

NJ LIBERTARIAN PARTY NEWS

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Approximately 40 people attended the third Annual NJLP State Convention in East Brunswick on February 8. The day's activities were highlighted by an inspiring keynote address by Lee Schubert (Region 8 Representative to the National LP Executive Committee and 1974 FLP candidate for Attorney General) and by an informative talk on economics by Alan Reynolds, Associate Editor of National Review and Contributing Editor to Reason magazine.

Those who stayed for the roast beef dinner heard Roger MacBride, the 1972 Republican elector who voted for libertarian candidate John Hospers instead of Richard Nixon, discuss the imminent demise of the Republican Party.

During the afternoon, John Muller from Laissez Faire Books in New York City marketed libertarian books and materials.

NJLP GOAL FOR 1975: "ONE PERCENT FOR FREEDOM" was chosen by the NJLP as its specific goal for 1975. Recommended by Dan Piro, the goal advocates "the reduction of state expenditures by a factor of at least 1% annually and a corresponding reduction in taxes on the residents of the state of New Jersey." In addition, the NJLP resolved to "oppose in any form a tax on the income of the residents of New Jersey."

STATE COMMITTEE: see page 3 for a special article containing profiles of the new State Committee members.

TRUSTEES: Joe Salerno (two-year term), Ralph Fucetola (for a three-year term). Grace Shamy is continuing her term for one more year.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION: The NJLP voted unanimously to contribute \$75.00 to establish a new libertarian educational foundation (Foundation for Freedom). Bill Schetlick and Dan Piro volunteered to help Ralph Fucetola with the work of establishing the foundation which will be a separate organization from the NJLP and will be tax-exempt and tax-deductible. Ralph will keep the NJLP informed of the progress on the endeavor.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: The general meeting voted to recommend to the new State Committee the appointment of Kathleen McAdam as newsletter editor.

NJLP PLATFORM: The 1974 National LP Statement of Principles was adopted unanimously as the platform of the NJLP.

BY-LAWS CHANGE: A Sergeant-at-Arms was established as an additional non-voting officer on the State Committee with the duties as outlined in Roberts Rules. Fred Stein was elected as the first Sergeant-at-Arms.

PUBLICITY: Fred Stein, head of the Publicity Committee, was appointed to prepare press releases concerning the convention and our "One Percent for Freedom" objective.

DELEGATES TO THE 1975 NATIONAL LP CONVENTION: The following NJLP members will be delegates to the LP Convention in New York City from August 28 - September 1 (Labor Day weekend and part of the preceding week):

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

Alternate delegates will be the following members:

Ronald Wishart	Grace Shamy
John Perdue	Dan Piro
Alan Reynolds	Judy Schubert

A motion was passed to allow additional alternates to be appointed after the convention. If you are interested in being an alternate delegate, contact Bill Schetlick at 374-4624.

NATIONAL LP PLATFORM COMMITTEE: Ralph Fucetola was elected to the National Platform Committee, but since Ralph was no longer present to accept the nomination, Bill Schetlick and Bob Steiner were designated as alternates in case Ralph declines the nomination.

NOTE: There is approximately a \$25 deficit from the Annual Convention. Donations will be appreciated to help the NJLP defray the cost.

LEE SCHUBERT'S KEYNOTE ADDRESS: "WHOSE DEAL?"

"...What has it taken in the past to wrench the ship of state out of its accustomed course and point it in a new direction? What sort of incredible force has been able to shake the basic assumptions upon which generations of people have based their lives? What kind of event has so shaken the status quo?... The Depression of the 1930's.

The people never would have stood for FDR and the New Deal if it had not been for the absolute economic chaos of the Depression, and the New Deal was the blueprint of all the political and economic bedlam of the last 40 years.

"The depression of the 30's brought the New Deal. What will the depression of the 70's and perhaps the 80's bring? Whose deal now? Will it bring another liberal New Deal guaranteed to give away more of our peoples's money... to destroy even more of our freedoms; guaranteed to "lead us down the primrose path of regulated economy and regulated life?"

"Or will someone else step to the front this time?..."

People will be offered the same kind of stuff they were offered in 1933. But maybe another deal will be offered by people who know that the government has caused the problems, and that only getting government out of the American economy can solve the problem.

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"So whose deal now? Will it be another game of something out of nothing? Will it be another card trick played with dollars instead of aces and jokers...or is this the time when the American people are going to get the truth instead of the old shell game..."

I'm asking you whose deal the American people are going to get. We have had every kind of deal except a good deal, and I'm sick of it..." That's what the Libertarian Party is here for. We have the solution that nobody else does. "Whose deal? You do not have to ask. You are the answer."

