue on the birth of their sixth child, a daughter, Anne Therese, on October 29, 1972.

If you wish to organize an FLP club, contact Linda Klasman at 29 West 26th Street, NYC 10010 or (212) 686-3986. 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) to 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). The only meeting scheduled for December will be Tuesday, December 12th, 8 PM, at 29 West 26th Street in NYC.

**BRONX LIBERTARIAN CLUB (BLC)** (Bronx) (Unchartered) For information on this club and to find out its first meeting date, call Steve Flier at (212) 892-2944.

**BROOKLYN LIBERTARIAN PARTY CAUCUS (BLPC)** (Brooklyn) (Chartered) The BLPC meets the first Wednesday of each month at a different address. The next meeting will be held December 6th, 7 PM, at the home of Richard Hansen, 78 Prospect Park West (corner of 4th Street) in Brooklyn. To go by subway, take the IND "F" train to 7th Avenue or the IRT "7th Avenue" train to Grand Army Plaza. BLPC has begun work on Brooklyn's problems. Under investigation are such subjects as city planning, education—decentralization, housing, public services and parking violations. For further information, contact Richard Hansen at (212) 433-5227 (9 to 5 PM) or George Borecky at (212) 435-4030 (after 7:30 PM).

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

**GREENWICH VILLAGE LIBERTARIAN CLUB (GVLC)** (Manhattan) (Chartered) GVLC is preparing materials for use by the Platform Committee. The platform material 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.

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**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)** (Manhattan) (Unchartered) Contact Sam Konkin at 635 East 11th Street in NYC or J. Neil Schulman at (212) 595-9143.

**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) (Unchartered) This club is devoted exclusively to the abortion issue and is open to men as well as women. It's first meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 27th, 7:30 PM, at the home of Francine Youngstein, 201 East 66th Street, #6J, in NYC. For further information, contact Fran at (212) 249-0172.

**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.

**OUTLOOK LIBERTARIAN CLUB (OLC)** (Manhattan) (Unchartered) OLC is devoted to making OUTLOOK an influential national publication stimulating projects mutually beneficial to the party and OUTLOOK. Contact Walter Block at (212) 864-7165.

**SUFFOLK LIBERTARIAN CLUB (SLC)** (Suffolk County) (Unchartered) For further information, contact Richard Lerner at (516) 543-9463 (evenings).

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

Each club or club-to-be should arrange to have one person submit the news and activities of the club to the **FREE LIBERTARIAN** by the 20th of the month for publication the following month. Meeting dates and persons to contact for information should be included.

I think you can begin to see the sort of handicap under which Gary (no slouch when it comes to an aggressive defense of free enterprise) had to operate: he was continually undercut by the people whose rights he was defending. The interview was fortunately a short one; at this writing Farber is planning an expanded discussion and Gary might have more time to make his point; on the other hand, there will be more time for the peddlers to uphold the legitimacy of state intervention. Ed Koch could almost go out for coffee and leave them to debate each other.

We've all been faced with this sort of situation since we began disassociating ourselves from statist: do we march in socialist-supported anti-war demonstrations; do we sign socialist-supported abortion law repeal petitions; do we vote for civil-liberties-fascists because their economic proposals are freer — conversely, do we vote for civil-liberties-heroes who want to completely enslave us economically; do we support the legality of massage parlors even though it is reported that most are Mafia-owned...fill in your own quandary. I'm sure you've faced this sort of question — and perhaps there's no rule of thumb except a matter of personally drawing the line somewhere. I won't join WONAAC but I'll sign their petition.

If we decide to have nothing whatever to do with anyone who isn't a consistent libertarian, we'll spend the rest of our lives talking to the same small group we've been talking to thus far, and I, for one, am tired of solving the world's problems over coffee once a week.

So, do we fight for causes that are right even though our comrades on the battlements are trying to get us into even worse trouble elsewhere — or don't even know what the hell they're fighting for? I guess we do because if we're ever going to make an impact on society, we cannot withdraw from society. I guess all we can do is grit our teeth, hitch up our drawers and keep swinging.

— by **ANDREA MILLEN**

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laissez faire capitalism and state-monopoly capitalism and suggested that anyone interested in the difference should read "The Triumph of Conservatism" written by a Marxist revisionist historian, Gabriel Kolko.

Mr. Goodman's finest moment occurred when, although admitting Koch's legal right to keep the two parties off the ballot, he questioned his ethics in doing so.

Rebecca Finch was quite powerful in expressing her views and, in terms of being on top of the issues, certainly stole the show.