ALAN REYNOLDS: "THE COMEDY & TRADEGY OF INFLATION THEORIES"

Discussing Walter Heller's recent economic predictions, Alan Reynolds said we are missing the purpose. "...The function of an oracle is not to make accurate predictions. His purpose in life is to say what those in power...would like to hear; and this gives Heller a constant demand. He's a very valuable man. And an expert on this criterion is one who is best able to explain what he was unable to predict."

One quick road to fame and fortune for an economist is to 'multiply the explanations of inflation... You want to obscure the obvious. If you can do this, you will get a government research grant....You can make your simple skills seem infinitely mysterious and therefore obviously valuable, and people have to pay for you as they pay for witch doctors...."

"So the first thing the economists need to economize on is the number of theories that they present and most of these can be dealt with by appropriately contemptuous brevity..."

After discussing a number of the currently prevalent theories, Reynolds stated "The boy who explained that the emperor had no clothes was undoubtedly accused of negativism, of not offering constructive solutions, but once the nudity of the economists is exposed, the answers become as obvious as getting dressed. The solution to inflation is to stop inflating; to prevent the supply of dollars from increasing faster than the supply of goods..."

ROGER MACBRIDE

The Republican Party is headed for extinction. "The chickens of long term economic intervention...are now... coming home to roost...A charitable assessment of the policies of the Republican administration is that they are confused, weak, wrong, ineffectual."

"The end of the Republican Party is inevitable. Is there any chance for a comeback?...There would be a possibility if it stood for anything...(but) the policies being advocated and being carried out...are flacid, foolish, and forgettable."

There is no doubt that the Democratic Party will win in 1976, and they will offer "a long list of statist proposals...that will sound good when there is no alternative being offered by the Republican Party....(it is possible) that the last vestiges of the free institutions that we now know will disappear...."

But "there is hope. There is the Libertarian Party. It is organized and it's growing by leaps and bounds... We are telling it like it is...As you all know, our principles in general are based on the American tradition "don't tread on me", "leave me alone if I don't bother you" ...We can succeed, provided we adhere to our principles..."

"We have a golden opportunity. Our ideas will be so powerful that they will be adopted by the conventional politicians in order (to defeat us)... As John Hospers has said: 'Libertarianism is an idea whose time has come.'"

"Our party represents the supreme political adventure of this decade. How many of you... will be counted in on this adventure? (How many of you will be) ...in on the work, on the setbacks, in order to be a part of the final victory, (to be) on the tidal wave...washing away the evils caused by man's power over man."

"ONE PERCENT FOR FREEDOM" was the name adopted at the NJLP State Convention for our program throughout 1975. Basically, this program has a two-pronged thrust: a) we are working toward a one percent reduction in total expenditures by the New Jersey state government in fiscal 1975; b) we will campaign to get a real voice in Trenton by electing an Assemblyman this year bearing the Libertarian Party label.

These are the goals we have set; admittedly, the first will be the more difficult of the two. For this reason, and for this issue, I advocate a strong alliance with the various taxpayers organizations throughout the state, cooperating toward the achievement of this end. We can certainly leverage our efforts by uniting with groups of this nature whose sole *raison d'etre* is the reduction and prevention of taxes. In the past, only a few libertarians have actively supported these groups, and to that extent, taxation has abated. We can no longer afford such a disorganized stand. Governor Byrne has made it abundantly clear that he will stop at nothing to get his income tax proposal inculcated. A countervailing and corresponding effort will be needed on our part to defeat it.

I believe our goal can be realized if we do three things: first, we must keep a steady stream of editorials flowing to the press, articulating the Libertarian position on taxation in any form. A committee has been set up to deal with this, headed by Fred Stein, who is also a member of the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers. Membership in this committee is open-ended and libertarians are encouraged to join. Those who are interested should call Fred at 761-7532 for information. Second, libertarians are urged to write and/or call their respective representatives telling them to vote against any new tax proposals and to cut spending or they will be defeated at the polls. If anyone is unfamiliar with the names of their representatives or how to contact them, call Bill Schetlick at 374-4624. Third, and in conjunction with the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers, the NJLP should try to get as many members as possible to go to Trenton and actively lobby against further taxation. For information on this activity, call Ralph Fucetola at 998-4440.

The second aspect of our goals, that of electing a libertarian to the State Assembly, is already on its way to success. The Committee for Voter Research headed by Bill George is in the process of accumulating data on the various voting districts in an attempt to find the best possible district in which to field a candidate. Pursuant to that, a Screening Committee has been established to scrutinize possible candidates within the party for nomination as the official party candidate. If anyone is interested in working on either of these committees, contact Bill George at 233-4082.

I am extremely optimistic about this year in particular, not only because of the present political climate, but also because there will be little or no competition for funds from other states. It is not unrealistic to venture that we will be able to raise \$50,000 or more from libertarians throughout the country, providing that we conduct a fund raising campaign properly. Anyone interested in serving on a fund raising or a campaign committee should contact Jane Rehmke at 766-5735.

Several additional but minor goals are in the offing for 1975. Among the various ideas is a suggestion to establish a libertarian library. I am in favor of such an endeavor and, as a result, I have appointed a non-party member librarian *pro tempore* until a party volunteer emerges. Those of you who have books of a libertarian bent that you would not mind lending to other libertarians or potential libertarians, please contact Bill Schetlick at 374-4624. If you haven't any books but would still like to make a contribution, make checks payable to the New Jersey Libertarian Party and send them to P.O. BOX 247,

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NEW STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

WILLIAM SCHETLICK (CHAIRPERSON)

A recent graduate of Kean College with a BA in Political Science and History and a BS in Philosophy, Bill will attend graduate school at Rutgers University. He is a student of free market economics and rational philosophy.

While at Kean College, Bill and another LP member founded the "Kean College Students of Objectivism". Bill was also one of the speakers at the recent Economic Survival Seminar.

FRED STEIN (VICE-CHAIRPERSON)

One of the founders of the NJLP, Fred served as the Vice-Chairperson in 1974. He is also a deputy director of the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers.

Fred is editor and publisher of a new libertarian magazine called Producer which is "biased in favor of Free Trade, Free Market, Freedom of Expression, and Freedom of the Individual." His other interests include song writing and comedy.

Fred is currently serving as the head of the NJLP Publicity Committee for the second year and is the NJLP Sergeant-at-Arms.

JANE REHMKE (TREASURER)

A laboratory technician at Sandoz Colors and Chemicals, Jane is also an economics major at Rutgers University College.

Jane served as NJLP Chairperson from June 74 until February 75 filling the position vacated by resignation. She served as NJLP Executive Secretary from February to May 74.

Currently one of the Region 7 Representatives to the National LP Executive Committee, Jane is a Life Member of the National LP. She has been active in the LP since early 1972, attended the 73 National Convention, and was a delegate to the 74 National Convention in Dallas.

TOM PALVEN (EXECUTIVE SECRETARY)

A 1974 independent candidate for Congress in the 3rd District, Tom is a frequent writer of Letters to the Editor of his local newspaper. Although currently working for Monmouth County as a horticulturist, Tom is growing nursery stock and considers himself to be a would-be independent grower (farmer).

While studying for a BS degree at Cornell, Tom was the President of the Cornell Conservation Club. He has also founded the Zero Population Growth group in Monmouth County.

One of his claims to fame is that he chose to spend two days in the Essex County Penitentiary in 1968 rather than pay a \$5.00 fine for not wearing a motorcycle helmet.

KATHLEEN MCADAM (RECORDING SECRETARY)

An analyst-programmer at Public Service Electric & Gas Company, Kathy has a BA in psychology from Douglass and graduate credits toward a MBA at Rutgers.

Kathy served as NJLP Executive Secretary from June 74 until February 75 and was a delegate to the 74 National LP Convention. A former member of the Essex County YR and the Newark League of Women Voters (as recording secretary), Kathy is now a member of the Society for Individual Liberty, the National Taxpayers Union, and the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers. She was also a campaign worker for Goldwater, Fran Youngstein, and Jerry Tuccille.

Kathy is also currently serving as the NJLP newsletter editor and unofficial NJLP historian.

RALPH FUCETOLA (STATE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE)

Active in the libertarian movement since 1969, Ralph is beginning his second year as an NJLP State Committee Representative by petition.

An attorney-at-law in North Arlington, he was the organizer and moderator of the successful Economic Survival Seminar in November 74. He has recently begun a libertarian educational foundation (probably to be called the Foundation for Freedom) which will be tax-exempt and tax-deductible.

Overwhelmingly reelected as a Director of the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers, he was also recently elected as the Federation First Vice President. He has been an outstanding spokesman for the Federation on radio and TV in statements against taxation.

RICHARD SOLYOM (STATE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE)

One of the founders of the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers, Dick is currently serving as one of the Federation Directors and as its Legislative Vice President. An unpaid Federation lobbyist in Trenton on behalf of the citizen-taxpayers of New Jersey, Dick has spent much of his own time and money battling against increased state taxes and crazy government spending. He has prepared countless press releases, special mailings and radio talks to stop the imposition of any type of new taxes in New Jersey and has worked on the Federation Legislative Ratings of the NJ state legislative officials.

An NJLP member since March 74, Dick is now beginning his first term as an NJLP State Committee member.

WILLIAM GEORGE (STATE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE)

One of the founders and incorporators of the NJLP, Bill is currently serving as the Chairman of the Voter Research Committee. Bill was also the Chairman of the NJLP Screening Committee in 1973 and a delegate to the 1974 National LP Convention.