In closing remarks Mr. Koch repeated several of his statements. Gary Greenberg spoke of priorities and stated that society's first priority should be freedom. Ms. Finch and Mr. Goodman reaffirmed their respective positions. As is recorded elsewhere, the Democratic candidate won reelection by an overwhelming majority. The FLP has tasted battle and its appetite is whetted for the fight to come.

— by **TOM AVERY**



## COMMITTEE NEWS

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At a State Committee meeting November 10th a number of changes were made in standing committees. The following list represents, depending on your point of view, either greater decentralization or burgeoning bureaucracy. Anyone who is interested in working on one of these committees should contact the chairperson of that committee.

### MEMBERSHIP

Linda Klasman (212) 686-3986.

### PUBLICITY & EDITORIAL REPLY

Paul Streitz (212) 288-8417.

### MEDIA RELATIONS

Jill St. Ambrosio (212) 682-7712 (days).

### SPEAKERS BUREAU

Francine Youngstein (212) 249-0172.

### ELECTION LAW & PROCEDURES

Contact Jerry Klasman (212) 686-3986.

### OPERATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Mike Nichols (212) 787-3170.

### PARTY COMMUNICATIONS

Cal Beatty (212) 879-5362.

### CLIPPING SERVICE

Contact Jerry Klasman (212) 686-3986.

### LIBRARIAN

Contact Andrea Millen (212) 988-7814.

Each committee head is invited to report monthly, or have one of his/her committee members do so, on the activities and needs of that particular committee. All reports are to be submitted in writing by the 20th of the month preceding publication.

It would be appreciated if a copy of such letters are forwarded to the FLP. Also, it would be helpful if the writer follows up to see if the letter is published. If it is, please forward a copy, along with the name of the publication and the date of publication to the FLP headquarters. Contrary to what you might think, at least in some areas, such as Poughkeepsie, the publications are waiting for fresh points of view. If your first effort isn't published, **DON'T GIVE UP, TRY AGAIN!**

Forty members of the FLP gathered at the Williams Club on election night to eat, drink and watch the election reports. Although the loser conceded at 11:40 PM, the party went on till 2 AM.

## THANK YOU

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### CRGS PROTEST

The Committee to Reestablish the Gold Standard is planning a nationwide protest against the Democratic Party on the day of the Party's annual Jefferson-Jackson day dinner. The Democratic Party honors Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson; but it flouts the principles for which they stood. Both Jefferson and Jackson were strong supporters of the gold standard. Furthermore, for each man the issue of gold versus paper money was crucial in the major event in his political career. Andrew Jackson made his race for the presidency in order to kill the national bank. He gave the electorate of his time the choice: "Bank and no Jackson or no bank and Jackson." They picked the latter, and that was the end of central banking in the United States for almost 80 years. Thomas Jefferson opposed Hamilton's plan for the original central bank. When he lost his fight in Congress, he went to the people to form a movement against the bank. The movement he created formed the original Democratic Party, and it carried him to the presidency.

The Democratic Party has fallen a great distance from the days of Jefferson and Jackson. It used to be the party of hard money and the common man. Now it is the party of war and inflation. The Committee to Reestablish the Gold Standard intends to remind the Democratic Party (and the world) of its former principles. We have chosen the day when it honors those principles in the persons of its founders. We invite all who share those principles to join us. For further information, contact Howard Katz at (212) 254-4791.

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YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MEMBER  
OF OUR ABORTION ACTION CLUB  
TO HELP FIGHT FOR ABORTION.

New York State has a nice new liberalized abortion law.

But the way things are going, we won't have it long.

In fact, if the "Right to Life" group, among others, gets its way, we won't have it through the next session at Albany.

The NYFLP Abortion Action Club has plans to fight the repeal, but we can't do it without money.

And we need more money than just club members can give.

So we're asking the whole FLP for donations.

How much? \$1 and up will do just fine.

If you can do it, make checks payable to Francine L. Youngstein, Treasurer, and mail them to her at 201 East 66th St., New York, New York 10021.

Of course, we can't do the job without people, either, so don't think it's too late to join.

Also, a lot of our work will require upstate contacts, so if you're from upstate and you think you can help, contact Fran during business hours at: (212) 223-4136 or drop her a note.

Or come to our next meeting on January 8, 1973, 7:30 p.m. at her place.

What's a couple of dollars compared to the price you'll have to pay for an abortion if the law is repealed?

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Dear Fran:

I can't join your Abortion Action Club, but I would like to help fight the abortion law repeal. Here's my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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