Bill is a reporter for The News Tribune in Woodbridge and is the editor and publisher of Against the Wall, an independent libertarian magazine which is published ten times a year.

DAN PIRO (STATE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE)

Currently functioning as a management consultant, Dan specializes in teaching people how to use business information and how to analyze problems.

Interested in libertarianism for 5 years, he conducted his own mailing campaign for ending the draft by sending letters to Senators which he had generated by using computerized listings. An amusing story from Dan: during the Youngstein campaign, he had an associate distribute leaflets he had picked up off the street to people throughout the Chase Manhattan Bank.

Dan is also an avid bridge enthusiast.

LAISSEZ FAIRE BOOKS recently announced a series of lectures, courses and social events. On March 1 at 7:30, they will celebrate their 3rd anniversary with a gala birthday party (buffet, open bar, and music). Admission \$4. Advance registration required.

Also in March: a lecture by Edith Efron "Libertarians and the Media" on March 21 at 7:30 and the beginning of a seven lecture series on Banking by Dr. Walter Grinder on March 4 at 7 PM.

Movies will be shown every other Saturday evening at 7:30 with an informal party afterwards. March 8 (The Thief of Baghdad) and March 22 (The Scarlet Pimpernel).

For further information contact them at 206 Mercer Street, NY, NY 10012, (212) 674-8154.

PUBLICITY

A press release announcing the Annual State Convention on February 8 was mailed to sixteen New Jersey daily newspapers on January 29. The press release was written by Fred Stein, head of the Publicity Committee, and was copied and distributed by Kathy McAdam. It mentioned the three convention speakers and ended with the statement "The Libertarian Party stands for a free market, voluntary relationships, and civil liberties for all individuals."

In addition to the press release, Fred also invited the League of Women Voters, the American Civil Liberties Union, SANE, Young Americans for Freedom, and the Aquarian ("free culture" people). At Fred's suggestion, invitations were also written by Kathy, as Executive Secretary, to two members of the recently formed Tax Revolt Party.

So far, we have discovered that we received some publicity in The Home News (New Brunswick), The News Tribune (Woodbridge), The Daily Journal (Elizabeth), and The Aquarian. We don't know if any of the other newspapers mentioned our convention, but Fred did get a telephone call from The Record (Hackensack) asking for additional information.

On February 13, Fred and Kathy prepared the following press release which was also mailed to the same sixteen newspapers:

ONE PERCENT FOR FREEDOM

The New Jersey Libertarian Party at its annual state-wide convention in East Brunswick advocated "One Percent for Freedom", the reduction of State expenditures by a factor of at least 1% annually and a corresponding reduction in taxes on residents of the State of New Jersey. The Libertarian Party also went on record in opposition to any form of a tax on the income of the residents of New Jersey.

Convention speaker Roger MacBride predicted the demise of the Republican Party, comparing it to the fall of the Whig Party of the 1850's. He forecasted Gerald Ford as the last Republican President. Roger MacBride is the Republican elector in the 1972 presidential elections who cast his vote for John Hospers, the Libertarian candidate, instead of Richard Nixon.

The Libertarian Party, the Party of Principle, is committed to both economic freedom and civil liberties. It is working to establish a voluntary society without government intervention into the lives of individuals.

In an effort to find out which newspapers are printing our press releases, the NJLP is looking for people who subscribe to any of the publications listed below. We hope that those of you who subscribe to the newspaper will volunteer to search each issue, clip out our releases, and send them to Kathy McAdam (unofficial party historian). Anyone who is interested in performing this vital function for the Publicity Committee should contact Kathy at (201) 482-3471.

The following sixteen newspapers are now receiving our press releases:

Asbury Park Press, Asbury Park
The Record, Hackensack
The Suburban News, Westfield
Westfield Leader, Westfield
Burlington County Times, Willington
Courier Post, Camden
Star Ledger, Newark
Union Leader, Union
Jersey Journal, Jersey City
Beacon Record, Lambertville
The Home News, New Brunswick
The News Tribune, Woodbridge
Toms River Observer, Toms River
Herald News, Passaic
Courier News, Bridgewater
Daily Journal, Elizabeth

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In the future we are planning to add other publications to this list. If you know of any publications which should also receive our press releases, please contact Fred Stein at 761-7532. All suggestions and recommendations will be greatly appreciated.

Kathy McAdam

Letter to the Editor, STAR LEDGER, 1/19/75

POST OFFICE ACTION CALLED SHAMEFUL

The U.S. Postal Service should be ashamed of itself. While a couple of kids dare to compete with the Post Office monopoly, the government tries to smash down these entrepreneurs by government fines.

In the last several years many companies that depend on first class mailing were driven out of business due to the ever increasing postage price. The U.S. Post Office has a monopoly of first class mail. This monopoly raises its prices and worsens its services without fears of competition. The poor consumer, businessman and taxpayer has no other choice.

To help create jobs, lower prices and provide efficiency, Congress should repeal the government's monopoly of first class mail and allow the free market to take its place.

Fred Stein, Maplewood

Letter to the Editor, ASBURY PARK PRESS, 2/11/75

SOCIETY WITHOUT DIGNITY

The great increase in people on the public dole in recent decades has been accompanied by an increase in violent crime. Could it be that our welfare state is destroying human dignity? At one time a dignified person would not accept that which he did not earn. People did not make a moral claim to the earnings of others. But politicians, seeking the support of pressure groups, have spread the idea that the dignity of earning one's way is not important. We see airlines, the milk industry, railroads, and other pressure groups getting subsidies extracted from other industries and individuals without earning them.

This idea that society (other people) owes us a living is wrong. If people believe that society owes them something, they will feel morally justified in taking it. Mugging, burglary, and rape can almost be condoned by a society that believes people deserve something merely by wanting it - a society without dignity.

When our politicians set examples for taking what they do not deserve, through graft and corruption, they reinforce this immorality by setting the standards.

Until Americans can hold their heads up and say "I don't want anything from the government (other taxpayers) except to be left alone", we will continue to see a decline in dignity and an increase in crime.

Tom Palven, Howell Township

MARY MASON'S ONAGER

Mary Mason, former editor of the NJLP newsletter, is now soliciting subscriptions (\$3.00 per year) for her forthcoming monthly publication to be titled "Onager". (Mary says to look the word up in the dictionary if you don't know what it means). Her newsletter-commentaries will be similar in style to the issues of Libertarian New Jersey which Mary edited from August 1974 through February 1975. For further information contact her at 444 New Brunswick Avenue, Fords, NJ 08863.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE STATE CONVENTION
February 8, 1975

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 28, 1974 - February 2, 1975

New members of the NJLP since the last meeting are:

Peter Cappello	Bradley Garrabrant	John Perdew
John Conard	Charles Irwin	Rose Silva
Jill Fingold	George Muha	David Wright

During the year of 1974, 26 people have joined the NJLP, but we have lost a total of 44 members during the last two years. Our total membership is now 69.

During my term of office since June 1974, I have written approximately 155 letters. Of this total, 87 letters were sent to people who have requested information about the Libertarian Party. 48 letters with membership cards were sent to renewals and new members, and letters were sent to 15 people who did not renew their membership.

In January 1975, I distributed 307 copies of a special report I prepared which highlights the 1974 activities of some of our NJLP members who have been active spreading the ideas of libertarianism. I want to thank Bill Schetlick, Judy and Warren Schubert, Bob Steiner, and Bill Westmiller (Secretary of the National LP) for their generous contributions toward the cost of this report.

I prepared this report for a number of reasons, but my main purpose was to say thank you, to show my gratitude to some of the people who have been working for my liberty.

I think it's important to acknowledge what other libertarians are accomplishing because no matter how dedicated we are to our ideals, there are times for each one of us when the going gets rough. It seems like such a long, uphill battle for our freedoms, and it can get very discouraging.

At those times especially, it is encouraging to hear about what other libertarians are achieving. It helps to show us that we are not alone in our fight. Their work and dedication can be the spark that rekindles the fire within us.

That's why I prepared that report - to emphasize our common goals and ideals, and to say thank you to some of the libertarians here in NJ who are working to achieve them.

Yours for liberty,
Kathleen McAdam

FROM THE CHAIR (continued)

Bernardsville, NJ 07924. By the end of the year, I hope to have a voluminous collection on all topics.

On the college scene, Charles Irwin, a student at Stephens Institute, is in charge of recruitment and the positing of guest speakers from our Speakers Forum. Charlie has written to all the colleges in New Jersey, informing them of our willingness to provide speakers on all topics and has asked them for permission to make recruiting efforts on their campuses. Anyone interested in helping Charlie should write to him at 44 Main Street, Montvale, NJ or call Peter Cappello at 828-7932.

All in all, things are really looking up. The only problem that has given us trouble in the past is on its way to being solved. The last chairperson called it "adolescence"...I prefer "disorganization". Regardless of its name, the petty bickering and fighting among ourselves had to detract from our work against the bureaucracy. The record shows this to be true. As libertarians and individuals we have to realize where our real interests lie. Get involved with the movement. Even if you don't have the time to join a committee, never hesitate to stand on libertarian principles in daily life. Your example will draw others into the movement. If you have any suggestions, don't hesitate to call me. Remember that this movement is based on ideas and would die without them.

For a Free Society,
Bill Schetlick

INCOME

Carryover	\$403.92	
Dues	612.50	
Newsletter Subscriptions	47.00	
Newsletter Ads	7.00	
Spirit of '76	300.00	
Miscellaneous	60.00	
Convention	187.50	
TOTAL:		1617.92

EXPENSES

Mailing, Postage	145.74	
Newsletter	289.08	
Stationery Supplies	143.01	
Spirit of '76	300.00	
Miscellaneous	85.58	
Rentals	86.80	
Convention	*	
TOTAL:		1050.21
BANK BALANCE 2/2/75		\$ 567.71

* Convention expenses still to be deducted.

Warren R. Schubert

THE LIBRARY: A NEW LIBERTARIAN ALTERNATIVE

In the year of 1975, the NJLP will be working hard to expand the movement through the spreading of ideas and ideals. One of the most effective methods of accomplishing this goal is by the printed word; unfortunately, much of the materials that are sympathetic with and express clearly our point of view, are still largely unknown, and as a result, are not found in all areas. In recognition of this dilemma, and in an attempt to mitigate it, some members with initiative have begun the difficult task of starting a library. To date, fifty books have been pledged for use by the library for at least a year. An additional twenty books were donated outright to become the property of the NJLP.

The program is as follows: Books will be lent on various time bases; the length would depend on the demand for any particular book and the number of copies available. Naturally, the borrower will be held responsible for any damage done to library property. Fines will also be levied for books that are returned after the due date. A list of the books available will be published as a regular insert in the newsletter. The books may be borrowed by party members and non-party members alike so long as a party member will accept responsibility for any destruction or loss caused by a non-party member.

Please help support this new libertarian venture. If you are interested in lending a book for at least a year, or if you would like to make a money contribution, call Gloria Birn at 375-0415. Make checks payable to the New Jersey Libertarian Party and stipulate that the funds are to be used for the Libertarian Library. I believe this to be one of the most worthwhile programs to come along in a while.

ONE PERCENT FOR FREEDOM!

Bill Schetlick

EDITORIAL

Well, do you like the newsletter? It belongs to you, the members of the NJLP; so if you don't like something about it, let us know. If you don't speak up, how will we know what you'd really like?

If you approve of the goals and activities that the new State Committee is planning for this year, why not join us in our efforts. The NJLP is still such a small group that we can use the help and contributions of each and every member in our endeavors to spread the ideas of libertarianism to other people in New Jersey.

I have a few other suggestions. We could use a telephone network for the NJLP to be able to notify our members on short notice about coming events and especially about the latest developments in the fight against taxation. Would you be willing to call 5 other NJLP members in your area if someone from the State Committee contacted you? If so, please contact me at 482-3471.

Another suggestion: If you like the newsletter and what we are now trying to do in the NJLP, why not become a newsletter booster? The cost of 100 additional copies of the newsletter is nominal; so for every \$1.00 you send as a booster, we can send copies to 10 prospective members. This is one of the methods we plan to use to expose more people to libertarian goals and ideals.

If you know of any people who are potential members, why not send us their names and addresses and we'll be glad to send them information about the Libertarian Party.

The new State Committee is very enthusiastic about the future of the NJLP. If there are any suggestions or recommendations that you have, please let us know. We want this organization to fulfill its stated purpose: "to organize the means for promoting libertarian ideas and institutions."

Let's all join the fight for liberty!

Kathy McAdam

NEWSLETTER TITLE: We've received many suggestions for a name for our NJLP newsletter. Do you like any of them? Do you have a better name to suggest? Contact Kathy McAdam (482-3471).

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| Acquitted | Free Thinker |
| Advocate of Liberty | Independent Mind |
| At Liberty | NJ Liberator |
| Autonomy | The Prerogative |
| The Emancipator | Scot-Free |
| Free Agents | The Spirit of '76 |
| Free and Easy | The Taxpayers Alternative |
| Freeborn | Unfettered |
| Freedom Lover | Without Restraint |

THERE WILL BE A FUND RAISING COMMITTEE...

Since the State Convention, a few people have approached me with several good ideas aimed at earning revenues for the various Party functions that have been planned for this year. Traditionally, we have relied heavily on dues from party members to fund these programs; however, as we have planned a much more extensive program for 1975, that method will most certainly be inadequate. The three main suggestions were these: a cake sale, a dinner and/or a party, and a presentation of a play. Already, I have received the promise of three cakes with a tentative date set for the week of May 4th. Along with that, a director has expressed interest in guiding us through the calamities and vicissitudes of producing a play. We even have a play with a very libertarian theme which could be done with a modicum of experience and an acceptable result. If anyone has any interest in joining the Fund Raising Committee, please contact me at 374-4624. Also, any ideas will be gratefully acknowledged.

One Percent for Freedom!

Bill Schetlick

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.

<u>Types of Membership</u>		
Student	\$4.00	Regular \$7.50
Sustaining	25.00	Lifetime 100.00
	Lifetime Sustaining	\$250.00

Newsletter subscription \$3.00

A LETTER TO THE NJLP SILENT MAJORITY

As a newly elected member of the State Committee, as Executive Secretary, I would like to reflect on my past position as a neophyte member of the NJLP a couple of years ago. It seemed to me at the time that the meetings were all talk and no action, composed mainly of tedious superficial bullshit and parliamentary procedure, and a little mystery, i.e. what the hell went on at those State Committee meetings? I constantly told myself that I wouldn't attend another general meeting, but I guess that hope did spring eternal. As far as mystery goes, I have found that the State Comm meetings are definitely not secret and never have been, but due to communications problems the general membership was usually not aware of them. It has been suggested that in the future these meetings be held prior to or after the general meetings so that everyone will have the opportunity to attend, although they may not be recognized to speak (at least not at length). But NJLP members who are not sure of NJLP policy or libertarian philosophy in general should speak up at general meetings. If you have an idea or a question, speak up. Robert Louis Stevenson once said something about admiring the person who is not afraid to make a fool of himself. The organization has gotten large enough so that it is difficult to go over new libertarian philosophy and developments at each meeting much less basic philosophy, but if there are questions, please ask. Perhaps we need an orientation committee for new members, also.

As a means of encouraging the participation of the "silent majority", I suggest making letterhead stationery available to any member who requests it. I doubt that my literary ability has increased or that my philosophy has congealed merely because I now have access to this stationery. I know that there were times that I would have liked some in the past to add weight to letters to the editor, etc. There are hundreds of thousands of people writing on government letterheads. If we allow our members to use ours, we will certainly not match the government but we might improve our impact 70 fold. If we can't trust you, our members, whom can we trust?

Yours in liberty,

Tom Palven

FEDERATION OF NEW JERSEY TAXPAYERS

At the annual convention in January, Ralph Fucetola was re-elected as a Director and was elected as the Federation First Vice President. Dick Solyom and Bob Steiner, two other NJLP members, are also Directors and Dick is the Federation Legislative Vice President.

This taxpayers organization is a major force in the battle against the New Jersey state income tax. Regular meetings are held on the fourth Friday of the month at the Franklin State Bank, 2222 South Avenue, corner of Hatfield, Scotch Plains, at 8 PM.

For further information, write PO Box 261, Summit, NJ 07901.

Thanks to Dick Solyom for a clipping from the February 5th WALL STREET JOURNAL with the following sub-heading: "THE 'LIBERTARIANS' BELIEVE THE ECONOMY IS IN A MESS BECAUSE OF FEDERAL MEDDLING."

The article quoted Murray Rothbard as "a leading economist of this school". When asked what the government should do about the economic crisis, Rothbard said "absolutely nothing".

"Anything it does will delay and obstruct the adjustment process of the market; the less it does, the more rapidly will the market-adjustment process do its work and sound economic recovery ensue."

The January 28th issue of The Herald-News contained an article on page 5 entitled "IF PAYING UNCLE GETS YOU HOT, JOIN THE TAX PROTEST MOVEMENT". The headline of the continuation on page 14 was "PROTESTORS SAY TAX UNCONSTITUTIONAL".

Quoted in the article was noted tax rebel and National LP Exec Comm member Karl Bray. (although they did refer to it as the Liberation Party - will they ever get that name straight!): "I'm a tax protestor myself, based on... the Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination... I've personally taught over 10,000 people to avoid their taxes...."

How about the following comments from the last paragraph: "Spokesmen for the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, DC, are extremely guarded on the subject of the tax rebellion movement. A spokesman would say only that the IRS considers the size of the tax rebellion nationally to be 'minimal'..."

Letter to the Editor, THE HOME NEWS, October 23, 1974

HIGHER TAXES MEANS LESS PRODUCTION

President Ford has determined that our alternative to inflation is higher taxes, that the way to stop inflation is to cure spending.

Is he telling us that we'll be happier giving our hard-earned money to the government instead of spending it on consumer goods?

We're working until May for the government now - maybe June of July will do it.

Actually, higher taxes will mean less consumer spending, thus less production, thus less employment and even less consumer money. With fewer people earning and more people on unemployment and welfare, the lucky ones who still have jobs will have the dubious pleasure of digging even deeper to pay for more government programs and more government created jobs. This will produce nothing but an even larger parasite to feed on an even smaller host.

Does all this sound like trading a headache for an empty stomach?

Think again, because the real cause of inflation will remain. The government will still be printing more dollars and deficit spending will continue. And prices will rise until the dollar is completely worthless.

And as production slows, the government grows - and controls and subsidizes and manipulates and nationalizes.

This is what you call "cooking the goose that lays the golden eggs."

Grace Payton Shamy, New Brunswick

SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

SIL is beginning another national educational project to be called OPERATION ECONOMIC SANITY which will advocate an absolute freeze on the money supply, tax rollbacks, de-regulation of the economy, and abolition of the federal budget. Five copies of each of 6 issue papers about economics can be obtained for \$1.00.
(SIL, PO Box 1147, Warminster, PA 18974)

EDITORIAL REPLIES

Fred Stein, NJLP Vice Chairperson, appeared on an editorial reply on Channel 9 during the weeks of February 17 & 24. Fred spoke in opposition to President Ford's economic program.

Ralph Fucetola, NJLP State Committee Representative, spoke on a WINS radio editorial reply during the middle of February. Speaking as a Director and the First Vice President of the Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers, Ralph noted the State Supreme Court for its wise restraint in not enforcing the Botter decision. He urged instead the adoption of state constitutional amendments to ensure local control and funding of education.

BOB STEINER - PUBLIC SPEAKER

Bob Steiner, former NJLP Chairperson and 1974 Independent candidate for Congress in the 12th Congressional District, made the following public speaking appearances about libertarianism during the past two months:

In January, Bob appeared for a 1/2 hour interview on the "Newsmakers" television show on Channel 14 (Elizabeth). During the interview, he gave a panoramic view of libertarianism.

Also in January, Bob spoke about libertarianism to three history classes at Columbia High School in Maplewood.

During the weekend of February 7-8-9, he conducted a workshop at the Mensa Regional Convention in New Paltz, NY. His workshop entitled "The Philosophy of Liberty, or What the Statue is all about" was attended by about 50 people who responded with many questions.

In March, Bob has been invited to speak at the Lions Club in Cherry Hill.

NJLP SCRAPBOOK

On exhibit at the Annual State Convention, the NJLP Scrapbook is the beginning of a historical record of the activities of our organization. Some of the sections which are included in the 3-ring blue binder are as follows:

- NJLP Beginning - Constitution, By-Laws, membership application blanks, etc.
 - Premise newsletter issues
 - Goodson for Un-Governor
 - Bob Steiner for Congress
 - Tom Palven for Congress
 - Economic Survival Seminar (with 12 photos of some of the speakers and participants)
 - 1974 Media Coverage
 - Minutes of meetings and Executive Secretary Reports
- If you have any information which you think should be a part of our NJLP history, please send me a copy.

Kathy McAdam
Unofficial Historian

"...it is the use of force against individuals, particularly by government, that is considered the ultimate evil by the proponents of the political philosophy which ... is called libertarianism....it is a philosophy of personal liberty - the liberty of each person to live according to his own choice, provided that he does not attempt to coerce others and thus prevent them from living according to their choices. Libertarians hold this to be an inalienable right of man; thus, libertarianism represents a total commitment to the concept of individual rights."

John Hospers, Libertarianism: A Political Philosophy for Tomorrow

**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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NLP GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, March 9 - 7:30PM
Howard Johnson's, Rt 1 & 18
New Brunswick

Speaker: Howard S. Katz
Committee to Reestablish
the Gold Standard

"A gold standard will put an end — once and for all — to the inflation which has plagued this country since 1933. And by ending the inflation it will destroy the rationalization for price and wage controls. It will make unbalanced budgets impossible and by so doing put a strict limit on the demands of special interest groups which feast at the public till..."

STATE COMMITTEE MEETING:

Sunday, March 2, 7:30 PM

Mary Mason's home - 444 New Brunswick Avenue,
Fords, NJ, (201) 738-1374.

Directions:

From 287: South to Industrial Highway/Cross Mill Road exit; take Cross Mill Road, off to bear left to wooden bridge where one must be careful; turn left at light onto New Brunswick Avenue. House is on third block on the right, behind the Fords Jewelers, whose sign is behind a tree.

From Parkway North, Exit 129, I think, last exit before toll to various forks. Bear right at first fork, to Woodbridge/Berth Amby; right at second fork, and perilous into traffic light at second Fords. This runs into King George Road; at the end of the fourth block on the left, turn left to Hoy Avenue (at SOS sign). At end of Hoy, turn left to Hoy light, then left into first driveway after post office, adjacent to Fords Jewelers unobscured.

From Parkway South: First exit after bridge; you will find yourself trying to merge into Route 9's left lane. Do this quickly, for the New Brunswick Avenue exit on their right is mighty close by. At end of New Brunswick Ave., exit, turn right. House is on third block after first light, on the right. Pull in driveway next to Fords Jewelers.

From Route 9: Same general thing. Do your best.